

THE CHIMES
2022



Pastor's Letter

As the New Year is about to begin, let's experience an Epiphany!

We sing the song "*Twelve Days of Christmas*" usually not knowing that they are traditionally identified as the days beginning December 25 to January 6; ending with *the feast of Epiphany*, which remembers the "appearing" of the Christ; highlighted in the scripture by the visitation of the "*Magi*" to the Christ child, and presentation of their gifts of: gold, frankincense and myrrh; gifts for *a King, A Priest, and Savior*.

An epiphany has a positive meaning: it is "an insight of reality usually through something simple and striking, an enlightening discovery, revealing truth." It is like an '*Ah Hah!*' moment. The Epiphany season along with Christmas and Easter, are the three oldest seasons of celebration of the Christian Church calendar.

Epiphany celebrates the first appearance of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, The *Magi*, those mysterious visitors in the story of Jesus' birth, the "*three kings*" in Christmas carols and artwork, were the first non-Jews to recognize that the child born in Bethlehem was in fact a King and Savior of the world.

In Eastern Orthodox tradition, the recognition of Christ's divinity occurs first at his baptism in the Jordan River. For some Christians, Jesus' Baptism by John was an epiphany moment, recognizing Jesus as the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit "*resting*" upon him as He began His earthly ministry.

Throughout January and through March, our weekly messages will center on the mystery of Jesus' birth, early life, and call to ministry, which leads us into the Lenten season. The *Lenten season* will begin later this year on March 2, which is "*Ash Wednesday*"; a day in which Christians prepare for the days leading into Holy Week and Easter (April 17). We move from Jesus' birth, and look ahead to the life of Jesus in the mystery and wonder of all that God has done for us.

As we have celebrated Christmas, with a New Year ahead, let's pray for God's blessing, for strength and good health; to kick this Covid bug goodbye. The days ahead will be full, and eye-opening, let's live with an expectation of an epiphany of all that God is working in our lives. It can be amazing!

Living life in Jesus!

Pastor Jeff Coggins

*Have A
Blessed
New Year!*

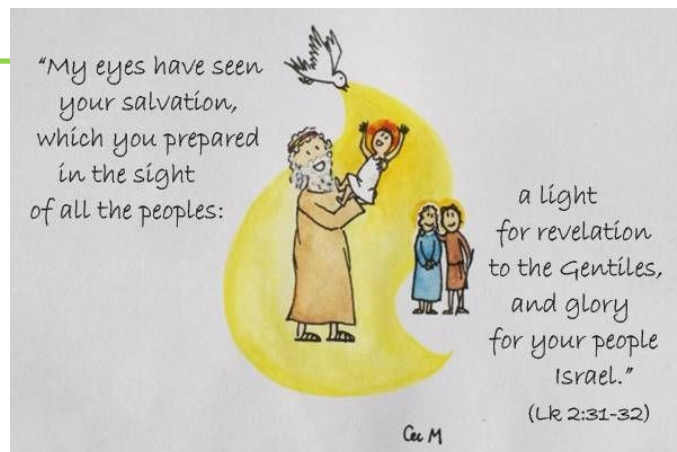
*"To offer
hope to our
community
and world
through the
Good
News, and
to make
disciples of
Jesus
Christ"*

*based on
Matthew
28:19*

Sunday January 2, 2022

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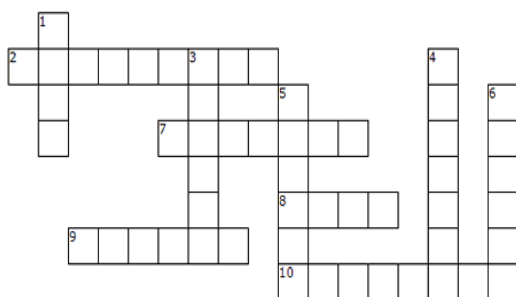
This Sunday's 8:00 am sermon is based on Luke 2:21-40 "A Fulfilled Life"
Old Testament Lesson from Isaiah 61:10-62:3



Simeon Recognizes Jesus

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Luke 2:25-26 (NVI)

Based on Luke 2:22-40 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. Deliverance from the penalty of sin
7. Something you said that you would do
8. The organs for seeing in the faces of humans and animals
9. A building dedicated to religious ceremonies or worship
10. The town where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus lived

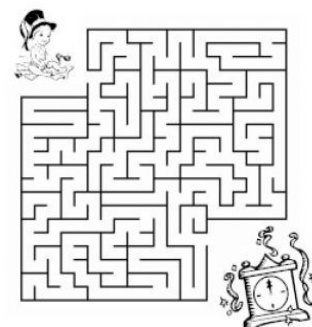
DOWN

1. The mother of Jesus
3. The homeland of the Jewish people
4. A person who is not Jewish
5. The man who was promised he would not die until he had seen the Messiah
6. The earthly father of Jesus

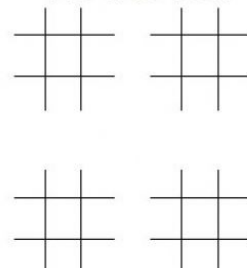
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SIMEON	JOSEPH	GENTILE	PROMISE	EYES

Happy New Year!

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 C K B D B E M X H N F V E S W
 G Z W X E M U H P T V V Y G E



TIC-TAC-TOE



On the back of the paper, see how many words you can make from

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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| 01/12 Karen Harris | 01/24 Mindy Brooker | |
| 01/13 Cheyenne Foley | 01/24 Marvin Feldner | |
| 01/14 Darren Smith | 01/25 Dave Archer | |
| 01/14 Dennis Vadini | 01/27 Bob Denney | 01/05 Ryan & Christina Merry |
| 01/15 Ellery Spring | 01/30 Olivia Piper | 01/13 Bob & Nancy Rudge |
| 01/16 Richard Davis | 01/31 Brena Baker | |
| 01/16 Jeanette Jerfery | 01/31 Christopher Brooker | |
| 01/17 Deloris Ullmann | 01/31 Sandee Stritz | |
| 01/18 Justin Archer | | |
| 01/21 Carol Merry | | |
| 01/21 Ryan Moorman | | |



The Missions Team is getting ready for 2022!

- Christ Shares a Meal (CSAM) will start up again on January 27th and continue through October on the last Thursday of each month. Once again meal ingredient signup sheets will be available in the sanctuary two weeks before each meal for those who would like to contribute.
- The Weekend Backpack Program (WBP) is also on-going – thirty elementary school children will continue to get food to sustain them every weekend through the end of the school year. This is the third year the CUMC is conducting the WBP; both elementary schools continue to express their appreciation.



As always, thank you for your support in the past and for your contributions and donations in the future. Happy New Year!



Summit Acres Nursing Home

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Delores Christopher, 7 Summit Court
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Frances Milligan – 20 Summit Court





January 1, 1863 - The Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves in the states rebelling against the Union.

January 1, 1999 - Eleven European nations began using a new single European currency, the Euro

January 3, 1924 - British Egyptologist Howard Carter found the sarcophagus of Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings near Luxor after several years of searching.

January 3, 1959 - Alaska was admitted as the 49th U.S. state with a land mass almost one-fifth the size of the lower 48 states together.

January 10, 1878 - An Amendment granting women the right to vote was introduced in Congress by Senator A.A. Sargent of California. The amendment didn't pass until 1920, forty-two years later.

January 18, 1966 - Robert Clifton Weaver was sworn in as the first African American cabinet member in U.S. history, becoming President Lyndon B. Johnson's Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

January 22, 1973 - Abortion became legal in the U.S. as the Supreme Court announced its decision in the case of *Roe vs. Wade* striking down local state laws restricting abortions in the first six months of pregnancy. In more recent rulings (1989 and 1992) the Court upheld the power of individual states to impose some restrictions.

January 25, 1961 - President John F. Kennedy conducted the first live televised presidential news conference, five days after taking office.

U.S. New Year's Food Traditions

Pork—for progress in the new year—pigs root their way progressively forward.

Sauerkraut(and other greens)—the strands of cabbage mean long life and the green (color of money) means prosperity

Beans—because they are round like money they mean prosperity and good luck

Rice—For fertility and wealth

Long noodles-for long life (eat without breaking)

Round cake or doughnuts-To complete the full circle of luck

Grapes-12 eaten as the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve. One for good luck in each month.



Fun New Year's Trivia

Question: When did the New Year's Eve Ball first drop in Times Square?

Answer: [1907](#)

Question: Who is credited with writing the poem "Auld Lang Syne?"

Answer: [Robert Burns](#)

Question: On average, how many babies are born each Jan. 1 in the United States?

Answer: [11,293](#)

Question: According to the International Date Line, where on Earth is New Year's celebrated first each year?

Answer: [The Kiritimati Atoll in Kiribati](#)

Question: What is the most popular New Year's resolution?

Answer: [To exercise more](#)





Basic Rules for Leading a Fulfilling Life

1. Come to peace with the way things are. "People are so obsessed with what they don't have that they never allow themselves to be satisfied with what they *do* have in life.
2. Take timeouts in life frequently. Every so often, it's good to hit the pause button on life and soak in the moment. Life can get hectic with work, relationships, and stress leading us to not realize how awesome life is.
3. Include some gratitude in your daily life. Practicing gratitude has a myriad of benefits, such as happiness, more optimism, and better health.
4. Spice up your life with some daily thrills. Life is meant to be one big adventure, so get to exploring. Become daring and start saying yes to things you always talk yourself out of. Learn a new skill such as ballroom dancing, or go skydiving.
5. Treat yourself like royalty. If you don't show respect and kindness to yourself, then how can you expect someone else to? How can someone else see how awesome you are if you can't see it yourself?
6. Eat in a way that is satisfying and healthy. Eating healthy doesn't entail the daily consumption of boring and bland meals, such as steamed chicken and broccoli. If fat loss is your goal, living a fulfilling life and eating awesome, tasty foods is very doable.
7. Make exercise a priority, not an exception. If you care about living longer, having more energy, and wanting to look younger, then look no further than exercising to take care of all those needs.
8. Stop making life so difficult. Life isn't meant to be filled with stress. Chill out and take a walk through the park or go have a quiet and relaxing dinner.

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



IT'S A NEW YEAR AND A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO GROW AS A CHRISTIAN.

My #1 New Years Resolution this year is to make sure that I tell the most important people in my life that:

1. I LOVE THEM.
2. I WILL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR THEM.
3. I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THEY DO
4. I CONSIDER MYSELF SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE THEM IN MY LIFE.

If I sent this to you, then you are one of the most important people in my life so Please consider yourself told!

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Dear God, the world is changing in so many ways. I pray throughout these changes we may remain messengers of love, hope, faith and commitment to you. You created us out of love and we each carry a spark of deity in our souls that repeats a resounding call to love and to serve. Please strengthen us to fulfill our calling. We ask this in the name of our risen Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kandi Mount, Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner, retired, Bella Vista, Arkansas



Mission Focus Today: Henderson Settlement, Frakes, Kentucky. Providing basic needs through education, transportation, housing, food, clothing and jobs.

South Sudan. South Sudan Health Empowering All Lives (South Sudan HEAL). Supporting health education to prevent illness and support local health workers' efforts.

New Year's Eve Customs Around the World

Smashing Plates (Denmark) Danish residents save their unused dinnerware and affectionately shatter them against doors of their families and friends as a way to ward off bad spirits.

First-Footing (Scotland) Scotland's Hogmanay celebration is one of the most rousing celebrations in the world. but is also known for its tradition of "first-footing." According to the custom, the first person who crosses the threshold of a person's home should bring a gift of luck. Traditionally, this gift was a coal for the fire or shortbread.

Consuming Grapes (Spain) Each year, Spaniards partake in the annual tradition of eating one grape for every toll of the clock at midnight. The twelve grapes consumed are meant to represent good luck for each month of the year.

Dropping Ice Cream (Switzerland) In celebration of the New Year, the Swiss channel good luck, wealth, and abundance by dropping a dollop of ice cream on the floor at midnight.

Turkey: Sprinkling Salt

In Turkey, it's considered good luck to **sprinkle salt on your doorstep** as soon as the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Day. Like many other New Year's Eve traditions around the globe, this one is said to promote both peace and prosperity throughout the new year.

What do you call a Snowman Party?

A: a snow ball



Winter



Find and circle all of the Winter related words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a Japanese proverb.

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| BLACK ICE | HAIL | SEASON | SNOWBOARD |
| BLIZZARD | HEADBAND | SKATES | SNOWFLAKE |
| BOOTS | HIBERNATION | SKI DOO | SNOWMAN |
| CARNIVAL | HOCKEY | SKI PANTS | SNOWSHOES |
| CHRISTMAS | HOLIDAYS | SKIING | SOLSTICE |
| COLD | ICE FISHING | SLED | SOUP |
| EGG NOG | ICICLES | SLEET | STEW |
| FIREPLACE | KNIT CAP | SLIPPERY | STORM |
| FIREWOOD | LONG UNDERWEAR | SNOW CASTLE | SWEATSHIRT |
| FOG | MITTENS | SNOW PLOW | TOBOGGAN |
| FREEZE | OLYMPICS | SNOW SHOVEL | VACATION |
| FROST | PARKA | SNOW TIRES | WIND CHILL |
| GLOVES | SCARF | SNOWBALL | WOOL SOCKS |



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Those sick and in the hospital, and our shut-ins; for those we love who are in care centers, assisted living and nursing care.

We pray for our Nation, to bring healing, to help us find peace and direction for the days ahead. We pray for Pastor's, Church leaders and congregations as we shine the Light of Christ and the

Love of God to a world in need. We pray for our school students, teachers and staff .

We remember the inmates and staff at NCI. We pray for special unspoken requests,
and for each other. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen

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