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*God bless this new year
in which love overcomes.
He is always with us
and unfolds great possibilities.
All the best for the coming year.*

A Selection of New Year's Messages

Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.

Do not be afraid to face life.

This New Year has a lot of promises for us.

Trust God and everything will be fine.

Be on the right path that is led by God, then you should not fear any problem that comes your way because you will be triumphant and thus become a better person.

The gift of a new year is one of God's many blessings. Count your blessings as you countdown to the new year, and thank God for each one!

No matter the size of the problem you are facing or if the situation seems impossible to solve. If you keep your faith intact, God will help you overcome everything.

We often don't realize the blessings showered on us, but if we meditate in our hearts we will realize how greatly blessed we are. Have a successful year in Jesus Christ.

Wishing the happiest of New Years! May you praise the Lord for all things merry, and fall back on him if times get scary. He is always with you, always remember this and you will have a very blessed new year!



Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be Sunday, January 31st, after worship. Those of you who can and are comfortable being at worship please plan to attend as we conduct the important business of the church.

Annual Reports

Attention all Session members and moderators of church organizations! Assembling the annual report material will be done beginning the week of January 18th to be available to the congregation on January 24th so it may be reviewed before the annual meeting. If you currently moderate a session committee or other church organization, please write a report that summarizes your activities of 2020 to be shared with the congregation at our annual meeting on January 31st. Please help by getting your information in by January 18th. You may bring your report to church and place it in the office or email it to the church at standrewspresby@sbcglobal.net . **Emailing it to the office really works the best.** Thank you.



DOORSTEP

The year 2020 was challenging for everyone in some way. Doorstep has felt very blessed during the year with the volunteers who were comfortable coming in to help the staff provide services, and sort donations... and there were many donations with people being home! We also felt very blessed, and supported by all of our donors, and the community as a whole, who helped keep our food shelves stocked

throughout the year, and the monetary donations which kept our doors open, and services being provided.

We will start 2021 operating the same way we have been in 2020, with phone intakes for services, and appointments for the clothing room.

At this writing we have not distributed our Christmas items yet, however, Doorstep still adopted the usual 260 households from the Christmas Bureau. This is over 800 individuals who will receive food, gift cards, blankets and health kits. We appreciate everyone who sent monetary donations to help with the increased budget to provide the gift cards this year; and those who donated blankets, towels and hygiene items.

There will be no Operation Soup Line this year as the Board could not figure out a Covid safe, fundraising positive, way to carry out the event. We have asked our regular sponsors to still donate the funds and basically 'sponsor Doorstep' instead of the event this year as to not lose quite so much money by not having the fundraiser.

We will still proceed with SouperBowl Sunday, February 7th with the collection of soup and crackers to help stock our pantry! Please collect these items to bring to your congregation, or to Doorstep.

We cannot stress enough how thankful and blessed we feel to be so supported during this difficult time as we continue to help our neighbors in need the best way possible.



Men's and Women's Groups continue to meet at Banjos on the third Friday of the month for fellowship and friendship with a meal. Our next get together will be January 15th at 11:30.



Officers To Be Installed



Church officers elected by the congregation on November 22nd for the class of 2023 will be installed on January 31st during worship. They are Charles Franks, Betty DeShazer, Bill DeShazer and Linda Ozaki. All have been previously ordained. Thank you to these folks for agreeing to serve.

January Birthdays



Mary Jane Elder, January 2nd

Don Newman, January 3rd

Corinne Robinson, January 9th

Marguerite Newman, January 10th

Cheryl Kelly, January 10th

Karl Wilmers, January 13th

Jadyn Baum, January 23rd

Matthew Reynolds, January 29th

January Anniversaries



Brian and Jan McPherson, January 5th, 2006,

Karl and Dolores Wilmers; January 30th, 1955

JANUARY 2021 LECTIONARY READINGS

Second Sunday of Christmas—January 3, 2021 Jeremiah 31:7–14; Psalm 147:12–20; Ephesians 1:3–14; John 1:(1–9) 10–18

Epiphany of the Lord—January 6- Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14; Ephesians 3:1–12; Matthew 2:1–12

Baptism of the Lord—January 10 Genesis 1:1–5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1–7; Mark 1:4–11

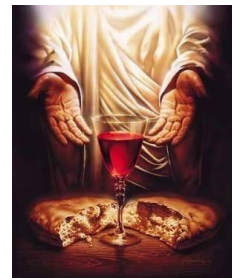
Sunday, January 17 1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20); Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18; 1 Corinthians 6:12–20; John 1:43–51

Sunday, January 24 Jonah 3:1–5, 10; Psalm 62:5–12; 1 Corinthians 7:29–31; Mark 1:14–20

Sunday, January 31 Deuteronomy 18:15–20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1–13; Mark 1:21–28

Communion

Holy Communion will be celebrated on January 3rd.



Directory Update

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Caring for our Members and Friends

Donna Robben Sunderland, Junior Elder, Mary Jane, Matthew Reynolds , Mary Ottiwell, Francene Beall, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Abbi, Karl & Dolores Wilmers, Jerry Barton, Marlene Watson John McCready, Andy O'Neill, Bill Karns, Robert Holly, Graham and Gail Wheat.



Schools and teachers and students dealing with remote classes, in-person and hybrid classes, mental health of all affected by the Covid-19 virus. Remember all those who serve -our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and those on the front lines of service during this pandemic..

Pray for peace and calm for our nation as we go through these troubling times. Pray for the ongoing conflicts that still exist in our own community. Pray for cooperation and respect among our government officials on all levels, the hungry and the homeless.



Session Meeting

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-December 6, 2020

Present: Moderator-Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones, Claudia Hamer, Matthew Reynolds, Stephanie Reynolds, Jan Rice, Dianne Deuser, Sharon McDaniels, JoAnn Miller, Kathy Fuller, Betty DeShazer, Bill DeShazer, Charles Franks
Absent: Janet Schiesser (McCrite Covid Restrictions)

Checking account balance as of November 30 was \$12,681.95.

Memorial Fund balance-\$3,588.50.

Pledges for November-\$3,235.00; non pledges-\$980.00; loose offering - \$160.00

Total income for November was \$5,466.34; Total expenses were \$5,333.544.

Installation of officers will be January 31st during worship.

Annual Congregational meeting will be January 31st following worship.

Repairs in pastor's office and church office completed. Next step will be to paint the repaired areas.

Cards and letter sent to many homebound members including those not attending worship due to the Covid pandemic.

Communion will be celebrated on Christmas Eve.

Communion to be celebrated on January 3rd.

January 2021						
◀ December						February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Mary Jane Elder B'day
3 Communion Don Newman B'day	4	5 Jan & Brian McPherson Anniv	6	7	8	9 Corinne Robinson B'day
10 Marguerite Newman B'day Cheryl Kelly B'day	11	12	13 Karl Wilmers B'day	14	15 11:30 -Men's and Ladies' Lunch	16
17 12:15 Session	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Matthew Reynolds B'day	30 Karl & Dolores Wilmers-Anniv.
31 Installation of Officers Annual Congregational Meeting						

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Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

