December Programs

Today: Volunteer Talent Show
Sharing their gifts with us this morning are:
Janice and Cheryl (sisters): piano duet
Katie: artwork and quilts
Regina: paintings
Sylvia and Susan: singing

Next week: Karaoke!

In two weeks: A Christmas Party!
See and hear the story of Christmas. Enjoy the wonderful Suzuran Ringers as they share the festive bells of Christmas with us. Eat special holiday treats.

You are invited!
You and your family are invited to join us for a Friendship International Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 18, here in Fellowship Hall of Immanuel Baptist Church. Put the date on your calendar now. We will have more information in the newsletter next week.

Card for Carol Sue
Carol Sue Ray underwent surgery on Tuesday to repair multiple fractures of her foot and ankle, sustained in a recent fall. Her complete recovery will take several months, although we expect her back at Friendship well before that. Please pray for her and sign the card on the registration table.

Happy News!
On November 27 at 7:48 a.m., Yuko Kinoshita gave birth to a baby boy, Harumichi Roland Kinoshita.

Christmas gift suggestions:
To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.”
— Oren Arnold

Celebrate Christmas this Saturday!
Would you like to experience a small town celebration of Christmas? You and your family are welcome to come to Wilmore, KY, this Saturday, December 5, to join in the celebration of an Old-Fashioned Musical Christmas. There will be a craft fair and holiday market, a concert and a ballet. There will be music and light refreshments at the local businesses and the Grand Finale—not to be missed—will feature a band and an All-Town Choir with everyone singing along. The Grand Finale will be at the Wilmore United Methodist Church at 8:00 p.m. Other activities (including the Homemade Christmas Craft Fair with our own Kiyoko Miyakawa’s origami) will take place earlier in the day. You can get all the details at this website:

Directory Delayed
We apologize for the premature announcement two weeks ago of our new 2015-16 Friendship International Directory with photos. As soon as Carol Sue can get back to her computer, it will be published, probably within another week or two. If we have your e-mail address, an electronic copy will be e-mailed to you, along with the password to the online edition. If you ordered a print copy (black and white), it will be available for $3 on a Thursday here soon!

The Word of the Week:
GENTLENESS

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, GENTLENESS, self-control. —Galatians 5:22-23a
Things for you and your family to do this month

**Southern Lights: Spectacular Sights on Holiday Nights** at the Kentucky Horse Park. The unique horse scenes help make Southern Lights one of the most distinctive lights festivals anywhere. With tens of thousands of shimmering lights, it's Kentucky's largest lights festival. Through December 23, you can park and check out the indoor exhibits and entertainment. Youngsters can pet reindeer and other creatures in the petting zoo and talk to Santa in the park's International Museum of the Horse, where animated figures and a model railway exhibit enhance the regular equine-related exhibits. You can also shop for handmade arts and crafts, or just enjoy cookies and hot chocolate while you listen to local choirs and other entertainers.

Open nightly from 5:30 to 10 p.m. November 20 through December 31. Admission is $15 per car ($25 on Fridays and Saturdays). The indoor attractions are closed December 24-31, but the drive-through portion remains open every night through the 31st. (859) 255-5727.

**Holiday Express.** Climb aboard the Bluegrass Scenic Railway's Santa Claus Special for a scenic holiday train excursion past holiday scenes, elves and Bluegrass countryside. The 45-minute excursions leave from Woodford County Park on December 12-13 and 19-20. Departure time is 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, with an added 11 a.m. excursion on December 19. Tickets range from $12 to $19.

On December 12 at 8:00 p.m., hear The Lexington Chamber Chorale with The Lexington Philharmonic and guest soloists sing excerpts from Handel's Messiah in the stunning setting of The Cathedral of Christ the King on Colony Boulevard. Call (859) 233-4226 for tickets and reservations.

**Winter Blast Sing-Along.** Head downtown to the atrium of The Square (corner of Main St. and Broadway) on December 13. The UK Opera Theatre will breathe new life into many Christmas standards at their annual Holiday Celebration of Song at 5 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. Here's your chance to sing along with with award-winning vocalists. Free. (859) 257-9331.

**Holiday Ballet.** See the Bluegrass Youth Ballet's one act version of "The Nutcracker" at the UK Singletary Center for the Arts on December 18 at 7:00 p.m. and December 19 at 3:00 p.m. For information call (859) 257-4929. Kentucky Ballet Theatre's Nutcracker will be performed at Lexington's lovingly restored Opera House on December 12 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm, and December 13, 19 and 20 at 2:00 p.m. Sugar Plum Teas will follow the Saturday matinee performances.