

The Messenger

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Carlock Mennonite Church
Worship 10:15 am
Sunday School 9:00

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Emma Brandt - Musician
Rene' Atkinson - Musician
Annie Schwoerer - Sunday School Supt
Kathy Schwoerer - Bulletin /Messenger co-editor

For January 2022

Hospitality Committee

Brenda Dozier

Carol Hoffman

Jan Reimer

Kathy Schwoerer

Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten – Rene' Atkinson

Elementary – Julie Greenburg

Jr. High – Annie Schwoerer

Food Pantry Item

Toilet Paper

Sunday School Nursery

January 2 – Carol Hoffman

January 9 – Emma Brandt

January 16 – Barb Karr

January 23 – Sophie Schwoerer

January 30 – Sophie Schwoerer

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 2

Morning Worship, Hospitality Sunday

Wednesday, January 5

Church Board, 7 pm

Sunday, January 9

Morning Worship

Thursday, January 13

MW, 6:30 pm

Sunday, January 16

Morning Worship

Sunday, January 23

Morning Worship, Annual Meeting & Meal

Sunday, January 30

Morning Worship

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1 Steve Schwoerer
7 Heather Waller
8 Carrie Schwoerer
12 Mike & Abby Pyne (A)
15 Karen Arnold
15 Doane Brubaker
17 Shelby Mohr
21 Annie Schwoerer
24 Reilly Atkinson
27 Mitch Mohr
28 Wayne Miller
31 Wayne & Betty Miller (A)

BOARD NEWS

*Possible 2022 projects - flooring in the women's restroom, repair or replace kitchen walls, finish replacing upstairs windows, clean up and repair the upstairs storage room

*Regarding our conference change to FEC – Discussion will begin on whether or not to change our church name.

*Church board replacements for 1 deacon, 1 deaconess, 1 trustee will be voted on at the annual meeting. A new board secretary will also be needed.

BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

We have decided to try a 2 day program in Danvers and the same 2 day program in Carlock. So VBS will still be the week of June 5th-10th, however, Danvers will be the 5th & 6th, we will move decorations and regroup on Wednesday the 7th for VBS in Carlock on the 8th & 9th. VBS will be outside in both towns, in the Danvers Pavillion and the Carlock Park.

This year's theme will be a food truck party theme! DJ Cupcake will be serving up some great lessons about the Lord giving us our daily bread!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Contact Bonnie Melick or Amber Brandt ASAP for any questions and for more information about volunteering! Amber 701-770-4259, Bonnie 309-531-8148.

FROM PASTOR DOANE

What will come along with 2022?

If you search online “predictions for 2022” you’ll see all kinds, from the serious to the ridiculous. You’ll find predictions in politics, economics, technology, culture, environment and more. One example; Josh Bersin, a global research analyst and advisor in corporate human resources, predicts the current 14 million job openings in the US will climb to 20 million in 2022.

That’s a very big-picture forecast. But at a more personal level, what’s ahead for you? It can be interesting to speculate and guess. But at some point you have to say, “I don’t know. I’ll give it my best and take what comes.”

Maybe you’ve heard the saying, “what’s past is prologue”. That’s a line in Shakespeare’s *The Tempest*. I think there’s some truth in that. Our decisions, actions and experiences often set the stage for what’s ahead. Also, some of what has already come is yours to either enjoy or endure, and to use moving forward.

You can tie that idea to many aspects of your life. As you’d expect, I’ll relate it to your faith and its benefits.

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” is one of the oldest English carols. The best-known line is “O tidings of comfort and joy”.

I love that we finish each year with our focus on the coming of Christ “to save us all from Satan’s power” and to relieve us of sin’s penalty. And I love that it is the news of comfort and joy with which we start each new year.

Studies reveal that people who give are happier than people who don’t. So if you want happiness, then be generous to someone. Help someone who’s hurting.

Pastor Greg Laurie says there are 10 things you should do if you don’t want to be depressed: (1) Do something for someone who needs a hand. (2) Repeat that first step nine more times.

Take them with you through the year – **comfort** [relief, contentment, serenity, solace] and **joy** [cheer, delight, wonder, hope].

Your hope in Christ is the basis for all that. It’s voiced in Isaiah’s messianic prophecies, including this:

¹ “Comfort, comfort my people,” says your God.

⁹ . . .shout from the mountaintops! Shout it louder. . . and do not be afraid. Your God is coming!

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will carry the lambs in his arms, holding them close to his heart. (Isaiah 40:1, 9, 11, New Living Translation)

I pray you can take both comfort and joy with you into whatever 2022 brings.

Doane