

Life on the Road

Updates from City Road Chapel



December 10, 2023

2nd Sunday in Advent

Hope Is Coming!



Advent and Christmas at City Road

Today is the first Sunday of the season of Advent, the time in the life of the church when we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ – both as the child in Bethlehem and his future reign. This is a time for reflection and renewal, thinking about the meaning of God becoming flesh (incarnation) in our lives. While we always think about love, peace, joy, and hope at this time of the year, this Advent we are placing a special emphasis on hope, preparing for its coming, and celebrating that it has come. May God bless you during this holy season.

Advent Devotional Guides

There are special devotional guides for the Advent season available in the Welcome Center. These are provided by the Society of St. Andrew and their ministries to help the hungry.

Christmas Eve Schedule

As you are finalizing your plans for the Christmas season, we want to remind you that Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. **We will be having our normal Sunday morning service at 9 a.m. with a focus on the 4th Sunday of Advent.** Later that night, **we will have our traditional service of lessons and carols, communion, and candlelight at 10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** We know that many in the community appreciate the late-night service as it allows them to do Christmas Eve celebrations with family and then come to worship to welcome Christmas. Please put both of these important services in your calendar and come celebrate the birthday of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



CCM Collects Toys for Families in Need

On December 16, our partners at Christian Cooperative Ministries will give away toys to 200 Madison children. This annual event is hosted here at City Road Chapel. Donations of toys and stocking stuffers are appreciated. If you would like to help with this event on the morning of Friday, December 15 (toy setup) or the morning of Saturday, December 16 (toy giveaway), please contact Peggy Hickman.

Meeting with New D.S.

City Road Chapel has been appointed to be a part of the new Urban Cohort, an initiative designed by Bishop William McAlilly to connect congregations with similar ministry settings and offering. This Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Stephen Handy who will be functioning as our primary District Superintendent will be at City Road to talk about the Cohort and our ministry. All who are able are invited to join us in the Welcome Center to talk about God's work through City Road Chapel.

Many, many thanks . . . Take 2

Last week we lifted up three of our faithful Leadership Board members who will be rotating off the board: DeAnna Draper, Roy Jones, and Jim Neely. Unfortunately, we forgot to include Peggy Hickman, who has been a faithful presence and an important voice for the ministries of our church. Peggy continues to represent us well at the board chair for Christian Cooperative Ministries. Thanks, Peggy, for all your service and we're sorry we left you off the list last week.



Next Sunday, December 17, 2023
Volunteer at 4, Dinner at 5
Come love on our neighbors!!



As of 12/7/2023

- Rachel Westerfield (Jimmie Douglas-Westerfield's step daughter)
- Coneale Bethurung -- Cancer
- Genie McMurtry -- cardiac issues
- Mae Helen Diamond -- cardiac issues
- Sharon Goodwin
- Gwynn Howell
- Brenda Davis (Jimmy Rager's sister) is dealing with cancer
- Louise Walden (Jim's mom)
- Twyla McKee -- recovering from a stroke
- Linda Capps -- Stage 4 Cancer
- Dolly Hart -- Stroke
- Wanda Day -- Stroke
- Trish Fitzgerald -- Stroke`
- Marcia Jefferson -- Cancer
- Bobbie Garrett -- broken ankle
- Nola and James Dyer
- John Evans -- dealing with cardiac issues
- Sheryl McIlvane's brother Tom, dealing with Parkinsons
- Angela Miller asks for prayers for Marsha, whose husband is dealing with cancer
- Gail Donelson
- Lydia McGuire
- Dorri Donnell Stanfill (Anita Kay Schofill's daughter)
- Joy Luthy
- Clint Camp (Kay Camp's son)
- Fred and Linda Tudor (friends of Peggy Hickman's)
- The residents of our Mobile Housing Navigation Center and our Family Navigation Center
- Linda Bingaman (Jerry's mom)

This Week at City Road Chapel

Sunday, December 10

2nd Sunday in Advent

- Choir Rehearsal – 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday Worship – 9 a.m.
- Discipleship Classes – 10 a.m.
- Chasing Francis Study – 2 p.m.

Monday, December 11

- Showers of Blessing – 7 a.m. – noon
- Prayer Shawl Ministry – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12

- Meeting with D.S. – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13

- Showers of Blessing – 7 a.m. – noon
- Wednesday Prayer via Zoom – 2 p.m.
- 2nd Wed, Dinner for HNC – 6:15 p.m.
- Transitions Group – 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 14

- Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 a.m.
- CCM Toy Delivery Day

Friday, December 15

- CCM Toy Drive Setup in Gym

Saturday, December 16

- Homeless Memorial Service
8:00 a.m. at Riverfront Park
- CCM Toy Giveaway – 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday, December 17

3rd Sunday in Advent

- Choir Rehearsal – 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday Worship – 9 a.m.
- Discipleship Classes – 10 a.m.
- Chasing Francis Study – 2 p.m.
- Feast Community Meal – 4 p.m.

City Road Chapel also hosts Narcotics Anonymous Groups Mondays through Saturdays at noon, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., and on Sundays at 1 p.m.

Welcome Desk Schedule

- December 10 – Jerry Bingaman
- December 17 – Jim Neely
- December 24 – Randy Moore
- December 31 – Mac Smith

Upcoming Birthdays

- Mary Christy – December 15
- Ava Chance – December 16
- Randy Chance – December 22
- Barry Jones – December 24

Anniversaries

- Joy and Ron Campbell – December 18
- Randy and Susan Moore – December 23
- Jay Voorhees & Mary Christy – December 27