

The Communicator

First Christian Church, Russellville, KY December 2016

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A message from Rev. Dann

Alternative Christmas

Buying a Christmas present for my father was always a difficult task. I would fret about what could I possibly find to please him and give him for Christmas. One spring I was in his basement looking for a hammer to repair something when I discovered a stack of Christmas presents. Some presents had been given to Dad by my brother, others given by my sister and lo and behold a whole pile of presents I had given to him over the years!

The next Christmas I gave Dad a water buffalo!

No I'm not kidding. A water buffalo. I discovered that if I sent money in Dad's name to Heifer Project International, a water buffalo would be purchased for a community in a needy land and Dad would receive a note stating that someone had given a gift (a water buffalo) in his name to those people. I wrote the check and sent it. Sure enough Dad got a very nice card in the mail at Christmas time. He was so proud he showed it to everyone that holiday season. "My son gave me a water buffalo!" The next time I visited him, he had framed the note and it was hanging in his home office.

My gift is an example of a program called Alternative Christmas. You can learn more through this website: http://www.globalministries.org/alternative_christmas

I was reminded of my unusual gift when Judy Suiter prayed this prayer Sunday November 20th: "Our Heavenly Father, I read recently about the many parts of the world that have no clean drinking water. An organization called 'Water For Life has developed 'The Drinkable Book.' The paper is coated with silver nanoparticles that filter out 99.9% of harmful bacteria. Each page can filter up to 100 liters of water and cost only 4 cents per page. The Bible, Your Word, is also a "drinkable book" and cost nothing. You give us the sole source of cleaning, cleansing and restoring our souls. Help us to accept this offering of wine, Jesus' blood poured out, as our living water, a step to experiencing eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

Consider an alternate way of giving and receiving this Christmas.
Dann



**Christmas Gathering
at the Clarks'
Everyone Welcome
Wednesday, December 7th
6:30 pm
Bring your favorite dish**



**Church Holiday Meal
Sunday December 11th
After Services**



Advent Services

**Dec 4 2nd Sunday Advent
Services at First Presbyterian
Rev. Dann Masden preaching**

**Dec 11 3rd Sunday Advent
Services at Methodist Temple
Rev. Tom Thompson preaching**

**Dec 18 4th Sunday Advent
Services at Trinity Episcopal
Rev. Jeffrey Butcher leading
Lessons & Carols**

**Christmas Eve Service
9:00 pm**

**Coat Closet
Wednesday
11am-1pm
Donations needed
Volunteers welcome,
See Ellen**

**Poinsettia orders
Due by December 13th**

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**Secretary: Sharon Fuller
Moderator: Billy Goley
Moderator-Elect: Mildred Taylor
Treasurer: Ellen Nealy
Secretary: Vicki Kemp
Accompanist: Martha Foster
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am**

Serving in December 2016

**Elders: Joyce Chesnut, Johnnie Mantlo
Deacons: Buddy & Frankie Smith, Jesse Tapp
Greeters: Volunteers**

Prayer Concerns:

Danny Anderson	Connie Brown	Maydeen Bailey	Esther Bishop
Joyce Chesnut	Sarah Emberger	Tyler Foster	Jean Gragg
Shirley Hicks	Mike Boyles	James Page	Rita Baldwin Osborne
Victor Page	Cheryl Oberhausen	Dillon Porter	Missy Maxwell
Lauren Riley Stafford	Mae Thompson	Angel Chesnut	Donna McMichaels
Claire Wilson	Joe Schafer	David Wilkins	Linda Robertson
Evelyn Driver			