

# The Church Mouse

## Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood  
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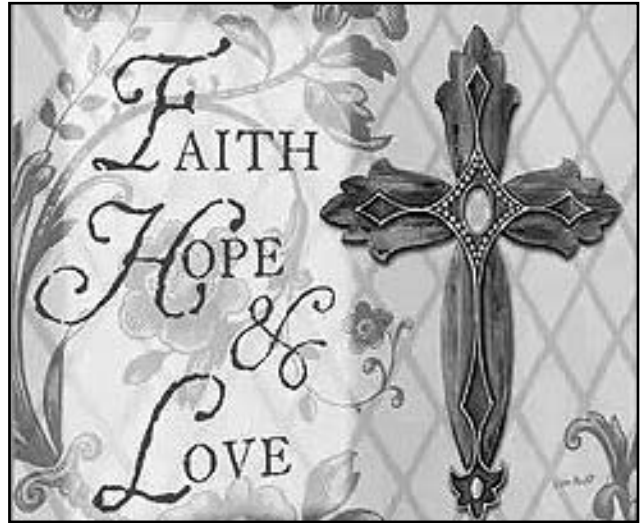
**January 2021**



### January Message:

First of all, may you all have a very happy and healthy New Year. May this whole holiday period remind us of happy times with memories of heart- warming traditions.

In an attempt to keep the record straight, let it be known that “January” is for the Roman god Janus, protector of gates and doorways. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking back to the past and the other face looking forward into the future. There are lots of reference sources for the history of various words and customs.



You might enjoy tracking them down, as a “just for fun” activity. One more thing, January 1, 2021 is on a Friday. Friday comes from the Latin, dies Veneris, meaning Venus Day. The point of all this is that very few times or names are straight forward. We are composites of many times and cultures. However, what sets us apart from other customs is our belief in God, the Father; his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and the Holy Spirit (soul). This is our Triune God.

We belong to a community of Faith, not only in and of our own Maywood Church but worldwide. Our God is the creator of all. He is kind, loving, merciful, forgiving and faithful. He is our refuge and our strength. He could not be tempted. He is eternal Jesus Christ; the Son of God is the “Anointed One” and “The Messiah”. (the Greek and Hebrew words mean the same). Christ was born of Mary. He is our Redeemer and Savior. He has saved us from eternal sin and has redeemed us by His love and forgiveness.

The Holy Spirit lives and works in our hearts and minds. Jesus promised the disciples that He would send His spirit, (John.14:16) and it came at Pentecost (Acts 2). The liturgical Church year has taken us on a journey thus far through Advent and Christmas and now we approach Epiphany which begins on January 6<sup>th</sup> and continues to Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Basically, this is the season marking the revelation of God’s gift of himself to all people.

As we begin our journey into 2021, let’s travel on in Faith, Hope, Love, Joy and Peace as we experience the blessings and mercies of our ever loving God.

**With Prayers and Love,**

**Betty, CLP**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Due to the rise in Covid virus pandemic cases, in our State and in our towns, we will be **temporarily discontinuing in-person church services until further notice**. Our church services will be **streamed Live on YouTube at 10:15am**. **Pastor Kevin Kwon** will be conducting the services, for which we are very grateful. He then provides a link to access the service live. Carrie in turn will **email and text** this link to our congregants. If you **do not have a computer** or a **smart phone** that is not a problem! You can listen to the services on your **home phone via a Zoom phone call!**

Here are the directions on how to do this...it's quite simple!

### **Joining worship via Zoom Phone Call:**

- 1) Dial **(929) 205-6099**
- 2) Follow prompt and press Meeting ID **815 8329 2476**
- 3) Ignore participant ID. **Just press # to continue**
- 4) Enter Pass code **1234**
- 5) When worship is finished just hang up!

Anyone wishing to discuss the receipt of the **live link(s) on Sunday mornings** or if you have **any questions** at all please contact Carrie at (201) 663-5524 or email [carrielwerner@aol.com](mailto:carrielwerner@aol.com)

**The 2021 Church Offering Envelopes are available!** If you haven't picked yours up and wish to--contact **Carol Dass (201) 845-8830** or email [dasscarol@gmail.com](mailto:dasscarol@gmail.com).

Although our in person church services are discontinued for a while, **our ongoing expenses** for our Church continue on as *PSE&G knows no bounds!* If you would like to mail in your weekly donations (via checks) no need to mail in the actual envelopes, just write what Sunday(s) the check is for in the memo line and mail to the church at: First Presbyterian Church of Maywood, 401 Maywood Ave., Maywood, N.J. 07607

**Thank you!**



**We had great Toy Donations this Christmas season for Toys for Tots!** Carol delivered bags full of our donations to the Maywood Police Department. **Thank you to all our members who participated!** This is truly the greatest kind of giving -- knowing we did something nice for a child--a child that we may never be acquainted with! **We may be a small congregation but our hearts are filled with love...**

### **January Birthdays:**

**Ken Kutcha - January 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Rich Weber - January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**We wish you gentlemen a happy birthday and a wonderful year ahead!**



### A Survival Kit for Everyday of the New Year

1. **Toothpick:** to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others. Matt. 7:1
2. **Rubber band:** to remind you to be flexible, things might not go the way you want, but it will work out. Rom. 8:28
3. **Band-Aid:** to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's. Col. 3:12-14
4. **Pencil:** to remind you to list your blessings every day. Eph. 1:3
5. **Eraser:** to remind you that everyone makes mistakes and it is okay! Gen. 50:15-21
6. **Chewing gum:** to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything with Jesus. Phil. 4:13
7. **Mint:** to remind you that you are worth a mint to your heavenly Father. John 3:16-17
8. **Candy kiss:** to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug every day. 1 John 4-7
9. **Tea bag:** to remind you to relax daily and go over your list of God's blessings. 1 Thess. 5:18

--Submitted by Adrienne Williams

### Christmas Flower Donations:

Steven & Nancy Aletti	In Memory of Nancy & Ron Aletti
Carol Dass	Merry Christmas to all!
Betty Fetzer	In Memory of Loved Ones
Carrie & Doris Werner	In Memory of Alan G. Werner, Sr.
Lise Schianchi	In Memory of Sister, Blulette
Rich & Kay Weber, Becky & Rachel	In Memory of the Weber Family
Joyce Ullrich	In Memory of Mother Viola, Father Raymond & Brother Robert
Diana Bollerman	In Memory of Husband Gene
George Steger	In Memory of Ethel Steger, George H. Sr. & Carrie Steger, George H. Jr. & Julie Steger

☺ Just for laughs ☺



Remember that New Year's Resolution  
you made to try new things?



"If I send my prayer as a text message,  
will I get a faster reply?"



**Thought for the month:**

*"What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year."*

...Vern McLellan



**Wishing you a Happy & Healthy New Year!**