

The Master's Message

The Newsletter of the Church of the Master

January, 2023

Virtual Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Saturday, 12:00

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Sunday Worship
Sunday 11:00 am

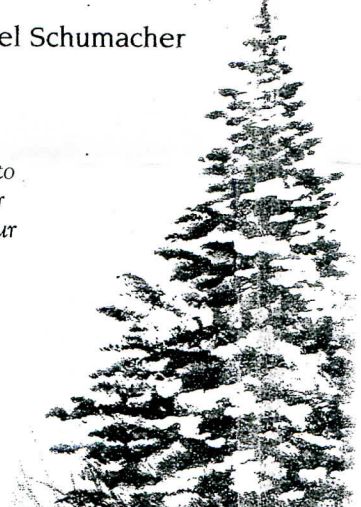


I Need a Hand to Hold

Now, I need a hand to hold,
As I go on through this life,
Because I'm not very strong,
And want someone at my side
To comfort and sustain me,
And help me up if I fall,
To reassure me when it
Feels like no one cares at all...
Someone is holding my hand;
His own hands are strong and kind.
He is my Savior and Friend,
Here throughout this life of mine.

Steven Michael Schumacher

*You will show me the path to
life, abounding joy in Your
presence, the delights at Your
right hand forever.*
Psalm 16:11



*What the new year brings will depend a great deal of
what you bring to the new year*

~Vern McLellan

SPECIAL DATES*

- New Year's Day, January 1st
- Epiphany, January 6th
- Baptism of the Lord, January 8th
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 16th

News From the Pews



Prayer Requests

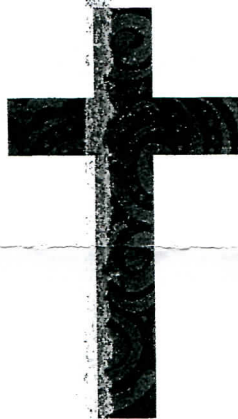
Continued healing for:
Allen Ford, Carole Mahon,
Loretta Byrd & Alice & Alex Rivera

Everyone is invited to join our virtual **"Hour of Prayer Power"** every Friday at 7:00 PM.
The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860,
code: 371231#

Our virtual **Bible Study** meets
Wednesday at 7:00 PM and Saturday at 12:00.
Contact Ron Rivera (917-716-8273)
for information on joining

The water of life

Christ is like a river that is continually flowing. There are always fresh supplies of water coming from the fountainhead, so that a man may live by it and be supplied with water all his life. So Christ is an ever-flowing fountain; he is continually supplying his people, and the fountain is not spent. They who live upon Christ may have fresh supplies from him for all eternity; they may have an increase of blessedness that is new [and] never will come to an end.



—Jonathan Edwards

CHURCH CHUCKLES

A woman goes repeatedly to her doctor, requesting new pills to help her feel better. He has given her every type of mood lifter he is able to prescribe and then finally, realizing that they are members of the same church, recommends she go to speak with their pastor.

"Pastor, please, I have tried every type of pill there is, but nothing makes me feel better. Can you help?" she pleaded.

"Certainly," he answered. "I have something that will help you if you use it daily. It's straight from the Lord, and it's called the Goss-Pill!"

After Seamus attended his first christening ceremony with his parents, he asked them, "Why didn't they talk about the mommy? They talked about the daddy, the baby and the priest!"

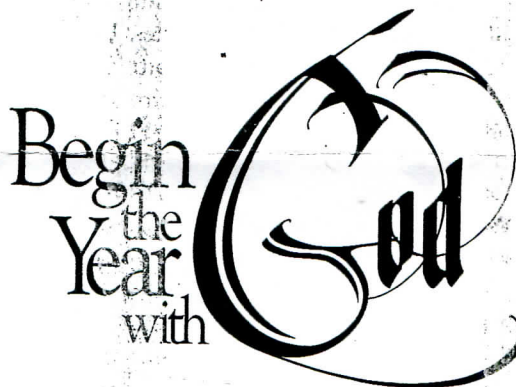
"They did?" his mother asked.

"Well, they said in the name of the father, the son and the Holy Host!"

The sermon this morning:
"Jesus Walks on the Water."

The sermon tonight:
"Searching for Jesus"

Reverend Bob complimented the ladies in the congregation on their dress but cautioned them with a smile that if someone else didn't like their fashion tastes, they should "turn the other chic."





January 2023 Newsletter Article

January ushers in a New Year. One with new possibilities, new challenges, new joys and sorrows, new hope and new miracles, and most of all an opportunity for a new and closer walk with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I was moved to share the below New Year's Prayer by Rev. Marcy Sheremetta.¹

I pray it will be a blessing to you all as we enter into 2023 with God's blessings and His divine guidance for what lies ahead for each of us. Praying you all have a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed New Year!

Shalom to you now,

Rev. Dr. Melva J. Hayden
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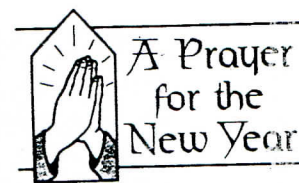
A New Year's Prayer

"As the dawn breaks on a new year,
let us give thanks for all we hold dear;
our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger
and our pains, for these are nothing but
binding chains. Let us live each day in
the most loving ways, the God-conscious
way. Let us serve all who are in need,
regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own
understanding in our hearts and
to chant God's name each day.
Let us lead the world from darkness
to light, from falsehood to truth
and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are
all one, embracing all, discriminating
against none.



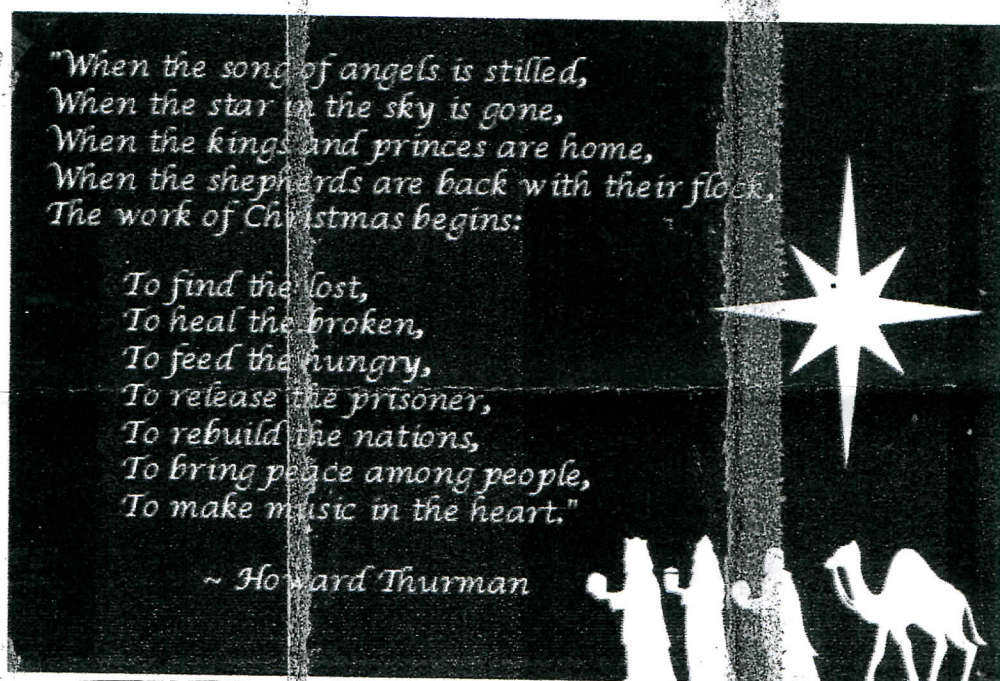
¹ 22 Best New Year's Prayers. (<https://www.womansday.com>. (Accessed on December 6, 2021)).

May your year be filled with peace,
prosperity and love. May God's
blessings shower upon you and
bestow upon each of you a bright,
healthy and peaceful new year."

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Points on how to improve your life

1. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
2. Don't have negative thoughts of things you cannot control. Instead, invest your energy in the positive present moment.
3. Don't overdo it; keep your limits.
4. Don't take yourself so seriously; no one else does.
5. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
6. Dream more while you are awake.
7. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
8. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your partner of his/her mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness.
9. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
10. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
11. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
12. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away, but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
13. Smile and laugh more.
14. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.



*In the New Year, never forget to thank your past
years because they enabled you to reach today!
Without the stairs of the past, you cannot arrive at
the future!*

~ Mehmet Murat Ildan, Author