



Corbin Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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Corbin Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and one of the 82 congregations in Central and Eastern Kentucky that make up Transylvania Presbytery. Links: www.pcusa.org
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*January,
beginning something new!*



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

Our Prayer List Includes

Sandra Adams, Kathy Anderson, Danny Angel, Linda Bain, Steven Barton, Amanda Bays, Dwight Barnett, Tom & Charlene Blair, Ivy Boggess, Patti Brasure, Jack Bright, Billie & John Brisson, Larry Britton, Lisa Sevier Bruner, Eddie Bryant, Bobby McBurney, Kelsey Cader, Denzil Caudill, Aiden Craft, Bill Christman, Greg Duncum, Sydnee Elliott, William Ellis, Brittany Fritte, Chad Fugitt, David Gaddis, Donna Gilstrap, Lonnie Godsey, Margaree Gray, Delores Freeman-Harper "D", Pam & Rob Hall, Judy Hart, James Helton, Dell Henderlight, Rhonda Hoffman, Chad Howard, Clay Howard, Donna Hollis, Katherine Hoskins, June Hubbard, Elizabeth Hughes, Carolyn Hyden, Barry Irby, Sam Jackson, Wayne Jenkins, Barbara Johnson, Courtney & Payton Johnson, Rita Karr, Billie King, Jodie Lanala, Chris & Ashley Lay, Carolyn Lawson, Jaysha Lawson, Damion Lawson, Dora Lester, Don Light, Cade Lindsey, Rick Lindsey, Gayle Majors, Ruth Martin, Brenda May, Jean McDonald, Kathryn Lay-McLane, Joanna Middleton, Charles Wayne Miles, Johnny Miller, Keith Miracle, Lori Miracle, Rose Mitchell, Rob Mosser, Pam Omev, the Family of Tom Osbourne, Joshua Penton, Avery & Sharon Perry, David Reece, John Riley and Family, Earl Roden, Daniel Rose, Johnny Rose, Tony Rose, Wayne Rowlett, Denny Sams, Robert Sandridge, Jason Scott, Linda Scott, Peter John Scray, Michael Seay, Terry Seder, Lena Seely, Glenda Sexton, Terry Sexton, Joan Schlesing, Mae Shelley, Gary Shelton, Sawyer Sherrod, Alma Smith, Keats Smith, Nathan Wayne Smith, Shanna Smith, Consondra Southard, Flora Strange, Bonnie Sutton, Tommy Sutton, Arthur Strunk, Jack Taylor, Tony Taylor, George Andrew Terrell, Dorothy Tucker, Ed Tye, Susan Versaw, Family of Shane Walker, Carmel Wallace, Roberta & Phil Webb, Connie Wells, Jeremy Wilson

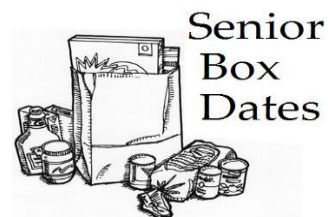
Prayer requests and updates may be placed in the offering plate or shared with the Church Office.

"With confidence in your love and mercy, O God, we lift our prayers for those in need. Heal them in body, mind, or circumstance, working in them, by your grace, wonders beyond all they may dream or hope. Amen."



The next Senior Box Distribution Day is Wednesday, January 29th, 9am - 1pm

*Thank you to all of the volunteers who help
make this ministry possible.*



Volunteers are needed:

Monday, January 27th at 9:30 am to help unload food delivered by God's Pantry.

Tuesday, January 28th at 6:00pm to pack boxes.

Wednesday, January 29th from 9:00am-1:00pm to greet seniors and assist with distribution of boxes.

Don't think you can lift boxes? There are still many ways you can help. See **Ed & Sam Tye** or **Karen Nies** for more information. Information about Senior Box eligibility and applications is available by contacting Sam Tye at 606-524-1521, or the Church Office.

The Book Group will meet on Sunday, January 12th 5-6pm in the Library. Please note this time change as it becomes dark much earlier. We will discuss *The Testaments* by Margaret Atwood. All are welcome to join!

Updated deadlines:

Bulletin 10am on Thursdays.



White Flag Ministry-Corbin Presbyterian Church, partnered with our neighbor St. John's Episcopal Church, are providing the meal for the White Flag Cold Weather Relief Ministry located at 401 Roy Kidd Avenue, across from Tipton & Tipton, on the 3rd Thursday from November – March. See the White Flag Facebook page to learn about this exciting community outreach.

3 volunteers are needed each week to greet guests, serve and clean up. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

We are also collecting warm hats, gloves, and socks for guests. Donations of *new* items in adult and children's sizes are gratefully accepted!



Susie Bargo
Doralene Webb
Margaret Keith

Would you like to add a Birthday or Anniversary?

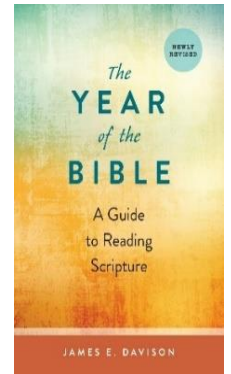
Contact the church office and let us know so we can add it!



2020 is *The Year of the Bible* at Corbin Presbyterian Church. Together, we are trying to read the entire Bible during the year of 2020, using our readings as the basis for worship, sermons, activities in the children's *PrayGround* in the sanctuary, studies, and fellowship events throughout the year.

It's not too late to begin! Just start with today's reading and catch up over the next couple of weeks.

Commitment Cards and Participant Books for *The Year of the Bible: A Guide to Reading Scripture Together* (2019 newly revised edition) are still available in the fellowship hall for a suggested donation of \$5.00. We are able to offer them at a reduced cost due to a generous donation! If you prefer, the Kindle edition is available at amazon.com for \$8.99. (We will order more books as needed.) It will be helpful for each participant to have a copy.



This reading guide contains not only the daily Bible readings, but also brief discussion of each month's material along with themes and suggestions for reading the passages most effectively. See the display/resource table in the fellowship hall (or coming soon to the website) for more reading tools/suggestions for choosing a Bible version to read.

If you have read the previous week's passages, check to see if you can answer these questions:

- What does the rainbow after the flood symbolize? (Gen. 9:11-13)
- Who are the two sets of brothers among the disciples? (Matt. 4:18-22)
- What is the reaction of Abraham and Sarah to the news that God will give them a son? (Gen. 17:17; 18:12)
- When Abraham was asked to Sacrifice Isaac, who carried the wood? (Gen. 22:6)

Here are some questions for this week's readings:

- Laban tricks Jacob, the trickster. How? (Gen. 29:21-23)
- While Jesus considers natural descent and family important, what is still more important? (Matt. 12:46-50)
- Jacob loses Rachel as she bears which of his twelve sons? (Gen. 35:18)
- What are the names of Jesus' brothers? (Matt. 13:55-56)

Look for the answers in next week's bulletin.



What version of the Bible should I read with *The Year of the Bible*?

No one version is best for all people! Some translations are literal, trying to provide word-for-word translations as much as possible. In contrast, other translations paraphrase the biblical text loosely, with the intent of bringing the meaning out in contemporary language. Still other translations attempt to find a middle ground.

The **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)** is a good example of a more literal translation (and the version we use most in worship here at Corbin PC), while **The Message**, produced by Pastor Eugene Peterson, is a good example of a paraphrase.

The **Common English Bible (CEB)** (the version we give to children and youth) and the **New International Version (NIV)** are examples of versions that fall in between the two.

Each style of translation has its value. Generally, literal translations are better suited for study, while paraphrases lend themselves to effective devotional reading. The best version for you to use is probably the one that you find most comfortable. You may wish to compare some versions on the free website www.biblegateway.com.

If you wish to begin with a new Bible, compare versions, but also consider buying your chosen version in a study Bible format. Study Bibles contain a wealth of information about the background of the passages you are reading and explain terms that may be unfamiliar to you.

Another excellent resource is a recently-published book by Tyler D. Mayfield, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary's A. B. Rhodes Associate Professor of Old Testament, called ***A Guide to Bible Basics***, Westminster John Knox Press, 2018. Professor Mayfield gives a cogent overview of the whole of Scripture as well as each individual book, including an outline, maps, people, places and major themes.



Star Words

It has become our practice to receive a “Star Word” on Epiphany Sunday. In choosing or receiving a star word, there is an opportunity for reflection and even re-direction. After all, the Magi thought a new King would be born in a palace. Instead, the scholars in Herod’s court told them to go to Bethlehem. They also listened to the warnings of the Divine (even through dreams!) to *not* return and tell Herod where the Child was living with his family. *How might the Divine give you re-direction or insight with your Star Word?* The gifts of the Magi were costly. Their intentions were pure. What would a poor workman and his wife do with all of these treasures? Perhaps initially, to pay their way to Egypt as refugees, and then later, to re-establish the family in Nazareth. *What gift will you receive from learning about yourself and your Star Word?* Allow yourself to be guided by it, and have the courage to follow where your star may lead you. Like the Wise Men who followed the star in the sky, allow your word to guide you during the year.

If you were not here to receive a Star Word on January 5th, contact the church office and we will get one to you.

Chalking the Doors

An old Epiphany tradition involves using chalk to write the letters CMB and the numbers of the current year, separated by crosses (+), over the doors of congregations and homes: 20 + C + M + B + 20 or CMB + 2020. The letters CMB are said to stand for the names of the magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar) or the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* (Christ bless this house). Before or after chalking the doors, the following prayer may be said:

*God of doors and homes,
bless this home this year and every year.
Bless all who come and go through this door,
both those who live here and those who visit.
May all who enter through this door
come in peace and bring joy.
May all who come to this door
find welcome and love.
May the love and joy in this home overflow
and spread into the community and the world.
And may Jesus the Christ watch over us all. Amen.*

Buckhorn Christmas 2019

The church received a special Christmas card from
Buckhorn!



Merry Christmas from our
Buckhorn family to yours sending
you something you will love &
adore, hopefully this chilly
holiday you will laugh & explore

XOXO Buckhorn Girls



JANUARY CALENDER

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 Church Office Closed 	2 Bulletin Deadline 10am TOPS Meeting 5-7pm	3 AI Anon 12-1pm	4
5 2 nd Sunday of Christmas Sunday School 9:30am Worship & Communion 11am	6	7 Cub Scouts #488 6-7:30pm	8 Choir Rehearsal 7-8pm	9 Bulletin Deadline 10am TOPS Meeting 5-7pm	10 AI Anon 12-1pm	11
12 Baptism of the Lord/Epiphany Sunday School 9:30am Worship 11am Book Group 5-6pm	13	14 Cub Scouts #488 6-7:30pm	15 Choir Rehearsal 7-8pm	16 Bulletin Deadline 10am Serving Meal White Flag Ministry 4:30-6pm TOPS Meeting 5-7pm	17 AI Anon 12-1pm	18
19 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany Sunday School 9:30am Worship 11am	20	21 Cub Scouts #488 6-7:30pm	22 Choir Rehearsal 7-8pm	23 Bulletin Deadline 10am TOPS Meeting 5-7pm	24 AI Anon 12-1pm	25
26 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany Sunday School 9:30am Worship 11am	27 Sr Food truck delivery 9:30am	28 Pack Sr Boxes 6pm Cub Scouts #488 6-7:30pm	29 Sr Box PickUp Day 9am-1pm Choir Rehearsal 7-8pm	30 Bulletin Deadline 10am TOPS Meeting 5-7pm	31 AI Anon 12-1pm	