



# THE Current

CARRYING NEWS OF  
LIBERTY ROAD FAITH FELLOWSHIP

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Due to the holidays, there will NOT be an issue of *The Current* next week. The next issue will arrive on January 3, 2018.

### Who We Are...

Liberty Road Faith Fellowship is a Multi-denominational gathering of Christians who enjoy traditional worship services.

### Where to Find Us...

We worship at 2734 Liberty Road. You can find us on the web at <http://libertyroadfaithfellowship.org>

### We Gather for Fellowship Coffee/Donut Fellowship

Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in room 6

### We Gather for Bible Study

**The Adult I Sunday school** meets at 9:30 a.m. in room 3. Dr. Mary Anne Pollock, teacher.

**The Living Faith Sunday school**



The 2 p.m. service will be our **ONLY** service on Sunday, December 24. (There will be **NO 11:00 a.m. service** this coming Sunday, December 24.)

### Salvation Army Innkeeper's Offering

By Catherine Cook, Missions Chair



THE INNKEEPER'S OFFERING

*While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for the baby to be born, and Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger because there was no room at the inn.*

Luke 2:6-7

The Innkeeper's Offering is for homeless families in Lexington. The Salvation Army has an Emergency Shelter for the homeless that operates 24 hours a day every day. The door never closes. LRFF will be collecting for this much needed mission on Christmas Eve. Look for the Salvation Army Red Kettle at our 2:00 P.M. service on December 24<sup>th</sup>, or place your donation in the offering plate marked for Innkeeper's Offering. A true blessing for those in need.

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meets at 9:30 a.m. in room 9. Scot Reeves, teacher.

**The In Between Class** meets at 10:00 a.m. in room 1. Hope Spoonamore, teacher.

**The Adult Bible Study** meets at 10:00 a.m. in room 4. Bennie McWain, teacher.

## We Gather for Worship

**Sunday Worship:** 11:00 a.m.

**Children's Church:** 11:15 a.m.  
In room 5.

**Our Nursery** is located in room 2.

## We're Looking Forward...

**December 20 (Wednesday) – NO choir rehearsal.**

**December 21 (Thursday) – Girl Scout troop** meets at 6:15 in Kearns Hall.

**December 24 (Sunday) – Christmas Eve Service** at 2:00 p.m. (Only 1 service on this day) **There will NOT be an 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 24.**

**December 25 (Monday) – Merry**

## End-of-Year Financial Note

By Dr. Ann Crowe

If you plan to make a year-end contribution to the church, please be aware that your gift must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31, 2017. Otherwise, we will not be able to credit you for the gift in 2017 for tax purposes. Since December 31 falls on a weekend, when the church office and banks are closed, if you plan to bring your contribution to the church office, please bring it by noon on Friday, December 29, so we can process it and deposit it in the bank before the end of the year.



Thanks for your ongoing and faithful financial support of Liberty Road Faith Fellowship!

## New Year's Eve Hymn Sing and Watch Party

By Dr. Carolyn Purcell

New Year's Eve falls on a Fifth Sunday this year. The worship committee has decided to have a regular service on Sunday morning, December 31st at 11:00 a.m. We will also have a Hymn Sing and New Year's Eve watch party on that Sunday evening at 10:00 p.m. We will not have the usual Fifth Sunday musical but we will have lots of singing that evening.

The Social Committee will help with set-up for the party and beverages, but we are asking each person to bring Pot Luck Party Food. After meeting in the sanctuary at 10:00 p.m. to sing, we will adjourn to Kearns Hall and await the New Year. What better way to begin a New Year!

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**Christmas!** Church office closed.

**December 26 (Tuesday) – Church office closed** in observance of the Christmas holiday.

**December 27 (Wednesday) – NO choir rehearsal.**

**December 28 (Thursday) – Girl Scout troop** meets at 6:15 in Kearns Hall.

**December 31 (Sunday) – Regular 11 a.m. worship service.**

**December 31 (Sunday) – "Sing in the New Year" Hymn Sing at 10:00 p.m.** Then we will adjourn to Kearns Hall and await the New Year!

**January 1 (Monday) – Happy New Year!** Office closed in observance of the New Year.

**January 2 (Tuesday) – Women's Fellowship** meets at 1:00 p.m. in room #3.

**January 3 (Wednesday) – Choir Rehearsal resumes** at 7:00 p.m.

**January 16 (Tuesday) – Finance Committee** meets at 1:30 p.m. in the Library.

**January 16 (Tuesday) –**

## **Our Men of Faith Breakfast Resumes**

**Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Kearns Hall.**

By Jim Host

Our speaker will be Jerry Tipton, the award winning columnist for the Lexington Herald-Leader, who is the longest term columnist covering Kentucky for the Herald-Leader. He has written about Kentucky Basketball since the 1981-82 season. He has seen 1,127 games and covered 3 National Championships. He will discuss great players he has seen as well as great teams. UK will be playing pre-conference favorite-Florida this night at home, and he will give his assessment of this year's team. Ladies are always invited to attend this popular event. The cost is \$10 per person, so please be sure to sign up at the table located close to the entrance, so that we will have plenty of food. Feel free to invite friends, family and neighbors!

## **To Those Who Have Donated Poinsettias...**

Those of you who purchased poinsettias may take them home following our Christmas Eve Service on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., which will be our ONLY service that day.

The poinsettias have decorated our sanctuary these past few weeks and have added to the beauty of our worship services. Thank you to all who contributed.

Included in the Christmas Eve bulletin will be a list of those who have donated poinsettias and others who have given to the Altar Flower Fund, along with the name(s) of the person(s) you have given in memory of or have honored.

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**Administrative Board** meets at 6:30 p.m. in room #4.

**January 25 (Thursday) – Missions Committee** meets at 7:00 p.m. in room #5.

### Prayer Requests

To add a prayer request, please fill out a Prayer Request card, call the church office at 277-0420, or submit a prayer request or update online by going to <http://Libertyroadfaithfellowship.org>.

**In order to keep a request on for more than a few weeks, please provide us with an update.**

**Pray for our new Pastor, Rev. Lisa Wood** that God's presence will be with her throughout all the changes in her life right now: listing and selling her house, finding a new place to live, moving, saying good-bye to church family where she is and adapting to new responsibilities in her new position. This is an exciting time for us and for her, but it can also be very stressful and I'm sure she would appreciate our prayers on her behalf.

## An Opportunity for Service

By David Bondurant

Liberty Road Faith Fellowship has a wonderful working relationship with both Liberty Elementary School and Yates Elementary. We are in our second year at Liberty and our first at Yates. It is an excellent way to get our church's name out in an area that needs cultivation for the Lord.

At Liberty Elementary, on January 11, they are having a Science Fair. Principal Gerry Brooks has asked for our help in judging the various projects brought by the students. The science teacher has screened the projects but would like objective judges to interview the creators and evaluate their work.

We would basically be interviewing the students to ascertain if they fully understand their project and, moreover, can adequately explain it so that the public can understand their intention and whether or not they reached their desired goal.

The Fair will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 11. Please prayerfully consider participating in this event. Contact David Bondurant at [davidbondurant4@gmail.com](mailto:davidbondurant4@gmail.com) or (859) 266-4054, for more information.

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**Praise that Carol Taylor's brother, Clark Pell** is doing well at home!

**Pray for Laura Vaughns**, niece of Carol Taylor, who was on the train that derailed in Washington. She is injured and has had some surgery, but should be okay in time after some therapy. Carol praises God that Laura was not injured any worse than she was.

**Pray for the families** of those who were injured or killed in Tacoma, Washington when the train derailed recently.

**Pray for Brian Fortson**, Joanne Fortson's step-son, who is having some very serious medical issues.

**Pray for Roger Blair** who fell recently and experienced some injuries.

**Pray for Ann Ray**, mother of Valda May, who broke her hip recently and underwent surgery.

**Pray for the family of Don Dull**, who passed away on Sunday, December 3rd in Dayton, Ohio. Jean Dull, his wife is the sister of Jane Eberwein.

## Mission Moment

Liberty Road Faith Fellowship seeks to become the hands and feet of Christ in the world through engagement in missions.

## Your Contributions for the Kroger Reward Card Program makes a difference!

Enrollment for **NEW participants** can be done by going to:

[www.Kroger.com](http://www.Kroger.com):

Click the **blue sign in** tab at top of page

Enter your email address and password and click the **blue sign in** tab

From the department menu, click **Community**, then **Community Rewards**

From Community Rewards, click on **the edit or re-enroll** button Find **organization or number** – Liberty Road Faith Fellowship or #12007



Click the **organization name or number**

**Click save**, to save your information

You can also call 1-800-KROGERS, option 3.

LRFF's organization number is #12007.

You will need the number on your Kroger card.

Please consider enrolling and let your normal shopping needs support our Mission Work. Thank You!

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**Pray for the family of Hubert C. Wiseman**, LRFF member, who went home to be with the Lord on Friday, December 1.

**Pray for Darla, the only child of Paul Townsend**. Paul went home to be with the Lord on Friday, December 1. Darla was very close to her dad and spoke to him every day. She is thankful that this separation is temporary, but is very grieved over losing her best friend.

**Pray for Jim Hyde** who is extremely weak and his blood sugar is out of control. His blood sugar levels have gotten too high to even register at times and have also dipped dangerously low. Jim really needs our prayers for strength and healing as this has adversely affected his quality of life.

**Pray for Ruby Montgomery**, mother of Pat Potts, who is now living at Lexington Country Place. She is still in Hospice care. Pray for Ruby and Pat during this difficult and emotional time.

**Pray for Phyllis McCarty**, who has a broken vertebra. She has chosen to wear a brace for 6 weeks until it heals. Please remember Phyllis in

## From The Staff of Liberty Road Faith Fellowship



## Mitten/Gloves and Toboggan Tree



Our Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a Mitten/Gloves and Toboggan Tree that is located in the foyer. **We will collect these items until the first of the year.** All mittens, gloves and toboggans that are donated will be given to children at Liberty Elementary, as well as Yates Elementary. If you can contribute we would appreciate it very much. And so will the kids who receive them.

## Have you picked up your church directory?

By Norma Smither

Because of the generosity of one anonymous member of Liberty Road Faith Fellowship, **each family gets a NEW Church Directory for FREE!** IF you want a second copy, you will need to pay \$5.00. But your initial copy is FREE! If you have not picked up a copy you can contact Norma in the church office at (859) 277-0420 to make arrangements.

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prayer that God would bring healing and strength.

**Pray for Margaret D. Walters**, who is having medical issues due to a car accident on her way from church that totaled her car; and for Margaret's family. Her sister's husband fell and broke his hip and had to have surgery. She also asks that we pray for our soldiers and our country.

**Pray for Nanci Barnhart**, sister-in-law of Ginny Berry, that God would comfort and heal her. Pray that doctors can manage Nanci's pain.

**Pray for Paddy Claypoole**, Vicki Brown's mother, as she recovers from a procedure to help manage pain.

**Pray for Glenda Christian**, Vicki Brown's sister, that she would have continued healing.

**Pray for Bill Worrell**, who is now at home.

**Pray for Mo Smither** who will have shoulder surgery on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> to repair the rotator cuff in his left shoulder. (Norma S.)

## Taylor Comstock Honored



At the Metropolitan Opera auditions Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, there were four winners, left to right: Lisa Rogali, Rebecca Farley, Taylor Comstock and Megan Moore.

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Four singers from UK honored in Met auditions

BY RICH COPLEY  
rcopley@herald-leader.com

Two singers from the University of Kentucky were tapped to advance in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Kentucky District Auditions Saturday, along with two other singers from the region.

Taylor Comstock, who was most recently seen in the leading role of Alfredo in UK Opera Theatre's production of "La Traviata" last month, and Rebecca Farley, a Henderson native who got her bachelors at UK and went on to study at The Juilliard School in New York, will advance to the Central

Region finals in Evanston, Ill., Jan. 21, where they will compete against winners from the Illinois, Indiana and Ohio districts.

Joining Comstock and Farley at the regionals will be Cincinnati native Megan Moore, who most recently studied at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. and Lisa Rogali of New Jersey, who is currently pursuing a masters at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

Two UK singers were also given encouragement awards at the competition at Lexington's First Presbyterian

SEE SINGERS, 4A



Taylor Comstock sings in our Chancel Choir. Congratulations Taylor on this honor! May God bless you in January when you compete again. We'll be cheering for you!

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## SINGERS

Church, but they will not advance to the next round. Mary Catherine Wright, who earned a bachelors degree at UK in 2016, received the Gail Robinson Encouragement Award and UK graduate and current Florida State University graduate student Margaret Smith received an

encouragement award. The winner or winners from the Central Region will advance to the national semi-finals April 22 on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

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## Ongoing Prayers for our soldiers...Faith Afield

Pray for our service men and women who are active and also for our veterans who deal with difficult health issues every day as a result of their service to their country.

Here are the names of the service people we currently know about.

**SSGT. Jamen Berry**, son of Andy Berry

**Capt. Ginny Iskandarov** – niece of Ginny Berry

**Elnur Iskandarov** – nephew of Ginny Berry by marriage

**SSGT. Cameron Smith** – brother of Sean Smith

**Airman Benjamin Engelbrecht** – son of Paul Engelbrecht

Please send Ginny Berry any updates on the status of these persons...change in rank, address, new assignment...Her email address is [momb1@twc.com](mailto:momb1@twc.com)

**Martha Ministry Team Members for December** are Ginny Berry, Alice English, Ann

## Heart Disease and Your Health

Shared by Nurse Nancy Robinson

**Heart disease is the number one killer in America. It affects more than 5 million Americans each and every year. Certain factors can make you more likely to develop heart disease.**

### RISK FACTORS

There are several risk factors that may increase your chances of developing heart disease:

- High blood pressure
- Smoking
- Sedentary lifestyle
- High cholesterol
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Age
- Family history
- Stress
- Dietary habits
- Gender

### PREVENTION

There are several ways to lower your risk for heart disease:

- Know the risk factors.
- Know the early warning signs and symptoms.
- Establish a relationship with a primary care physician.
- Stay educated on heart disease and the latest treatment options.
- Practice a "heart healthy" lifestyle.

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**Crowe, Tandy Haggard, Nancy Robinson, Carol Glowatch, and Anne Greer.**

If you are listed for a particular month with the Martha Ministry and cannot serve, please contact the chair of the Martha Ministry, Susan Slusher, at (606)309-7711 and she will be glad to schedule you for another month. Also, if you have any questions or concerns about serving, just give Susan a call.

## Blood Pressure Checks Each Sunday

We want to remind everyone that we offer blood pressure checks each Sunday morning in the back of the overflow section. Our nurses are Nancy Robinson, Marsha Oakley and Gwen Mayes.

## Current Administrative Board for 2017 – 2018

Charlotte Krasinski, Chair  
Herb Blakeman  
Mitch Borders, Treasurer  
Roger Blair  
Jackie Bondurant, Bd. Secretary  
John Leindecker  
Ann Lucas

## HEART DISEASE WARNING SIGNS

The most common symptom of heart disease is angina or chest pain. Angina is described as a heaviness, pressure, aching, burning, fullness, squeezing or painful feeling. While the discomfort is typically found in the chest, it can sometimes be felt in the arms, left shoulder, neck, throat, jaw or back. Often, angina and chest pain is dismissed as indigestion. Other symptoms of heart disease include:

- Shortness of breath
- Heart palpitations
- Increased heart rate
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Nausea/indigestion
- Perspiration

Heart disease symptoms may be different for WOMEN. Women may have symptoms listed above, and/or they can also experience sudden fatigue, sleep disturbance, and anxiety. Their symptoms also may appear up to one month before a heart attack.

Seek medical attention immediately if you experience any of these symptoms.

*Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.* —3 John 2

Heart Health Resources: Norton Heart Network  
[www.nortonhealthcare.com](http://www.nortonhealthcare.com)  
American Heart Association  
[www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org)

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Kevin Maudsley  
John May  
Sarah Reeves  
Adam Rudder  
Bonnie Savage  
Paul Taylor

## Deadlines

Prayer requests, committee news or announcements, and personal interest stories should be submitted **by NOON on Monday** for inclusion in the next issue of *The Current*. Please send them by email to [norma@libertyroadfaithfellowship.org](mailto:norma@libertyroadfaithfellowship.org)

Announcements for the Sunday bulletin should be sent to Norma **by NOON on Wednesdays** at [norma@libertyroadfaithfellowship.org](mailto:norma@libertyroadfaithfellowship.org)

Ann Crowe is posting events/dates on our website calendar so if you have an event that needs to be posted please notify her at [acrowe@libertyroadfaithfellowship.org](mailto:acrowe@libertyroadfaithfellowship.org) or call her at the church office **by NOON on Wednesdays.**

## Look Who Came to Visit a Few Weeks Ago...

By Norma Smither



We've had lots of people touch our lives through this church over the years. And we don't forget them when they are no longer around. Pictured here are Phyllis Budde and daughter, Ellen. Phyllis is a Charter Member and helped with

folding bulletins when the office was at the Shaker Drive address. I haven't forgotten your help or your sense of humor, Phyllis. I haven't forgotten how I looked forward to your visits. I haven't forgotten how you are one of the few "Hip grandmothers" your age who has a smart phone and enjoys using it. I haven't forgotten how proud of your family you are. I haven't forgotten Ellen (who is also a member) and the pleasant conversations we've had in the past. I haven't forgotten Bob, when he would come help with the bulletins downtown years ago. I'm sure Jim and Pat Host remember their "pew buddy" who sat with them most every Sunday. We understand that sometimes our circumstances in life change and we can't always be here. But don't ever think that we've forgotten you. You were always a joy to be with and we have loved how you always saw the humor in every situation. You are missed Phyllis, and we want you to know that we love you and always will! Come back and visit when you are able. We'll look forward to it!

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