



JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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CHRIST

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Pastor Rosemary Captain

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It has been a tough year. I think we can all agree on that. Sometimes, when life gets us down and depressed, it helps if we remember how much God loves us and our relationship with God. (To reconcile means to resolve and reconciliation involves understanding, settlement, or reunion.) Here is a message from Henri Nouwen to help.



Born to Reconcile

If you dare to believe that you are beloved before you are born, you may suddenly realize that your life is very, very special. You become conscious that you were sent here just for a short time, for twenty, forty, or eighty years, to discover and believe that you are a beloved child of God. The length of time doesn't matter. You are sent into this world to believe in yourself as God's chosen one and then to help your brothers and sisters know that they are also Beloved Sons and Daughters of God who belong together. You're sent into this world to be a people of reconciliation. You are sent to heal, to break down the walls between you and your neighbors, locally, nationally, and globally. Before all distinctions, the separations, and the walls built on foundations of fear, there was a unity in

the mind and heart of God. Out of unity, you are sent into this world for a little while to claim that you and every other human being belongs to the same God of Love who lives from eternity to eternity. – **HENRI NOUWEN**

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.
2 Corinthians 5:18 (NIV)



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

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| 1/2 Judy Hartmann | 1/24 Cheri Schutzenhofer |
| 1/4 March Ganschinietz | 1/27 Shari Hamilton |
| 1/4 Job Ganschinietz | 1/28 Amy Brink |
| 1/14 Jim Turnbull | 1/28 Trenton Pickens |
| 1/21 Eileen Gammon | 1/29 Ensley Turnbull |
| 1/22 Kendra Clark | |

Condolences to the family of Betty Hayes (a member since 1969). Her service was held November 13, 2020.

DIRECTORY CHANGE:

PHONE # for Jan & Tom Miller --- Jan 580-3549 - Tom 571-0517



PRAYER LIST: Rich Schmitt, Nelson Libell, Dave Seneczyn, Eric White, Lori Riess, Donna Isselhard, Mitch Nallie, Candy Peace, Greg Talley, Leah Williams, Pat Holtgrave, Jane Riess, Shari Hamilton, Charlotte Watson, Becky Ballard, Amy Annis, Luz Captain, Craig Meyer, Pam Bierman.

(If you know of someone's name which can be removed from this list, please let the secretary know.)

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Ardella Morris
1201 Hartman Lane Apt. 235
Belleville, IL 62221



Darlene Bax
220 Fieldcrossing Drive Apt. 40
Highland, IL 62249

Terry Kissel
429 South Main Street Room 228
Shiloh, IL 62269

Jeanette Brown
5904 Perrin Road
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Evening Circle

Hope everyone celebrated Christmas in a safe but enjoyable way. Jack and I were able to Facetime with our two children and families. One of the few times I really appreciated new technology.

I want to "THANK" everyone that brought presents to church for our Kindercottage child, Athena Hamad. I am sure the presents were appreciated more this year than ever before. Here is an approximate list of all the presents: Toy cake mixer set, MouseTrap Game, Barbie Doll, 2 stuffed animals, toy dishes, large doll, puzzle, coloring book, books, markers, pajamas, sweat pants & sweater, Pillow & blanket, hat and gloves, puffer vest, and 7 complete tops and bottoms. Our church ladies are very generous; thanks again.

Hope to see everyone in 2021 sooner than later.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door!

from: withlovequotes.com

Eileen Gammon, Co-Chair

More is Better, Right?

Just in case your **mask(s)** have disappeared, are out of season, or you just need a change, you will have another chance to order custom masks for spring! If you have email, you will get an email shortly that will picture fabric choices. Those of you who do not have email will receive instructions via the mailed Sunday bulletins. Think spring!

NEW CHURCH ENVELOPES

Our new church envelopes are here and ready. Hopefully soon we can be here to pick them up, but until then I can post what you send in by your name so will keep your statement up to date.

Also have new calendars from Kurrus here if you haven't gotten one yet.

ANNUAL MEETING?

Because we don't know when we will be back in church, we haven't set a date for the Annual Meeting.

The four people whose term ends this January are Wayne Schlosser (he resigned when he moved to Texas), Janice Petroff, Tom Miller and Ginny Ganschinietz. The nominees for this year are Chuck Kistler, Becky Riess, Tom Miller and Ginny Ganschinietz.

Since we don't know if or when we'll have a meeting, please read the proposed budget and those nominated for council positions. If you have any questions or suggestions for others for council, please call Judy at 520-1007 or Ginny at 398-1168.

January

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 No in-person worship. Worship materials available via email, website, and US mail	4	5 Bible Study 7 pm	6	7 AA Meeting	8	9
10 No in-person worship. Worship materials available via email, website, and US mail	11	12 Bible Study 7 pm	13 Church Council meeting 7 pm via	14 AA Meeting	15	16
17 No in-person worship. Worship materials available via email, website, and US mail	18	19 Bible Study 7 pm	20	21 AA Meeting	22	23
24 No in-person worship. Worship materials available via email, website, and US mail	25	26 Bible Study 7 pm	27	28 AA Meeting	29	30
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