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*Going Beyond Our Walls to Build God's Kingdom*

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As I enter into the New Year I recount the blessings from this past year and giving thanks to God for them. Also I'm seeking to remember the lessons I learned, or should have learned, and the ways I grew or God shaped me. I'm thinking about the ways I still need to grow, the mistakes I made and the ways that I missed the mark, so that this New Year I might become more the person God wants me to be. And I'm looking ahead, praying for the coming year – praying for the President Elect and his cabinet, for our nation, for you as a congregation.

So I want to leave you with the prayer that Methodists have typically prayed at the beginning of the New Year, but which I encourage you to pray regularly;

**The 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.

Happy New Year! It's going to be an exciting year for us in 2023!

Pastor Manish



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 1 – Zabrinia Winchester

January 2 – Arielle Lansdell

January 5 – Yvonne Braught

January 5 – Diana Galey

January 6 – Jerry Winchester

January 7 – Jo Anne Hinds

January 7 – Katrina Uptain

January 10 – David Meyer

January 13 – Leon Rael

January 14 – Cameron Platt

January 16 – Tim York

January 18 – Jan Buvinghausen

January 19 – Anna Gipson

January 19 – Wyatt Honeyfield

January 21 – Tom Blaine

January 23 – Rosemarie Maniscalco

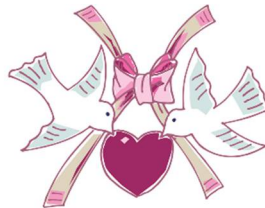
January 23 – Brenda Wolf

January 25 – Asher Christopher

January 26 – Gilbert Row

January 26 – Jessica Meyer

January 28 – Becky Eubank



Happy  
ANNIVERSARY

January 3 – Virgil & Ramina Proctor

January 8 – Dan & Dorothy Rose

January 16 – Bob & Carole Caswell

January 28 – Don & Pauline Taylor

January 30 – Garrett & Ashley Wilkinson

# AFTERSHOCK YOUTH NEWS

'Turning the hearts of youth and families to God and each other'

The youth are busy working on the IGNITE workshop scheduled for early February 2023.

Thank you to Jim Kubisak for hosting us at Christmas. We had a blast together enjoying the fun, food and fellowship.

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Mary Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will have devotion, prayers, and a planning time for the new year.

All Women of the Church are Cordially Invited and Welcome!!!

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GriefShare will be meeting January 12 and 26, 2023. We meet at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Community Building. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mary Valigura or Phyllis Graham .

*"The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit."*  
Psalm 34:18 (NKJV)

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If you need/want an end of the year giving statement for tax purposes, please fill out a request form (can be found at the Welcome Table at the church on a Sunday morning), or please call the church office to request the statement. Statements will be available in early February. If you provide an email address, the statement can be sent via email. Thank you.



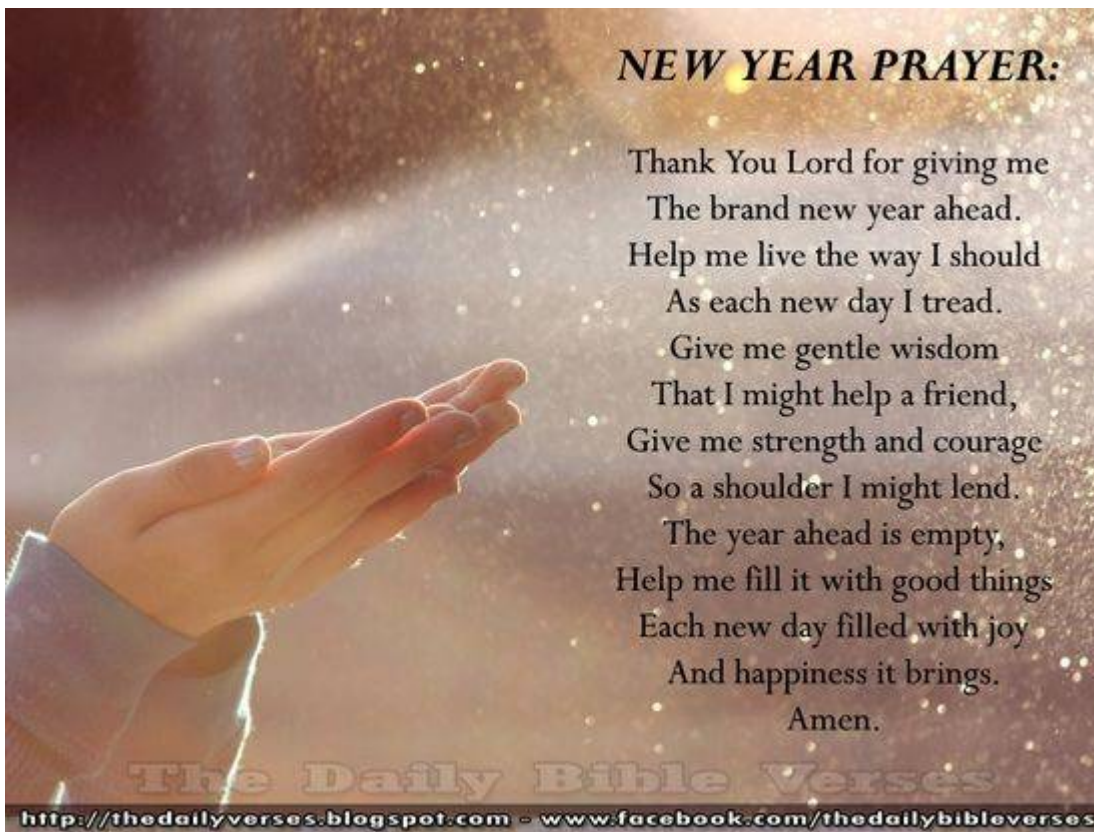
January 29 will be the Sunday that we honor the Valencia County First Responders. Recognition will be at the 11:00 am worship service followed by a Potluck Lunch for EVERYONE (church family and First Responders).

Circle the date on your 2023 calendar.

There will be more information shared later in the month.

**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.



Please be in prayer for each of these in our continuing prayer list. If you know of anyone else who needs to be added, please call Ruth or the church office, 865-9334. If you would like to be a part of Prayer Warriors, please let us know.

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| <b>Our Freedom</b>                       | Abundant Grace Free Store          | <b>Rev. Manish Shirlay</b>             | Nadia M                         | <b>Ruth Romero</b>          | Lynn Schultz           |
|  | <b>Erma Ward</b>                   | Mike Heppler                           | <b>Cheryl Huber</b>             | Dan McCarty                 | <b>Bill Lynch</b>      |
| <b>Don Gleichman</b>                     | Lois Meadors                       | <b>Dorothy Marta</b>                   | Daniel Gurule                   | <b>Conrad Joseph Hughes</b> |                        |
| Cure for Cancer                          | <b>Donna Duke</b>                  | J'Amy Creel                            | <b>Jim Kubisak</b>              | Diego                       | <b>Joleen Baughman</b> |
| Karen Fastnacht                          | <b>Nate Meyer</b>                  | USA Leaders                            | <b>Larry &amp; Melodie Huff</b> |                             | Michael Garrison       |
|  | <b>Richard &amp; Linda Darnell</b> | Lori Buvinghausen                      | <b>All Caregivers</b>           | Anne Cassidy-Vigil          |                        |
| <b>All military &amp; their families</b> | Beth Miller                        | <b>Jay &amp; Marilyn Smith</b>         |                                 | Don & Pauline Taylor        |                        |
| Ted & Madeleine George                   | <b>Cindy Walters</b>               | John Dutil & daughter Lora (caregiver) |                                 |                             | <b>Veronica Garcia</b> |



Crafty Ladies kick off the 'New Year' on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> with their meetings beginning at 9:30 am. We'd love to see some new faces this year, so come and join us and see what we're all about!!!

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**Saturday,  
January 28<sup>th</sup> between  
9 am and 12 noon,  
in the Auditorium  
you can give the gift of life  
with a blood donation.**

**For your convenience you may make an  
appointment online at [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org) –  
but walk-ins are always welcome.**

**Thank you!!!**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am</p> <p>Sunday School at 9:45 am</p> <p>No Youth Group</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Office closed, observance of holiday</p> <p>Soulkeepers in Conf Room at 9:30 am</p> <p>Food Pantry will be open 10-12:30</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9 am – Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall &amp; Kitchen</p> <p>4:30 Fitness, #203</p> <p>6 pm – Ignite meeting, Conf Room</p> <p><b>6:30 – Trustees' meeting #201</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 am – Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall &amp; Kitchen</p> <p>4:30 Fitness, #203</p> <p>5:30 – Bible Study, Conf Room</p> <p>6:30 – Cub leaders' meeting, Fell Hall</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9 am – Strength &amp; Balance, Fell Hall</p> <p>10:30 – Strength &amp; Relax – Fell Hall</p> <p>4:30 Fitness, #203</p> <p>7:30 – Girl Scout Service Unit, Fell Hall</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 – Emmaus, Fell Hall &amp; kitchen</p> <p>6:30 – Sanctuary Ignite rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>7 am – UMM Breakfast, Fell Hall &amp; Kitchen</p> <p>8:30 – Worship</p> <p>9:45 – Sunday School</p> <p>11 am – Worship</p> <p>Take down decorations</p> <p><b>3 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Listening Session, Sanctuary</b></p> <p>6 pm- AfterShock Youth</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10 am Food Pantry</p> <p>5:30 – Emmaus, #101</p> <p>5:45 Cub Scouts, Educ. Bldg.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am – Mary Circle, Fellowship Hall &amp; Kitchen</p> <p>4:30– Fitness, #203</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:30 – Fitness, #203</p> <p>5:30 -Bible Study, Conf Room</p> <p>6 pm – Praise Team</p> <p>7 pm - Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9 am – S &amp; B- Fell Hall</p> <p>10:30 – S &amp; R Fell Hall</p> <p>1 pm - GriefShare, Conf Room</p> <p>4:30 – Fitness, #203</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 – Sanctuary Ignite rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:30 am – Threads of Love – Ed Bldg.</p> <p>12L30-4:30 – Girl Scout Service unit, Fell Hall</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 – Worship</p> <p>9:45 – Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 – Worship</p> <p>6 pm – AfterShock Youth</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 – Souilkeepers, Conf Room</p> <p>10-Food Pantry</p> <p>5:30 – Emmaus #101</p> <p>No Cub Scouts</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4:30 – Fitness #203</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4:30 – Fitness, #203</p> <p>5:30 -Bible Study, Conf Room</p> <p>6 pm – Praise Team</p> <p>7 pm - Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9 am – S &amp; B- Fell Hall</p> <p>10:30 – S &amp; R Fell Hall</p> <p>4:30 – Fitness #203</p> <p><b>6:30 – Ad Council meeting, Conf Room</b></p>	<p>20</p> <p>5 pm – Cub Scouts set up Auditorium</p> <p>6:30 – Sanctuary Ignite rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby Auditorium</p>
<p>22</p> <p>7 am – UMM Breakfast, Fell &amp; Kitchen</p> <p>8:30- Worship</p> <p>9:45 – Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 – Worship</p> <p>6 pm AfterShock Youth</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10- Food Pantry</p> <p>5:30- Emmaus, #101</p> <p>5:45 – Cub Scouts, Educ. Bldg.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:30– Fitness #203</p> <p><b>6 pm – Worship committee meeting, Conf Room</b></p>	<p>25</p> <p>4:30 – Fitness, #203</p> <p>5:30 pm Bible Study Conf Room</p> <p>6 pm – Praise Tem</p> <p>7 pm - Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9 am – S &amp; B- Fell Hall</p> <p>10:30 – S &amp; R Fell Hall</p> <p>1:00 – GriefShare, Conf Rm</p> <p>4:30 – Fitness, #203</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 – Sanctuary Ignite rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Girl Scout Cookie Rally, Fellowship Hall</p> <p><b>BLOOD DRIVE –</b> 9- 12 noon in Auditorium (reserved 8 – 1)</p>
<p>29</p> <p>FIRST RESPONDERS' DAY</p> <p>8:30 – Worship</p> <p>9:45 – Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am – Worship</p> <p><b>POTLUCK LUNCH – in Auditorium</b></p> <p>6 pm – AfterShock Youth</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 Soulkeepers, Conf Room</p> <p>10 am – Food Pantry</p> <p>5:30 –Emmaus, #101</p> <p>5:45 – Cub Scouts, Educ. Bldg.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>4:30 Fitness</p>				