

# The Bridge

NEWSLETTER | BRIDGEPORT CHRISTIAN CHURCH | NOVEMBER 2022

## Minister's Moment

First and foremost, I want to say thank you to everyone for the very sweet gift you all got for me for Pastor Appreciation Month. My family and I will enjoy the gift card.

Even though we are getting ready to celebrate Thanksgiving, I am looking forward to Advent and Christmas. Advent begins on November 27<sup>th</sup> this year. And I am excited because, this year, we will once again be getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ by using a beloved Christmas Carol to help us focus our worship.

In 2018, the world celebrated the 200th anniversary of the hymn "Silent Night", and the theme of our worship during Advent will be "Calm and Bright". As Marsha McFee says, "The classic hymn 'Silent Night' first made its debut on Christmas Eve, 1818 at the St. Nicholas chapel in Oberndorf bei Salzburg, Austria. The melody by composer Franz Gruber is instantly recognizable from the first few notes, and the original text by Joseph Mohr has been translated from the original German into over 140 languages."

We will be using the first verse of the hymn to work our way through the themes of the season as we take time to focus on calmness in the midst of the chaos that seems to surround us more and more in our daily lives. I am looking forward to experiencing this season with you.

Lastly, since this is the month that we focus on being thankful, I want to take a moment to tell each of you how thankful I am for you. Bridgeport Christian Church is such a special place, and I am blessed to be your minister. Thank you for all the hard work of ministry that each of you do and for all the love and prayer that you share with me and with others in the congregation. You all are amazing.

Love and Peace,

Ann

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## Youth Activities for November!

Youth group will meet on the 6th and the 13th.

There will be a lock-in at Malibu Jacks on the 18th-19th. Friends are welcome to invite others.



GoKarts • LaserTag • MalibuGolf • Arcade

Friday, November 18 to Saturday, November 19

Overnight Lock-In @ Malibu Jacks

Meet at FCC Buses in the Parking Lot at 11 PM to Check in

Lock-In Finishes at 6 AM

Cost: **\$35 per person**

For Youth in 6th to 12th Grades

Registrations are due Monday, November 14 to Mike McColl

(mjmfcc@gmail.com)

Churches must have a 1 to 7 adult to youth ratio

Please make checks out to First Christian Church

## HELPING HANDS CIRCLE

The Helping Hands Circle will meet November 2 at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. We welcome all women of all ages. At our meetings we enjoy fellowship, a devotional, a Bible lesson, and we will begin discussing creative fundraising for our card ministry and scholarship program. Also, we help fulfill needs by doing service projects for our church and community. Our circle has a deep history that has been rooted in the women of BCC for many years. We encourage you to join us. You will find yourself forming spiritual connections with the women of our wonderful church.



### **Worship Service**

#### **Opportunities**

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## Missions Committee:

“Carry each other’s burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Gal. 6:2

The Missions Committee met via Zoom on October 18.

We discussed the upcoming holiday season, and we look forward serving our community.

We agreed to make a donation to the First Corinthian Baptist Church toward a new HVAC system.

We are planning on reopening our BCC Food Pantry as soon as it can be repainted and restocked. We look forward to becoming more active.

New members are always welcome, come join us.

# Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**7:00PM**



Sponsored by the  
Franklin County Ministerial Association  
& the Frankfort Interfaith Council

Hosted by **Bridgeport Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
175 Evergreen Rd.

(take US-60W toward Shelbyville, turn left on Bridgeport Rd., take next left on  
Evergreen Rd., church is on your right)

You are invited to stay for hot cider, hot cocoa, and cookies following the service.

The service can be streamed on Bridgeport Christian Church's Youtube Channel

## SEE YOU THERE!

## **Church Women United to Meet at BCC**

Nov 5 – 10am

Speaker: Bailey Pederson

Church Women United of Franklin County will celebrate World Community Day, "A Call to Pray," on Saturday, November 5 at 10:00 AM at Bridgeport Christian Church, 175 Evergreen Rd, Frankfort. Bailey Pederson (Hollis Rosenstein's granddaughter) will speak about prayer and her experiences working with students. Currently Bailey is serving a one-year residency in Student Ministry at Southland Christian Church in Nicholasville. Hollis Rosenstein will also leading a singalong. We will receive an offering to support the National CWU movement for peace and justice. There will also be an opportunity to contribute to UNICEF. The program begins at 10:30 AM.

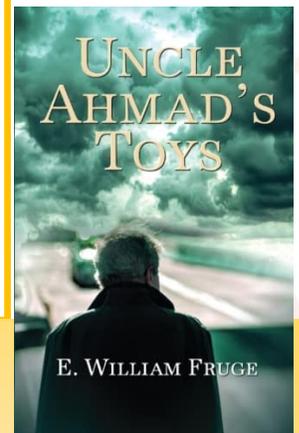
At the 10:00 AM fellowship time and after the program there will be an opportunity to purchase items from our "Pick and Pay" table. All proceeds go to support our local projects. This year we have designated 3 organizations to support. They are the Christian Appalachian Project for Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief for Children and Seniors, The Red Cross for Ukraine and the Franklin County Food Pantry.

All are invited to attend this hour of singing, inspiration and fellowship.

Everyone is invited to join our fellowship from 10-10:30 am and the program will begin at 10:30 pm.

Our motto is " Agreed to Differ, Resolved to Love, United to Serve."

The Chili Cookoff to benefit the Education & Youth Ministry will be Nov. 20 following the worship service. Chili masters and judges are needed. To enter or volunteer contact Kim Minter. Proceeds will fund the youth mission trip next year.



### **Book Club Lexington author's novel is club's November book**

The BCC book club will read "Uncle Ahmad's Toys" by E. William Fruge as its November book.

"Uncle Ahmad's Toys" is the story of a refugee family from Syria who settle in a small American town, triggering compassion from some residents and suspicion from others.

Fruge lives in Lexington. "Uncle Ahmad's Toys" is his third book.

The book club is scheduled to meet Nov. 29. To find out more about the book club, or to be placed on the club's email list, contact Ted Sloan at [tsloan76@bellsouth.net](mailto:tsloan76@bellsouth.net).

## SAVE THE DATE DECEMBER 11!

There will be a luncheon immediately following the worship service on Sunday, December 11th. Helping Hands Circle will have their bake sale and our music director, Laura Foley, plus members of the Chancel Choir, will share their musical and vocal talents of some of our favorite seasonal tunes.



### *Bridgeport Choir News*

*November 2022*

As we draw closer to Thanksgiving and Advent, some stores already have Christmas trees and decorations on display and available for purchase. Holiday music will soon be on the radio again. 'Tis the season! Many of us are already busy planning and preparing, including the Bridgeport Choir. We offer our "Thanks-giving" for our wonderful choir members and are looking forward to the music they will share in coming weeks. All are welcome to join us! In addition, I would like to invite anyone who wishes to share their musical talent as a singer or instrumentalist with special music to contact me at [lauraispracticingpiano@gmail.com](mailto:lauraispracticingpiano@gmail.com). I know there is tremendous talent in our church family.

-Love,

*Laura Foley*



## **Advent Devotional – Be Ready**

From [chalicepress.com](http://chalicepress.com): "Seasons of the year, of church, and of life can too easily flow right into the next. Taking time to mark occasions—stopping to look around—gives us the chance to breathe, see something new, and break the cycle of sameness. *Be Ready* takes the heart of Advent - waiting, preparation, readying - to new places, engaging the spirit found within ministries of relief, refugees, preparedness, and recovery, alongside the sacred texts of the Advent season.

Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, each day's devotion includes an Advent scripture, reflection, and prayer, engaging the traditional themes of Advent—hope, peace, joy, love—paired with stories from those responding to issues of welcome and hospitality, hunger and food justice, disaster and recovery, rebuilding and resilience. Candle-lighting moments for each Sunday and Christmas plus devotions including the 12 Days of Christmas until Epiphany make *Be Ready* an engaging Advent experience.

**About the Contributors:** *Week of Compassion* is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. *Be Ready's* contributors represent the diversity of the church, and the variety of partnerships *Week of Compassion* explores—communities, congregations, supporters, staff, and board members. Writers are named and profiled within the guide, edited by Rev. Courtney Richards, Communications and Development Manager."

Advent Devotionals will be at the front and back of the sanctuary beginning November 13.



# Green News

## Pill Bottle Donations

BCC will continue to collect pill bottles with lids. These are the colored bottles (amber, blue, green, clear) that cannot be deposited in your curbside recycling container. We deliver these to Matthew 25: Ministries north of Cincinnati for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies and for shredding and recycling. Recycling pill bottles fulfills the dual need of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.

Acceptable collection items include: prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles, large and small, with and without secure caps (child-resistant).

Pill bottles that are not appropriate to include with shipments of medical supplies are recycled and may generate revenue that supports Matthew 25: Ministries' programs. If you wish to prepare bottles for shipment with medical supplies rather than recycling, please adhere to the following guidelines:

Bottles included in shipments of medical supplies must have an all plastic lid.

Sort bottles by color and type.

Remove labels, leaving no glue or residue.

Wash bottles in very hot water and dish soap (Goo Gone works well).

Rinse and dry thoroughly.

Replace lids on clean, dried bottles.

Place clean, recapped bottles in large Ziploc bags marked "Clean Bottles." These will be blended with medical supplies.

As always, drop off your bottles at the locations inside the basement door of the church and in the narthex. Thank you for participating in this important ministry.



## Caps/Lids - Recycling Suspended

BCC is no longer taking plastic caps/lids. We now have enough to make an 8-foot picnic table (see below) that will accommodate a wheelchair, walker or other assistive device. Thank you for contributing to this green ministry that has provided the means for the soon-to-be-made table and our red bench dedicated last year for our 175th Anniversary. Please continue to recycle your caps and lids on #1 and #2 plastic bottles, jugs, and jars allowed in curbside pickup.



# Calendar of Events

November 2– 6:00 pm Helping Hands Circle Meeting

November 6- 10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

4:30 pm Choir Practice

5:00-6:30 pm Youth Group

November 9– 7:00 pm Administrative Board Meeting

November 12– 10:00 am Deacons Meeting

November 13- 10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

4:30 pm Choir Practice

5:00-6:30 pm Youth Group

November 17– 6:00 pm Men’s Group

November 20- 10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

12:00 pm Chili Cook off

4:30 pm Choir Practice

November 21– 5:30 Community Engagement Meeting

November 22– 7:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

November 23-26– Ann is out of town

November 24-25 Office closed for Thanksgiving

November 27- 10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

November 29– 5:30 pm Book Club

November 30– 11:00 am Elders Meeting



November 10 Alyssa Hensley

November 16 Mary Watts

November 21 Shaunta Summerour

November 21 Tamara Patrick

November 23 Blaklee Shepherd

November 24 Al Perkins

November 26 Ron Kelien

Date	Greeters	Worship Leader	Elder	Worship & Wonder	AV Booth
11/6	Donna Long & Jackie Hensley	Jeff Pratt	Donna Long	Karen Averill & Laura Begin (The Temple: A House for God)	Kenney Dunavent & Tommy Smith
11/13	Mary & Tom Watts	Anita Bolen	Don Flinn	Karen Averill & Donna Long (Exile & Return)	Larry Hayden & Tommy Smith
11/20	Debbie Rodgers & Jackie Hensley	Ronda Sloan	Sissy O'Brien	Anita Bolen & Angie Kendall (How the Church Tells Time)	Wayne Begin & Tommy Smith
11/27	Linda Wilson & Laura Begin	Debbie Rodgers	Ron Kelien	Anita Bolen & Laura Begin (The Prophets Show the Way to Bethlehem)	Larry Hayden & Tommy Smith

## Who is Bridgeport Christian ?

Founded in 1846, Bridgeport Christian strives to serve God and our community in the best way we know how. We are a certified Green Chalice Congregation and an Open & Affirming Congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

## Scriptures & Topics for November

Nov 6	Matthew 8:2-3; 2 Kings 5:1-15	Elisha heals Naaman
Nov 13	Matthew 9:13; Micah 1:3-5, 5:2-5, 6:6-8	Micah
Nov 20	Matthew 5:14; Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7	Swords into Plowshares
Nov 27	Isaiah 2:1-4; 9:2, 6-7	Sleep in Heavenly Peace

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- Valerie Drake, Admin. Assistant
- Laura Foley, Music Director



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