



# COMMUNITY CHURCH

## December 2021 News

Cultivating believers,  
disciples, and servants to  
transform  
our community and  
world for Christ.

### ADVENT WORSHIP & MUSIC SERMON SERIES: “UNSOUGHT GIFTS”

# Hope

NOVEMBER 28  
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
LUKE 21:25-36

# Peace

DECEMBER 5  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
LUKE 1:68-79

# Joy

DECEMBER 12  
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
LUKE 3:7-18

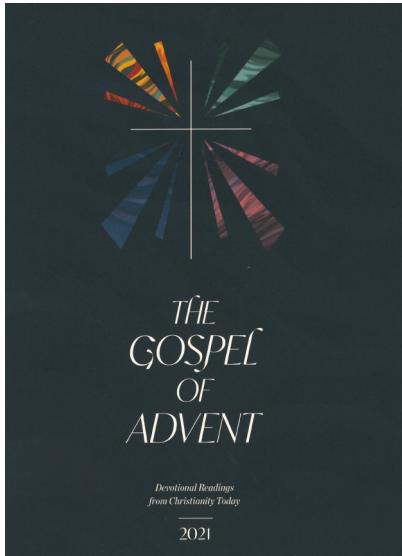
# Love

DECEMBER 19  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
LUKE 1:46B-55

# CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24  
4:30 & 7:00 (Identical Services) SANCTUARY  
LUKE 2:1-20

DECEMBER 26  
10:30 SERVICE ONLY  
COLOSSIANS 3:12-17



#### Free Advent Devotional Book

This Advent Season you are encouraged to reflect on the hope, peace, joy, and love through our 2021 Advent Devotional. These free devotional books, entitled “The Gospel of Advent” will guide you through a daily walk with God through the 40 days of Advent. The books will be given out at the end of worship on Sunday, November 28 and December 5. You may also drop by the church office and pick up a copy. We also encourage you to take one for a neighbor or a friend.

Community Church at Tellico Village  
presents

## A Community Church Christmas

Sunday & Monday,  
December 12 & 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Free tickets available at the church office after November 22

CCV CONCERT SERIES 2021-22

# Organ Recital

with CCTV's Organist, Fred Pogue  
Jane Salmon  
Marianne Barbour

Wednesday, December 15  
11:00am • Founder's Chapel

## A Service of Hope and Remembrance

Thursday, December 16  
6:00pm • Founder's Chapel

## Tellico Village Community Christmas Tree Lighting

at Tellico Village Square

Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.  
(In the event of inclement weather we will meet in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church)

- Music by the Loudon County Concert Band
- Enjoy singing some favorite Christmas songs and carols
- Bring a canned good for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry
- Sponsored by the HOA and First Baptist Church of Tellico Village

The Community Church at Tellico Village  
Christ our Savior Lutheran Church  
Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church  
Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

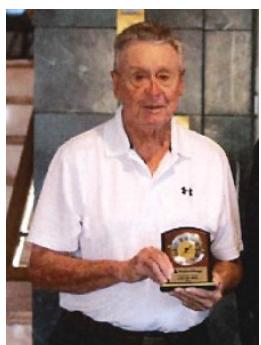
Special Guest



Above: Marilyn & Jim Fella received the POA Community Service Award for their 20 years of heading the CCTV Medical Equipment Ministry.



Left: Kevin Meyer received the "Legion of Merit" at the Veteran's Day celebration.



Left: Howard Higby received the POA President's Award for serving on the Golf Advisory Committee throughout the transition of the golf management team and during the pandemic.

## Congratulations!

Our congregation is blessed with incredible members. All the time I discover something new about our folks! Among us are people who worked on space rovers, served alongside US Presidents, traveled the world, and ran companies. More importantly, our members are committed to service because of Christ. This past month several members received awards and recognition of their service and gifts to the community. I want to lift up all the individuals we are currently aware of:

Jim & Marilyn Fella  
Howard Higby  
Karen Sue Keith  
Kevin Meyer

If you see these folks be sure to thank them for all their hard work. I'm also aware of plenty of saints in our midst who do so much behind the scenes. I am glad to be part of this community of faith and to borrow the words of St. Paul "grateful of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

With joy,  
Pastor Jennifer

Right: Karen Sue Keith received the POA Outstanding Individual Award for serving on several clubs, including forming the Tellico Nurses Club.



# PASTOR BROWN'S

## bookshelf



### Pastor Brown's Bookshelf

One of my favorite memoirs this year is *Where the Light Fell* by Philip Yancey. If you recognize the name, it's because Yancey is a giant in the Christian publishing world. He's written more than 25 books and sold millions in multiple languages across the globe. In many ways this book reminded me of our own Pastor Bob Puckett. Yancey was raised by a single mom in extremely fundamentalist churches and always sought the grace of God he was denied in those circles. He has been faithful to Christ his whole life and at the same time struggled mightily with his family. His honesty was incredible as he processed what it meant to be raised in the South, post-WWII. Yancey was transparent about the racism that surrounded him and at times he took part in. He is both a powerful voice in Christianity and humble about his own mistakes. His memoir is beautifully written, and I recommend it highly.

One of the most fascinating books I read this year is *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family* by Robert Kolker. It also takes place post WWII but in Colorado. The Galvins have twelve children and six of them are ultimately diagnosed with schizophrenia. Schizophrenia then and now has an incredible amount of stigma surrounding it. Over time, scientists have recognized the disease isn't caused by mothers (debunking Freud) but is some combination of genetics and environment. What made this story so compelling is the vivid portraits of each family member. The story is heartbreakingly brave. My favorite quote is "Our relationships can destroy us, but they can change us, too, and restore us, and without us ever seeing it happen, they define us." This is a good read if you are interested in mental health or memoirs.

On the lighter side, I really enjoyed reading *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. It is set during the great depression in rural Appalachia. Five women become part of Eleanor Roosevelt's traveling library and deliver books by horseback through the hills and hollers of Kentucky. They faced difficult weather, moonshiners, and controversy over traditional gender roles. It's a good tale of female friendship, love, and overcoming hardships. I'd recommend it if you enjoy historical fiction or want to immerse yourself in the culture of Appalachia.

Finally, John-Mark bought me a beautiful book for our anniversary. It's titled *Cut Flower Garden: Grow, Harvest, and Arrange Stunning Seasonal Blooms* by Erin Benzakein with Julie Chai. Erin is a flower farmer in Washington State and this book provides excellent guidance about growing a variety of species of flowers. It also contains instructions to create garlands, stunning centerpieces, and décor for each season. The best part of the book for me are the incredible flower photos taken by Michele M. Waite. The full color pictures are breathtaking and inspiring. This book would make a great gift for gardeners or a gorgeous addition to any coffee table.

Happy Reading,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jennifer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Pastor" and "Jennifer" being the most distinct parts.

Pastor Jennifer



## stephen MINISTRY

**Unlikely Angel**  
**By Jeannine Wolf**

At this time of year there are many Christmas movies. My two favorites are "It's A Wonderful Life" and "Unlikely Angel". One is a classic and the other is not, but both have mainly the same theme-- angels trying to obtain their wings. In "It's A Wonderful Life", George Bailey learns even though he is just an ordinary man, he has had a profound influence on people's lives without knowing it. Similarly, in "Unlikely Angel", Ruby Diamond (Dolly Parton) helps a family in trouble getting over grief of a loved one.

We, too can be "unlikely angels" by giving a smile to a stranger who is having a bad day; calling or sending a card to someone who is grieving or going through a difficult time; or just listening and giving a hug to someone who just needs to get something off their chest. There are many other ways we can show kindness and think of others' needs. So this holiday season, be an "Unlikely Angel", not just today, but every day.

On Thursday, December 16 at 6pm in the Founders Chapel will be the Hope and Remembrance Service. This service is especially for those remembering loved ones who have died and are not with us this Christmas season. Whether it is recent or years ago, they are not here and we miss them. This service offers hope to all. Everyone is encouraged to attend and feel free to bring someone with you who is grieving, like that neighbor down the street.

Your Stephen Ministry Leadership Team is here for you.

Jan Elliott: 865-458-3604 Carolyn Page: 865-414-5559 Jeannine Wolf: 423-748-5152

## Kitchen Ministry

Hi Everyone!

Well, it is almost Thanksgiving and soon Christmas and another year will be upon us. I want to THANK all the volunteers that worked hard at the various events in 2021. You all are a great group!

A BIG THANK YOU also goes out to the volunteers that worked every month at the Spaghetti Dinners.

They were a bit challenging as well as hectic. The Pandemic brought about many changes for everyone and each of you rose up to all the changes as well as the challenges. The November Spaghetti Dinner was the last one for 2021. The next Spaghetti Dinner will be on Thursday, January 20, 2022. WOW 2022! Can't believe how fast the time goes. I am very blessed to have all of you working with me. Again, thank you all for your willingness to help and your dedication to this ministry. I appreciate all of you and am proud to work with you all.

Have a good Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See all of you in January. Take care.

Blessings,

Nadine Mazienis

Your Krazy Kitchen Coordinator



Crafters would like to thank the Church family and staff for their help and support this year. We had a steady stream of people the whole morning. The final updated amount is \$18,884.55 raised at the Fall Craft Sale.

Crafters Board Members

My sister, Judy Narehood, who is on the prayer list, asked me to thank the Community Church for the lovely and meaningful prayer shawl, your thoughts and your prayers. They have been most appreciated.

Jim Barton

Dear Friends of the Community Church,

Thank you very much for the beautiful prayer shawl. I will use it often. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Always, Julia McDivitt

Dear Friend, Alex and I thank you for the lovely and warm prayer shawl. The note you sent is so heart warming.

God bless, Judy & Alex Pabich

Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl and thoughtfulness prayers.

Clara & Roger Sanns

## News from the Mission Team:

At our November meeting, we were blessed with a visit from the director of Young Life East Hills, Lindsay Oaks. Lindsay shared her vision for reaching middle school and high school students in rural East Tennessee with the love and promises of Jesus. Her enthusiasm, commitment, and leadership were impressive and exciting.

These are the weekly programs: Monday nights are Young Life Club for high schoolers. The 3rd and 4th Tuesdays are WyldLife Club for middle schoolers. On Thursday nights Lindsay opens her home for Campaigners, real life conversation over pizza and a Bible.

Young Life recently had a fall weekend retreat at Sharptop Cove in Jasper, Georgia with 400 youth attending (12 were from YL East Hills). It was a weekend that changed lives with fun, relationships, and Jesus as the focus. The Community Church donated \$2,000 this year to support low income youth with the opportunity to attend a summer camp for high school students. As Lindsay put it, "it's the best week of their lives."

After Lindsay's presentation, we voted to give \$1,000 from unallocated 2021 funds to support the middle school program. Lindsay stated this is the best time to reach youth at this critical stage in their lives. She and her team want to love on them, let them feel accepted as they are, and shine Jesus' light into their lives.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janis Solack  
Mission Team Member

### Christmas Post Office

This year we will once again be operating our Christmas Card Mailbox. Beginning on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> the mailbox will be located in the Narthex. Instead of mailing via USPS you can drop your cards to fellow members here at church. We encourage you to donate the funds you would have spent on postage in the donation box. All funds collected this year will go towards our ministry partner Habitat for Humanity. If you have any questions please contact the office.

### Wishing Well Care and Share Ongoing Collections

Cellphones  
Eyeglasses  
Hearing Aids  
Ink Cartridges  
Pill Bottles ORANGE ONLY,  
(clean, with labels removed)



Plastic Caps and Lids  
Postage Stamps- canceled (leave 1/4" edge)  
Pull Tabs  
Toiletry Items (new/any size)  
Complete list available at the church website.

Helping Hands with Hygiene Program through the Family Resource Center for Loudon County Schools. New items include: body wash, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner (or combined), deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, bath scrubbies, skin lotion, hair styling products.

#### Your help is appreciated in the following ways:

- Please put your items in the appropriate basket. They are all labeled. There are 2 larger plastic bins in the open bin of the Wishing Well. The one on the courtyard side is for medicine bottles. The one on the sanctuary side is for caps and lids.
- Please only donate the items that are requested.

\*There are some 3x5 cards in a stand on the top of the Wishing Well that list all of the collections on one side and the specifics for the cap and lid collection on the other side. Feel free to take one home with you as a reminder of what is acceptable.

\*Medicine bottles: Only the orange colored bottles with lids on them are being collected.

- If you bring your items to church in a bag, please sort the items and place them in the appropriate basket.
- Please only donate the items that are requested. **NOTE: We no longer collect the Boxtops for Education or Campbell's labels/proofs.**
- For those people who pick up the donated items for one of the agencies, please try to clear out the basket(s) on a regular basis. If you are unable to do so, please ask someone to do it in your place.

The Wishing Well Care and Share Collection Area is located under the grand staircase.



**Drop all new or handmade caps, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks off at the Wishing Well.**



### Medical Closet Ministry

Our short term loan of medical equipment is located in the Burke office building and available to sign out. Walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs and several other medical items are available. Please call or email the church office at 865-458-1516 or mail@tellicochurch.org to make arrangements for pick up or drop off of medical equipment.

### Church Calendar

You can see an up to date calendar at our church website:

[tellicochurch.com/events](http://tellicochurch.com/events)

### Finance News

It's great to be back together again and using all our facilities to their full capacities. With the expanded use of the Christian Life Center for things such as Adult Sunday School and Bible Classes as well as the robust Fine Arts Program there is a need for replacing some of the items in the CLC. The first of these items will be a set of 80 new folding chairs. This will keep everyone safe and comfortable. Next year the carpeting in the lower level of the CLC will be replaced. As always your trustee team will be shopping and negotiating for the best deal.

### Finance Facts

**Year-to-Date as of October 31, 2021**

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$1,513,598	\$1,480,197
Expenses	\$1,453,852	\$1,537,078
(incl. mortgage principal)		
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 59,746	(\$ 56,881)
MORTGAGE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
Year-to-Date	\$ 174,286	\$ 86,684
Mortgage Balance	\$2,557,705	

### 2021 Council Voting Members



Shauna Oden  
Council Chair



Don Lucas  
Treasurer &  
Finance Team  
Leader



Ann Smith  
Worship &  
Music Team  
Leader



Lynne  
MacConnell  
Congregational  
Care Team  
Leader



Bonnie  
Ingraham  
Council  
Vice Chair



David Brunson  
Corp. Secretary  
& Trustee  
Team Leader



Madeline  
Greer  
Discipleship  
& Nurture  
Team Leader



Chuck Martin  
Mission  
Team Leader

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## WAYS TO GIVE

**MAIL**

SEND YOUR GIFT TO:  
130 CHOTA CENTER  
LOUDON, TN 37774

**DROP OFF**

BRING YOUR GIFT TO THE  
CHURCH OFFICE  
MON - THURS 9-4

**SUNDAYS**

PLACE YOUR GIFT IN  
AN OFFERING PLATE

**ONLINE**

GIVE ONLINE AT:  
[TELLOCOCHURCH.COM/GIVE](http://TELLOCOCHURCH.COM/GIVE)

### Memorial Gifts Remembering...

**Heather Boyes**

Diane & Nick Azelborn

**Carol Francis**

Jim & Jan Elliott

**Jack & Diane Hensley**

Marci Hensley

**Ted Lethen**

Jim & Jan Elliott

**Avis Oliver**

Martha Wilkerson

**Paul Thornton**

Bill & Peggy Crowder

**Betty & Tom van Aken**

Susan van Aken

# More About Our Church

## General Information

**Worship Services** at 9:00 & 10:30. Child care is provided for the 10:30 service. **The 10:30 worship service is streaming live every Sunday!** Visit our website to watch Sunday's service live. This allows you to worship with us no matter where you are!

**Want to Explore Membership?** Please call the church office for details if you are interested. You may inquire about membership and other spiritual matters.

**Televised services** are available on YouTube. Find the link at [www.tellicochurch.com](http://www.tellicochurch.com).

**Find us on Facebook:** [facebook.com/tellicochurch](https://facebook.com/tellicochurch)

**Pastoral Care:** Please contact the church office for you pastoral care needs.

## Staff

**Senior Pastor** Steve Prevatte  
**Pastor of Connections** Devin Phillips  
**Pastor of Worship and Music** John Orr  
**Associate Pastor** Jennifer Brown  
**Pastoral Resident** Shawn Klein  
**Pastor Emeritus** Rev. Martin C. Singley, III  
**Office Manager** Pat Onderkirk  
**Director of Media Ministries** Mark Powell  
**Financial Assistant** Cathy Bradley  
**Receptionist/Secretary** Candy Smith  
**Facilities Manager** Jeff McDaniel  
**Kitchen Coordinator** Nadine Mazienis  
**Child Care** Cynthia McMahan, Brittany Thompson



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**Facebook** – [facebook.com/tellicochurch](https://facebook.com/tellicochurch)

**Phone** – 865.458.1516

**Church Office is open Monday-Thursday, 9-4 and Friday, 9-noon.**

Stay up to date,  
LIKE us on Facebook: [facebook.com/tellicochurch](https://facebook.com/tellicochurch)  
Need Prayer? Go to [tellicochurch.com/prayer](http://tellicochurch.com/prayer)  
Give online at [tellicochurch.com/give](http://tellicochurch.com/give)

## Spiritual Support

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

*Every Monday at 7 p.m., lower CLC  
Women every Friday at 11:30 a.m.,  
lower CLC*

### **Al-Anon**

*United Methodist Church—Loudon  
Every Tuesday at 7 p.m.*

### **Caregiver's Support Group**

*(Includes Alzheimer's Support Group)  
2nd & 4th Tuesday of month at 1 p.m.,  
Fellowship Hall  
Lynne MacConnell*

### **Grief Support Group**

*Bob Kryter or Marce Strickland*

### **Guy to Guy**

*Chuck Hitch*

### **Hospitalization Support**

*Call the church office*

### **MS Support Group**

*3rd Tuesday of month at 11 a.m.,  
lower CLC  
Patricia Garrett*

### **Parkinson's Support Group**

*1st Thursday of month at 1 p.m.,  
lower CLC  
Marian Smith*

### **Pastoral Counseling**

*Pastor Steve Prevatte*

### **Prayer Chain**

*Jan Elliott*

### **Prayer Shawls—Knitters & Crocheters**

*2nd Monday of month at 11:00,  
Conference Room  
Jan Martin*

### **Stephen Ministry**

*Jan Elliott  
Carolyn Page  
Jeannine Wolf*

**For more information please  
contact the church office at  
865-458-1516.**

### **Please help us stay current!**

If you have changed your address, phone number, or email address and have not yet notified the church office, we request that you do so. Thank You!

**Bus transportation** is available for the 10:30 service from anywhere in the village. If you wish to ride the bus, please call the church office by Thursday of the week you wish to use the transportation.

