

# Among Friends



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Greetings,

I think that almost everyone I know is glad that 2020 is over. However, if you look back, I am sure that you can see the many blessings that God gave and that you will be able to see that His hands were upon your life each and every day.

#### See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:19

A new year...new possibilities...new dreams...all lie ahead of us if we place our lives in the hands of God.

I found this poem written by M.S.Lowndes that says it all.

A New Year with the Lord

A new year is about to unfold With new opportunities to explore Doors will open for new experiences, New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things, The things of this past year, The Lord will do new things in us, Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us As we put our trust in Him And He will guide our every step By His presence we have within

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## SPECIAL DATES

- New Year's Day, January I
- Epiphany, January 6
- Baptism of the Lord, January 10
- Religious Freedom Day, January 16
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 18
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25
- Inauguration Day, January 20



Deadline for FEBRUARY submission of information is JANUARY 25

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#### From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

What God has placed within our hearts, We find we'll be able to do If we look for the opportunities, We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back, But rise up and take our place And be all that God wants us to be With a fresh touch of His grace.

May you sense God's presence in 2021. May you have a happy and blessed New Year!

In His love, **Diane** 



#### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

January lessons continue on the theme of **"Call in the New Testament"** We will be studying selected scriptures from Luke, Mark and John: His calling of disciples, His healings, and His intercession for those who follow Him. All are welcome to participate in this time of Bible study, discussion, and sharing. The class meets at 9:45 in the sanctuary.

#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's Sunday school class is studying the book of **ACTS**. We meet in the basement at 9:45 a.m. each week.





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## across the street & around the world

#### **MISSION UPDATES**

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY:** Thanks to all who purchased gifts for the 2020 Christmas family, 2 fifth graders. Although no gifts were requested for the mother, some gifts were given for her and the family. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you to Joan West who arranged for us to get a family through the guidance department of Slippery Rock Elementary School.

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING:** This year we collected \$108 to help in providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. SALVATION ARMY KETTLE: Thank you to all who came out(side) to ring the Salvation Army bell on December 23rd. That day generous patrons of the Giant Eagle dropped \$1345.50 in the kettle.

Thank you, Doris Allison for signing us up and for all the work she does for the Slippery Rock Salvation Army. Thanks to the Giant Eagle for allowing the Salvation Army to use their space. Thanks to the First National Bank of Slippery Rock for allowing Doris and Ruth to count the donations in a back office and for the assistance of the tellers in making deposits.

#### The Way to a Happy New Year

To leave the old with a burst of song; To recall the right and forgive the wrong; To forget the things that bind you fast To the vain regrets of the year that's past; To have the strength to let go you hold Of the not worthwhile of the days grown old; To dare go forth with a purpose true, To the unknown task of the year that's new; To help your brother along the road, To do his work and lift his load; To add your gift to the worlds good cheer, Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

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—Author Unknown Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

#### **ON-LINE SERVICES**

We continue to have online worship which will be recorded during the worship service on Sunday morning and will be available sometime Sunday afternoon. We are providing this online service for the people who don't yet feel comfortable being in large groups and we respect your decision. Also, we ask that if you are sick, please stay home.



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David Hall **Kimberly Harrison** Nancy Huntington Timothy James Jennie Jamieson Rev. William Jamieson The Richard Klingensmith Family Graham Larimore Landry Lawson Lisa Leach and Family Ed Lind loe Lowers Will McCoy Kevin Michael Willard Morse Randy Morgan Jessie Myers David Parker Anna Mae and Jon **Richards** 

**Bill & Chris Schroeder** Micheal Scott Helen Taggart loe Vivelo Seth Vogan leremy (God will know which one). Our military at home and abroad Persecuted Christians around the world. Alpha Omega (SR) **Pregnancy Center** Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard **Beaver Butler** Presbytery

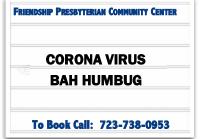
All those who have been impacted by COVID19

#### LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to watch for the signs of encouragement.







#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Philip Frampton, 1/13 Sue Datt, 1/14 Cindy Tuskin, 1/31



#### ANNIVERSARY

Ray and Wendi Vukson, 1/23



#### REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES

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### **JUST FOR FUN**

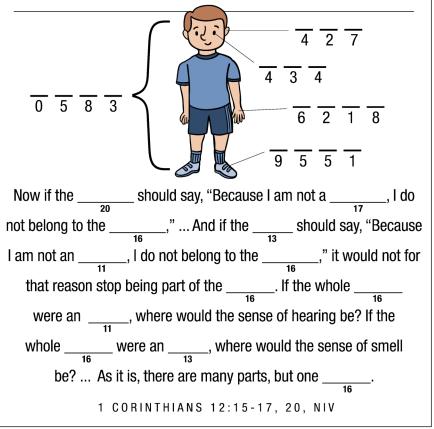


- When melted crayons are the consistency of playdough, press the cookie cutter through them (while still on pan).
- 5. Cool the pan in freezer for 15 minutes until crayons are hardened.
- 6. Remove from pan and break apart the shapes.



Just as body parts work in unison, the church – the body of Christ – is to work together for God's purposes.

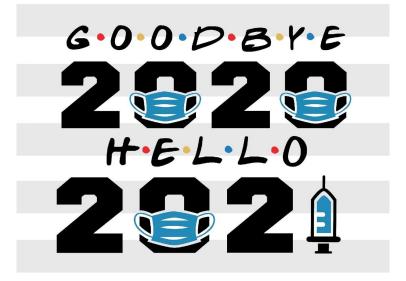
*Directions:* Fill in the letters for each body part. Add up each part's number total, and use those totals to complete the Bible passage.



Answer: body = 16, eye = 11, ear = 13, hand = 17, foot = 20



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