

December 2021

OPEN DOOR

FROM THE PASTOR:

Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for the celebration of Christmas. And we wait for the return of Jesus and his kingdom. Waiting is not our strong suit. We want to skip right to the party without any of the planning or preparation. A folk duo, Wendy and Mary, wrote a song in 1981 that still makes me smile. Perhaps we could update some of the imagery, but the thought remains:

Instant breakfast, instant light, Anything easy 'cause that's what we like.

Fast food places and banks with no lines, Anything easy, that will do fine

Microwave oven, Mom's dream come true, Put it on credit and take it with you.

Drive-thru car wash only 2.98, Very convenient, the American way.

Instant Christian, changed overnight, Anything easy 'cause that's what we like.

Help me grow, Lord, show me how. Give me the patience

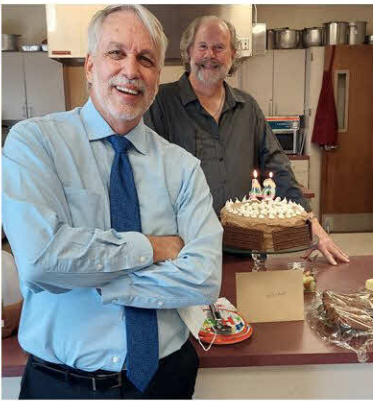
I want it now!

May your waiting be blessed with the presence of God.

Pastor Ray



We had a visit at the church from The Niehaus's! They thought the building and Memorial Garden were beautiful. It was lovely getting to walk and talk with them as we toured the building.



We celebrated Pastor Ray's birthday with a delicious homemade chocolate cake! "Will you still need me" was the inscription on the cake. What would we have made as the inscription if not for The Beatles song lyric about being 64.... Lol

Thanks Tim for the cake!!

Thank You & God Bless You!! To ThermoFisher for their generous donation of numerous packages of socks & 25 pairs of shoes. A great big THANK YOU also to Bright Futures for the donation of 2 bags of socks.

The Deacons have already delivered 12 pairs of shoes in the first half of November and a total of 41 pairs of shoes so far this year.

Children in the Ottawa County School District now have shoes and socks due to your generous donations and support of this ministry.



