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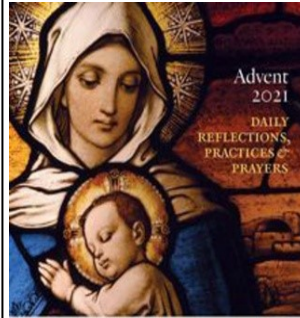
In a recent conversation with a friend, I was challenged. My friend was pondering the organization of the church and was frustrated with the degree of disagreement and dysfunction. His existential question was, "Is this what Jesus had in mind when he called us to be the body?"

A flood of responses came to my mind. First, because this is what we have, it must be what was in Jesus' mind. Second, we are all imperfect and affected by shortcomings, so how we relate is often flawed and produces flawed results. Also, I thought about how much more work "we" the faithful have to do as we seek to live lives obedient to Christ.

These, and other thoughts I had, contained elements of truth but also missed the mark. I do think one frequent temptation is complacency, so we must keep at our obedience. Also, despite our susceptibility to sin, humans are wonderful creatures of God – made in God's image. Therefore, perhaps some of the dysfunction is by design and will be an incubator for great things to emerge.

One challenge we are all faced with is truly loving one another. A therapist once asked me if I felt like I was loved "warts and all." That, he said, was the definition of unconditional love. Statements that begin with "I love you but...." place a condition on love. Whether talking about our local church, the machinations of the Presbytery, or even our General Assembly, we have to practice loving one another. Only then can we accept one another's imperfections and realize that we are all working toward the goal of God's Peaceable Kingdom. Perhaps we will learn more of ourselves and others in the process of actively loving one another and be able to see that the "imperfect" results are actually okay.

J.T.



Waiting in Wondrous Expectation

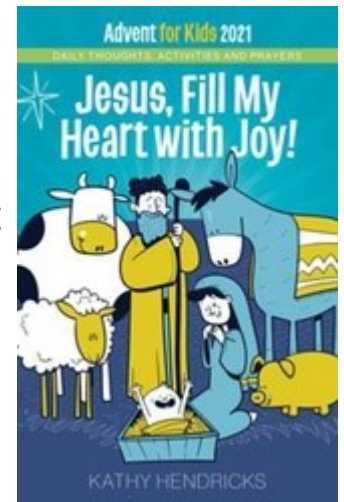
JANET SCHAEFFLER, OP

Our Advent booklets for both adults and children will be available this Sunday. The adults will be using **Waiting in Wondrous Expectation** by Janet Schaeffler

Our children will be using **Jesus, Fill My Heart with Joy!**

Daily Thoughts, Activities and Prayers - Advent 2021 for KIDS

by Kathy Hendricks



Please join us on Sunday, December 5th immediately after worship where we will host an Advent reception (*a Spirit of Advent!*) Come hear our own Donna Cooke play her harp and our own Mark Miller tell the Christmas Story. Your presence is very much appreciated.

Eastminster Presbyterian Women (EPW)

WOMEN IN PRAYER

What an exciting environment we are creating! All our voices raised together in PRAYER and PRAISE as a testimony to our commitment to growing nearer to God. EPW November prayer focus: Pastoral Nominating Committee and our Eastminster congregation.

Please call Barbara Kuykendall at 812-217-3142 or Nancy Sanderson at 812-483-5780 to commit to prayer all in unison at 11:15 AM every Wednesday.

December's Wednesday prayer times will be available for sign-up at the December 1st EPW gathering.



Christmas Baskets



Hi Eastminster Family!

Per the request of Caze School, we have been asked to do things a bit differently for this year's Christmas Baskets. Instead of Eastminster folks, classes, etc., sponsoring an entire family, we have been asked to sponsor individual students who are in need.

Angels will be available for pick up the week before Thanksgiving. Each student will need 1 solid color polo, pants, a book and a small toy. You may also purchase a grocery gift card to go with your Angel if you wish. If you choose not to purchase a grocery gift card, the Deacons will provide one for you.

Don't worry if all the Angels get adopted before you get your chance to adopt one, more names can be obtained from the school. You may drop items off at the church office. Please contact Sabrina Holden at 812-205-9609 or the church for more information. Thank you! All items have to wrapped and placed into a large gift bag.

Your Deacons



When did America first call for a national Thanksgiving?

America first called for a national day of thanksgiving to celebrate victory over the British in the Battle of Saratoga. In 1789, George Washington again called for a national day of thanks on the last Thursday of November to commemorate the end of the Revolutionary War and the ratification of the Constitution. And during the Civil War, both the Confederacy and the Union issued Thanksgiving Day proclamations following major victories.

The first official proclamation of a national Thanksgiving holiday didn't come until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln called for an annual Thanksgiving celebration on the final Thursday in November. The proclamation was the result of years of impassioned lobbying by "Mary Had a Little Lamb" author and abolitionist Sarah Josepha Hale. (from The History Channel's website)

Please pray for the following:

Rose Kuhn; Julie Summit; Tid Turner; Jane Williams; Mike Crecelius; Mae Chin; Jayne Manis; Sue Kuhs; Allen Sanderson; Walt Lowe; Jane Williams; Donna Cooke & Family.



The Stewardship Committee would like to thank again all those who have participated in our Stewardship drive thus far. Many of you increased your giving for the coming year, and we, as a congregation look forward to what God will work in us for 2022.

If you have not turned in your pledge card, we remind you to do so at your earliest convenience. You may also call the church and let Mary know what you feel called to do. Thank you!

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