

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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**2023**

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## WORSHIP

COMMUNION WILL  
BE JAN 1ST IN THE  
MORNING WORSHIP.



An ensemble singing "Star in the East" during the "2022 Sights and Sounds Tour"



Due to bad weather the Christmas Eve Service was moved to a combined service on Zoom with First Presbyterian Church, Second Presbyterian Church and Hanover Presbyterian Church taking part in the service and any congregational members that wanted to participate. Below are some of the captured photos from the zoom call.



Thank you to all that participated in this combined service and made it possible for others to join.



The Sanctuary was absolutely beautiful with all of the poinsettias. Thank you to all that purchased a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one.



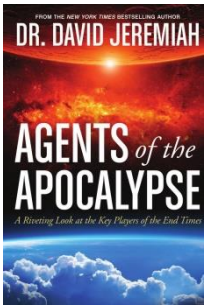
The 2022 Christmas Dinner  
Priscilla and Church Life Committee put together a menu from the Church Cookbook of all of people's favorite recipes through the years and different people volunteered to make those dishes and bring them for a wonderful Christmas Dinner. Thank you to all that brought food and helped in any way.



Helping in the kitchen!

Lots of fellowship took place as the Church family enjoys being together. It was a wonderful day together.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



We will finish the last 3 lessons from *Agents of the Apocalypse* - The Victor, The King, & The Judge starting on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

(Remember – No Sunday School January 1<sup>st</sup>)

## EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

**Candlewick Commons  
Christmas Dinner  
December 6<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm**



Thank you to everyone that signed up to bring cookies and to make the meal and to those who attended to fellowship with the residents.

Thanks to Ann Marie for playing and singing. It was so much fun for them.

The book "Why the Nativity", by David Jeremiah was also given to the residents and workers as a gift from the church.



## Ways **you** can help with the **Y-Healthy Kids Backpack Program**

We hosted a YHKN backpack party for youth from Hanover and Second (plus Evan) on December 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a small but mighty group. They moved 3 pallets worth of cereal and packed 52 boxes (312 bags) of food.

A HUGE shout-out to Becky Mahon for helping and for fetching the pizza!



**You can also just give a donation to the food pantry to help feed people in Licking County.**

## CHURCH LIFE

- Good Morning Bible Study will resume in March 2023.
- Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study. More details will be given at a later time through the Wednesday emails and Bulletins.
- Un-decorate the Church January 8<sup>th</sup> after worship with a soup luncheon.

## Blessings Box



The items for the blessings box are getting low. If you care to contribute there is a box on the floor outside the Sanctuary door in the hallway heading to the offices.

Donation suggestions are:

protein bars, pop top canned items, protein drinks, crackers, small jars of peanut butter and then Ritz crackers. With the weather changing we could also start adding gloves, socks, scarves and winter hats. Thank you for supporting this ministry. *Donations have been given toward this cause and thank you to Sara Bowles for shopping with the donations to get needed items for the Blessings Box.*



**SCRIP: January 8th** is SCRIP Sunday. Please see Gaye Gibson in the front of the Sanctuary if you would like to purchase gift cards from the SCRIP program.



## PRAYER CHAIN

**Prayer Chain** – Please send all prayer requests to Kim Dershem at [kdershem@windstream.net](mailto:kdershem@windstream.net). Please state whether requests are for Prayer Chain Only or should also be distributed to the church body. You can also do a reply all on one of your prayer chain emails to get a quick prayer request sent to the prayer team. **Thank you to everyone that faithfully prays. Prayer is of vital importance in the life of a church family.**

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### January Birthdays

Joyce Carlyle	01/04
Tara Jewellen	01/09
Cathy Cain	01/10
Kenita Keck	01/12
Keith Hare	01/14
Skyler Butts	01/27

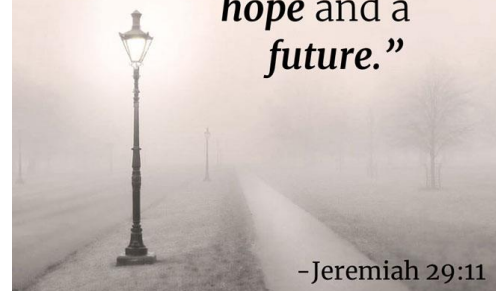
### January Anniversaries

Diane and Jeff Dodson 01/06



Annual reports due to Sheri by January 24<sup>th</sup>.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope and a future.**”




-Jeremiah 29:11

# January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
						
1 No Sunday School or Coffee Hour 11:00 Church – Sanctuary/ <b>Communion</b>	2	3 <b>8:00am DNA mtg. At Licking County Library</b>	4	5 <b>Y Healthy Kids Packing party 2:00-3:00</b>	6	7
8 <b>SCRIP orders</b> 9:15 Adult SS in FH & Zoom 10:15-10:45 Coffee Hr. FH 11:00 Church – Sanctuary <b>Un-decorate from Christmas with a soup Luncheon provided</b>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 9:15 Adult SS in FH & Zoom 10:15-10:45 Coffee Hr. FH 11:00 Church –Sanctuary	16	17	18	19	20	21 <b>P.I.E training 9:00-3:00 Covenant Presbyterian Church</b>
22 9:15 Adult SS in FH & Zoom 10:15-10:45 Coffee Hr. FH	23	24 Annual Reports due to Sheri this week.	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 <b>3:00 pm PCP mtg. Granville Presbyterian Church</b>				

# February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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5 <b>SCRIP orders</b> 9:15 Adult SS in FH & Zoom 10:15-10:45 Coffee Hr. FH 11:00 Church – Sanctuary/ <b>Communion</b>	6	7 <b>8:00am DNA meeting at L.C. Library</b>	8	9	10	11
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