

JANUARY

Open Door
2023

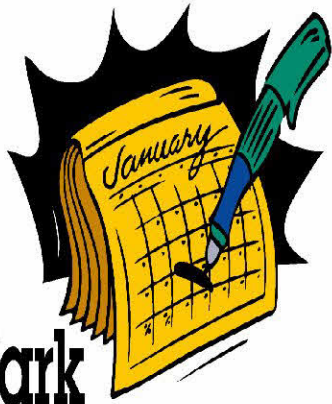
As the calendar turns from December to January, it is natural to look back at the previous year and look forward to the new one. It's a time when many of us make resolutions to improve our lives in the coming year.

It seems like most New Year's resolutions set us up for failure. We focus on developing new habits that can help us repair a weakness (don't eat as much), quit a habit (don't smoke) or avoid temptations (don't spend as much.) Negativity is one reason why **just 8% of people** achieve their New Year's resolutions.

What if, instead, we focused on our strengths. God gives each one of us gifts. We each have unique problem-solving patterns, unique interests, and personal strengths. Spend time reflecting on how your personality can help you become even more the person God wants you to be.

If you pray, pray more. If you serve, find new avenues of service. If you read, choose books that will speak to your spiritual growth as well as entertain you. If you like to make friends, find a lonely person to include. There are so many ways in which we can find God presence, share God's love, and grow in grace. What will you choose to do in the new year?

Pastor Ray



**Mark
Your Calendar!**

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational meeting will be held immediately after worship on Sunday, January 22nd. If, for any reason we need to postpone the meeting, our alternate date is January 29th.

We will elect new officers, consider changing the Terms of Call for Pastor Ray, hear a presentation of the 2023 budget and receive reports on the life and ministries of the congregation.



Congregational Meeting



January 1 Ross Tomlinson Preaching
January 8 Prayer of Examen
January 15 How Does the Church Grow?
January 22 Ordinary People Do Extraordinary Things
January 29 Walking Humbly

January

Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom

We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer. 7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday eMail each week.

Kum Ba Yah topics:

January 4 Matthew 6:16-34
January 11 Matthew 7:1-12
January 18 Matthew 7:13-27
January 25 Matthew 8:1-13

Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!

January 1 **NO Sunday School**
January 8 Epiphany Star Words
January 15 Justice 1
January 22 Justice 2
January 29 Justice 3

BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. We are currently serving 45 students by providing weekend “backpacks” of simple, nutritious food.

For the year of 2022 we gave out 1001 backpacks.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication. From helping pack the backpacks, to their generous donations. Without you, we couldn't make this ministry what it is today.



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met on December 13, 2022. Local mission gifts were given to **Miami Public Library** for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program which is beginning in Ottawa County. In Global Mission we gave a gift to **Doctors without Borders** and also to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**.

The Mission program is sustained in part by gifts from the Myers Sisters bequest as well as gifts from members. You can designate gifts to “Local Mission” or “Global Mission”.

The Deacons have given out 40 pairs of shoes to Ottawa school children this year. The Food Pantry has given out 336 bags of food through December 17, 2022.



PRESBYTERY UPDATE

The Fall Presbytery Meeting was held at Sequoya Lodge on the banks of Lake Fort Gibson. Pastor Ray and Grace Goodeagle represented our congregation as delegates.

Oklahoma presbyteries are studying the redrawing of boundaries.

The Native American Work Group shared pictures of completed work on church buildings.

The Rev. P. J. Southam was welcomed to EOP. He will serve the Bristow Church.

The new Resourcing, Redevelopment, and New Church Development group is ready to serve.

The Rev. Stephen Carl was installed as Moderator and Elder Melinda Hunt as Vice Moderator.

Valerie Young has resigned her position as Synod of the Sun Moderator. She was thanked for her years of service.

There is discussion between the Cherokee Nation and Dwight Mission about joint programming.

Miami will host the Spring 2023 presbytery meeting



Below are some fun facts about January:

1. The flower symbol of January is snowdrop & carnation.
2. January's gem is garnet which represents constancy.
3. The zodiac signs for January is Capricorn (December 22 – January 19) and Aquarius (January 20 – February 18).
4. The Common Sense by Thomas Paine was published on January 10, 1776.
5. On January 10, 1920 the League of Nations was established.
6. National Blood Donor Month
7. National Braille Literacy Month
8. National Hobby Month
9. National Soup Month
10. National Staying Healthy Month
11. On January 8, 1798, Amendment 11 to Constitution was proclaimed which modified the Supreme Court's power.
12. On January 4, 1896, Utah became the 45th state.
13. On January 6, 1912. New Mexico became the 47th state.
14. January 8 – Elvis Presley's birthday
15. January 11 – National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the United States
16. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the United States – Third Monday



JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Fellowship 11:30 choir	2 Office Closed Happy New Year! 6:00 4States 4 Equality	3 10-12 Food Pantry	4 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 KumBaZoom	5 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 GA	6 10-12 Food Pantry	7
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Deanna Duvall.....1/2 Laura Shepherd.....1/20
 Henry Long.....01/13 Helen Hutchison.....1/22
 Anna Milligan.....1/14 Fortune Karleskint.....1/23
 Frank Denny.....1/15 Christopher Rabel.....1/29
 Cari Allen.....1/18

Should your name be here?
 Please let the office know your birth date so we can include you!

January



January



Start the New Year with
Prayer



JANUARY



New Year's Day
Sunday
January 1, 2023



Epiphany of the Lord
Friday
January 6, 2023



Martin Luther King JR. Day
Monday
January 16, 2023

Servers in the Lord's House			
	Coffee Host	4 States Youth 4 Equality	
January 1	Open	January 2	Open
January 8	Open	January 16	Open
January 15	Open		
January 22	Open		
January 29	Open		

Please call the office or talk to Pastor Ray to sign up for servers slots!

Barbara Ballinger

Barbara was a lovely person who grew up in our church. In fact, she was the first baby baptized in the church built in 1926. When I first knew Barbara, she was the Librarian in Oak Park, Illinois. Her mother, Doris, lived near me when Doris was old, and I was young. I got to know Barbara when she came to see her mother. And after Doris died, Barbara and I stayed in touch. We even traveled together once. Since Doris died, Barbara had a Poinsettia each Christmas and a Lily each Easter placed in our church in her memory.

Barbara died recently. Although I didn't see her often, I will miss hearing from her and seeing the flowers placed in her memory.

Nancy Gee



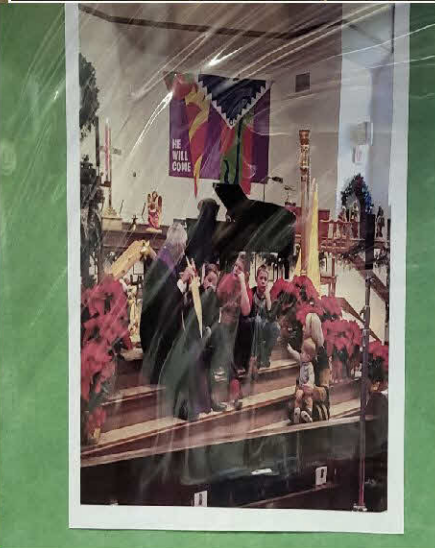
Myers Flowers

In memory of the Myers' sisters. We put flowers on their graves on Christmas and Memorial Day.

Hanging of the Greens



Heritage Case





"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." ~ Galatians 2:20



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