

# January

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						January 1, 2022
						<i>Happy New Year!</i>
Contemporary Service 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:30 AM Worship (No Sunday School) Please bring food donations for the community meal today! Thank you! 5 PM Confirmation & 6 PM Youth Group at UIC Happy Birthday Cynthia Brouse & Shirley Robinson!	Happy Birthday Mary Billhime & Dave Robinson!	Happy Birthday Lee Brandau & Linda Trate!	7 PM Bible Study Led by Pastor Gary in the library.	Last day to drop off food donations! Thank you everyone!	Happy Birthday Anne Kaye!	Comm. Meal Prep 9:30 to 11:30 AM @ 100 Mahoning St Happy Birthday Jack Aunkst! Happy Anniversary Leroy & Bonnie Hauck!
Morning Prayer Service 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:30 AM Worship (No Sunday School) 3 PM to 6 PM Community Meal at 1125 Mahoning St. All meals are served as take out. See other side for menu.			7 PM Bible Study  Happy Birthday Daniel Day!	Happy Birthday Laura Spangler!		Happy Birthday Alison Gardner!
Traditional Service 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8 AM Sunday School Resumes with "Bad Girls of the Bible" worship series with Kellie Brouse. 9:30 AM Worship		Happy Birthday Kay Dunn!	7 PM Bible Study Happy Birthday Andrew McNeil Jr.!	Happy Birthday Doris Moore!		Happy Birthday Linn Davis!
Contemporary Service 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8 AM Sunday School & 9:30 AM Worship 6 PM Game Night & Pot Luck at 100 Mahoning St. in the Fellowship Hall.  Happy Birthday Helen Billhime!	Happy Birthday Kate Budman!	Life Line Screenings at 1125 Mahoning St.	7 PM Bible Study	Happy Birthday Bonnie Gaugler & Dave Walize !		
Morning Prayer 30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4	5
8 AM Sunday School & 9:30 AM Worship		Happy Birthday Diane Perrin!	7 PM Bible Study			

**Sun. Jan 9, Undecorating Party** -Immediately following worship please stay and help us put away the Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work! Thank You!

**Sun. Jan 9, Free Community Meal at 3:00 – 6:00 PM** In partnership with St. Paul's AME, The Milton Lutheran Church & Saint Paul's United Church of Christ. Served at 1125 Mahoning St., Milton. **Menu: Chicken & Vegetable Soup, Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, Pound cake and mixed fruit. All meals will be provided as take out.**

**\*\*Sun. Jan. 16 Sunday Morning Bible Study at 8 AM w/ Kellie Brouse. Will begin a new bible study series using the book, Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs. If you need a book, please contact the office.**

**Sun. Jan 23 Game Night & Pot Luck at 6:00 PM**



## *A Prayer for a Cold Day*

*by Rick Hamlin*

Dear God,

It's cold outside and I'm tired of it.

I know I shouldn't complain. I am very fortunate. I live in a house with good heating. When I turn on my faucet, I get steaming hot water. I take a hot shower. At night I sleep under a warm quilt. When I go out, I bundle up with gloves, scarf, wool hat and a parka. For all that I am extremely grateful, Lord.

But then the wind blows into my face, my nose drips, my cheeks burn, the cold rises up through my soles. My toes are frozen. My fingers, even in their gloves, don't want to move.

Help me, Lord, see the beauty of it. The ice on the river is beautiful, the sun sparkles on icicles hanging from eaves. There is majesty in the power of the wind, the snow, the hail. **"He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. He casts forth his ice like morsels. Who can stand before his cold?"** the psalmist said. (Psalm 147:16-17)

Forgive me, Lord, if I get tired of it. I feel like my body is never going to thaw out. I look at pictures of warm places and feel only envy. I want to go for a long walk or run outside to praise you... but change my mind because of the cold.

Summer will come, and I fear then that I will complain about the heat, forgetting winter. But for now, could you warm my heart a little? After all, the psalmist also added, **"He sends forth his word, and melts them"** (Psalm 147:18). I wouldn't mind a little melting.

Until then, let me praise you at all times, in the warm and the cold, in the thick and thin, when I'm irritated and when I'm glad. Let me be glad.

Even in this cold.

Amen.