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Who We Are

Liberty Road Faith Fellowship is a multi-denominational fellowship of Christian believers who enjoy traditional worship services.

This Week

Sunday, January 7, 2024

10:45 a.m. – Sunday
Worship at Liberty Road
Faith Fellowship and online.

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A Word from The Pastor

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Gen. 1: 1-3

The “new year” is a time of new and exciting great expectations! It can also be a time when we are anxious and anticipate a time of disorder, transition, or grief.

It’s probably safe to say that each of us enters into the new year with a combination of enthusiasm and trepidation. Personally I eagerly await the new life that will join my family, but stories in the media about the world’s *disease* and chaos is certainly concerning, if not downright unsettling.

The first verses in our scripture remind us that, in the midst of chaos and *disorder*, the Spirit of the eternal God breathed calm and purpose into the messiness and disarray. God spoke light into being and illumined the darkest deeps... and God declared this “good.”

This is my prayer for us as we enter a new year: That we will look to God to find comfort and peace when we feel overwhelmed by the world’s alarm and disorder. Our Sovereign Creator is still creating, still renewing, and still at work bringing about his purpose for that which he still calls “good.” May our hearts be lifted up, and may our souls find sweet repose as we continue to walk by faith *together* into this new year.

Rev. Lisa Wood

Traditional Worship ~ Contemporary People

Coming Events

January

7 – Karen Thomas Smith -- Speaker

9 – Wildcards Crafting

11 - Women of Faith Game Day



Karen Thomas Smith Visiting Jan. 7

Our first Sunday of 2024 will include having Karen Thomas Smith share the Gospel message with us

during the worship service. Karen grew up in Philpot, KY, and graduated from Georgetown College. She earned her MDiv from Emory University and is an ordained minister.

Karen currently serves as Chaplain to the Christian Community at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco. She directs the Christian churches' collaborative ministry efforts throughout the country to "...the least of these," which includes meeting the basic human needs of sub-Saharan refugees who are fleeing political and economic oppression. She is also a leading facilitator of Christian-Muslim relations in Morocco which is a predominantly Muslim country. Karen is a dynamic speaker and will be sharing stories of her experiences in ministry that are as inspiring as they are deeply moving. Hers are, quite literally, the heart and hands and feet of Christ that are actively participating in the kingdom work in another part of the world.

Gray, drizzly days won't stop our Wildcards from gathering on Tuesday January 9th at 9:30 a.m. to restock their supply of handcrafted greeting cards. New catalogs are available that feature new stamp sets and beautiful crafting papers that will be introduced in the latest card designs.

Sign up to let us know you're coming and be a part of the fun around the tables!

The Women of Faith will be sponsoring a game day on Thursday January 11, 2024 in Kearns Hall at 1pm.

You can choose to play Bridge or Bingo.

The Bridge players will meet in the kitchen area, and the Bingo players will meet in the dining area.

Please bring snacks for everyone to share and bring your own drink of choice.

Everyone is welcome and bring a friend.

(Don't let the name fool you, Men are welcome too!)

SOUP-er Bowl Luncheon & Service Auction

This is always a great time of good food and fellowship around the tables. We always have a wide variety of services and items contributed to our auction for the benefit of the church – and a good time is always had by all. This event always puts the *fun* in *fundraising*.

What a great time to invite a friend and introduce them to our church! A sign-up sheet is already on the bulletin board. Tags are beginning to appear after, and we'll keep a running list of items and services in the Current.



Administrative Board Candidates

The following six members have been chosen to be put on the ballot for four seats on the Administrative Board, 2024. Voting will be by mail-in ballots again this year. Ballots are due by January 21. Ballots received after that date will not be counted. Please be in prayerful consideration of these who have accepted the nomination and allowed their names to be placed on the ballot. Read their bios and watch for your ballot in the mail after January 1.

Paul Taylor, Nominated for Board Chair

I was born and raised in Franklin County, Ky. I was raised a country boy and still am. I am married to the Love of my life, Carol Goodman Taylor. I have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 1 and 1/2 great grandchildren.

I graduated from Franklin County High School in 1960 and attended Georgetown College. I worked in the insurance business for 20 years before going into the real estate business in 1982. I retired from real estate in 2012 after 30 years.

I have been an active member of LRFF since its inception and have attended regularly. I am currently on the Building, Property and Asset Management Team, and have served 2 terms on the Administrative Board. I am currently the Board Chair and would be honored to serve another term.

Les Anderson

Les is a retired educator (50 years); administration experience; headed a parent's board with 2 high school bands for 18 years; board member and President of the Lexington Singers for about 6 years (chair of a by-laws revision team); assistant conductor and board member with the Central Ky. Concert Band for 32 years (chair of a by-laws revision team); elementary school Principal with a site-based council (7 years); Director of student teachers at Asbury (4 years); church committees, music and new organ fundraising chairs in other churches; and past Administrative Board chair at LRFF.

Why I want to be on the Administrative Board: I want to help our church continue to flourish and grow and with my past experiences look forward to working with the Administrative Board and the church membership

Ann Crowe

I am a retired social worker and have had both direct service and administrative responsibilities in several nonprofit agencies. I have also served as a volunteer board member for nonprofit organizations, including two previous terms on the LRFF Board. Further, I have served two terms as the LRFF treasurer which included completing applications for the PPP loans we received during Covid. Other LRFF activities have included the choir, handbells, Companions in Christ, the Finance Team, and being a previous member of the Safety Team. I also served two years in the staff position of Financial Manager for Liberty Road Faith Fellowship and have a good understanding of our financial position and processes.

These experiences have provided me with a good understanding of the needs and obligations of churches and other nonprofit organizations. I am interested in becoming a board member as a means of providing service to my church and to others.

Janet Layman

It has been my pleasure to serve on a variety of teams, including Missions, Fellowship, Pastor Search, and the Policies and Procedures update. I have participated in congregational meetings that explored areas of development of Liberty Road Faith Fellowship and the “Dream Team” which formed to plan the Kearns Hall renovation.

Group activities include Women of Faith, Zoom Bible studies, Companions in Christ, Garden Club, Bridge Club, Christmas Caroling, and a little bit of silliness, e.g., the Elf at the Women of Faith Christmas party (see Current for picture).

I overcame my fears of speaking before the congregation when asked to be liturgist and sharing in other parts of worship services. Liberty Road Faith Fellowship has been instrumental in my faith development and encouraged me to “step out” to serve.

Marsha Oakley

I have been a member of LRFF since February 2014. I have served as a member of the Dream Team, a member and chairperson of the Missions Team, and currently serve as chair of the Health and Safety Team. I am a liturgist, choir member and assistant, and support our church as time allows. I have always felt at home at LRFF, and many members are good friends.

I have been on the Board and served as Secretary and would be honored to do so again.

Bonnie Savage

I was born in Henderson, Ky. to wonderful Christian parents and was active in the United Methodist Church until the inception of Faith Fellowship. At that time, I became a charter member as well as serving on the first board. After graduating from high school, I attended Murray State University where I received a B.S. in Elementary Education and English and an M.A. in Elementary Education. I taught over thirty years in the Fayette County Schools. My interests include music, reading, cooking, and being a CASA for foster children.

If selected to be a board member, I will serve to the best of my ability and in what I believe to be in the best interest of our church.

Nancy Strassner

Since my late husband, Gene, and I became members of Faith Fellowship, I have been involved with a number of activities and programs in the life of LRFF. I’ve served on multiple committees in the past and am currently one of our Care Team Leaders. I enjoyed learning about the “behind the scenes” processes of the church during my time as the Office Manager and was able to develop an even deeper rapport with our members.

I am honored to be nominated for the role of member of the Administrative Board and offer myself and my commitment to our church in resources, and talent – as God gives me strength.

LRFF FAMILY



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Share Your Christmas Photos!

Send us your Christmas photos of your family, grandchildren, pets, etc. and we will print them in the Current over the next two weeks. We enjoy seeing each other's holiday pictures. Just email them to us at the church office at lrffoffice2734@gmail.com.



Rev. Lisa and her grandson, Braylon, who serenaded her with "Happy Birthday" on his saxophone.



Caiden Fleming, Vicki Hurst's grandson, opening presents on Christmas morning.



Addison is dressed as Baby Clause for her first Christmas. She is Herb and Patsy Blakeman's great-granddaughter.



Nancy Strassner and granddaughter, Millie, settling down for a not-so-long winter's nap.