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PASTOR'S CORNER

Saying Goodbye to 2021 and Hello to 2022: With all the news of the past year buzzing in our ears it's difficult to turn off the noise. We began 2021 with Covid numbers soaring, people struggling to get appointments for the Covid vaccines, businesses and schools challenged to open and operate, and many churches worshipping by video. We have faced these many challenges together and with God's help will close 2021 on a positive note.

Grace Church resumed in person worship the first Sunday in February and have been able to meet faithfully all year. The Grace Church United Methodist Women are up and running under a new president Ramona Keeton. Our NA (Narcotics Anonymous) group continues to meet on Sunday evenings at 7:00 P.M. and two additional groups meet on Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:00 noon.

In August we had a church garage sale to move out things that we did not need from the upstairs of Grace Church. These things came here with the St. Mark Grace Church merger. One very positive outcome of our garage sale was becoming acquainted with people who have immigrated from Haiti and settled in our neighborhood. All our new brothers and sisters from Haiti speak French as a first language. Kim Stehle has taken a leadership role in our outreach to them. Pattie Mumma has been doing English and French bulletins so they can better follow the service. We hope to use the Google translate App on our computer and TV Monitors to put both English and French on the screens. There are two 82-inch TV monitors installed in the sanctuary and hopefully will be up and running in January.

Another positive result of our merger is the Harts, Gene and Pat, who came to us through the merger and have found leadership roles here. Pat has taken the leadership as Altar Guild Chair and is sharing her gifts of decorating the sanctuary and church. Grace Church has never looked better. Gene will start work officially on Trustees in January, but he has already been working with Pat on projects such as sanctuary Christmas decorating and hanging the liturgical banners.

The Youth Room flat roof was completely rebuilt and reroofed, which is a tremendous relief because it was in bad shape. The Grace Church parsonage has a new furnace and air conditioner which was long overdue. I share all this to say, although challenges have abounded during 2021 Grace Church has faithfully functioned as the church, reaching out through our Emergency Fund to people in crisis, making 100 Christmas gift boxes for Eagle and Dove kids, and resuming our Laundry Soap production ministry. God has guided us, inspired us, strengthened us, and is going to carry us into 2022 with courage, excitement, and determination to build God's Kingdom for his glory alone.

Thank you each one for your part in making us the best little church we can be. May God bless us everyone as we enter 2022 together.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Pastor Vicki Downing



Scripture Readings for January 2022

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
Jan. 1	James 1:17
Jan. 2	Romans 12:6
Jan. 3	1 Timothy 4:14-15
Jan. 4	Joel 2:23
Jan. 5	1 Peter 1:2
Jan. 6	Ephesians 1:4-6
Jan. 7	Romans 15:7
Jan. 8	Proverbs 16:3
Jan. 9	1 Corinthians 15:58
Jan. 10	Philippians 2:3
Jan. 11	1 Peter 3:3-4
Jan. 12	1 Samuel 16:7
Jan. 13	Ephesians 6:11
Jan. 14	Ephesians 6:12
Jan. 15	2 Corinthians 1:21-22
Jan. 16	Ephesians 4:23
Jan. 17	Hebrews 11:6
Jan. 18	John 7:37-38
Jan. 19	Hebrews 4:12
Jan. 20	Matthew 11:28
Jan. 21	Galatians 6:2
Jan. 22	Isaiah 50:7
Jan. 23	Hebrews 12:1-2
Jan. 24	Hebrews 13:8
Jan. 25	2 Corinthians 5:17
Jan. 26	Psalms 25:9
Jan. 27	2 Corinthians 6:6
Jan. 28	Matthew 25:40
Jan. 29	James 1:5
Jan. 30	Joshua 24:15
Jan. 31	Romans 15:4

PRAYERS NEEDED

JOHN AHLBORN

LARRY GARBER

LOIS GRAM

LOIS STROBLE

KAREN SPEAS



SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS FOR JANUARY

JUANITA JEURGENS

627 BASSWOOD DR

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Word was received of the passing
Of Clara Brown. She was a charter member
Of St. Mark and the oldest living member.
Clara was active in the United Methodist
Women and was also the church organist.
She could always be seen greeting everyone at
the door.

There was no service for Clara.
She was a good and faithful servant and loved
Her Lord!

NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY. IT WILL BEGIN ON

JANUARY 20 AT 10:00 AM.

THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE HALL NEAR OFFICE. WE WANT TO ASSURE THAT EVERYONE HAS A BOOK, SO PLEASE SIGN IF YOU WANT TO ENJOY THIS FELLOWSHIP, AND STUDY....

“JAMES....MERCY TRIUMPHS”



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

THIS GROUP HAS HAD AN EVENTFUL YEAR IN 2021. New events are planned for 2022, so please come and join in this great group and fellowship.

Next meeting is January 18 @ 12:00 PM in the Wesley Room.

See Ramona Keeton if any questions. (937-324-3424)



GRACE CHRISTMAS ELVES

A great big “THANK YOU” to everyone that either contributed items or donated money for the Eagle & Dove Christmas boxes. Also, thank you to all those who helped wrap the boxes.

I’m sure they were a blessing to all the students!

Your “Elf In Charge”, Becky Frantz



JANUARY 2022 WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

9:30 am SERVICE

POSITION	DATES	NAME	
ACROLYTE	JAN 2, 9, 16	LARRY CAMPBELL	
	JAN 23 & 30	LARRY CAMPBELL	

COMMUNION SET UP	JAN 2	BETTY PROSSER	

COMMUNION SERVERS	JAN 2	BRUCE ECKLER	
		GAIL ECKLER	

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP	JAN 2	BETTY PROSSER	

GREETER (FRONT DOOR)	JAN 2, 9, 16	DONNA LAYNE	
	JAN 23 & 30	BOB KEETON	

GREETER (SANCTUARY DOOR)	JAN 2,9,16	MIKE AMOS & KIM STEHLE	
	JAN 23, 30	DONNA MYERS	

LITURGIST	JAN 2, 9, 16	BARB MCCOY	
	JAN 23 & 30	MARILYN MARTIN	

USHERS	JAN 2, 9, 16	LARRY CAMPBELL & BILL PINKERTON	
	JAN 23, 30	LARRY CAMPBELL & GREG HOSIER	

<u>COUNTERS</u>		<u>SPECIAL MUSIC</u>	
JAN 3	KIM STEHLE & BECKY YOUNG	JAN 2	LOUIS & PATTY LENOVER
JAN 10	CINDY YEAGER & BARB SHEEHAN	JAN 9	CHURCH CHOIR
JAN 18	MARY AHLBORN & DEB COOKE	JAN 16	JAYME TATRO
JAN 24	MARILYN MARTIN & RON STEVENS	JAN 23	DAN DOWNING
JAN 31	KIM STEHLE & BECKY YOUNG	JAN 30	PATTIE MUMMA

THANK YOU ALL FOR SERVING !!

Find the words and phrases
below from Revelation 2-3.

- LAODICEA
- PATIENCE
- PILLAR
- REPENT
- SWORD
- WHITERAIMENT
- CANDLESTICKS
- DOCTRINE
- CHARITY
- EPHESUS
- KEY OF DAVID
- SMYRNA
- TRIBULATION
- HE THAT HATH AN EAR
- LET HIM HEAR
- PERGAMOS
- POVERTY
- SARDIS
- THYATIRA
- CROWN OF LIFE
- FAITHFUL
- LABOR
- LUKEWARM
- PHILADELPHIA
- PROPHETESS

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 K E Y O F D A V I D Q A R I L P A C V R
 S M Y R N A T M L T W O I U A H P H P S
 U N P T P C C D J H H V B K F I O A W W
 R A C A N D L E S T I C K S A L V R C O
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NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
 The brand new year ahead.
 Help me live the way I should
 As each new day I tread.
 Give me gentle wisdom
 That I might help a friend,
 Give me strength and courage
 So a shoulder I might lend.
 The year ahead is empty,
 Help me fill it with good things
 Each new day filled with joy
 And happiness it brings.
 Amen.

JANUARY EVENTS



CHURCH CALENDER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						NEW YEARS DAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:30 AM WORSHIP 7:00 PM 12 STEP	12 NOON 12 STEP	11 AM SOAP MAKING	12 NOON 12 STEP 6:30 PM CHOIR	6:00 PM TRUSTEE MT	CLOSED	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:30 AM WORSHIP 7:00 PM 12 STEP	12 NOON 12 STEP 7:00 PM MENS BS		12 NOON 12 STEP 6:30 PM CHOIR	6:30 PM ALL CHURCH MEETING	CLOSED	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:30 AM WORSHIP 7:00 PM 12 STEP	12 NOON 12 STEP 7:00 PM MENS BS	12 NOON UMW MEETING	12 NOON 12 STEP 6:30 PM CHOIR	10 AM BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY	CLOSED	
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1. DRINK MORE WATER
2. MOVE MORE,SIT LESS (DO STRETCHING ROUTINE DAILY)
3. TAKE A MINI ADVENTURE 9TRY SOMETHING NEW AND DIFFERENT
4. VOLUNTEER MORE
5. SEND HANDWRITTEN LETTERS AND CARDS
6. TRY NEW RECIPES
7. READ MORE BOOKS
8. LISTEN TO MORE MUSIC THAN TV
9. DO DEEP BREATHING EXERCISES EVERYDAY
10. DO A CREATIVE CRAFT MONTHLY
11. BE MORE SPONTANEOUS
12. READ A BIBLE CHAPTER DAILY
13. KEEP A JOURNAL (TRY A PRAYER JOURNAL AS WELL AND WRITE A THANK YOU IN IT WHEN PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED)
14. EAT SLOWER AND CONVERSE MORE DURING MEALTIME
15. MILE AT OTHERS EVERYDAY.
16. FOLLOW A CONSISTANT SLEEP SCHEDULE
17. LET GO OF THINGS THAT HAVE BOTHERED YOU FOR YEARS
18. DECLUTTER YOUR SPACES
19. BE ON YOUR PHONE LESS
20. TAKE A DRIVE IN THE COUNTRY EVERY WEEK
21. WRITE DOWN A BIBLE VERSE DAILY

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022