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Message from Pastor

A Paraphrase of Ephesians 2:22 In Christ Jesus you are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit... This is a great goal for Faith UMC in 2022. Can we build one another Up? Yes! Yes! Yes! But how? A. By being present in each other's lives. B. By mourning together C. By...



From the Lay
Leader
Susan Trantham

"Our Purpose in Life"

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:11-13

These are wonderful verses to help us remember our purpose in life. As we enter into the new year, let's remember God has good plans for our lives. He wants to give us a hope and a future. We also have the promise of finding God when we seek Him with all our hearts. Why not make that your goal and desire in the new year? Commit personally and as a family to seeking the Lord and His will each day. I recently ran across the following note tucked away in the Bible my grandmother purchased while on her trip to the Holy Land about 50 years ago. It said –

SO LITTLE TIME FOR GOD

If one lives to be 70 years of age and is the average person, he spends

23 years sleeping

19 years working

9 years playing

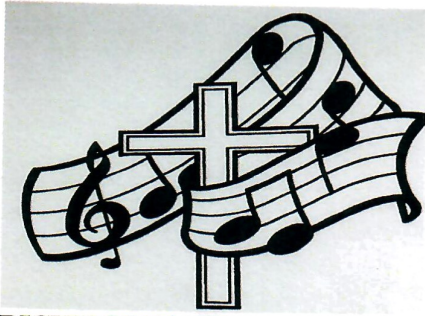
6 years eating

4 years sick

2 years dressing himself

And only 1 year in the house of the Lord!

How will we spend 2022?



RICK'S REFRAIN

Rick will have a message in February.

Please keep Rick and Kay in your prayers as they are dealing with health concerns.



BETH'S MISSION MESSAGE

As we begin a new calendar year, we must continue to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. We will continue to gather non-perishable foods on first Sunday of the month for those in Haywood County that seek help from Haywood Christian Ministry. When possible, we will contribute to UMCOR as they serve those affected by disasters (more and more often). Please keep eyes and ears open for other opportunities to be hands and feet of Christ. Let me know what you would like to include on our Missions program. And of course, we will always pray for each other and our concerns.



December 25, 2021

“I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with my Prayers, my Presence, my Gifts, my Service, and my Witness.”

2021 Budget \$49,171.00

Needed through 12/25/21 for budget

\$49,171.00

Received to date for budget

\$50,860.00

Ahead of budget

\$ 1,689.00

Paid out to date for budget

\$46,898.77

We thank you for your faithfulness!



PPRC CHAIR BETH

I am currently exploring this position I have accepted. If you have concerns within my responsibilities as PPRC leader, please let me know and I will look into resolving them.

JANUARY 2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM**

January 1 – New Year’s Day Solemnity of Mary

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus Christ.

January 2 – St. Basil’s Day

Basil of Caesarea, also called Saint Basil the Great was a Byzantine bishop of Caesarea Mazaca in Cappadocia, Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey).

In addition to his work as a theologian, Basil was known for his care of the poor and underprivileged, Basil established guidelines for frugal life which focus on community life, liturgical prayer, and manual labor.

January 3 – Humiliation Day

Unlike its literal meaning, it is not a day to humiliate one another or spread hatred, but to relinquish our pride and become humble before a higher power or other people.

January 6 – Epiphany

Epiphany is celebrated on January 6, marking the end of the Christmas season. Other names for Epiphany Day are Three Kings Day, Twelfth Day, Theophany, and Little Christmas. Epiphany commemorates the manifestation of God to the world through Jesus Christ.

Epiphany was introduced into Western Christianity in the 4th century. The term *epiphany* comes from a Greek word meaning "appearance," "manifestation," or in Western churches with the visit of the wise men (Magi) to the Christ child (Matthew 2:1-12).

January 9 – The Baptism of the Lord

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, or **Theophany**, is the feast day commemorating

the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana, which is the first miracle attributed to Jesus in the Gospel of John.

January 14 – Feast Day for the Humble Donkey

The feast is celebrated on Jan. 14, the traditional feast of the Flight into Egypt. It honored the donkey that carried Mary from Egypt, as well as the donkey — probably the same animal — that bore her to Bethlehem.

January 17 - Martin Luther King Day of Service

Day of Service helps to raise awareness, mobilize volunteers, and provide individuals with an opportunity to engage and build new connections, and help nonprofits find support for their programs. MLK Day of Service is intended to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, create solutions to social problems, and move us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."



January Birthdays

- 11 Walter Lee
- 14 Bobby Allen
- 19 Doug Rogers
- 20 Carolyn Taylor
- 23 Janie Benson
- 27 Chris Johnson

January Anniversary



- 25 Rev. Terry & Vickie Rowland