The Fountain

Words from Pastor Tony...



On to 2021!?!?

Some have said, "On to 2021, and good riddance to the year that was 2020." Inherent in such statements is the desire to return to normal.

When has there been a time in our lives like 2020 and covid-19? When it affected our entire country and even the world? What does 2021 have in store for us? We do not know!

If this past year has taught us anything it has taught us to be flexible and to adapt and adjust. Generally speaking, human beings are creatures of habit. We like routine. We like to know what is coming our way. We are not too thrilled with change. In part, that's why 2020 has been such a difficult year.

As people of God we have been able to hold on to the fact that God does not change and that God is bigger than all this stuff going on in the world. Our faith and trust in God is vital for life. Over the years, when it comes to our faith, we have learned that sometimes we need to lean into the mysteries of God and know it is ok not to have all the answers. During 2020, we have had to lean into a lot of unknowns and trust in God. We can withstand a lot!

As we move into a new year there will continue to be a lot of unknowns on the horizon. Faith and trust in God will continue to be essential for our daily living. Our strength comes from the Lord. Continue to call upon the Lord and know that He is good. Seek Him and know the peace that can only come through the Lord Almighty.

Thanks be to God for His presence and love,

Tony Ball



poos, conditioners, soap, and other necessities. A green bin is located under the mailboxes in the hallway behind the sanctuary and in the narthex. A list of other items are located on the flyer at these collection bins. If you have questions about this new outreach, email Julie Love at <u>jaxandcb@yahoo.com</u>. Our current needs with fall/winter on it's way will be: cold weather items such as toboggan hats, scarfs, thick socks, thermal underwear or white undershirts for men, gloves, and "hot hands".

PRAYER STEEPLE FUND In Honor of Ray & Barbara Bost By: Scott & Susan Fearrington	
	Puzzle!
	Complete each saying below. Then place the words from those blanks in the correct order to complete Proverbs 23:4.
	1. When the going gets tough, the tough going.
	2. People who live in glass houses should throw stones.
	3. If the shoe fits, it.
	4. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is to enter the kingdom of God."
	5. Good things come those who wait.
	6. When in Rome, as the Romans do.
	7. Don't wear your welcome.
	8. If you want something done right, do it
	Write the unscrambled proverb here:
	PROVERBS 23:4

Answer: Do not wear yourself out to get rich. Proverbs 23:4

Birthdays

5—LeAnne Barnhardt, Mike Daugherty
6—Lauren Heintz, Marie Stancil
8—Jaxson Love
9—Lynne Georgevich
11—Yolanda Dunmire
12—Grayson Overbay
16—Mike Flowe
17—Garrett Overbay
22—Sara Beaver, Cora Love
24—Dustin Barnhardt, Ryley Gray



- 28—Tonya Caldwell, Jacob Heintz, Jayden Hemphill
- 31—Brenda Long, Charlotte Alexander

Anniversaries

5—John & Susan Caton9—Richard & Yolanda Dunmire

Mt. Pleasant Food Ministry's Current needs:

Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Soup, and Dried Milk

Pantry Non-food items: Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Face Soap, Toilet Tissue, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Diapers

The basket for donations to this food pantry is located in the hall behind the sanctuary beside the church mailboxes.

Still searching for a New Year's resolution? None is more worthy than becoming Christ-like. In fact, 19th-century evangelist Henry Drummond calls it "the only thing in the whole world worth caring for."

Two modern-day authors offer more insights. Stormie Omartian points out that we're either making

progress or backsliding on this goal. "There is no neutral position in the Lord," she writes. "You are either becoming more like Christ every day or you're becoming less like him." And followers of Jesus must keep the goal always in focus. Christ-likeness is our "eventual destination," writes Rick Warren, but the "journey will last a lifetime."





6. Remove from pan and break apart the shapes.



Answer: body = 16, eye = 11, ear = 13, hand = 17, foot = 20

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In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?

- A. "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger
- B. "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy
- C. "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14
- D. No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.



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COMMUNITY BREAKFAST:

Cancelled

When sending prayer requests via email, please send them to prayer@coldspringsumc.org or REQUESTS submit them via the prayer PRAYER request form on the church website. This will allow requests to still be sent out even when the church office is closed.

The Magi's Story and ours

The story of the Magi is our story. God has used his supernatural means to draw us unto himself. ... On one glorious day, when we were exhausted and wearied in our sin, God led us to gaze upon Jesus just as the Magi did. We see the glory of God manifested through Jesus Christ in the internal work of the Holy Spirit. We see our utter sinfulness and God's abounding grace offered in the Messiah. We are filled with joy as this grace sinks into our hearts.

We fall down on our knees and confess our need of this Messiah. We worship him and offer up our lives as our greatest offering to him. Then we continue on in our lives, carrying the truth about the Messiah.

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