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A Caring Community of Faith

Celebrating 51 Years of Ministry

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Pastor's Page

I found the following article that I had written for January 2011. I think it's even more appropriate in 2021.

"The New Year usually gives people a fresh start on their old habits!"

(Peter Sumner)



CLOSE THE GATE!!

Each year it seems that we hear people say, "This year will be different. I'm resolving to change my life in the following ways..."

How many times have you heard those famous words? How many times have you heard loved ones say them? How many times have you yourself said them?

Each new year we resolve to live our lives differently.

Each new year we say that things will be different.

Each year we say that we will have a better life!

Janus was an interesting character. He was the two-faced Roman god of entrances. His two faces looked each way from above doorways and entrances. He gave his name to the year's first month for the obvious reason that it is the appropriate time to look backward to the old and forward to the new!

As we look back on 2020 most of us are just glad the year is over and a new one has begun!
What a year, COVID certainly wreaked havoc upon the entire world!

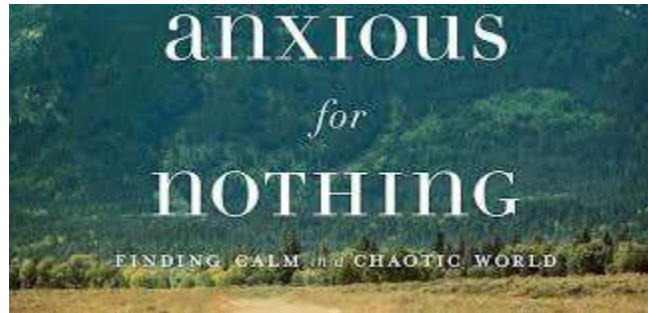
Farmers often have a notice on their entrances or gates, "Please close the gate." A New Year calls for a firm gate closing!

Jesus said that the past should be left to bury its own dead and thus be finished with it.

As we Begin 2021, we need to bury the past! We need to put it behind us and strive for the great things awaiting us in the future!

Instead of resolving to do things differently and then falling back into our old habits, let us, with great determination, put the past in the past, live in the present, and strive for the future!

The people of God cannot hold onto the past! The people of God must always live in the present looking toward the future!



**New Adult Study Beginning Thursday, January 7 – January 28:
Anxious For Nothing: Finding Calm In A Chaotic World**

**The Study will be @ 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. on ZOOM
The ZOOM links will be available after the first of the year**

Does the uncertainty and chaos of life keep you up at night? Is irrational anxiety your constant companion? Let God help you win the war on worry and receive the lasting peace of Christ.

We all encounter anxiety, but we don't have to let worry and fear control our lives. *Anxious for Nothing*, from New York Times bestselling author, Max Lucado, provides a roadmap for battling with and healing from anxiety. *Anxious for Nothing* invites readers to delve into Philippians 4:6-7—the most highlighted passage of any book on the planet according to Amazon—

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

In this book, Max will help you: Celebrate God's goodness Ask God for help Leave your concerns with God Meditate on good things Stop letting anxiety rule the day. Join Max on the journey to true freedom and experience more joy, clarity, physical renewal, and contentment by the power of the Holy Spirit.





Thank you to the congregation for your generous donations.

Thank you to those who shopped for last minute items.

Thank you to those who put together the baskets and also distributed them.



JOIN PASTOR MATLACK SUNDAYS AT 11 A.M.

To download and install the Zoom Application go to <https://zoom.us/download> and click on the Download button under "Zoom Client For Meetings". Once the download is complete, proceed with installing the Zoom application onto your computer.

NEW ADULT STUDY BEGINNING THURSDAY, JANUARY 7
Anxious For Nothing: Finding Calm In A Chaotic World



The Study will be Thursdays @ 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. on ZOOM.

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ADULT BASIC YOGA CLASS TUESDAYS @ 9 A.M.



The class is geared toward developing a yoga practice that does not intimidate.

Please bring a yoga mat for floor poses. Facemasks and social distancing required.

The fee per class is \$4.00.

Tina Green is the instructor.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY TUESDAYS @ 10 A.M.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets each Tuesday in the Coffee Hour area.

Facemasks and social distancing required.

Please join us and bring a project to work on or we can supply you with yarn to make a prayer shawl.

BOOK CLUB THURSDAY, JANUARY 28 @ 7 P.M.



The Book Club meets the fourth Thursday evening of the month, except in December.

Facemasks and social distancing required.

JANUARY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Coffee & Conversation 11 a.m. Zoom Narcotics Anonymous (Offsite) 7 p.m.		Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawls 10 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal (On Hold)	New Year's Eve	New Year's Day	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Coffee & Conversation 11 a.m. Zoom NA (Offsite) 7 p.m.		Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawls 10 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal (On Hold)	Adult Study 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. on Zoom	Alcoholics Anonymous (Offsite) 7:30 p.m.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Coffee & Conversation 11 a.m. Zoom NA (Offsite) 7 p.m.	Finance 7 p.m. Zoom	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. Council 7 p.m. Zoom	Handbells Rehearsal (On Hold)	Adult Study 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. on Zoom Book Club 7 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Offsite) 7:30 p.m.	
24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29	30
Coffee & Conversation 11 a.m. Zoom NA 7 p.m. 31 Annual Meeting		Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawls 10 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal (On Hold)	Adult Study 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. on Zoom	Alcoholics Anonymous (Offsite) 7:30 p.m.	

January Birthdays

Janet Martin	January 4
Craig Rand	January 7
Natalina Miller	January 8
Joan Thralow	January 9
Alex Casagrande	January 10
Beverly Bartlett	January 12
Alayna Rozman	January 12
Hans Grabenstein	January 13
Bob Chiaravalli	January 15
Anna Grabenstein	January 18
Meghan Buckler	January 19
Jenna Clark	January 21
Gary Gates	January 22
Hilda Sawicki	January 25
Chris Yohn	January 29
Sally Cossin	January 30
Dale Mellema	January 30

January Anniversaries

Ralph & Nancy Green	January 2
Al & Kay Grabenstein	January 19
Chris & Nicole Yohn	January 19

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- When your contact information has changed so we can update the church records.
- When a member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so Pastor may visit if you would like.
- When a significant event is happening in your life or in the life of someone you love.
- When planning your wedding and especially before setting the wedding date.
- Before making funeral arrangements.
- When a new baby arrives in your family.
- When you have questions about your faith.
- When you need information about some process or happening in church life.
- When a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- You feel the church can assist you in any way.



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Our Mission:

We are: CALLED by Christ in our Baptism and GATHERED by the Holy Spirit into his community of faith to celebrate God's grace in our midst so we can be SENT to share that grace in our community and beyond.

Worship with us
wherever you are!



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