



The Church Mouse

Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood

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January Message:

We all know that **January 1st** of any given year marks a **new beginning** for all that observe. So many people make up resolutions or promises to do this or that. Rather than do all that, I would like to suggest something more substantial. **It is known as a Prayer for Peace.**

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there was darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy;

Grant that I may seek not to be consoled, but to console;

Not to be understood, but to understand;

Not to be loved, but to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

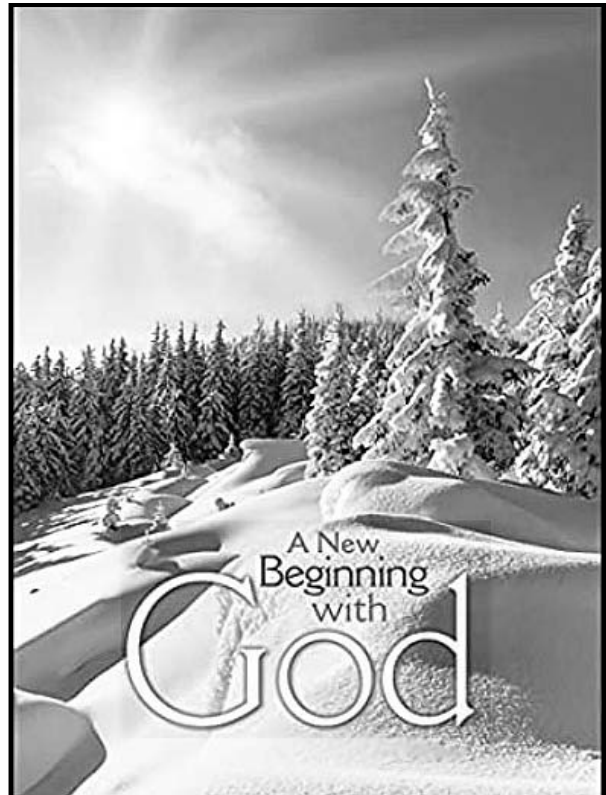
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying, that we are born to eternal life.

In Christ's name, AMEN.

With prayers and love,

Betty



"Be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God"

Ephesians 4:23-24

Hello Everyone,



The Clerk's Corner

I hope that all of you have had a wonderful holiday season, filled with love and laughter, surrounded by your favorite people. It seems as if the last year went by with dizzying speed! I don't know about you, but I am approaching this New Year with my usual firm resolve to *avoid* making any New Year's resolutions! No point in setting myself up for *inevitable failure!* I'd rather just set some **small realistic goals** for instance:

- I want to be more patient and kind.
- I want to be less frustrated over the things over which I have no control.
- I want to stop procrastinating about the minutes and writing my column!
- I'm hoping to stay healthy, so that Thomas and RV and I can plan a vacation this year. That means keeping up with my vaccines, even with those dreaded 2 weeks of bed rest every few months. The anticipation of the fun makes it worthwhile!

What do **you** plan to do with this bright and shiny **New Year**? Do you have any special **goals or plans**? Any **vacations** that you are anticipating? What are your **health goals**? As always, I'm available to **help** you with any **health care questions**, or to help you **get to doctor appointments**, etc. You are all very special to me! Please take care of yourselves and be healthy as well as happy in the year ahead! **Happy New Year!**

With hugs and prayers,

Sheryl

Member Updates



As the holidays have been celebrated, and we get back into our everyday routines, let's not forget our very important **food collection**. Holiday times see more prolific events and donations for those in need. But the **need does not fly by** like our Holiday celebrations do. Please don't forget that on daily basis individuals and families **need help in filling their cupboards** with *everyday* food items. Please let's all try to remember to throw a few extra groceries into our carts and bring them to church. Our food bins are located in the church vestibule! Thanks!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Rich Weber – January 4th

Wishing you a great day and a happy year ahead!



We had a very successful **TOY DRIVE** for **Toys for Tots** this year! Thank you to everyone who participated in making a child's Christmas a little bit brighter and thank you to Carol who kindly delivered the toys to the Maywood PD for us! 😊



The Barberena and Heffernan-Winkler families had a great **Christmas Dinner Bash!** Church members and friends alike enjoyed a lovely dinner and an evening of laughter and fun!



A New Year is God's Gift!

In the joyful moments – *thank Him.*
In the busy moments – *bless Him.*
In the trying moments – *trust Him.*
In the quiet moments – *praise Him.*

The song **Auld Lang Syne** is often attributed to Scotland's favorite poet **Robert Burns**. It is often sung at New Year's celebrations. "**Auld Lang Syne**" literally means "**old long ago**". A better translation is perhaps "**times gone by**." It never fails to bring a tear to one's eye as we sing it and recall people, places and things that mean a great deal to us, both in the present and the past.

Auld Lang Syne

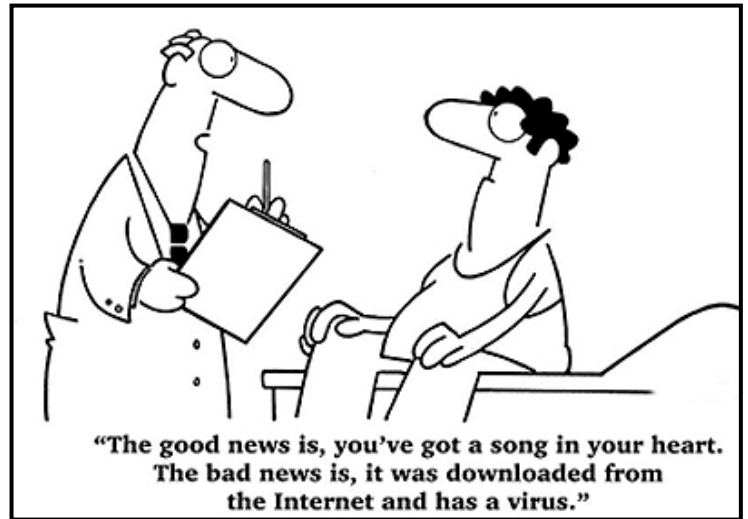
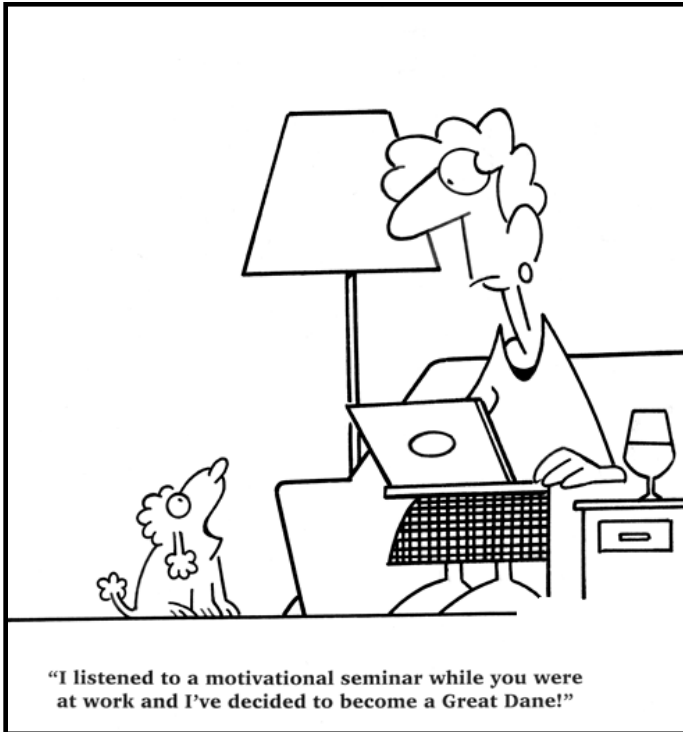
**Should auld acquaintance be forgot
 And never brought to mind?
 Should auld acquaintance be forgot
 And days of Auld Lang Syne?**

**For Auld Lang Syne, my dear,
 For Auld Lang Syne;
 We'll take a cup of kindness yet
 For Auld Lang Syne**

**And here's a hand, my trusty friend,
 And gives a hand o' thine;
 We'll take a cup of kindness yet
 For Auld Lang Syne.**

**For Auld Lang Syne, my dear,
 For Auld Lang Syne;
 We'll take a cup of kindness yet
 For Auld Lang Syne...**

☺ Just for laughs ☺



Question: What do you call a cold puppy?

Answer: A *chili* dog!

Thought for the month:

"This year's book, at midnight, turns into a footnote in the next."

... Terri Guillemets

