

The Living Springs Journal

“CELEBRATE...SHARE...SERVE”
ACCORDING TO GOD’S WILL

January 2022



A NEW BEGINNING— Celebrate Your Baptism Here in 2022! (from Pastor Eric)

JANUARY BIBLE BOOKS OF MONTH = Hosea, Obadiah
PASTOR TIMES: Tuesday, Jan. 4 @ 10am; Sunday, Jan. 9 @ 9:20am



At the start of every calendar year, our minds often turn to thoughts of new beginnings. Especially as we move into 2022, with ongoing COVID concerns and all life's recent challenges, the thought of "new beginnings" truly resounds in our hearts!

Following the 12-day season of Christmas and the Day of Epiphany, the next Sunday in our Christian calendar (this year = Jan. 9) always focuses on the Baptism of Jesus. We remember how, at the Jordan River, the voice from heaven affirmed Jesus as God's Son—and the fullness of the Holy Spirit in Jesus was affirmed with the appearance of a dove-like figure. This glorious event marked the start of Jesus' public ministry of Kingdom-hope—and it truly was a "new beginning" for the world.

As Christians, we think of our own baptism into Christ as a glorious "new beginning." It is the most important day in our lives—when we are affirmed by God as God's own child; "adopted" by God to be a sister or brother of Jesus; gifted with the same Holy Spirit that filled Jesus; joined with Christ's passing from death into resurrection & new life; and washed in the waters of God's grace to know the promise of God's forgiveness in our lives.

While we are good at remembering and somehow celebrating our physical birthdays, it is also important to remember and celebrate the date of our baptism each and every year—to acknowledge the "new beginning" we have been given by the grace of God. There are so many creative and purposeful ways to celebrate our Baptismal Anniversary date. I knew one family who took their young child to visit residents of a nursing home every year on her baptismal anniversary, because it was a way she could live out those words of Jesus spoken at her baptism, "Let your light so shine before others!" As the child grew older, she would drive herself to the nursing home on her baptismal anniversary and visit and share smiles & cards. Another family

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EPIPHANY EVE WORSHIP, JAN. 5
Noon Communion, 6:15 Burning of Greens
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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, JAN. 9
Council Installation, Both Services
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LS LEADERSHIP MEETING, JAN. 9 @ 4PM
council & all team/ministry leaders
(followed by Council Retreat, Jan. 15-16)
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"BACK TO HARLEM," JAN. 15 @ 6PM
Journey Performing Arts in Asheville
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CRISTO REY MINISTRY—Jan. 2, Feb. 6
BACKBACK FOOD BAGS—Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL—Jan. 20
PIZZA & HYMNS (MLK event)—Jan. 23
CAMPUS MINISTRY SUPPER—Jan. 23
PALMETTO PLACE MEAL—Jan. 27
MEALS ON WHEELS—each Mon & Tues



Happy New Year 2022! from Pastor Carl

Wow, it seems like the whole world is breathing a sigh of relief as we turn the corner and begin a new year. The losses and stress of living with COVID-19 continue to wear on us individually and as a global community, and here we are ready for a new start gifted by God to see another year.

At the same time, we know that we will not step back into life before COVID. As always in this life of change, there are new challenges to deal with and new opportunities to pursue, new roads to travel, even if we feel we have moved backward, and even if we cannot yet imagine how this will all unfold God is still the Beacon of Light that guides us and a Light that will never leaves us. All we must do is step into the Light and move forward.

You see, Newness is very popular in our culture. Who does not enjoy that "new car" smell, that fresh-out-of-the-box aroma of a new pair of leather shoes, or the feel of that nice Christmas sweater you just opened? Even now, New Year's resolutions have that new car smell ---- at the moment even if we struggle to keep them. So, let our resolve be to make this year different than other years.

So, let us pause for a moment and take a breath as we usher ourselves into the new year. It is good to think and look ahead at those things we need to implement in our lives, those we need to change, and those we need to forget. The New Year is the opening chapter of a book full of success. While we may face hardship, focus on the positive outcomes. This New Year, believe in yourself and all we can accomplish. Success is sure to come our way. For good things come to those who wait. So, when you feel like giving up, victory is within reach. Keep that in mind for the rest of 2022. Yes, the pandemic hit us hard, but we proved we are more robust than Covid 19, for we have Jesus at our side, and those who HOPE and live with him have nothing to fear.

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From Pr. Eric continued...

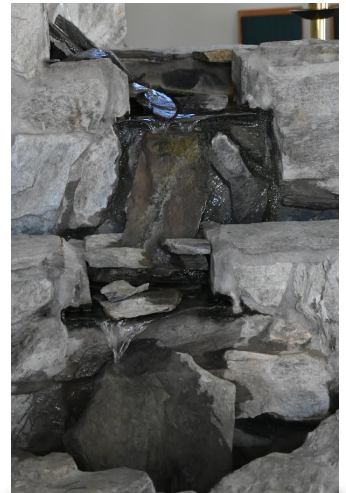
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would set aside the amount of \$\$ equivalent to what they typically spent on regular birthday gifts each year. On their baptismal anniversaries, they would pick something and then go shopping for food pantry items, winter clothing for the homeless, or other items that would bring hope to people in need. The ideas are endless, including lighting your Baptismal candle on the date of your Baptismal anniversary—and having a special time of prayer & reflection in your home to remember Jesus' words for you, "You are the light of the world!"

Here in 2022 at Living Springs, we will resume the practice of offering a blessing at the start of Sunday worship for everyone who has a baptismal anniversary the following week (you should receive an email from the office at the beginning of your Baptismal month). If we do not have your Baptismal date on record, this is an excellent time to look it up and pass it along to Lisa in the office. If you don't have your date written down, you can often call the church where you were baptized and they can tell you. You might also have to talk to family members, or baptismal sponsors (godparents) who were present at your baptism to get a general idea. ****And, if you can't find a record of your baptismal date, I suggest you pick a date that is meaningful to you to remember & celebrate your baptism** (similar to early Christians who picked Dec. 25 as an annual date to celebrate Jesus' birth, because no one knew the actual date he was born).

Finally, as Lutheran Christians (along with others), we emphasize that the gift of Baptism was not just a one-time event of our past, but is a daily pattern for our lives. Each day, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may "drown" in God's grace the old self which likes to focus on ourselves & fears & despair—and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are raised to live the new life of Christ in us: a life finding joy in God's forgiveness, a life filled with the light of God's love shining forth for others, a life reflecting our new identity as children of God, siblings of Jesus, part of Christ's body of hope for the world. Indeed, through our baptism into Christ, **each day is truly a "new beginning"** - marked with the cross, forgiven by God's grace, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

For those who would like to learn more about the meaning and importance of your baptism, I invite you to join me for a time of learning and conversation on Sunday morning, Jan. 23 (between worship services). I give thanks for all the ways God will shine light through us, as God's baptized children in 2022—and I look forward to celebrating your Baptismal anniversaries each Sunday! With much love in Christ, *Pastor Eric*



SUNDAY, JAN. 23
(between worship):
Learning More about
Baptism w/ Pastor Eric!
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Through our Baptism,
each day is truly a "new
beginning" - marked
with the Cross, forgiven
by God's grace, and filled
with the Holy Spirit!



Moving Forward in Faith to Be ...

A CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE, LIVING BEACON OF GOD'S HOPE FOR ALL!

With God's help & the Spirit's power, we strive to be a Body of Believers who:

all are more deeply FORMED & GROUNDED IN GOD'S HOPE;

all are more fully EQUIPPED WITH HOPING-COPING SKILLS for life;

From Pr. Carl continued...

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In this New Year, let us be there for our families and friends, those in need, who mourn, who suffer, who are homeless, on the fringe of society, and those who rejoice. Let us help and serve one another as true Christians. Let us focus on what we can accomplish and what makes us happy. As Albert Einstein once said, "Learn from yesterday, live for today, and hope for tomorrow." As we move into this New Year, let us hold on to the good in our lives, learn from the bad, and H.O.P.E. ----- Help Other People Endure.

For, there is a word spoken to Jerimiah 29:11-13 that says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a Hope. Then you will call upon me, come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."

Happy New Year with Grace and Peace

Pastor Carl...

God's Corner



Dear Living Springs,

We are prepared to rescue over 3,000 puppies, kittens, dogs, and cats that are homeless in the Midlands of South Carolina this year. Your thoughtful gift honoring the life of Richard Inman this special way has already been directed to one of our life-saving programs here at Pawmetto Lifeline. Financial assistance is used to prepare a fur-baby for its adoption and new forever home. It's also gifts like yours that make it "paws-ible" for us to continue serving the health and medical needs of pet owners this year. We THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Denise D. Wilkinson, CEO

Pawmetto Lifeline



Dear Friends,

It's AMAZING to walk into Oliver Gospel's Roastery and see a beautiful picture of a new coffee drink called "The Banana Frappe." Not only does it look delicious, but a couple of people behind me in the line told me that it was unbelievable! Then, suddenly, one of our coffee baristas chimed in: "you know that it was Summer's creation."

I wasn't surprised but was amazed, overjoyed, and incredibly proud because Summer is a young lady who was part of our long-term program at Toby's place. When Summer began working at the Roastery, she was shy and reserved, but her genuine smile, confidence, and ingenuity burst through over time!

Our Roastery slogan is Transformed Coffee, Transformed Lives! How fitting it is that as I'm writing you a thank you letter for your \$150 donation, I'm able to share such a powerful example of how God has used Oliver Gospel, Christ's love, and a simple little coffee shop to make a powerful, transformative impact in one's life.

Thank you for your recent gift in memory of Richard Inman. We could not do it without you!

Travis McNeal

Executive Director
Oliver Gospel



You're the Best!

Thank you so much for the gift bag you sent us. I love the Advent devotions. I read it every morning. Hope we can soon come back to your church. That was so much fun.

Joan

Rice Estate



Just wanted to thank you for the Christmas gift. I loved the greeting cards. I am a card addict. I love to send them, make them, and get them. The cards gave me some ideas for cards I would like to make in the future. And the sweet treats are always appreciated and will be devoured in short order. The devotional book for Advent and Christmas will thoroughly be enjoyed as well as the stick on puzzle (which I have already completed). And top it off with an always needed Kleenex pack which has already come in handy. Again, thank you so much for the kind, caring gift.

Barbara

Rice Estate

**See page 7 for photos of the Rice Estate gifts.

Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Important LS Leadership Gathering

Sunday, January 9 @ 4 pm

Calling all committee chairpersons, group leaders, staff, and council! On January 9, at 4 pm, we gather in the sanctuary and online for our 2022 ministry planning. We reflect on God's activity and provide input for our ministry focus (to be used by council at their retreat the following weekend). Don't miss this important semi-annual time for all congregational leaders to be together! Note: we will combine this with our semi-annual calendar sharing, so please be sure to bring all ministry ideas and dates through August. For those that need to join us remotely:

Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/wxa-kpcm-yoe

Join by phone +1 262-546-6341 (PIN: 260811594)



Pizza & Hymns

MLK Celebration

Sun. Jan. 23 3-5pm

Living Springs Lawn & Parking Lot

Pizza for Pyro's Food Truck

Musicians & Instruments

Come join us for some pizza, hymns, worship and prayers as we gather for fellowship with our friends at Rehoboth and celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. Pizza for Pyro's will be back with their delicious wood-fired brick oven pizza. Bring your lawn chairs - we'll have spaced spots for everyone. (Lower your face coverings once in place for the celebration.) You can also eat and celebrate from your vehicle.



Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

Postponed until May....

Annual Silent Auction/ White Elephant and Chili Cook-Off

Due to rise in Covid, Fellowship and Mutual Care has decided to put off the Annual Silent Auction until May when hopefully the current spike is over. We will also have our Annual Chili Cook-off at the auction. Look for future Journals and eNews for updated information! Contact [Wendy McKenzie](#) or [Trish Davidson](#).

Are you interested in Fellowship and Mutual Care?

Fellowship & Mutual Care is a ministry at Living Spring that plans several fellowship events through the year as well as provide meals for those that have been sick, have had surgery, are grieving, etc. They are creative and would love for you to join them. Have some neat ideas? *The team is looking for a new chair or two!* Contact [Wendy McKenzie](#) or [Trish Davidson](#) if you have any questions.

Notes from: *Good News Team*

EggNog and Carols

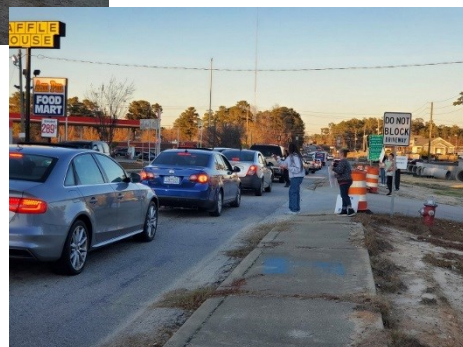
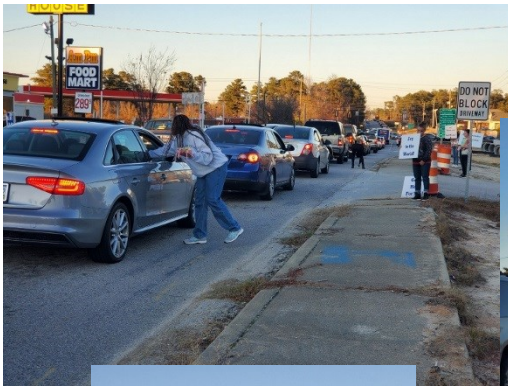
What a blessed holy time to gather on the lawn for EggNog and Carols recently! It was just so nice to set aside time to be with Jesus and the all too familiar words of hope in the carols. I really felt close to Jesus, being still, listening, and singing. Indeed, it was holy ground.



Rush Hour Ministry

The week before Christmas the Rush Hour Ministry Team gathered by the LS roadside to share messages of God's love and hope. We held signs, waved, and handed out candy canes with messages. Many of our neighbors smiled, honked, and/or waved back. I knew we were touching people when a gentle put his hand on his chest and patted it while nodding and smiling at me.

Our next Rush Hour date will be Feb. 9th at 4:30. All are welcome to join us to share the Good News!



Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

Dove Tree Gift Delivery



Backpack Food Ministry –Packing 130 bag for Christmas



Backpack Food Ministry

Unbelievable as it might seem, we are in the second half of the school year and re-starting up our backpack program for children that the social worker has identified as needing supplemental food on the weekend. Every time I come in contact with any of the social workers that we partner with, I always (and I mean always) get a thank you for helping their kiddos'. Packing 65 bags is done on either Wed. or Thu. (unless there is a conference or holiday) and is an ideal teaching event for a family to show how we can share with others. Here is the link to signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEA92FA0F85-packing>. Any questions, contact [Karen Kranz](#).

Rice Estate Advent/ Christmas Bags



CAMPUS MINISTRY MEAL

Sunday, January 23

Pastor Jesse sends an invite to join the students during their meal time on Sunday when they gather after worship. This year we are committing to several dates – January 23 being the first one this year. If you would like to provide part of the meal and help deliver, contact Karen Kranz. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know the students that we support with our Lenten fish fry event.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Thursday, January 20

Travis Mooney of Carolina Deli continues to provide a lunch for parents that have children with extended medical issues. To-date, Thrivent cards are covering the cost of the meals; but if you would like to donate towards this ministry, indicate "Children's Hospital" on your check. Our ultimate goal is to be able to walk the lunch bags over to the hospital and distribute them personally to the parents. I imagine there are quite a few God stories waiting to be told! We also include a personal note in the bag, so if you have some encouraging words you would like to pass along, leave them in the Hope mailbox.

PEW BEARS

Pew Bears continue to comfort those that are dealing with terminal illnesses – we just sent one to a good friend's family that was dealing a loved one that passed on to be with our Lord and now another bear has travelled to another friend that has been going through chemo and the prognosis is not good. He called to thank us and to tell us his bear goes to bed with him every night. As you sit in the pew during prayer time, say a prayer for the person that will receive the bear sitting in your pew!

SUPERBOWL STUFF A BUS

Saturday, February 12, 9am - 1pm

We are planning another stuff a bus event at Kroger on Killian Rd. Saturday, February 12 - 9 am to 1 pm. With Superbowl the next day, we should have plenty of activity and be able to replenish our inventory for our backpack program and also supply some needed items for Transitions. Please use the following link to sign up or contact Karen Kranz. Thank you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEA92FA0F85-stuff3>.



Dear Church Leaders and Members,

Richland School District Two would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation for assisting our students and families during the holiday season. Each year, you provide assistance that otherwise may go unmet. We are so thankful for your generosity and kindness. It is truly a blessing to work with you. Your ongoing support touches so many lives within our schools, our staff, and our families. The gift cards for the unaccompanied youth was especially helpful to help ensure our students experience the joy of knowing their community loves them.

Richland School District Two appreciated the opportunity to continue and strengthen our partnership with Living Springs. We truly understand that "it takes a village" and we rely on our partners to help ensure that are students are successful. Thank you again for kindness and warmth for the students and families of Richland School District Two.

On a personal note, I was not available at the time the gift cards were dropped off. When I walked into my office to see the amount of gift cards that were donated, I was completely moved to tears. I am personally so thankful for Living Springs and all you do to support the work of my staff and I. It is truly heartwarming to know that we can always reach out to you. Regardless if you can help or not, I always know that I can count of Living Springs to be a pillar of support. For that, I am forever thankful. Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

Abby K. Cobb, LISW Lead Social Worker

Richland School District Two

Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

As Christmas ends and the Epiphany season begins, take a moment to read the poem, "The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman, a theologian, educator, and author who provided spiritual guidance during the struggle for civil rights. His poem celebrates what the Living Springs justice ministry does all year long. This year we are focusing on having safe, affordable housing for all; reducing gun violence in our neighborhoods; providing a safe community for those with mental illness. Continue the work of Christmas and join us on the Justice journey!

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

Save the dates:

- Monday, March 14, 6:30 pm, MORE Justice Rally (to prepare for the Nehemiah Action)
- Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 pm, MORE Justice Nehemiah Action (bring 3+ people to ask public officials for change to better "love our neighbor")
- Monday, May 23, 6:30 pm, MORE Justice Celebration



Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

Cristo Rey



Special Opportunity to Support our LS Mission Partner: Journey Performing Arts "Take Me Back To Harlem" Saturday, Jan. 15 @ 6:00 pm in Asheville

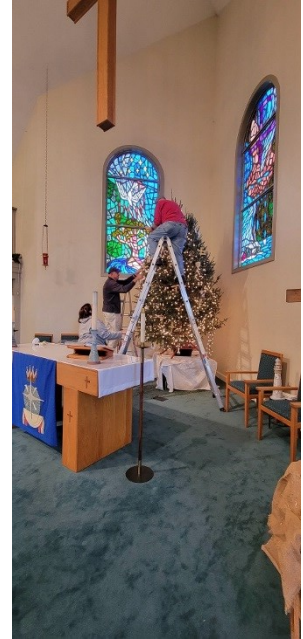
LS Council is having their annual planning retreat at Lutheridge and will be attending the "Take Me Back to Harlem" performance of Minister Lavonne Griffin and Journey Performing Arts Ministry ([at the Orange Peel venue in Asheville on Saturday, Jan. 15](#)).

Set in Patty's Bar in Harlem in the 1940's, "Take Me Back to Harlem" sets the stage for an imagined conversation between Langston Hughes and his longstanding literary character, Jesse B. Semple. "Take Me Back to Harlem" brings Semple to life to plumb the depths of the human experience to the backdrop of Jazz and the Blues. In Patty's bar, they cover topics from race to religion to politics, to matters of the heart.

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

A note from our interim directors of music. Choir practice for the Disciples of Harmony will resume on January 12th at 5:15 PM, with practice for the Choir following at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in sharing a musical talent let us know. We are working hard at finding people willing to lift their voices and instruments in praise to God. We're planning our Lenten and Easter music offerings so there will be plenty of time to practice your musical offering. Thanks to all of our musicians for making our Advent and Christmas seasons special. Shirl and Jim

Decorating for Christmas



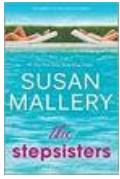
Decorating for Christmas



Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

LADIES BOOK CLUB

Monday, February 7 @ 7pm



Our read for our next meeting is *The Stepsisters* by Susan Mallery. Our kickoff meeting will be at Karen Kranz's house – 235 Founders Ridge Rd. (The Summit) ph: 716.998.1157 on Monday, February 7 at 7 pm. After discussing *The Stepsisters*, we will choose our reads for the remaining months, so we invite all to come with book suggestions and enjoy some fellowship time with friends. Contact Karen Kranz for information.

WELCA CAMP KINARD RETREAT

Fri. Feb. 25 - Sat. Feb. 26, 2022

Please find the [Camp Kinard Retreat form](#) here.

Don't let the deadline run out!

THE DEADLINE IS MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022.

Times: Check-in, 4:00 pm Friday

Check-out 11:00 am Saturday

Cost: \$85.00 (includes meals, breaks, lodging with linens, towels, retreat leader, and materials)

Cost for the day: \$45 (includes meals, breaks, retreat leader, and materials).



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*



"ONE YEAR TO LIVE"

March 18-20

Men of all ages yearn for real friendships and a closer relationship with Christ.

Join us and be...

- Adventurous and courageous
- Genuine and spiritual

Look forward to...

- Banding together and being challenged
- Examining your life and making decisions

Be prepared for a spiritual boot camp.

This 45-hour experience is not for the faint of heart!

SCHEDULE

Arrive promptly at 5:30—6:00 pm on Friday (No earlier than 5 pm, no later than 6:00)

Depart at 3:00 pm on Sunday

Plan to stay for entire retreat—no exceptions

Registration:

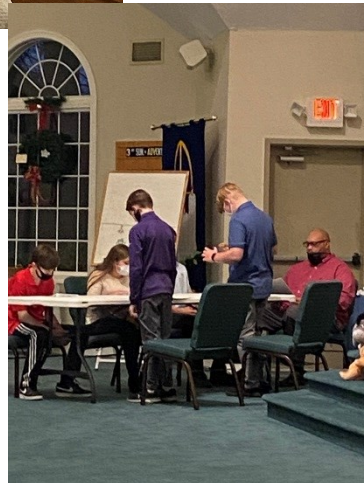
\$150 cash/check/ Credit card reader at camp

[Grab your registration form/brochure here](#)



Notes from: *Living Springs Youth*

Youth Christmas Program



God At Work

Bears & Blessings - Kentucky Tornado Relief

What an eye-opening experience for both of us! The devastation the tornado caused left the apartment complex behind Anna's school almost totally demolished. How people survived what was left of the homes was indeed miraculous. Anna took us on a tour of the areas that could be accessed by car (until debris was cleared and live electrical lines, golf carts had to be used). Homes with no deaths were marked with an X. If the home had a deceased person inside, the house was marked with an underlined X for removal. One home was half demolished but still had a Christmas tree with a few decorations clinging to it in the corner of a front room. FEMA will not allow personal items that remain to be moved until each pile of rubble has been weighed to determine aid\$ to the owner/community. After our tour of the area, we returned to the home of our daughter-in-law and presented the bears and gift cards to her. When we presented her with the box of gift cards, she was overcome with emotion. She and her principal will be delivering the cards/bears to the families most in need this week. They are trying to locate some of the families who moved to various locations because they were homeless.

"I cried because I had no shoes until I saw a man who had no feet..."



Mom and Dad G. spearheaded a 'Blessings and Bears for Bowling Green' fundraiser through their church and hand delivered over 60 stuffed animals and \$3,725 in gift cards and monetary gifts for families from Anna's school who were impacted by the tornado. Many lost absolutely everything and have to start completely over

Anita Gabbard

Psalm 34:18=The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saved the crushed in spirit.
Your extremely kind gesture is reaching a community's wound that only compassion and faith can heal. We will use the donations to help buy furniture and household goods for my students' families who lost everything. Thank you so very much. The outpouring of love, support, and generosity you and your church have shown us and our families at Jennings Creek Elementary in Bowling Green KY is appreciated more than you will ever know. May God continue to bless you all.

Anna Horne



Anna's students return Monday with blessings and bears from LS!



Here are a couple of pictures taken when three of my Student Ambassadors (including my daughter, True) delivered the 57+ welcome gift bags that they had collected with all of their Save the Children Action Network club members at Spring Valley High School. The student ambassadors got to meet two little girls currently living with a foster family here in Columbia while Lutheran Services Works to reunite them with their families. The 57+ welcome gifts will be given to new unaccompanied minors who arrive in Columbia for temporary foster care. The Spring Valley students chose this project as it aligns with one of their goals which is to protect and support children arriving at the US border unaccompanied or those who are separated from their families.

Deborah DePaoli



“Love is Born” Living Nativity Drama





Thanks for being a part of our Trivia Night and for your support of our ministry. We are so grateful for partners like y'all. It's been an exciting season of ministry here and we can't wait to see what God has in store next. And we are so appreciative to have y'all with us on this journey.

God's Peace, *Pastor Jene*

SPECIAL THANKS...

To all who have offered their time & talents to make this a special season of celebrating Christ's love: decorators, choir, handbells, musicians, altar guild, worship helpers, Nativity & Youth Program participants, poinsettia/candle donors - and all who offered special gifts for the Dove Tree, Advent Food Boxes, Kentucky Bears & Blessings, World Hunger Good Gifts, Backpacks, Rush Hour, Rice Estate, Children's Hospital, Meals on Wheels, Palmetto Place, Cristo Rey and all our outreach projects. We rejoice in the blessing of sharing the wonder of Christ with each other, our community, and the world!



BOOKS OF MONTH: 2021-22

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| SEPTEMBER | Leviticus |
| OCTOBER | Numbers |
| NOVEMBER | 1 Chronicles |
| DECEMBER | 2 Chronicles |
| JANUARY | Hosea-Obadiah |
| FEBRUARY | Nahum-Habakkuk-Zephaniah-Haggai |
| MARCH | Luke Ch. 1-13 |
| APRIL | Luke Ch. 14-24 |
| MAY | 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus |
| JUNE | Philemon & James |
| JULY | Song of Solomon & Lamentations |

2022 Offering Envelope Boxes

Your 2022 envelopes boxes are available in the narthex. Please pick up your box and use your envelopes throughout the year. If you do not find a box assigned to you, please contact Bill Ramsey and he will get you a box. Children's offering envelopes are not assigned. However, if your children want envelopes, please take a box, record your child's name and the box number.

Opportunities Outside Living Springs

**RICHLAND COUNTY ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE
JANUARY 2022**

National Human Trafficking Awareness Month 2022 Events

CANVAS THE COUNTY
JANUARY 6TH-21ST, 2022
Individual volunteers or small groups will post the National Human Trafficking Hotline Posters in mandated locations in Richland County.
January 6th 5:30-6:30
Join us for a kick off Canvas the County training and packet pick up meeting. Pizza and light refreshments will be provided.
If you are unable to attend the training, please contact Elizabeth Rummel to schedule a secondary time to pick up packets.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING CLOTHESLINE PROJECT
JANUARY 10TH, 12:30-6PM AT COLLEGE BUSH SCIENCE BUILDING
JANUARY 24, 2022 10AM-4PM UOFSC HAMILTON LOBBY
Come hang a shirt on The Clothesline Project as a visual display to represent survivors of abuse and exploitation. Materials Provided

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY
JANUARY 11TH, 2022- ALL DAY
Wear all blue this day to support survivors of human trafficking

RICHLAND COUNTY TASK FORCE MEETING
JANUARY 21TH, 2022 10 AM TO 12PM
Find out how task force members and community stakeholders are combating and handling human trafficking within Richland County.

NO MORE SILENCE DEMONSTRATION
JANUARY 29TH, 2022- 10 AM TO 1 PM
Volunteers will wear all black and a provided mask to symbolize the silence victims and survivors face while commonly living amongst the general population. The demonstration will take place at Soda City Farmers Market, Main St. Columbia, SC

Email rcaht.edu@gmail.com to volunteer or for more details

January 2022

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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE 810A Pre-Worship Prayer Time 815A WORSHIP (Sanctuary) 920 Adult Faith Formation 1010A Children/Family Pre-Worship Faith Alive 1025 Pre-Worship Prayer Time 1030A WORSHIP (Sanctuary/Lawn/Vehicle/Online) </div> | | | | | | |
| 2 *See box above 920A Adult Faith Alive 1010A Children's/Family Faith Alive 12P Sr. Youth (In-Person) 5P Cristo Rey (Carpool @ 415) | 3 Office Closed 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Worship & Music Team 7P Fellowship/Mutual Care | 4 Ladies Bible Study 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study 615P Exec 7P Handbell Choir | 5 1030A Preschool Chapel Noon Epiphany Eve Worship 4P Afterschool Chapel 5P Hope Ministry Team 615P Burning of the Greens 815P Sr. Youth Online | 6 Advent Food Box Delivery 11P Good News Team 4P Backpack Food Ministry | 7 530P Journey | 8 9A Crafty Ladies 9A Christmas De-Decorating |
| 9 *See box above Council Installation @ both services 920A Bible Book of Month 1010A Children's/Family Faith Alive 12P Confirmation 330P Journey 4P LS LEADERSHIP GATHERING 430P Girl Scouts | 10 945A Staff Mtg 1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Justice Team Leaders 7P Boy Scout Troop | 11 Ladies Bible Study 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030 Meals on Wheels 530P Finance 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbell Choir | 12 1030A Preschool Chapel 4P Afterschool Chapel 630P Choir 7P Lifelong Discipleship 815P Sr. Youth Online | 13 4P Backpack Food Ministry 630P LSCDC Board | 14 | 15 1P Boy Scout Troop 630P Journey "Back to Harlem" Asheville <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Council Retreat @ Lutheridge 1/15-1/16 </div> |
| 16 *See box above 920A Adult Faith Alive 1010A Children's/Family Faith Alive 12P Sr. Youth (In-Person) 430P Girl Scouts | 17 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Boy Scout Troop 7P Exec Team | 18 Ladies Bible Study 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbell Choir | 19 1030A Preschool Chapel 4P Afterschool Chapel 630P Choir 815P Sr. Youth Online | 20 Children's Hospital Meal 4P Backpack Food Ministry 6P NE Community Meeting | 21 | 22 |
| 23 *See box above 920A Learning More About Baptism 920A Adult Faith Alive 1010A Children's/Family Faith Alive 12P NYG Devotion (Good Shepherd) 12P Confirmation 3P Pizza & Hymns 430P Girl Scouts LS Campus Ministry Meal | 24 1030A Meals on Wheels 11A Staff Mtg 7P Boy Scout Troop | 25 Ladies Bible Study 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbell Choir | 26 1030A Preschool Chapel 4P Afterschool Chapel 630P Choir 815P Sr. Youth Online | 27 Palmetto Place Meal 4P Backpack Food Ministry | 28 | 29 8P Men's Breakfast <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Sr. Youth Winter Retreat 1/28-1/30 </div> |
| 30 *See box above 920A Adult Faith Alive 1010A Children's/Family Faith Alive 12P Sr. Youth (In-Person) 430P Girl Scouts | 31 1030A Meals on Wheels 630P LS Justice Network mtg 7P Boy Scout Troop | 1 Ladies Bible Study 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbell Choir | 2 1030A Preschool Chapel 4P Afterschool Chapel 6P Hope Ministry Team 630P Choir 815P Sr. Youth Online | 3 11P Good News Team 4P Backpack Food Ministry 7P Lifelong Discipleship | 4 | 5 |

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

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| January 1 | Jesse Bazemore | January 19 | Annika Hyyppa |
| | ♥ Jan Epperson & Karl Schmidt | | Lois Mattson |
| January 2 | Kathryn Padgett | | Luke Sorial |
| January 5 | Leslie Bloss | January 21 | Barb Imbert |
| January 6 | Alex Kopec | | ♥ Steve & Jeanette Bloss |
| | Wendy McKenzie | | ♥ Bill & Peg Fox |
| | Katie Prizer | January 22 | Chris Cassidy |
| January 7 | Deborah Smith | January 25 | Pat Bartucca |
| January 9 | Charles Tracy | January 26 | McKenzie Taylor |
| January 10 | Judy Edmonston | January 27 | ♥ Jeff & Cindy Day |
| January 14 | Janet Lay | January 29 | Rocky Berger |
| January 17 | Rachel Hurlbert | | |



Celebrate Your Baptism

Don't forget to check the bulletin to see if we will be celebrating your Baptismal Anniversary during this month's Sunday worship services. Immediately below the Gathering Music, there are printed the names of those who are celebrating a baptismal anniversary *in that week*. When the gathering music begins, individuals can quietly come forward to meet Pastor Eric at the baptismal fountain. There, he will re-trace the cross with the water on your forehead and offer a special prayer of blessing for you (children may be accompanied by parents). There is nothing to be anxious about - everything is done quietly while the music is being played. For those who know only the month of your Baptism, you can join us on the first Sunday of the month (if you prefer some other Sunday, please let us know). **If you do not know your baptismal information, then please pick a month when you would like to celebrate this gift of God's grace in your life – and notify the office**, so that we can add you to the celebration list (we'll simply mark the choice of your month with an asterisk). Even if you don't know the exact date, it's important to celebrate this special gift of God's grace in your life. Again, we encourage everyone to research your Baptismal date and find out as much information as you can – let us know if we can help!



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| January 1 | Hany Sorial | January 24 | Corbin Cassidy |
| January 5 | Dea Jones | | Jonas Maher |
| January 9 | Gray Harmon | | Grady Smith |
| January 14 | John Imbert | January 29 | August Snipes |
| | Mark Stuart | January 30 | Saundra Dixon |
| January 15 | Charles Tracy | January 31 | Baylee Owens |
| January 22 | Anna Graves | | Jennings Owens |
| | Lisa Petty | | |

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