



Among Friends

JANUARY, 2024

OPENING THOUGHTS

Father Time and Mother Time
Discuss 2023 and 2024

by Greg Miller



Father Time and Mother Time spent the morning hours of New Year's Eve calculating their successes and failures of 2023 and their hopes for 2024.

"I see more people spent additional time this year praying and reading the Bible than in 2023," Father Time told his loyal spouse.

"That's wonderful news," Mother Time responded.

"But I'm also noticing that in some countries, people have developed a tendency to provide less care for the world's most vulnerable citizens, like those who are starving to death from malnutrition or are dying from lack of adequate medical care," the caretaker of minutes and seconds mused.

"The number of people who are less than appreciative of their time on earth has also risen," said Mother Time. "I've noticed a growing trend in people demanding more time for selfish pursuits and being less concerned about fulfilling God's will for their lives."

"I have an idea," Father Time stated. "In 2024, why don't we work hard to ensure measurable growth in the number of Christians who actively and regularly witness to others about their faith in Jesus Christ?"

"If we can accomplish that goal, there should be an enormous growth in the number of people who accept Jesus as their personal savior during 2024," Mother Time smiled.

"That will mean more people who will get to spend eternity with the Lord," Father Time grinned.

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JANUARY 24

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OPENING THOUGHTS (continued)

“Yes, and more people will be praying to the heavenly father and reading the Bible, His love letter to the world’s people,” Mother Time said.

“People will read in Genesis how the Sovereign Lord spoke everything into existence,” said Father Time. “It’s always amazed me how He was able to do that with nothing at all to work with.”

“And they’ll read how Peter went fishing and caught a fish with enough gold in its mouth to pay the taxes of both Jesus and Peter,” said Mother Time.

“They’ll read about Jesus’ death on Calvary’s cross and His resurrection three days later!” Father Time beamed.

“They’ll read about time and its gigantic value in their lives,” Father Time continued.

“But unless they place a greater value on time than most of the people of the world now do, they may not realize lost time can’t be replaced,” Mother Time said.

“That’s right,” said Father Time. “They may not even realize that one day there will be no more time. All that’s left will be eternity. And that means our job as the Treasurers of Time will only be a memory, because there will be no more need for time. In the light of eternity, all of time’s measurements simply disappear!”

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YOU are invited to submit a letter”
(Your Thoughts) on something you
find inspirational or informational for
an upcoming newsletter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

JANUARY EVENTS AND SPECIAL DATES

JANUARY 6	EPHANY
JANUARY 7	WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Worship Center. Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. Mr. Dave Fox will be leading the service. BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 14	WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Worship Center. Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. Mr. Alan Kitchen will be leading the service.
JANUARY 15	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY
JANUARY 18—25	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
JANUARY 21	WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Worship Center. Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. Rev. Willard Morse will be leading the service.
JANUARY 28	WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Worship Center. Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. Rev. Willard Morse will be leading the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Adult Sunday School: Our unit on faith continues on into 2024 reminds us that faith that pleases God matters. A lesson from Hebrews 11(aka the Hall of Faith) reminds is of the righteous lives lived by biblical champions of the faith and poses the questions of what we will do by faith. A lesson from Proverbs 3 shows us that God's ways are higher and wiser and urges us to trust Him. A lesson from II Chronicles reminds us to not be afraid of the future... God was with the Israelites in the midst of their fear. He is with us. Finally, a lesson from Romans 12 reminds us that we as members of the church are all "part of the body" and poses the question of how we are to use our individual gifts to strengthen the body. All are welcome to join in for a time of Bible study, discussion, and sharing.

Young Adult Sunday School: The class will be focusing on Ephesians. A letter which emphasizes salvation by grace, reconciliation, putting on a new self, living as children of the light, and clothing oneself in the armor of God

Both classes meets at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday.

MISSIONS UPDATE

FEED MY SHEEP FOOD CUPBOARD:

December items (popcorn, marshmallows, hot chocolate mix) were delivered in time for the Christmas distribution. All contributions are greatly appreciated. For January and February boxes of pudding and gelatin are requested (or anything else you wish to contribute). Items will be delivered in mid February.

BLANKET FUND: The Blanket Fund drive is coming up soon. You can contribute by buying hearts for \$5 each which will be displayed on the blanket in the sanctuary. Money collected is sent to Church World Service to purchase **blankets that are used around the world** for those in need. Thank you to Michelle and Jeremy Whitehouse for heading up this project!

Prayer List

“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”
James 5:16

Anne D.
April and Todd Bentley
Bonnie of Georgia
Christy Francine
The Alben Family
Lincoln Alford
Leslie Alford
Doris Allison and Family
Carly Atkisson
Tammy Baker
Zachary Barto
Jan Bloom
Candy Boulanger
Joanne Campbell
Martie Cooper
Louise Corbett
Jeff & Cindy Cross
Heather Datt
Jim Dickey
Robert “Mouse” Dickey
Harold Eichholtz.
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman

Chris Hogg
Timothy James
Rev. & Mrs. Bill Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Joe Lowers
Will McCoy
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
David Parker
Patty Jo Porter
Jon Richardson
Bernie Rihel
The Family of Joanne Santus
Bill & Chris Schroeder
George Sonnet & Family
Jane Spencer
Joe Vivelo
Seth Vogan
Benjamin Vukson
Michelle Whitehouse
Megan Lind Zimmer
Our military at home & abroad

Persecuted Christians around the world
Alpha Omega Center Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard
Beaver Butler Presbytery
Cooperstown Church Family
Friendship Church Family
S. R. Community Nursery School
Trevor Wood’s Ministry

The people of Israel and those innocent people who have been caught in the crossfire.

The people of Ukraine and Russia, their leaders, the world leaders and the world’s people.

Our country and the leaders of our government.

THE BEST THINGS ABOUT JANUARY



And Celebrating THESE people!!!

BIRTHDAYS

Philip Frampton
1/13

Sue Datt
1/14

Cindy Tuskan
1/31

ANNIVERSARY

Ray and Wendi Vukson
January 23

LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to look for



FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER
CHOOSE JOY
HAPPY NEW YEAR
To Book Call: 724-738-0953

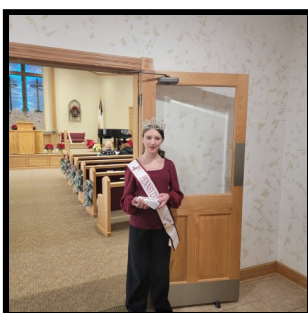
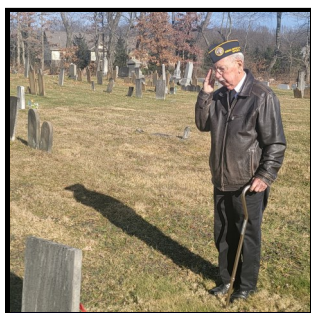
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WREATHS — across — AMERICA

Jeff Cross and I would like to thank everyone for supporting Wreaths Across America this year. We could not have asked for a better day or a better turn out. We had full coverage for our cemetery and Slippery Rock Cemetery also had full coverage. We will be continuing this again this year so save the date for Wreaths Across America day on December 14, 2024.

Submitted by
Michelle Whitehouse



Beaver-Butler Presbytery
Serving God...Serving You

Per Capita

As the new year begins, it is time to think about the purposeful work of our Per Capita contributions. Which leads to the question **“WHAT IS PER CAPITA?”**

Per Capita is an annual per member apportionment (**\$44.20 for 2024**) that funds presbytery, synod, and general assembly efforts.

\$32.00 annual contribution to support Presbytery infrastructure necessary for mission in Beaver and Butler Counties

\$2.40 annual contribution to the Synod, which consists of 16 Presbyteries across Pennsylvania and parts of West Virginia and Ohio

\$9.80 annual contribution to the Office of General Assembly, which supports our Synods, Presbyteries, and over 10,000 congregations.

Please place your Per Capita Apportionment in the offering plate or mail in (877 Franklin Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057) by February 28.

Give your share.
Stronger together. Beaver-Butler congregations.

For more information about Per Capita and how it is assessed and allocated in Beaver-Butler Presbytery call 724-452-7515 or visit beaverbutler.org

LANCASTER / GETTYSBURG, PA
JUNE 6-7, 2024
2 Days - 1 Night

Tour Cost: \$430 per person double occupancy
\$420 per person triple occupancy (two beds)
\$410 per person quad occupancy (two beds)
\$490 per person single occupancy

Tour Includes: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation
One night accommodations Country Inn & Suites
One Breakfast - Day 2, Country Inn & Suites
Dinner—Day 1, Amish Family-Style
Dinner—Day 2, General Picket's Buffet (tentative)
Sight and Sound Theatre – DANIEL
Bird-in-Hand Bakery (Goodies) Kitchen Kettle Village
Gettysburg Visitors Center Museum / Battlefield Tour
All taxes and meal gratuities

Deposit Due: \$50.00 per person to guarantee your reservation

Balance Due: Friday, May 3, 2024

Checks Payable: Jeff Cross

Forward to: Jeff Cross
328 South Main Street
Harrisville, PA 16038



Please call Jeff Cross to save your place! (724) 498-5957

PLEASE NOTE: A \$50.00 deposit is required for your reservation. In the event the trip would be cancelled due to lack of participation, deposits will be fully refunded. After final payment has been made, it is the responsibility of the traveling passenger(s) to find a replacement in order to receive a refund.

TENTATIVE TIME ITINERARY

Thursday, June 6

7:00 a.m. Board — Friendship Presbyterian Church
7:30 a.m. Departure with rest stop enroute
12:00 p.m. Kitchen Kettle Village (Lunch on your own)
1:45 p.m. Check-in Country Inn & Suites, Lancaster 717-299-4460
3:00 p.m. SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE — DANIEL
6:15 p.m. *Dinner — Amish Family-Style
8:00 p.m. Hotel (Indoor Pool)

Friday, June 7

a.m. *Breakfast — Country Inn & Suites
8:15 a.m. Check-out and departure from hotel
8:30 a.m. Bird-In-Hand Bake Shop - Goodies!
12:00 p.m. Gettysburg Visitors Center (lunch on your own)
1:00 p.m. Gettysburg Film
2:30 p.m. Battlefield Tour
5:00 p.m. *Dinner — General Picket's Buffet (tentative)
6:30 p.m. Departure for return trip home and rest stop
10:00 p.m. Return — Friendship Presbyterian Church

** Meals included with tour cost*

JUST FOR FUN

**“STEP”
INTO THE
NEW YEAR**

Make this craft to remember God's many blessings.



What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

What you do:

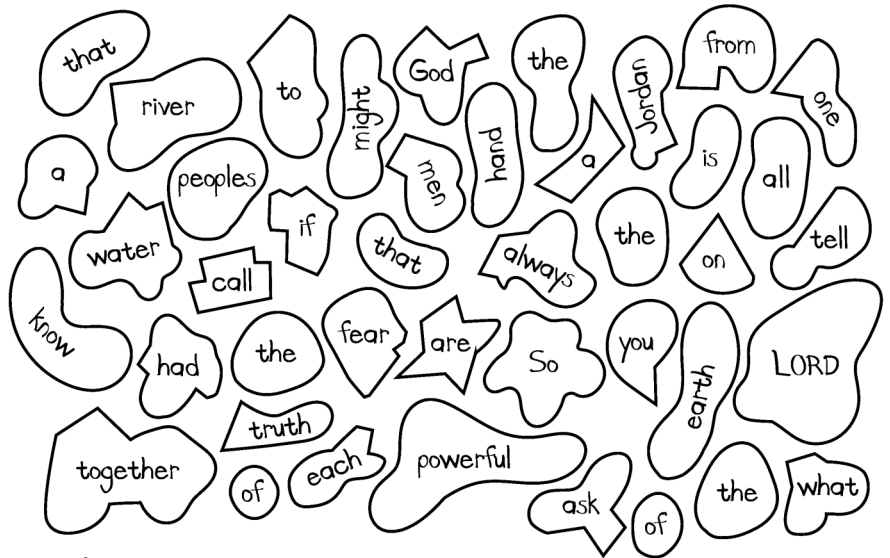
1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.



Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.



So _____ the _____ the
 _____ the _____
 _____ the _____ .

JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

ANSWER: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV





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