

THE BROADCASTER

December 21, 2022

Pastor's Piece

The year 2022 is coming to an end. What are the things in your life that you need to send off for the year 2022 so that if you begin the New Year 2023, you would have a clean plate, a clean page to a brand new life? This is what I do toward the end of December, forgetting what lies behind in which many things have happened in the year 2022 and pressing on toward what's ahead for the year 2023.

So, what should we send off together with the year 2022? I would like to suggest three things. First, we need to send off forgiveness with year 2022. Maybe for some of us forgiveness would be no big deal because you are a naturally nice person and you don't hold anything against anybody. If it's you, God bless you and I envy you. But for many of us we often find ourselves stop talking to each other and stop looking at each other after a fight, after an argument. We are just angry.

We have about ten days until the year 2022 is over. How about we let go of the past and press on toward building a wonderful relationship with our spouse, our children, and with our friends? Is there anyone whom you need to forgive? Is it a church person, or Pastor Ji maybe, or your mom, or your dad, or children, your friend, or your neighbor? Whatever it may be the scripture teaches as the year goes by, send it off, forgive them, forget what happened and let God take hold of it.

Second thing that we need to send off along with the year 2022 is sending off the year with thanksgiving. I don't know if you'd thought in that manner but I want to send off the year 2022 as I give thanks unto God. Is it because everything went so well, we were highly successful, everything was just fine? No that wasn't the case. There were many things that we hoped for that didn't get accomplished. There were many things we had planned that just didn't work. However, when I was thinking about God, I want to give Him thanks, I want to give Him an attitude of thanksgiving instead of an attitude of bitterness, anger, and remorse. I want to look at it from the positive side and see what I could thank you for. So as the year passes by have a heart of thanksgiving.

Lastly, as we send off the year 2022, we need to send off this year with prayer. Prayer is just a vital part of our lives. Whether you're taking a new project or a new venture, whether you're starting a new relationship, or a new business, or a new school, or a new house, whatever it may be have some time with God in praying and ask him to be involved. As the year 2022 passes by we've got to engage ourselves in praying.

Dear friends with our faith in Jesus let us forget what lies behind and press on for the goal and purpose that God has established in our life. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

Virginia Jost, Olivia Wilbur, those who are having a Blue Christmas

Our Leaders

Law Enforcement Officers in our community and in the nation, the persecuted Christians around the world.
God's Guidance and Strength for President Biden, Our Troops and their Families

Our Military

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| † Michael Barbett – Darryl & Val Wall's son-in-law | † CPL Jay McDoniel |
| † CPL Cody Blair – Judy Lann's grandson | † Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law |
| † Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier's son | † MSGT Leah Oakleaf – Walt & Janet Southards' granddaughter |
| † Lt. Col. Adam Coffman – Gladys Coffman's grandson | † SGT Steven Pearce – Walt & Janet Southards' nephew |
| † Kristopher Dewitt – Mary Stout's grandson | † Erik Ralsten |
| † Chance Greenhoff – Army | † CPL Bethany Reeves McDoniel |
| † James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page's grandson | † AIC Bradley Southards – Walt & Janet Southards' grandson |
| † Austin Kroeger | |

Thank You...

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all of the cards, calls, texts, meals and prayers during my back surgery and recovery. It's so nice to know that I was being thought about and prayed for!

Stacy Barbour

Thank you for the support, cards, and sentiments shared with us from our warm and caring church family. We appreciate this congregation and are thankful to be a part of this church.

Sincerely,

Roseann and Madeline Cade

A big thank you to everyone in our church family who has been so kind and special to me the past year. I truly appreciate the cards, phone calls, home visits, smiles and help at church on Sundays. It is appreciated. Have a Merry Christmas.

Verna Carter



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| 2 Evan Reffner | 3 Jim Waller | 3 Kyla Burdick |
| 4 Pat Stone | 4 Pruitt Hubenett | 5 Bev Winter |
| 6 Shirley Bauguess | 6 Caleb Newfer | 8 Sue Livengood |
| 8 Collin Sears | 9 Emily Stone Reamey | 9 Matt Stamm |
| 9 Margaret Williams | 9 Camden Tormey | 10 Brian Botts |
| 10 Brock Scriven | 11 Mary Jane Stauffer | 11 Jeanette Stanley |
| 11 Savannah Koch | 12 Samantha Anderson | 13 Janet Southards |
| 14 Marilyn Grandfield | 14 Kaden Lampe | 18 LeAnn Fluker Barnes |
| 18 Stacy Barbour | 18 Abby Anderson | 20 Olivia Dunn |
| 21 Ron Stanley | 21 Lavona Hobson | 23 Jesse Ingle |
| 23 Jacob Ditty | 23 Riley Ditty | 24 Jack Wilson |
| 24 Jack Lampe | 25 Val Wall | 25 Jacque Dundas |
| 26 Jill Seidl | 27 Jerri Hoffine | 27 Adam Ingle |
| 28 Dennis Newfer | 29 Jodi Kirkland | 29 Deborah Phelps |
| 31 Greg Jaquis | | |



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| 20 Ed & Linda McCormick | 21 Noble & Marsha Callaway |
| 22 David & Sharon Weishaar | 27 Rick & Christy Southards |



Leadership Orientation

Saturday, January 21, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Ji and leaders of FUMCVC will be discussing the Future of the United Methodist Church. Come join us!



WEEKLY:

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Traditional Worship 9:00a	Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC
Sunday School 10:00a	Progressive Class 7:00p FS		JOY Group 9:30a FS		
Contemporary Worship 11:00a			Chancel Choir 5:00p SAN		
UMYF MS & HS 5:00p WCC			WOW ZONE! 6:00p		

SPECIAL:

One Worship Service Sunday, January 1 10:00 a.m.	NO UMYF Sunday, January 1	Church Office Closed Monday, January 2
Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever Friday, January 13 11:00 a.m. WCC	Lunch & Learn Thursday, January 19	Leadership Orientation Saturday, January 21 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. WCC
Book Club Wednesday, January 25 6:00 p.m. FS		Fifth Sunday Brunch Sunday, January 29 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. WCC

SCOUTING GROUPS:

Adventure Crew First Mondays 6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40021 First & Third Mondays 6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40316 First & Third Mondays 6:00 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 494 Mondays 7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40870 Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack 494 Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.
	Girl Scout Troop 40037 First & Third Thursdays 7:15 p.m.	

fumcvc's GOINGS ON...

Insight Sunday school class is offering a new series beginning **Sunday, January 8, 2023**. We meet in the conference room at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. Please feel welcome to come in and join our group. Join Andy Stanley for *Twisting the Truth*, a six-session small group Bible study developed to help you and your group understand how truth can get twisted and distorted, and how that impacts your life. Throughout the study Stanley exposes four destructive and all-too-prevalent lies about authority, pain, sex, and sin. They're deceptions powerful enough to ruin our relationships, our lives, even our eternities—but only if we let them. With his gift for straight, to-the-heart communication, Andy Stanley helps us exchange falsehoods for truths that can turn our lives completely around. Andy Stanley exposes some common ways God's truth gets twisted. Each one has a potential to destroy your relationships, cloud your decisions, and distort your perception of him. This study helps us discover the ways the truth gets twisted in our lives and culture And, more importantly, how are we can recognize and overcome them. Grab a donut and join us!

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever will meet **Friday, January 13** at 11:00a in the WCC. Please bring a craft to work on and a salad to share.

The Progressive Class will begin a new study, *The Difficult Words of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine on **Monday, January 16**. The Progressive Class meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Cost of the book is \$15.00.

Our January Lunch and Learn will be **Thursday, January 19** from 8:30 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m. We're not quite sure where we're going yet, but we always have a good time! Contact the office to get your name on the list.

January's Book Choice is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. We will meet **Wednesday, January 25** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

2 Ways to Give

January's giving for Open Door and the Valley Center Food Pantry is canned pasta. **Donations can be brought to the main foyer and put in the storage cabinet on the south wall.**

A Blue Christmas Poem

by John Stuart

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God. Psalm 42:5-6a (NIV)

Christmas can be a painful and lonely time for some people. At our candlelight service, we light a Blue Christmas candle for those who are grieving, hurting, or ill during the festive season. This poem is recited as the blue candle is lit. It's a very meaningful and emotional time for some members in our congregation.

A Blue Christmas Poem

There's no room at Christmas for sadness,
There's no place for hearts that are blue.
All the world wants to hear
Is a word full of cheer,
Not a sigh, not a tear, not from you.

There's no room at Christmas for loneliness,
There's no place for your emptiness and grief.
All the world wants is peace,
Mistletoe and Christmas trees,
Not a heartache that mars its beliefs.

There's no room at Christmas for sickness,
There's no place or time to be ill.
All the world wants is health,
Prosperity and wealth,
Not a pain that can spoil its goodwill.

There's no room at Christmas for Jesus,
There's no place for His family, too,
All the world would not share,
No one seems to really care,
A stable will just have to do.

Yes, there's room at Christmas for sadness,
There's a place in God's heart for you.
For He knows pain and loss,
Which He felt on the cross,
So this candle is lit here for you...
For Christ knows what it's like to be blue.

<https://presbycan.ca/2008-12-05/christmas>





FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29
10:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.

WCC

FREE WILL OFFERING

All proceeds benefit High School
Summer 2023 Mission Trip

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT AND HOLY COMMUNION
WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP at 4:30 P.M.
& TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 7:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP
WILL BE ONLINE ONLY at 10:00 A.M.



New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1, 2023



One Combined Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School

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