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JANUARY CHURCH CALENDAR



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR RON

Yesterday, I caught myself wishing for more Christmas music on the radio and one finally came on. I wasn't ready for Christmas to be over. I noticed some are already taking down perhaps trying to beat the chilling weather that is coming but I would like to hold on for just a little bit longer. We need that hope. Advent in fact is really about hope. We have modified the tradition of Advent to focus upon Jesus first coming but in reality Advent is about His second coming. It is about looking forward to the day when there is no more sickness, or sadness or pain and we get to enjoy a place that is sin and curse free. As I write this I am a bit rummy, having been up most of the night helping a family say goodbye and a dear saint pass into the presence of Jesus. There was a confident hope, knowing that this is not the end and that her future was filled with joy. We need that don't we? And not just at death's door but now. Here we have been dealing with this 'C' lettered pestilence (I'm not going to say the word) for two years now and yet another wave is upon us.

. We are weary and tired of this. We need hope. We need to know that there is an end, a time when this will be over. I thanked the nurses who were serving, certainly remember them in your prayers often. They need hope too. It has been especially rough on them, death with it day in and day out plus long shifts and short on staffing. But the only source of hope is Jesus, to fix our eyes on Him, to meditate on His promises "In this world you will have trouble, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" John 16:33. He promises to never leave us or forsake us. We are reminded that He is the good shepherd and that He will provide for us and lead us in the right paths. He will protect us and pour out His blessing upon us and we will dwell with Him forever. Hold onto hope my friend. This is not the end, these are just bumps in the road. Blessings, Pastor Ron



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God i	s working in what p	you, giving yo leases Him. P	u the desire a hilippians 2:1	nd the powe 3 NLT	r to do	1 Happy New Year
2 Commun- ion	3	4 Trustees Mtg. 7:00 pm	5 Worship Committee 6:00 pm Prayer Meet- ing 7:00 pm	6	7	8
9	10	11 Missions 6:00 pm Christian Ed 7:00pm	12 Bible Study 7:00pm	13	14	15
16 Annual Meeting 12:00 PM	17	18 Membership 5:50 pm Church Coun- cil 7:00 pm	19 Bible Study 7:00pm	20	21	22
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REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT COUNTRYSIDE Cunday Cabaal

SUNDAY	Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
	Morning Worship	10:45 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	Disciples of Wisdom Youth Group	6:30 P.M.
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KID'S COUNTRY VOLUNTEERS

JANUARY

- 2 Gordon & Jane Warnken
- 9 Linda Cox & Heidi McCullers
- 16 Linda Campbell
- 23 Carol Kirk & Susie Ratzlaff
- 30 Dena Miller & Robin Lawrence

GREETERS & TECH BOOTH

JANUARY

- Chuck & Sandy Fann 2
- Cliff & Carol Kirk 9
- 16 Louise Lyon & Melissa King
- 23 Bonnie Patterson & TBA
- 30 Mike & Melissa DeWitt Video/Sound Alaina DeWitt

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

JANUARY

- Carol Kirk 2
- 9 TBA
- 16 TBA
- 23 TBA
- 30 TBA

WHEN TO BE SILENT

Be silent when you haven't verified the story Deut. 17:6 Be silent when it is time to listen Prov 13:1 Be silent if your words would convey the wrong impression Prov 17:27 Be silent when you are feeling critical James 3:9 Be silent if you may have to eat your later **Prov** words 18:21 Be silent when you are supposed to be working instead Prov 14:23 Whoever guards His mouth and tongue keep his soul from troubles Prov 21:23 Be still and know that I am God Ps 46:10

JANUARY HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Tom Eli
- John Haves
- Mvrna Moorman
- Richard & Linda Campbell 5
- 6 Joyce Ploog
- 12 Sherry Brooks Mike Magyar Gladys Yoder Elven Zonaker Steve & Mary Pohlman
- 15 Julie Magyar 17
- Robin Lawrence 19
 - Christopher Moore
- 24 Bonnie Patterson
- 25 Ron & Deanna Kyker
- 26 Charlie Standage
- 29 Dena Miller
- 31 Charles Movers
- 31 Dan Castle

CHURCH COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES:

Deacons: share with the Senior Minster the responsibility for the spiritual welfare of the Church. They assist in evangelism, the observance of Holy Communion, in shepherd responsibilities, prayer support, and program planning for Church growth.

Trustees: exercise supervision, in concert with other applicable committees, over all matters relating to the operation, maintenance, and replacement of the Church property.

Christian Education Committee: Exercises supervision over the educational programs of the church at all age levels.

Worship **Committee:** shall in conjunction with the Senior Minister supervise the Church services, music, ushering and the greeting ministry for worship services.

Finance and Stewardship Committee: shall exercise supervision over all financial matters and shall perform such other duties as the Council may direct.

Membership & Hospitality Committee: shall be responsible for ensuring all incoming Church attendees find their place within the Church family, also maintain the membership rolls.

Missions and Social Action Committee shall supervise the mission programs of the Church and be aware of the social needs and problems of the community. Shall promote and receive the special mission offerings.

Nominating Committee: shall prepare and present to the congregation a slate of candidates for the offices to be filled.

This information is only highlights of the Church Constitution. You are welcome to request a copy.

Annual Meeting The Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 16th following the morning worship service



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT "NEW YEAAR'S COMMITMENT"

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with your entire mind. . . . You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37, 39)

"As the new year opens, I'd like to challenge you to make one commitment (you'll notice I didn't say resolution). I believe the most important issue in this New Year is to set priorities for your life. It is imperative that you stay focused on the things that are really important.

We find out what is important by reading God's Word. In Matthew, when someone asked Jesus, "Which is the great commandment in the Law?" Jesus answered with what is in our Scripture passage for today. Read that again.

What does that have to do with setting priorities? Those are the priorities: love God and love people. If you do, everything else will fall into place.

Decide today what your priorities will be for the coming year, write them down, and ask for God's help in setting those priorities in your everyday life this year." (*New Year's Commitment* by Larry Burkett)

In November, the Unified Budget giving of \$13,422 exceeded the actual expenditures by \$166 and giving for the year has exceeded expenditures by \$9,127. We had donations of \$1,165 for Salvation Army Food Boxes to help to provide food boxes for Christmas for many needy families in the community. The sanctuary roof had wind damage in the December wind storm and \$1,600 of Major Maintenance funds were used to pay for the repairs. This year has been a good year financially and while not as quite as strong as 2020, the giving has been much steadier throughout the year.

While we have been able to resume most of the in-person activities at the church, the pandemic and other health problems have lessened our church attendance. Thank the Lord for all the blessings that we have seen in 2021 and the strength to overcome many challenges. I pray for better health and many blessings for all in our church body and community in 2022. Let us all commit to love God and love people in the coming year and everything else will – Ŕich McCullum fall in place.



FINANCIAL REPORT MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Unified Budget</u> Budget Goals Tithes & Offerings Actual Expenditures Overage (Shortfall) November 2021 14,349.25 13,421.63 13,256.09 165.54 <u>Year-to-Date</u> 157,841.75 158,390.53 149,263.63 9,126.90

RETIRED MINISTER'S & MISSIONARIES OFFERING

This difficult year is a reminder of why we honor retired pastors and missionaries and their spouses who have served ABCUSA churches and ministries for 15 years or more through our annual RMMO offering. Because of their devoted service, American Baptist denomination continues to be resilient, praising and cele-brating Jesus Christ, as well as serving those who seek to walk with Him and those in The theme need. is "Transformed by Generosity" This offering will be collected in January.

BIBLE BUDDIES

All Kid ages K—5th grade are invited to Bible Buddies on Wednesday night January 5th at 6:45 PM for a Bible story, Bible memory, music, crafts and game. Please pray for this program that many kids will be reached for Jesus. Contact Jamie Standage



PIZZA & GAME PARTY

All kids K- 12th grades Are invited to the church on Saturday, January 22nd at 1:00 PM for a fun time. Contact is Carol Kirk

GAME NIGHT

Heads up everyone Game Night come and enjoy a fun time playing games and having a bowl of chili or soup on Friday January 14th at 6:00 PM. Contact is Linda Campbell

