

Happy **NEW YEAR**
*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*
PSALM 65:11

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It's hard for me to wrap my head around the fact that another year has passed. There have been some great moments and then some not so great moments here at the church. I would like to focus on some of the wonderful things the church has accomplished this past year.

The Soup Kitchen is going strong. Still serving the community a hot meal three days a week. Along with other resources for the people in need. Christine is retiring at the end of February-we will miss her, it will be hard to fill her shoes.

The Martha Group continues to meet once a month for fellowship and bible study. The group sponsored 5 Kids In Need this year AT Christmas time. We usually only sponsor 3 but because of the generosity of the church we were able to touch the lives of two other Kids and their families.

The church was used for several memorial services this past year. Each celebrating the lives of loved ones. It's nice to know the church had at least a small part in those celebrations.

We hired someone to help with the children during Children's Church. We now need to be looking at opening up the nursery. We are blessed to have babies in the congregation.

The church held several potlucks this past year, averaging one every 3-4 months. There is always good food and conversation. Hope to see you at the next one, February 12th.

The church also hosted a 3 day Vacation Bible School in late July. Thank you Jessica for putting it together.

A Bible Study class was started in October which was very well attended and enjoyed. Jamie, from South Side Christian Church, is leading the study, but due to schedule conflicts he had to take some time off but hopes to have the class start again in the next month.

As many of you know we have hired Samuel to be our permanent pastor supply, until a pastor is called to our church. We haven't heard from the regional office for several months, so it looks like we will continue with Samuel for the time being.

The live nativity program Christmas Eve was filled with kids. I'm sorry if you missed it. From Baby Jesus being a little fussy, to Jon singing Little Drummer Boy to the little drummer boy, Sterling, it was all so precious.

As some of you may know we are having troubles with the furnace. It doesn't work. From what I gather it's many, many years old. The thought was to fix it to get through this winter, but that isn't the case. It needs to be replaced. KJ is working on the how's and when's. We do have space heaters in the sanctuary to help take the chill off, but wearing any extra sweater for now is a good idea. Also, if you would like to contribute to the Furnace Fund that would be greatly appreciated.

I'm sure I have missed several things that have happened this year, but as we look forward to 2024, my hope is that we come together to worship, pray and praise God every day.

Several years ago I read a magazine article about instead of making a lot of New Year resolutions to pick one of the Advent words to focus on through out the year. I have done this for the past ten years or so, I will admit one year my word was Grace-but it was the word I needed that year. I challenge you to pick either HOPE, PEACE, JOY or LOVE and let that be your focus this year.

Happy New Year and blessings to All.

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JAN. 6TH
TAKING
DOWN
THE TREE
10:00



Birthdays

Doris Westfall	1
Solomon Toquero	6
Chelly Walker	8
Jason Morgan	13
Curt Christie	15
Kelly Tamerius	17
Susie Phillips	22
Alyssa Vogt	24

MARTHA MEETING

January 8
1:00

