



Bethany

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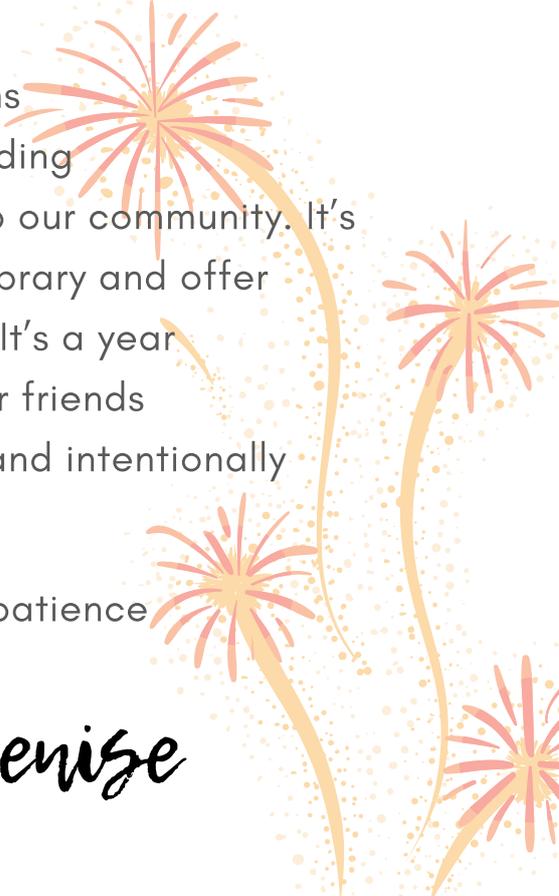
2022! I read a meme on Facebook that said we need to sneak into 2022 and not let it know we are coming and maybe we can keep things quieter than the last two years. I kind of like that idea. So, here we go, gently, into a new year.

We learned a lot in 2021 about contractors and gas lines and water lines and furnaces, and how to stay safe in our building. We are not sure what the New Year holds, but we do know we are so capable of being church in spite of challenges - and my wish for us for 2022 is to be better known in the Barnum neighborhood and in our Conference.

This year will be an opportunity to put all of our plans into place for our church. Plans like utilizing the building for classes or mission trips or activities that can help our community. It's time to reconnect with the Barnum school and the library and offer our help as volunteers, and the Community Ministry. It's a year to think about being good stewards of our earth, our friends and families, and our church. It is a year for action and intentionally spreading the gospel through those actions.

My prayer for each of you is health and wholeness, patience and peace, love and joy.

Love, Pastor Denise



January 2022

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 11AM Worship Jesse Holdren BIRTHDAY Janet Shaw BIRTHDAY Eva Staley BIRTHDAY

9 10 11 12 13 14 15
 11AM Worship

16 17 18 19 20 21 22
 11AM Worship Diana and Richard Smith ANNIVERSARY

23 24 25 26 27 28 29
 11AM Worship

30 31
 11AM Worship

Lectionary Readings (Liturgists)

January 2, 2022 (Lataine and Gwen)

Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Psalm 147:12-20
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 John 1:(1-9), 10-18

January 9, 2022 (Eva)

Isaiah 43:1-7
 Psalm 29
 Acts 8:14-17
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16, 2022 (Mary)

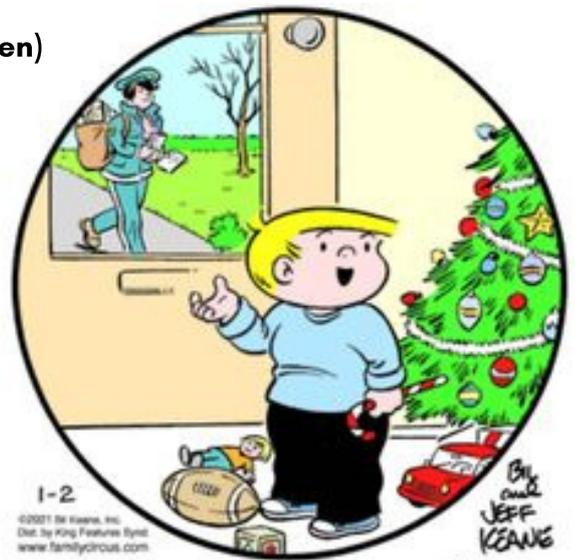
Isaiah 62:1-5
 Psalm 36:5-10
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 John 2:1-11

January 23, 2022 (Lataine and Gwen)

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
 Psalm 19
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
 Luke 4:14-21

January 30, 2022 (Eva)

Jeremiah 1:4-10
 Psalm 71:1-6
 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
 Luke 4:21-30



"Here comes some mail from a year ago!"

I Resolve...

Need help with those New Year's Resolutions?

Here are a few suggestions:

- Help at least one person this week
- Pray for a stranger you've seen lately
- Start a prayer and/or gratitude journal
- Memorize scripture
- Volunteer, either at church or in the community
- Share one inspiring story on social media or face-to-face

"Christ Has No Body"

Teresa of Avila

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

*Born in Spain, Teresa of Avila (151-1582) entered a Carmelite convent when she was eighteen, and later earned a reputation as a mystic, reformer, and writer who experienced divine visions. She founded a convent, and wrote the book *The Way of Perfection* for her nuns. Other important books by her include her *Autobiography* and *The Interior Castle*.*



Enjoy a Smile...

A Sunday school teacher was asking her students some questions after a series of lessons on God's omnipotence. She asked, "Is there anything God can't do?" All was silent. Finally, one boy held up his hand.

The teacher, on seeing this, was disappointed that they had missed the point of the lesson. She sighed and asked, "Well, what is it you think God can't do?"

The boy replied, "He can't please everybody."

Author Unknown

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is still hard at work with the recovery efforts for the Kentucky tornados in December 2021.

I am sure they will be helping folks out in Superior and Louisville as soon as they can.

GIVE
LOVE JOY HOPE PEACE

Remember 100% of donations goes to those in need.

Wesley Covenant Prayer

"I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."