



# Congregational Connections

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## ENCOURAGING WORDS FOR THE NEW YEAR FROM A "BEACON OF HOPE"

The beginning of a new year! And believe it or not, the start of my second year sharing in the ministry of our congregation with all of you. I am looking forward to 2022 and the possibilities that are before us.

2021 has been a difficult year for many of us for a multitude of reasons. And with the arrival of a new year there is hope that 2022 will be a bit brighter. Unfortunately, just last week the world lost one of its brightest beacons of hope, Archbishop Desmond Tutu. You all probably know he was a leader in the South African Anglican Church and a public figure who spoke out against the apartheid policies of his government. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 while enduring criticism from the political powers in his home country and from others who wanted more radical solutions to end the system of apartheid oppression. When that regime came to an end and Nelson Mandela was elected president in 1994, Tutu was selected to chair the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to investigate past human rights abuses committed by both pro and anti-apartheid groups.

I always take strength from people like Desmond Tutu who are able to stay hopeful and resilient amidst so much difficulty, conflict and powerlessness. In the face of an entire system put in place to keep him and people like him powerless, and backed by the coercive power of political, economic, social, religious, and military forces, he could still say things like, **"Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."** While this might sound naïve and whimsical in the mouth of someone else, Archbishop Desmond Tutu saw it lived out in real life over the course of several decades. Doing his "little bit of good" and joined by hundreds of thousands of others doing their "little bit of good" they did indeed overwhelm the world and changed their nation.

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## ...ENCOURAGING WORDS CONTINUED...

In this new year, as we face the struggles and obstacles that are before us, may we have the resilience and the faith that kept people like Tutu going through all of their difficult times. Our difficulties are different, our challenges can't really be compared to theirs, yet the faith we will need has the same source. We can face anything with God's presence at our side. God has already given us the gifts necessary to overcome the obstacles before us if we will choose to use them.

And so, I close with another quote from Desmond Tutu, "God places us in the world as his fellow workers-agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world." As we step into 2022 may our work and ministry produce the "compassion and caring", the "laughter and joy" that Tutu envisioned, may this new year be filled with the togetherness for which we all yearn.



Courage and Peace,  
Pastor Scott

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## CHURCH SCHOOL ON JANUARY 9

Church School will be learning about the visit of the Magi, the "wise men from the East" and the celebration of Epiphany during their class on January 9th. Using the story from the Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12 the class will learn about this event which is usually celebrated on January 6th and brings to a close the "Twelve Days of Christmas." The kids will be making crowns and "star gazers" in which to view the star over Bethlehem that signaled to the wise men that a new king had been born.

Epiphany is an important but often overlooked holiday in comparison to Christmas here in the U.S. Did you know that Epiphany has been celebrated longer than Christmas? Christians first began celebrating Epiphany in the 2nd Century, while Christmas celebrations didn't get started until the 4th Century. The Catholic and Protestant churches have tended to emphasize the arrival of the wise men, while the Orthodox churches have tended to emphasize Jesus' Baptism by John as the "epiphany" or "manifestation" moment of Jesus' ministry and mission. Always so much to learn about Jesus, our church and living faithfully as disciples! Please plan to join us on January 9th!

## CHURCH SCHOOL DINNER AND GAME NIGHT ON JANUARY 19

The Church School Leadership Team is planning something new in the new year - Game Night! A weeknight Church School event for all youth (4K-7th grade) on Wednesday, January 19 from 5:30 - 7. There will be a meal of hotdogs and chips. The group will share a scripture and play some games. Then the main event, hide-and-go-seek in the church building - with no lights on! Glow sticks will be provided! We hope all of the kids of the church can join us on 1/19!

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## FELLOWSHIP TEAM DINNERS ARE BACK!



We are happy to share that the Fellowship Team is planning two church dinners in the new year. They will both be from 5:30 - 7pm in Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to bring a dish or dessert, or simply come join in food and fellowship. Thanks to the Team, there is always plenty of food.

**Wednesday, January 26 - Soup and Salad Dinner**

**Wednesday, February 23 - Chili Dinner**

We hope you mark your calendars and plan to come!

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## VIRTUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION ON JANUARY 16

Members of our church Justice Team will be participating in the virtual MLK Jr. birthday celebration on Sunday, January 16, beginning at 4:00pm. The theme is "Creating Our Beloved Community". Our Justice Team members will be sharing their reflections on Dr. King's six principles of non-violence. Pastor Scott will provide the opening prayer for this second annual Ozaukee County interfaith celebration. There will also be music and other brief presentations. Registration is required. Register to get your "free ticket" and the zoom link at:

[www.eventbrite.com/e/231091409627](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/231091409627)

*Submitted by Louise Mollinger on behalf of the Justice Team*

<p><b>PLEASE JOIN US FOR:</b></p> <p><b>CREATING OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022</b></p>		<p><b>REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. OZAUKEE COUNTY</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022 FROM 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM CT</b></p>
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# JULY 9-16, 2022: HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY WITH PILGRIM UCC



We have been invited to participate in a summer High School youth mission trip to work with Appalachia Service Project in Kentucky by Pilgrim UCC in Grafton from July 9 to 16. Are you interested in participating? We will have a virtual Zoom meeting on Wed, Jan 5 at 7:00 pm to discuss the possibilities. All youth going into High School (those who have finished 8th grade), plus graduating HS seniors are all eligible to go. I am planning to be a part of this mission trip, but more important is the participation of HS youth and adults from FCC.

Pilgrim UCC in Grafton has been taking their High School youth on an annual mission trip for over 30 years. This past fall, I contacted Rev. Ashley Nolte about their program and was invited to have First Congregational Church's youth join them in their upcoming mission trip. They have arranged to work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). ASP is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that [seeks to] inspire hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in Central Appalachia. They are working toward their vision of the eradication of substandard housing in Central Appalachia and the transformation of everyone who comes in contact with this ministry.

The cost is \$350 per person plus the additional cost of vehicle rentals. We would need one vehicle for each group of 7-8 people and the plan is to rent large vans through Enterprise. The group moves out to different locations each day for work projects and then all come back together to a central location for meals, activities, and lodging.

Are you, or is someone in your family, interested in being a part of a youth service project? The virtual meeting on Wednesday, Jan 5th at 7:00 pm will be able to give more information and details of the trip for anyone interested in learning more. An email will go out with the link for the zoom meeting to all families with high school youth (8th graders going into High School as well as graduating seniors). If you are interested in participating, please call or email the church office to make sure you get the Zoom invitation. ....

## RESULTS OF OUR 36th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Thank you to all our members and friends for making this year's Christmas Tree Sale a great success. After all the money has been collected and bills paid, we raised **\$11,543.98** for the ministry of our church! From the virtual team meetings that took place in September and October, to the setting up of the lot and delivery of the trees, to the creating of wreaths by several industrious families, to the weekends and evenings spent making sales, to the clean-up and putting away of the fences and trailer—it was, as ever, a complete team effort. Thank you for your time and dedication to this fundraising project!



*Thanks to Sam Arendt for taking a fun action shot of one of our helpers, Lily Dimmer.*

## CHURCH SCHOOL MAC N CHEESE FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY

The Church School program will be holding another Mac n Cheese Fundraiser as their service project in the month of February. Please keep an eye out for an online order form emailed after they meet and plan as a group on January 9!



## CHURCH SEASON OF EPIPHANY

The 12 days of Christmas always end January 6, Epiphany Day, when we read the story of the magi's star-lead search for the newborn king and the presentation of their gifts to Baby Jesus. The lectionary readings for the Sundays after Epiphany include the story of Jesus' baptism and the story of Jesus' transfiguration.

This year Epiphany continues through January to Tuesday, March 1, the day before Ash Wednesday. Epiphany is the first of two "ordinary" seasons of the church calendar (the season after Pentecost is the other). It is "ordinary" but not as in "usual" or "commonplace". This "ordinary" comes from the "counted/numbered" (from ordinal numbering) naming of the weeks: first, second, third, etc. Sundays after Epiphany.

"Mardi Gras", "Fat Tuesday" and "Pancake Tuesday" are other names for the last day of Epiphany which began as an occasion for eating rich food using the last of the butter and oil before strict fasting during the season of Lent. In some locations, festivities including elaborate costumes, parades, floats, and fancy-dress balls are not limited to just the final Tuesday but happen throughout the weeks after Epiphany Day. Purple, gold and green iced cakes that include a hidden "Baby Jesus" token have become a seasonal treat.

Epiphany is full of light, seeing, and knowing. "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word, epiphaneia, meaning "manifestation" or "appearance." Magi follow a bright star to see and worship Jesus. John baptizes Jesus knowing he is the one sent by God. The disciples understand Jesus in a new way after witnessing his mountain-top Transfiguration.

Our stained-glass pieces for Epiphany show a scallop shell (for baptism), and three candles (for Transfiguration). On our stairwell calendar look for the star and three gifts on the first white panel of Epiphany marking the Magi story... and the sun glasses on the final white panel, marking the brilliant, dazzling white seen on Transfiguration Day.

Our calendar symbol for the season of Epiphany is a lit candle, reminding us Jesus is a Light to all the world, and that we, too, can be lights to the world.

# WORSHIP LEADERS IN JANUARY

## January 2

8:00 Louise Mollinger  
10:00 Jane Schneider

## January 9

8:00 Scott Symes  
10:00 Kathy Bretl

## January 16

8:00 David Franks  
10:00 Jeanne Mantsch

## January 23

8:00 Ric Probst  
10:00 Confirmation Class

## January 30

8:00 Jane Spalding  
10:00 Carolyn Heatwole

## JANUARY LECTIONARY TEXTS AND WORSHIP THEMES

### January 2: Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:1-18

*Second Sunday of Christmas, Communion Sunday*

Paul's letter and the poetic words of the opening of John's Gospel speak of the incredible gift the world has received in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of the divine Word of God, God's only Son.

### January 9: Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12

*Epiphany Sunday, Church School Sunday*

We hear a story of the magi's pilgrimage to see the Christ child and consider similarities between their journey and our own.

### January 16: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

*2nd Sunday after the Epiphany*

As God's people, we live with an abundant spirit that stands in contrast to many of the world's realities and imagine hope and possibility where there is none.

### January 23: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

*3rd Sunday after the Epiphany, Family Sunday*

Jesus brings the Good News of God - release, recovery, and setting free. The Spirit empowers us with boldness and trust to practice God's good ways.

### January 30: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30

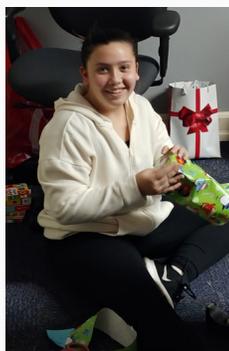
*4th Sunday after the Epiphany*

Jesus' mission and ministry continues to unfold on the edge, with those on the margins, and we learn more about what it means to follow God's ways.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS AT FAMILY PROMISE



*Thank you to Family Promise of Ozaukee County for having our Confirmation Class come help wrap gifts on December 16 for their Christmas Giving Tree Drive.*



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## SAFETY CHANGES MADE TO THE CHURCH PARKING LOT



The parking spots that hug the sidewalk along Webster Street have always impeded the view to safely pull out of the church parking lot. It is especially difficult to look north to see if any walkers, joggers, and kids riding their bikes are coming down the hill.

After a near miss with a high school student riding his bike at a high rate of speed down Webster Street, the office staff took action and reached out to the Department of Public Works to eliminate (4) parking spots. In their November meeting, the DPW voted to eliminate the parking spots. Yellow Strips were put down to cover the previous parking spots.

We are pleased that the High School kids are following the rules and not parking there any longer as well as others who use the lot. We hope you will notice a change in your view when leaving church!

# CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT STARRING OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS



## CAST (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE):

*Narrator 1:* Grady Karrels

*Mary:* Avery Roehrig

*Gabriel:* Graham Garthus

*Elizabeth:* Katja Cira

*Zechariah:* Matthew Dimmer

*Narrator 2:* Amari Daevel

*Joseph:* Nick Sanem

*Angel of the Lord:* Brooke Peiffer

*Shepherds:* Dylan Crain, Matthew Dimmer, Grady Karrels, Ben Sanem, Amari Daevel

*Angel of Good News:* Libby Holmes

*Heavenly Host:* Brooke Peiffer, Katja Cira

# DECEMBER ACTION SHOTS



*A good time was had at the Advent Craft Workshop on December 5. Thank you to everyone who participated!*



*A lot of candles were lit on Wednesday evenings in December for our Advent Candlelight Services. We hope those who attended found the services meaningful.*



*Thank you to the dedicated team of guys who took down the Christmas Tree Sale lot a few days before Christmas!*

## OUR CHURCH YOUTUBE PAGE

Our church's [YouTube channel](#) has become a popular destination for members and friends alike. Our videos have been viewed 3,805 times in 2021 and not only here in Wisconsin, but across the country, in Canada and as far away as India! Viewers have logged around 36,600 minutes watching our worship services, musical performances, and testimonials. Thank you to Brett Dimmer for all his work making us accessible to people through this important medium of communication!



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
Christmas Eve - 5 PM Pageant (front cam)

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## LIGHTHOUSE IN THE NEW YEAR

Lighthouse will continue to meet monthly January through May 2022 led by congregational volunteers as the board seeks to complete a community needs assessment with the goal of providing programming that is in line with your wants and needs. Once this process is complete they will start searching for a new director. The tentative schedule is below - please watch the [Lighthouse website](#) for updates!

### Tentative Schedule for First Part of 2022:

**Sunday, January 23** Tubing at Sunburst, 1-4pm

Meet at Sunburst at 1pm in front of tubing ticket booth, or meet at Lighthouse at 12:15 if you need a ride! Tube from 1-3, enjoy hot chocolate and a snack at Sunburst 3-3:30, pick up at Sunburst at 3:30pm or at Lighthouse at 4:15pm.

**Sunday, February 20** Make Birthday Bags at Saukville Food Pantry (within Parkside UCC)

**Sunday, March 13** Service Activity with Bobs Under the Bridge in Cedarburg

**Sunday, April 10** Assemble Easter Baskets or Create Egg Hunt for Children Supported by Family Promise

**Sunday, May 15** End of the Year Celebration

# OUR THANKS

To Matthew Dimmer and Family, Libby Holmes and Family, and Brooke Peiffer and Family for providing Nursery Care in December.

To Phil Stepanski and Tracy Bretl, Church School, and the Dimmer Family for providing Fellowship Hours in December.

To Kitchie Allen, Gary Tackes, Phil Stepanski, Jason Jacque, Joe and Bev Mueller, and Don Niederfrank for serving as our Worship Leaders in December.

To our Christmas Tree Committee: Angelo and Cindy Lopez, David Franks and Louise Mollinger, Joe Rychtik, and Scott Symes for executing yet another successful Christmas Tree Sale. Their time and commitment to our church's largest fundraiser is greatly appreciated!

To everyone who decorated wooden Christmas ornaments for our customers at the Tree Sale.

Ongoing thanks to Joe Mueller and Claude Zimmerman for conducting weekly walk-throughs and coordinating maintenance projects of the church building and grounds.

To Eva Perez and Family for setting up & decorating the church Christmas tree in the sanctuary.

To Nicole Nelson for assisting the Confirmation Class Mission Experience at Family Promise on December 16.

To the crew who took down our Christmas Tree lot on December 18: Angelo Lopez and family, Joe Rychtik, Chris Wach, Matt Schlehlein, Scott Symes and Pastor Scott.

To Jane Spalding for decorating our sanctuary with Christmas Eve Poinsettias and coordinating the Advent journey of our Nativity Scene. Thanks also for Jane's efforts helping to prepare the Christmas Eve bulletins.

To Ken Matthews for conducting the December 26 worship service. This was Ken's 32nd year conducting the service the first Sunday after Christmas as a gift to the Minister.

Joe Rychtik for disposing of bags of church garbage in mid-December.

To everyone who took tags to support our Lighthouse fundraiser in December.

Ongoing thanks to Dawn Guschl and Bill Bond for preparing our communion bread each month.

To Confirmation parents Jennifer Dimmer, Brook Holmes, Kerry O'Brien, and Shandy Roehrig for helping sort, iron, and assign costumes for the Christmas Pageant.

To our brass quartet on Christmas Eve - Lydia Clough, Brett and Jennifer Dimmer, and Jamie Karrels.

To our choral quartet on Christmas Eve - Brett and Jennifer Dimmer, Tracy Greymont, and Mike Spalding.

# APPROVED NOVEMBER CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

(The November Minutes were approved at the December 9, 2021 meeting.)

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Church Council Minutes November 11, 2021

Call to Order- By Jeanne Mantsch @ 7:01

Pastor Scott, Jeanne Mantsch, Ric Probst, Mike Spalding, Jennifer Dimmer, Kathy Bretl, Jason Jacque, Phil Stepanski, Savannah Anderson, Bill Bond, Eric Olsen, and Rhonda Thompson

Opening Meditation - Mike Spalding opened with a prayer.

Approval of the Minutes – October, 2021 -Bill motions to approve the October minutes and Mike seconds the motion. The minutes are approved.

Monthly Budget Report (Kathy)- Title change from Financial Administrator's Report to Monthly Budget Report. Lorraine sent a new Budget vs Actual report as she found a malfunctioning formula and an error in the division of Pastor Scott's annuity. The month was a typical month. Discussion came up about the rent Port Preschool pays and how much should the church forgive/allow the reduced payment because their numbers are lower than usual. Several of the staff are meeting with the Port Preschool Board this coming week. Pastor Scott invited Jeanne to join the meeting if she was available.

Pastor Moment – Sacred Conversations session has completed eight sessions to an end. They would like to connect with other churches in the area to make community and add. Confirmation mission trip to Daycholah center was a success. Next month, Wednesdays in December will be an advent reflection/communion service from 6:30 to 7. Pastor Scott has been working with A Place to Be Spirituality Center (a ministry of St John XXIII) preparing the liturgy and service for the Tuesday before Thanksgiving service. Everyone is invited and the service will be live streamed. Spoke with Ashley Nolte, of Pilgrim United Church of Christ, to see if our youth could participate with them on their mission trip. Their high schoolers are headed to Kentucky to work in Appalachia, July 9-16. Once Pastor Scott has all the information he will make announcement and share with members and plans to go if any of our high schoolers commit to going.

### Old Business

Reopening-or mask or not to mask- Committee has not met in last month, therefore there is nothing to report. There was no reason to meet with the committee having little to contribute and decisions made by council. Phil doesn't think the committee has much to offer anymore. Savannah wrote a letter with lots of feelings and discussion of mask signage was revisited by Council. Bill motions that sign wording changes to "we strongly encourage mask wearing at this time" ("at this time" may be added or removed depending on size of sign). Phil seconds the motion. With a vote of 10 out of 11 voters approving the motion, it passes. Pastor Scott will change signs for the weekend and ask Amy to send an email to the congregation with parts of Savannah's letter.

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# CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES continued...

Stewardship Committee Report – (Jason)- About 12% of the 179 pledges have come back totaling about \$31,000 of the \$156,000. Pledges can be mailed in or filled out online. A new option this year is to return the pledge form after the November 21 service. The team discussed having another Brat Fry, this time at the Christmas tree lot November 28<sup>th</sup> following the service from 11-2.

2022 Budget - (Kathy) – There's a request to have the Proposed Budget to use the Budget vs Actual format with line break out and previous year's data. Kathy will let Lorraine know that the Council would like to have this started going forward.

Building maintenance updates – (Bill)- Bill reports that it's likely the property increase to be 2% and not 4/5% as mentioned in the previous meeting. Bill would like to have a capital campaign considered for window repairs sooner than later and possibly water heaters and furnace.

Lighthouse Youth Ministry board of directors' representatives- Pastor Scott and Savannah requested permission to ask for donations once Stewardship campaign comes to a close. The Lighthouse Board is looking for the additional budgeted \$2500 because they consider the funds dues, not free will offering.

## New Business

Fellowship Team Christmas workshop – Jennifer- Dec 5- Fellowship is hosting an Advent craft that is open to everyone to participate. They'll be making cards, stockings, and ornaments. Stockings will go to Family Promise. Christmas cookie sales added to brat fry.

Any other new business to come before the Council? no

## Preparation for fall Congregational meeting November 21<sup>th</sup>-

It's a family Sunday service, as well as pledge drop off and food drive. If everyone agrees we'll hold it in fellowship hall. All agree. The large screen will be available for use. Planning to zoom the meeting for those that want. In the past the Financial Administrator presented the budget. Paper copies will be made as well as emailed out.

## On Hold

### UCC Legacy Program (Jason)

Jason motions to adjourn and Savannah seconds it. Meeting is adjourned at 8:58 PM

## Reminders:

- Christmas Tree Lot set up- November 13, 2021
- Next Executive Committee Meeting – December 2, 2021
- Next Council Meeting - December 9, 2021
- Opening Meditation – Savannah

## JANUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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|-----|------------------|-----|--------------------|
| 1-  | Donna Yellen     | 15- | Carolyn Heatwole   |
| 2-  | Mark Pasten      | 16- | Matthew Dimmer     |
| 3-  | Bruce Laabs, Jr. | 20- | Andrea Briese      |
| 4-  | Brian Weir       | 21- | Holly Ternes       |
| 5-  | Ned Huwatschek   |     | Henry McLeod       |
|     | Ruth McLeod      |     | Brian Verheyen     |
| 6-  | Julie Eslinger   | 24- | Susan Niederfrank  |
| 7-  | Christa Karrels  | 25- | Claire Chmielewski |
| 8-  | Lynda Ward       | 28- | Elaina Perez       |
|     | Chris Fraser     | 29- | Terry Sdun         |
| 9-  | Emil Schneider   |     | Peyton Rychtik     |
|     | Brayden Thompson |     | Collette Olson     |
| 10- | Mark Sdun        | 30- | Austin Lemke       |
| 12- | Dick Webb        | 31- | Paula Wesley       |
|     | Karl Pradel      |     | Cheri Farnsworth   |
|     | Simon Gilhooly   |     |                    |

## JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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|------|-----------------------|
| 17 - | Jim and Dawn Clements |
| 19 - | Jeff and Holly Ternes |
| 21 - | John and Debbie Arndt |

## CONGRATULATIONS



## Baptism

*Congratulations to Finley Scott Zozakiewicz, son of Aimee and AJ, who was baptized into the Christian faith on Thursday, December 23. Abby's parents are standing closest to Pastor Scott and her godparents are Caitlin Zozakiewicz and Andy Jagow.*

# JANUARY 2022 CALENDAR

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						<b>1</b> <i>Happy New Year!</i>
<b>2</b> <i>Second Sunday after Christmas</i> <b>8 am/10 am</b> Communion Service <b>9 am</b> Fellowship Hour	<b>3</b>   <b>6:30 pm</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>12 pm</b> Wednesday Lunch Group  <b>7 pm</b> Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> <b>8 am</b> Men's Breakfast – The Beacon  <b>7 pm</b> Executive Team	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <i>Epiphany Sunday</i> <b>8 am/10am</b> Worship Service <b>10 am</b> Church School Chancel Choir <b>11 am</b> Fellowship Hour	<b>10</b>  <b>5:45 pm</b> Children's Choir Rehearsal  <b>6:30 pm</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b>   <b>7 pm</b> Music Team	<b>12</b>  <b>12 pm</b> Wednesday Lunch Group  <b>7 pm</b> Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> <b>8 am</b> Men's Breakfast – The Beacon  <b>7 pm</b> Church Council, Knellsville 4-H Club	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <i>Second Sunday after Epiphany</i> <b>8 am/10 am</b> Worship Service Handbells	<b>17</b> <b>4 pm</b> MLK JR. Celebration (virtual) <b>5:45 pm</b> Children's Choir Rehearsal <b>6:30 pm</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>12 pm</b> Wednesday Lunch Group <b>5:30 pm</b> Church School Game Night and Dinner  <b>7 pm</b> Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> <b>8 am</b> Men's Breakfast – The Beacon	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <i>Third Sunday after Epiphany</i> <b>8 am</b> Worship Service/ <b>10 am</b> Family Service Children's Choir <b>11 am</b> Fellowship Hour <b>11:15 am</b> Winter Congregational Meeting	<b>24</b>  <b>5:45 pm</b> Children's Choir Rehearsal  <b>6:30 pm</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Confirmation Class	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>12 pm</b> Wednesday Lunch Group  <b>5:30 pm</b> Fellowship Team Soup & Salad Dinner  <b>7 pm</b> Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b> <b>8 am</b> Men's Breakfast – The Beacon	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <i>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i> <b>8 am/10 am</b> Worship Service Chancel Choir						



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### Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday mornings from 8:30 - 11:30

### Pastor Scott's Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays, and by appointment

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