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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 13: 6:00pm Church Council Meeting
in the Fellowship Hall. Please attend!



**Blessings and prayers for a happy a
healthy new year!**



2022



**From the congregation to the Pastor, thank
you for the beautiful Christmas ornaments!**

"A Caring Community of Faith"

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



¹² Then they returned to their country by another road, since God had warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod.

This scripture speaks of the wise men. After they visited the Christ child they had to go back to their home. But they decided they needed to go back another way. The new year is here. It's time for us to go back through the calendar. We're going back through the seasons. We're going back through the same routines we have repeated so many times before. Upon us now is the New Year's season. This is when we make promises to our self. Some call them resolutions, and some swear they will never make a New Year's resolution. But yet still, most of us make promises to ourselves of new behavior.

The one new behavior I always ask you to consider, read your Bible daily this year. And most of the time, there are a lot of you that will agree. You will get a reading plan, hopefully you'll use the one I have

given you. And you will agree to read scripture every day. Somewhere around the second week of January, you start missing days. And you try to make up the missed days. By February, if you make it that long, you are behind and this simple task has become an unbearable load. I hope you will go back to this habit. But perhaps it's time you go back a different way.

What if we heeded the lesson of the mana? Manna was a gift from God to make bread. It came every day. You couldn't eat yesterday's manna today because it would spoil. Today's manna was good for today only. And Jesus reminded us that we "shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." What if you go back to reading your Bible every day, but you go back in this new different way.

Recognize that when you're reading scripture, you are spending time with God hearing what he wants to tell you today. If you miss it, that's your loss. But keep going forward tomorrow, don't go back and try to pick up yesterday's leftovers. Don't try to read ahead and get tomorrow's stockpiled in the cupboard. Just enjoy the sweet precious time with God as you read his word today.

But won't we miss a lot of scripture that way? Yes. But not nearly as much as we will miss by trying to burden ourselves with a task we've proven we're not mature enough for yet and thus quit a month in to it. Scripture reading is not a task to complete. It is not a chore to mark off your list. It is a gift from God. For 2022 let's recognize this gift and partake of it as a sweet precious present of God's presence.

Let's Celebrate!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2022

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

8 Gretchen Collins

10 Frank Montgomery

13 Lindsey Loftis

20 Charlene Cox

22 Bill Draper

24 Peg Russell

FEBRUARY

1 Benton Quarles

3 Rose Tuck

6 Howard Khouri

7 Suzanne Stafford

8 Kerry Mitchell

14 Maria Rakaska

17 Kenny Randolph

28 Will Babb

ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

26 John & Rosemary Henry

Send a card to those who cannot be with us, birthdays,
anniversaries, thinking of you cards!



MEMORIALS

Pat J. Forkum

Operating Fund

Women's Yoga Class

George "Kelly" and Brenda Heinrich

**Praying that all the sorrows of
losing loved ones in 2021, bring
us sweet memories and
happiness in 2022!**

As 2021 is coming to an end, everyone is getting very excited to enter into the new year. 2022 will be the year where everyone can start afresh. For the past two years, people have taken to their homes to abide by the social distancing rule due to the coronavirus pandemic. We have now been considering celebrating this occasion within the comfort of their homes. The new year marks the beginning of new promises, resolutions and life decisions. It is this time of the year when we all can let go of old disputes and fights, and focus on mending everything for the new year to come.

On this lovely occasion, here are some new year wishes you can share with your loved ones;

**May the New Year 2022 bring you more happiness, success, love and blessings!*

**Praying that you have a truly remarkable and blissful year ahead! Happy new year to you and your family!*

**I'm blessed to know that I have friends like you in my life this New Year. Here's to many years to come!*