

Circuit Rider

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My “Prime Time with God” Reflection for December 17 began in the opening prayer section of the devotion with this:

“Dear Lord God, You spoke to the Prophet Elijah in a 'still small voice'...

And after the earthquake a fire;

but the Lord was not in the fire:

and after the fire a still small voice. [1 Kings 19:12](#)

In my hectic life, may Your Holy Spirit come to me today and quiet my heart so that I can hear You.”

But the part that really got my attention was the closing prayer at the end of the devotion..... ***Holy Spirit, I don't want storms in my life; but if they must come, I'd rather have a stormy day with You than a calm day without You. Amen.***

And now it is the dawn of a new year, a day when we tear off the protective wrap to our new calendars and we begin so many new count downs.....

And so.... Just playing around, here are a few of the more interesting ones.....

From January 1, 2022 to:

Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 44 days
Ash Wednesday, March 2, 60 days
Easter, April 17, 106 Days
Mother's Day, May 8, 127 days
Memorial Day, May 30, 149 days
Father's Day, June 19, 169 days
Independence Day, July 4, 184 days

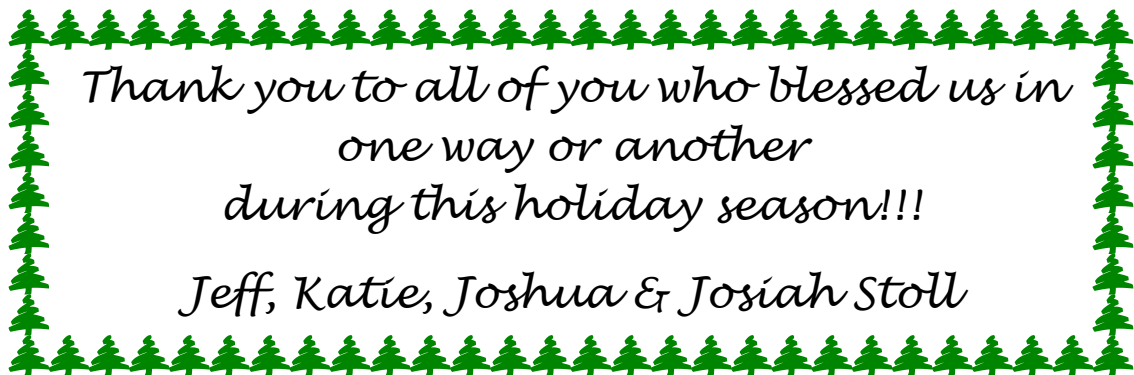
Jeff's 65th Birthday July 22, 202 days
Labor Day September 5, 247 days
Veterans Day, November 11, 314 days
Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 327 days
1st Sun. of Advent, Nov 27, 330 days
Christmas Day, 358 days
New Year's Eve, 364 days
New Year's Day 2023, 365 days

Holy Spirit, I don't want storms in my life; but if they must come, I'd rather have a stormy day with You than a calm day without You. Amen.

In the past couple of years we have been through some storms, some tough storms.... But in those storms, if only we were to listen, God was there... , maybe not the way we thought God would be there.... But God was there. And in the year to come, there will be more storms, that is the way of life here in this world, but learn to listen— learn to listen for God's call, train your spiritual ear, and you will hear God's voice! When the still, small voice came to Elijah, he too was going through some storms. In the coming year we most likely will experience various celebrations— New Years, Easter, Mother's and Father's Day.... Maybe even a significant birthday thrown in here or there. We will most likely celebrate Labor Day and Thanksgiving and Christmas once again.... And in the next 365 days there will be stormy days and beautifully calm days.... And I believe a year from now, I pray, my prayer will remain the same:

Holy Spirit, I don't want storms in my life; but if they must come, I'd rather have a stormy day with You than a calm day without You. Amen.

Peace..... And May you be blessed filled with many calm,
Spirit filled days in 2022! Jeff

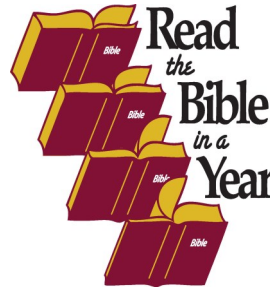

*Thank you to all of you who blessed us in
one way or another
during this holiday season!!!*
Jeff, Katie, Joshua & Josiah Stoll

JANUARY



BIRTHDAYS

- 6 **Mark Coach**
- 6 **Kathryn Ford**
- 6 **Sean Butler**
- 6 **Kathy Heino**
- 7 **Rebecca Eland**
- 8 **Jim Shank**
- 11 **Denis Wolff**
- 13 **Bob Josson**
- 15 **Mary Ann Cone**
- 19 **Barb Kelley**
- 20 **Devan Craft**
- 22 **Jacob McKee**
- 24 **Eva DeCamillo**
- 25 **Randy Serpico**
- 26 **Charles Davis**
- 31 **Barb Laughlin**



Read
the
Bible
in a
Year

There is a Billy Graham 2022 Ministry Calendar on the Bulletin Board in the church Hallway.

It is not only a very nice Calendar but it also offers a Chronological Bible reading plan for the year.

For January's reading it begins on Genesis 1-3 and ends on the 31st. with Exodus 39-40.

So please take advantage of this Calendar for your Bible reading Journey.

Thank you *Sue Miller!!!*



HAPPY
New Year!

As a local United Methodist Congregation we promise to honor God with:
On Going Prayer Concerns

Our Churches, Our Shut Ins, Our Military, Our College, Students,
 Our Pastor & Family, Missionaries, Dee Ann Rich, Ethan & Ashley Batschelet,
 Ed & Linda Gray, Richard Clugh, Don & Mary Clugh Family, MaryLee Verdi,
 River, Betty Hansen, Richard & Grace Arnold, Jim & Phyllis Wright,
 Dean Moore, Howard Hewitt, Erik Pimentel, Kurt Brindley, Eva DeCamillo,
 Roy Stiltner II, Linda Johnson, Marilyn Lundquist, Sarrah Brown, Mary Lewis,
 Stoneman Family, Lou Buck, Jackie McKee, Jim McKee, Keith Youngberg,
 Louise Ebetino, Ruth Falcione, Becky Reese, Karen Klimek, Barb Swiger,
 Karen May, Kelly Forren, Tom & Donna Orr, Monna O'Connor, Justin Nelson,
 Rick Arnold, Lisa Buck, Virgil & Carol Hammonds, Debbie Eckart,
 Gary & Debbie Munson, Jeff & Sue Nelson, Ron Mclivaine, Charlene Hopkins,
 Mike Greenwood, Marilyn Wenner, Paul Gynn, Kathy Feiler, Ken Elliot,
 Dixie & Larry Leggett, Vic Nelson, Kathy Kash, Penny Vaughn

Our Presence Worship Attendance

December	8:15am	10:45am
12/06	32	22
12/12	15	32
12/19	20	32
12/26	20	22



Our Gifts

<i>Stewardship Update</i>	
<i>Year to Date as of 12/30/2021</i>	
Offerings & Income	\$156,797.11
Expenses	-\$187,238.68
Expenses Deficit	-\$30,441.57

Our Service

Sunday Worship Service 8:15am—10:45am
Wednesdays 9:00am-5:00pm Taize/Open Communion Worship on Wednesday 6:00pm

and Our Witness

Betty Cochran

Another year has come and gone, but God is still the same, he doesn't change. He is always consistent in his word and his love for us.

I have seen God working here at the church this past month.

We had a Christmas Distribution for 20 needy Families the weekend before Christmas and it does your heart good to see how love and care perservers even among hard times.

HEBREWS 13:16

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

Be glad of your love and help to one another, because it is pleasing to God and puts a glad feeling in our hearts, but always remember it's all for the **Glory of God and with God all things are possible.** AMEN!

I just finished reading the Pastor's Article and Kathy Feiler's Article, then I came back to mine. If you read all three it looks like we are on the same wave length for this Newsletter.

All three of us talk about the Lord with us, providing and blessing us even through the hardest of times.

May your New Year be filled with **Love Kindness** and **Compassion** for one another.



Thank you to:

Saybrook Giant Eagle

Ashtabula Walmart

Harbor Save-A-Lot

Steve Kiraly

For providing Food & Discounts for the Christmas Family Distribution this year.

Also.....The Collection of Food from Country Neighbor, Ashtabula City Schools and St.Johns.

The Saybrook UMC Family and Friends that help out every year to see to it that the Families have a Wonderful Christmas.

Your kindness and outreach to the Christmas Families was received with tears of happiness.

Thank you all and God Bless



By now you have probably heard that our Christmas Family Program Distribution day turned out great.

This program has gone through many changes in the past years since it has begun. Last year it was a big change due to the Co-vid virus (of course it seems the world had also changed due to the virus). This year was about the same, but we did invite one family member into the church to receive a Bible, a prayer and to show them how much they are loved.

Many new volunteers were there this year. They joined our familiar servers who have been with us for many years. New or old, everyone that was present witnessed the love of Christ and you just can't get any better than that.

Lloyd and Judy Richards have led this program for many years and have told me for the past four years that they were taking a step back. I have picked their brains and have not let them graciously slip away. This year, due to chemo therapy I have been the one to have to take a step back and fortunately God provided the strength and love for Lloyd and Judy to take over.

Changes seem to be a part of our lives whether we want them or not. But the blessing about change is that we serve a God who is very smart, compassionate, and loving. He always has the answer when we put it into His hands and His will. Always keep your eyes and ears open to hear our Lord calling. When His church comes together, miracles do happen.

Thank you for your love and compassion as you serve our Lord as He calls you and as I have felt your prayers.

Blessings

Your Sister in Christ

Kathy Feiler

January 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Covenant Renewal Service 8:15 & 10:45	3 10:00am Missions	4 6:00pm Trustees	5 9-5 Taize 6:00pm WOW	6	7	8 8:30am Men's Group
9 Worship 8:15 & 10:45	10	11 6:00 pm Education 7:15pm Membership	12 9-5 Taize 6:00pm WOW	13	14	15 10:15 Worship & Music
16 Human Relations Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45	17	18 6:00pm AD Council	19 9-5 Taize 6:00pm WOW	20	21	22 8:30am Men's Group
23 Worship 8:15 & 10:45	24	25	26 9-5 Taize 6:00pm WOW	27	28	29
30 Worship 8:15 & 10:45	31				AA Meet @7:00pm Sun. & Tues. Boy & Girl Scouts Mon. & Wed. @ 7:00pm	

Happy New Year



○ SING UNTO THE LORD
a new song;
FOR HE HATH DONE
marvelous things.

PSALM 98:1, KJV