

THE FELLOWSHIP TIMES

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JESSE TREE WORKSHOP



On Sunday, November 21 around 26 people gathered to make Jesse Trees. The Jesse tree connects decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The families met socially-distanced and masked in the fellowship hall, beginning with a Subway boxed lunch and then making Jesse Tree ornaments. Each family also received the book, *Unwrapping the Greatest Gift*, to read along with daily ornament hanging beginning on December 1.



Advent is here and Christmas is Coming!
In this season we remember the coming of Jesus to live with us.
We also anticipate Jesus returning to make things right.
We conclude Advent and begin Christmas on Christmas Eve!
Please make plans to be a part of this special service
as we meet both in person and online on December 24 at 5 PM
to celebrate Jesus Christ, The Newborn King!



When you're grieving a loved one's death, the holidays can be especially painful. Our *Surviving the Holidays* worship helps participants discover:

How to deal with emotions - What to do about traditions
Tips for surviving social events - How to find hope for the future

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS ENCOURAGING SEMINAR.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 - 10 AM - 12:30 PM IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL

INCLUDES A SUBWAY BOXED LUNCH

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

AT 639-4419 OR FBCRADFORD.ORG

YOU CAN NOW JOIN OUR WORSHIP BY TELEPHONE

We have now discontinued our live radio broadcast and have instead implemented a new service where those without internet at home can listen to the service each week on their home phone or cell phone. Contact the church office (639-4419) to request this service at no charge to you. Each week, you will receive a phone call at about 10:57 am inviting you to remain on the line for worship! We continue to permanently offer live-streaming on Facebook and YouTube for those who have internet service.



On Sunday, November 14 the youth group went to lunch at Moe's after worship, and then traveled to Pulaski to assemble shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

YOUTH GROUP GATHERS ON SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

YouthSalt will be held on the first three Sunday evenings in December, with the following schedule:

- Dec 5: Bible study & games at the Blanchard home in Christiansburg 6:30
- Dec 12: Bible study and games at the Sparks home in Christiansburg 6:30
- Dec 19: White Christmas Boxing Party at church (5:00 pm), followed by an outing just for teens.



IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS FOR SOME AGE GROUPS

Just in time for Advent, in-person Sunday School returned on November 28, but will also continue to be available on Zoom for those who prefer to remain at home. Sunday School for Grades 1-6 begins again on December 5. Adults will begin at 9:45, but children won't start until 10:00 am. Teens are meeting on Sunday nights instead of Sunday mornings. There is no plan in place for preschoolers to return at this time.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER ON WINTER SUNDAYS...



Winter is coming, and we have a backup plan! We will notify the congregation by email as soon as any necessary cancellation of in-person Sunday School or Morning Worship is necessary. We'll also put a recorded message on the church's telephone, and we'll post it to our website and to TV channels 7 and 10. We will still offer worship on such days via our Facebook Live and YouTube channels, and through our call in by phone service.

INGATHERING OF JOY BOXES

We will receive your Christmas Joy boxes for Head Start children on Sunday, December 12. Children will collect your box during the worship service. About a week later, they will be distributed to all 79 Head Start and Virginia Preschool Initiative 3 and 4 year olds in Radford. Thank you for supporting learning in this loving way!



WHITE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION UNDERWAY

We are now collecting non-perishable foods for our White Christmas outreach, where we will provide generous gifts of food to 30 local families, including our Head Start families, those at Cornerstone, and adults at the NRV Workshop. We ask that the following types of non-perishables be donated: canned soups, canned meats, peanut butter, fruit snacks, tuna, cereals, instant oatmeal, raisin snacks, microwaveable pastas such as mac 'n cheese, etc. Please reduce donations of canned vegetables, as they are under-used. Cash donations are also accepted. The boxing party will be Sunday, December 19 at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

If you wish to make an extra "end of year" contribution, these must be recieved in the church office by Wednesday, December 29th.

- 3 Claudia Van Arsdale, Kim Griffiths
- 4 Bruce Van Arsdale, Justin Mosby
- 5 Bill Prillaman
- 7 Ted Graham
- 9 Greg Ridpath
- 10 Jake Winesett
- 11 Sarah Jackson
- 12 Eileen Jackson, Cindy Smith
- 14 Larry Hawkins, Esther Powell, Connie Armentrout,
- 17 Ernie Cube
- 18 Kristin Ford Cox
- 19 Kenneth Harell
- 20 Rhonda Mah
- 22 Kevin Joyce
- 25 Wayland Overstreet
- 26 Tyler Price
- 27 Erin Aubrey

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

