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Our Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Members and Friends,

As I put my thoughts together on a most beautiful winter morning [December 29] a number of things are going through my mind. As beautiful as the current day(s) are the weather conditions surrounding Christmas Eve and Day rough even for the most seasoned northeasterner. Out of an abundance of caution worship services were cancelled. In most churches Christmas Eve (something I have not seen since 1983) and some even were shut down for Sunday the 25th. The thought that came to mind as leaders from both churches and I talked prior to making decisions to close or not to close was, "the very first Christmas was a quiet, private, orchestrated by divine powers". Hopefully your Christmas was peaceful, a time of reflection and of course great joy.

As I mentioned for me at the time of this writing its December 29, and soon the old year will be over. With the turning of one year to the next is that of taking down the old calendar, which is a little dustier, frayed and some yellowed curled pages then when I put it up. As we each put in place our new calendars we do so because time helps us situate ourselves. Time is after all, the material God gives us to create new life with Him. God doesn't want us so much to concentrate so much on the end of life that we forget the importance of life itself. Time isn't just the vestibule of eternity. It's meant to be lived to its fullness. To prove that point, our Lord Jesus Christ focused himself into time from beyond it, and lived that life himself.

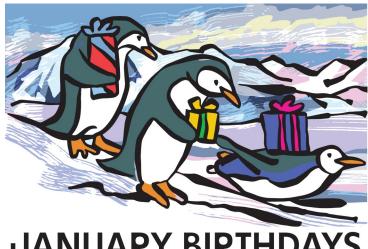
In this day of new beginnings we're called to remember our mission and ministry as followers of Christ. As Christians we're to be conveyors of the good news of the Gospel, apostles of Christ to the people with whom we interact each day. As Christians we are to live our lives, choose our careers, and make our decisions as Jesus would if were standing in our shoes. If the truth of the Gospel doesn't unnerve you, very likely you haven't fully understood it. The Gospel ask each of us to forget ourselves, our talents, our shortcomings and even what we hope to receive in life and to dedicate our lives to serving others in the name of our Savior. In the book, Daring to Live the Challenge of Christ, William J. Malley writes: "Christ has no human voice on earth but yours and mine, no hands but our hands. He is the head, we are the parts of his body. Without us, his mission is helpless."

Today is a new day of beginnings and resolutions. It's a time when Christ begins to live again in our world through us. It's a day when we not only make resolutions but also determine to live them out in the world to the best of our abilities. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., once said, "If your job is to sweep streets, sweep them the way Michelangelo would have swept them." When we labor for Jesus Christ, anything less than our best is unacceptable.

Perhaps the greatest resolution of all is to promise to take ten minutes a day to sit quietly, feet up, relaxed, looking through a window and asking, "How can this day become a day of new beginnings for me?"

God bless each of you in the living of your resolutions. *Pastor Vernon & Karen*





JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Saybrook UMC

6 Mark Coach

- 6 **Kathryn Ford**
- 6 Sean Butler
- 6 **Kathy Heino**
- Rebecca Eland 7
- 8 Jim Shank
- **Denis Wolff** 11
- 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**

Plymouth UMC

- 2 **Debbie Milano**
- **Alan Wintz** 11
- 12 Jim Wheeler
- 13 Aurora Baker
- **Marge Nordquest** 13
- 14 **Michelle Townsend**
- Laurie Wagner 18
- 21 Samantha Dibell



If you would like your Anniversary or Birthday in the Newsletter/Bulletin please email me at saybrookumc1@gmail.com or call me at 440-969-1562

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

Our Churches, Shut Ins, Military, Our Pastor & Family,
Missionaries, Ed & Linda Gray, Richard Clugh, River,
Betty Hansen, Jim & Phyllis Wright, Dean Moore, Howard Hewitt, Erik Pimentel,
Kurt Brindley, Linda Johnson, Sarrah Brown,
Mary Lewis, Stoneman Family, Jackie McKee, Jim McKee,
Keith Youngberg, Louise Ebetino, Chuck Ebetino, Kelly Forren, Monna O'Connor,
Lisa Buck, Virgil & Carol Hammonds, Gary & Debbie Munson, Ron Mclivaine,
Charlene Hopkins, Mike Greenwood, Marilyn Wenner, Kathy Feiler,
Dixie & Larry Leggett, Billy Hudson, Sue Hogan, Robin Nagle, Lou Buck,
Bill Swanson, Edie Ann, Denny & Bobbi Heil, Diane (Swiger),
Don & Mary Clugh, Diana Cheryl McLaren, Shelley Didonato,
Chris Stiltner, John, Tim Cambell, Rick Arnold, Leo, Janet Renard, Laura Lorelli,
Harold Miller, Rev. Joe Platt, Hobart Shiflet,, Mallory Wickert, Kelli Nelson,
Patty Moore, Emily Fisher, Darla Didonato, Cheryl Josson, Ruth Falcione
Don Lute, Jim Smith, Barb Conrad. Roy Stiltner's Family, Baby Zayne Pniewski

Our Presence Worship Attendance at Saybrook UMC

December	9:45	10:45am
12/11	42	29
12/18	35	22
12/25	10:45	20

Our Service

Our Gifts At Saybrook UMC

Stewardship Update Year to Date as of 11/30/2022

Offerings & Income \$175,009.17 Expenses -\$187,232.67

Expenses Deficit -\$12,223.60

Sunday Worship Service
Plymouth UMC at
Saybrook UMC
One Sunday Service at 10:00am

Wednesdays at Saybrook UMC
Worship on Wednesday
6:00pm



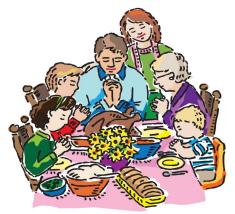
Thank you to: Saybrook Giant Eagle, Ashtabula Walmart Harbor Save-A-Lot, and Steve Kiraly For providing Food & Discounts for the Christmas Family Distribution this year.

Also......The Collection of food from St. Johns School

The Christmas Family distribution has come and gone but was a great success. After two years of distribution light, we were able to get back to normal.

The families were thrilled at all your donations and one of the boys was so excited that he found a coat that fit him and wore it home. There was much laughter and tears from both the families and our church volunteers. One of the family members commented after receiving a bible that she never had one before.

It is obvious that our God
oversees this program.
Many thanks to everyone for your
participation that make
this such a success.
I pray that you all have felt blessed as
you were part of HIS service in
this program.



... they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Esther 9:22, NRSV

Thank you for Bringing in & Purchasing the Beautiful Poinsettias To Beautify the Church for the Glory of God

&

In Memory or Honor of Friends & Family



Plymouth United Methodist Church

In Loving Memory of Don Bell	Love Jeri Bell	
In Loving Memory of our Parents	Love Jeff & Sandy Corbett	
In Loving Memory of Pastor Meredith Coleman	Love Jeff & Sandy Corbett	
In Loving Memory of Linda Lathrop & Mary Corns	Love, Melissa & Jerry Cunningham	
In Loving Memory of Bill, Millie, George & Rose	Love George Jr. & Carolyn Dixon	
In Loving Memory of My Parents	Love Mary Ferguson	
To The Glory of God	Denise Hodges	
In Honor of Friends who have passed on	Love, Jim & Sonja Trisket	



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In Honor of Richard & Grace Arnold	Love Daughter Jill Serpico & Family
In Loving Memory of Jim Brindley	Love, Bobbi Brindley
In Loving Memory of Our Parents Harold & Louise Buck Gillis & Verna Spurlock & Harold Buck Jr.	Love, Lou Buck,
In Loving Memory of Max Cobb	Love, Sandy Cobb
In Loving Memory of Ed & Eunice Harrington	Love Daughter Rita & family
In Loving Memory of Sara Ann McKee	Love , Grandparents Lloyd & Judy Richards
In Memory of Wanona Smith	Love Ron & Charmaine
In Loving Memory of Jim & Janice Prickett	Love Mike & Joanne Prickett
In Loving Memory of Lorain Reese	Love, Marilyn Reese & Family
In Loving Memory of Beverly Wiley	Love Ed, Betsy & Ryan

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us.

Titus 3:4-5, NIV

PLYMOUTH UMC 2022





SAYBROOK UMC 2022 May Gods blessings be yours this





Dear Saybrook UMC family,

I was recently humbled by the visit of four of our members, and my friends. Along with a nice visit & a delicious pecan pie, they gave me a beautiful quilt and a gift envelope from our congregation.

It was a generous goodbye gift for my move next month to Arizona.

Thank you so very much! Have a blessed Christmas season! Love *Shelley Didonato*



I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the cards and love offering that was given during this Holiday Season. It helps spiritually to know how much you are appreciated and loved and of course it helps buy food and pay bills. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

I have been blessed with a wonderful and caring church family. Love *Betty Cochran*



MICAH 6:8





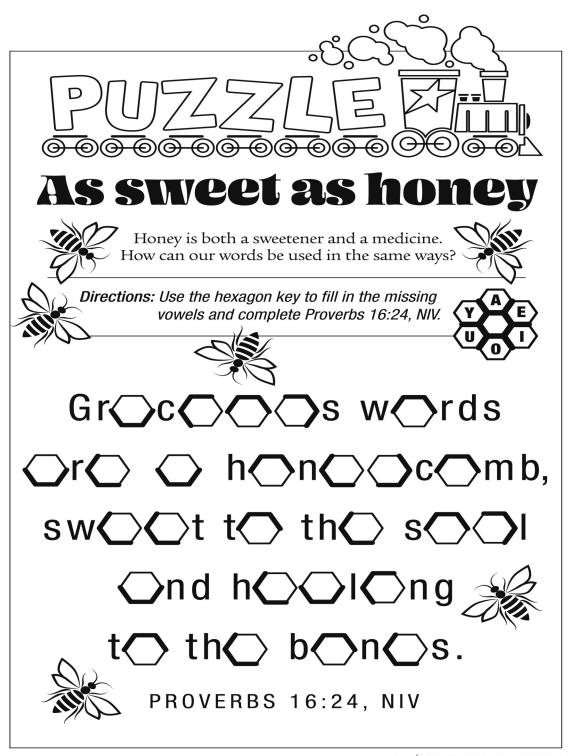
To Saybrook Our Friends at the Saybrook UMC The Christmas Cards that are posted on the Bulletin board were sent in to you with love!

Betty Cochran
Ann Felde
Virgil & Carol Hammonds
Barb Laughlin
Harold & Sue Miller
Jeff, Sue & Jake Nelson
Mary Simmons
Ruthann Falicione & Jim Smith
Cheryl Wakeman
Pam Whelan
Saint Johns School
Kurt Law Office









January 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

10:00am Worship & Music 8:30am Men's Group 21 8:30am Men's Group Sat 2814 Fri 20 13 279 SUMC Sun. & Tues 7pm AA Community Dinner Thu 5:00pm 26 SUMC 12 19 5 Nominating Wed 10:00am 6:00pm WOW 6:00pm Distribution 6:00pm 1-5pm WOW 6:00pm WOŴ WOŴ 25 18 Ξ Membership 6:00pm Education Tue 10:00am Trustees 6:00pm 17 PUMC 1-5pm Food 10 24 31 16 Martin Luther King Food Pantry Ad Council Mon 10:00am 6:00pm PUMC Mission **PUMC** 3-5pm Day 23 30 Sunday School 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Worship Services Worship Services Worship Services Worship Services Worship Services Sun PUMC-8:30 PUMC-8:30 PUMC-8:30 PUMC-8:30 PUMC-8:30 SUMC-10:00 SUMC-10:00 SUMC-10:00 SUMC-10:00 SUMC-10:45



WON'T YOU JOIN US?
PLYMOUTH UMC SERVICE AT 8:30AM
SAYBROOK ONE SERVICE AT 10:45AM

PSALM 65:11
YOU CROWN THE YEAR WITH
YOUR GOODNESS,
AND YOUR PATHS
DRIP WITH ABUNDANCE.

