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This month's Newsletter is special. It is a smaller version, since we are mailing it out, along with offering envelopes for January, February, and March. It's the same great information as usual, just fewer pictures (to save space)! It will still be emailed out for those of you who want an online copy.

**Liturgists
in January**

January 7
Emily Schuldt

January 14
Sharon Heiser

January 21
Nancy Beenblossom

January 28
Gary Shaulis



**Ushers
in January**

January 7
Brad Ruth

January 14
Dick & Karen Funk

January 21
Dave Beenblossom

January 28
Gary Shaulis



A Note from the Pastor

As we prepare to enter in to 2024 I share with you this story entitled:

“The Gospel of the Second Chance”

On New Year’s Day, 1929, Georgia Tech played University of California in the Rose Bowl. In that game a man named Roy Riegels recovered a fumble for California. Somehow, he became confused and started running in the wrong direction. One of his teammates, Benny Lom, overtook and chased him down the 65 yards and tackled him just before he scored a touchdown for Georgia Tech. When California attempted a punt, Tech blocked the kick and scored a safety, which at the end of the game was the margin of the victory.

That strange play came in the first half, and everyone who was watching the game was asking the same question: “What will Coach Nibbs Price do with Roy Riegels in the second half?” The men filed off the field and went into the dressing room. They sat down on the benches and on the floor, all but Riegels. He put his blanket around his shoulders, sat down in a corner, put his hands, and cried like a baby.

If you have played any sport, you know that a coach usually has a great deal to say to the team during halftime. That day Coach Price was quiet. No doubt he was trying to decide what to do with Riegels. Then the timekeeper came in and announced that there were three minutes before playing time. Coach Price looked at the team and said simply, “Men, the same team that played the first half will start the second.”

The players got up and started out, all but Riegels. He did not budge. The coach looked back and called to him. Still he didn’t move. Coach Price went over to where Riegels sat and said, “Roy, didn’t you hear me? The same team that place the first half will start the second.”

Then Roy looked up and his checks were wet with a strong man’s tears. “Coach” he said, “I can’t do it to save my life. I’ve ruined you. I’ve ruined the University of California. I’ve ruined myself. I couldn’t face that crowd in the stadium to save my life.”

The Coach Price reach out and put his hand on Riegels’ shoulder and said “Get up and go back; the game is only half over.” And Roy Riegels we back. Those Tech men will tell you they have never seen a man play football as Roy Riegels played that second half.

As we look back on the year 2023 we may see the places that we have stumbled and fallen. We may see the times we ran in the wrong direction. We see those places where we are ashamed of the choices we have made or maybe those we should have made and didn’t.

But as we have traveled through this Advent Season we have prepared ourselves to meet Christ in the child who became a man and died on the cross for us, and we have prepared for the time when he will come again to this earth and make it once again his own.

So as we turn the calendar and enter into the New Year of 2024, and we think of all those things we want to change let us hear Jesus say to us; “Get up and go back for the game is only half over.”

That is the grace of God who comes to us in the Holy Spirit and walks our life journey with us. That is the grace of God who gives us not only a second chance, but a third, a fourth, and a hundredth chance. That is the grace of God who is always offering us the forgiveness of that Christ Child who grew into a man, died on the cross taking on our sins and who rose again, for even death could not hold him down. This is the God we worship each and every Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

See you in worship.....Pastor Laurie

January Birthdays

Elizabeth Widner	1/2
Chole Kiene	1/3
Karla Whitney	1/3
Zac Wrage	1/4
Justin Shook	1/5
Esther Folkerds	1/6
Del Shepard	1/6
Trevor Lafrentz	1/8
Cecilia Baldwin	1/8
Laurel Stratiou	1/9
Justin Lockett	1/10
Dylan Wrage	1/10
Austin Conradi	1/11
Myron Destival	1/11
Owen Manning	1/11
Jean Eibey	1/12
Gina Destival	1/15
Betty Jean Borgwardt	1/16
Kathy Whitney	1/16
Blake Destival	1/17
Mark Herbst	1/18
Jeremy Johnson	1/18
Brandi Immerzeel	1/19
Brad Ruth	1/19
Charlotte Brickman	1/20
Shari Kirkpatrick	1/20
Lisa Borglum	1/22
Tim Nisius	1/23
Jodi West	1/24
Janet Destival	1/25
Ethan Ver Steeg	1/25
Reid Woodyard	1/25
Gary Folkerds	1/27/
Jennifer Brickman	1/28
Stanley Saunders	1/28
Cynthia Spencer	1/28
Dustin Brocka	1/29
Amanda Dobbs	1/30

January Anniversaries

Dennis & Laurie Dilley 1/10

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our Shepherds and those
who are served by them:

Georgia Eibey
Marilyn Taylor
Harriet Schares
Lorraine Hallberg
Lolita Huber
Lavonne Dorman
Char Brickman
Bev West
Pam MacKay

Please keep them in your prayers:

Colette Ruth
Pam MacKay
Char Brickman
LaVonne Dorman
Esther Folkerds
Dan & Wendy Brace
Evelyn Turner

Z-Team News

The Z-Team will be meeting on
Tuesday, January 23 at 1:00 pm.

Shepherd News

The Shepherds will be meeting on
Tuesday, January 9, at 9:30 am.

Finance News

We did it again!!!! Due to the generosity, hard work, and dedication of **all** our congregation and constituents, we have been able to pay our 2023 Apportionment obligation and our District Asking - **100%**!

Our 2023 obligations were:

General Church Apportionments	2,742
Conference Ministries	6,409
Conference Mission Giving	<u>1,575</u>
Total 2023 Apportionment	10,726

2023 District Asking **1,071**

Our 2024 obligations will be:

General Church Apportionments	2,933
Conference Ministries	6,472
Conference Mission Giving	<u>1,567</u>
Total 2024 Apportionment	10,972

2024 District Asking **1,071**

Our successful fund raisers for the year were:

Ink Cartridge Recycling	140.00
Sold Asparagus	23.00
Sold Eggs & Produce	54.65
Stew Supper	1,214.00
Easter Breakfast	267.00
Lions Dinner	950.25
Pie & Ice Cream Social	461.00
Rummage & Bake Sale	1,786.25
Cranberry Relish Sales	116.00
Turkey Sales	391.85
Jingle in Janesville Bake Sale	380.00
Christmas Dinner	<u>289.00</u>
Total Fund Raising for 2023	<u>6,073.00</u>



Missions News

2023 Mission Giving

To date this year, we have given the following to mission work throughout the world:

MONETARY DONATIONS:

UMCOR Sunday	\$340.00
UMCOR-Maui relief	\$275.00
Food Bank (Easter)	\$565.00
Food Bank (Christmas)	\$575.00
Food Bank-backpack program	\$270.00
Blanket Sunday	\$590.00
Relay for Life American Cancer Society	\$1,035.00
Imagine No Malaria	\$125.00
Good Samaritan Fund	<u>\$560.00</u>
	\$4,335.00

IN-KIND DONATIONS:

The approximate value of in-kind giving is:

Ingathering 82 kits, 14 quilts, sewing machine, loose layette items) plus shipping/toiletry expenses	\$2,114.50 \$230.00
Mitten Tree	\$505.00
VBS school supplies to Janesville School	\$544.00
United Way Holiday Shoppe (doll outfits)	\$40.00
Friends of the Family (duffle bags)	\$100.00
Cedar Valley Hospice (5 quilts)	\$250.00
Janesville Library Fundraiser (quilt/pillows)	\$200.00
Waverly Hospital Birthing Center (11 baby quilts)	\$275.00
Food Bank (produce)	240 pounds
Fresh produce to Prairie Court residents, Waverly Veterans building, Trinket and Togs	

Thank you so much for all the Mission Giving this year!
The Mission Committee



Thank you for the many ways you have blessed me during 2023.

Thank you for the many cards, gifts and meals that you have blessed me with for both my birthday and Christmas.

Thank you for the gift of letting me be your pastor. It is a trust I don't take for granted.

I look forward to seeing where God calls us to go as we begin 2024 together.

Pastor Laurie

Thank You for the Christmas cards,
Christmas gifts, Anniversary cards,
and Get Well cards received
over the last couple of months.

Very much appreciated!!

Happy New Year!

Sue & Larry Stapleton

The Z-Team organized and coordinated a Bake Sale for the Jingle in Janesville and a Fellowship Dinner after the Children's Christmas Worship service.

Proceeds, which were given to the General Fund of the church were:

\$340.00 from the Bake Sale

\$289.00 from the Fellowship Dinner

Thanks to everyone who donated, helped work, and participated!!!

I would like to thank the JUMC congregation for all their support and appreciation through the years. The Christmas gift of money is also much appreciated - you are all such wonderful people.

I also want to give thanks to our wonderful lay leader, Margaret Shepard, not only for her gift of Christmas treats, but for her special gifts of kindness that she gives to our whole congregation . Barb



We want to thank everyone for the donations to this year's Angel Tree.

We changed the agencies we collected for this year to include local schools for support for their lunch programs, as well as clothing items needed by the school nurse. We still had a sizable amount of gifts that were delivered to Bremwood and North Star. Total value amount of all donations was \$1159.

Again, THANK YOU.

Naomi Circle

December Happenings

Jingle in Janesville Bake Sale



Youth Group



December Happenings - Part 2

Children's Christmas Worship Service and Fellowship Dinner



Sunday School Birthday Party for Jesus

