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January & February 2022 Newsletter

Pastor's Note - January 2022

So, it's a new year. 2022 ushers in a few things. It's another opportunity to write the wrong year on the date line of our checks. If we believe in New Year's resolutions, it's an opportunity to repurpose ourselves—to come one step closer to becoming a better version of who we are. Even if you're not the resolution sort, there's still something new and fresh that happens on January 1. In one way or another, we brush the 2021 dust off our shoulders and step into a different space—one we hope will be full of more, or better, or perhaps just simply *different*.

There may be some detractors nearby who like to point out that a new year is simply the turning of a calendar page—just another tomorrow that follows just another yesterday—but if we look back in history, especially biblical history, there's something to all of this. Yes, time moves from one minute or one day to the next in a boring and altogether tedious and uninteresting way. That's a way to measure time chronologically; the scriptures refer to this sort as *kronos* time. But, sometimes, there are moments that stand out—that stick, that feel bigger, fuller, imbued with some added meaning or purpose or invitation. In moments like these, we might say to ourselves something like, "This is the right time!" That's what the scriptures call *kairos* time. *Kairos* time happens when the moment begins speaking back to us, telling us something of who we are or how we are to go forward paying more attention.

We don't make *kairos* moments; *kairos* moments just happen, and they make us. These are moments when we wake up to ourselves and take on a new purpose—when in one way or another we start living our lives on purpose.

May this new year be scattered with *kairos* moments for you and for all of God's people. May 2022 be a year when you commit yourself to searching out deeper meaning and a deeper hope in *chronos* time, lifting out of the passing of our minutes, hours, and days some *kairos* meaning. Because God is still speaking!

May the Peace of Christ be with You,

Pastor Patrick



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Pastor's Note – February

The brittle cold months of winter remind us how fragile things are. Some of you may love the chill of February. There is a unique sort of comfort and peace in the few inches of a day's snowfall. Ever notice how still and quiet it is outside when a thick layer of snow lies fresh on the ground? That's hard to beat and worth paying attention to. That's a divine invitation of its own. If you count winter as your favorite season, it's likely you're a homebody who tends toward introversion. There's no better way to spend a day than curled up on a couch in a warm sweater with a cup of coffee in hand.

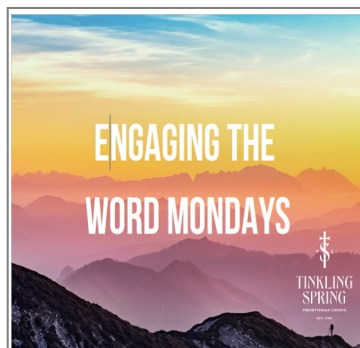
But sometimes the strength of winter is altogether inconvenient and can be downright troublesome. If there's a season of the year that reminds us that we belong to a creation that isn't interested in cooperating with our plans, it's winter. Nature has its way, and we are just a part of it.

Listen all the way through these cold months. Our God of creation gives us these cold days, too. Within them is an invitation to embrace inclement weather cancellations. We don't want to confuse cancelled plans with cancelled days. Each of them, no matter what they bring or what we must do to live them, is an opportunity afforded to us to faithfully respond to the One who gives all of them to us.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Patrick

This January and February, Pastor Patrick invites you to dig into two of the most challenging and surprising books in the Old Testament—indeed in the entire Bible: Job and Ecclesiastes. Job and Ecclesiastes are counted as two of the wisdom books of the Hebrew scriptures. Proverbs and Esther comprise the other half. In these first two months of the year Patrick will provide a reading guide full of insights and questions to help you navigate your way through each day and each book. There will be two book discussion gatherings on Tuesday, March 1st; the first at 10:00 a.m. and the second at 6:30 p.m. both in the sanctuary.



Have you ever wondered what to do with the messages you hear in worship? Join Pastor Patrick as we engage in conversation with the previous month's scripture passages and sermons—reflecting upon them, engaging in conversation about them, and dialoguing with them, all in an effort to be in communication with God about them. Join us on the following Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Session Room:

2022: January 17, February 28, March 21, April 11, May 9, and June 6.



Every Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. you are invited to spend slow and quiet time in prayer and reflection in the sanctuary.

Pastor Patrick will be in the sanctuary for these two hours to hold quite space with you or to attend to your spirit. These Wednesday hours will provide unstructured space and time for you to keep company with God.

A Round of Applause, Please!

The last of the leaves have been shaken from the tree branches. That multitude has been raked, bagged, and disposed of. Debris has been picked up, bushes trimmed, decayed trees removed. Simply put, the grounds of Tinkling Spring Church have had their Fall cleaning.

Please warmly thank the following individuals who gave of their time and energy to benefit the church and its family.

Neil Cash	Glenn Martin
Drew Cashatt	Jay Moffett
Dylan Coleman	Trey Moffett
Wendell Coleman	Jean and Craig Shrewsbury
Kim Fauber	Tom Shumate
David and Debbie Graham	Gary Sprouse
Randy Gregory	Gid Wheeler
Roy and Nancy Groah	Chapman Williams
Darrin Hutchinson	Joseph Williams
Justin Hutchinson	Sharon and Roger Wood

**KNITTERS - We need help.**

We are desperate for some "prayer" shawls and really appreciate any help. Please contact Shirley Woytach at 540-221-2481 or swoytach@gmail.com with any questions.

ADULT & CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

Ruth Circle– Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Kitchenette, January 5 and February 2. Contact Ramona Bosserman, 886-4737 or Libby Beyeler, 943-3202.

Lena Venable Circle– Meets the first Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m.. in the Fellowship Hall, January 3 and February 7. Contact Vicky Conyers, 337-3631, or Shirley Dana, 943-6979.

Mary & Martha Circle– Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and will resume on February 1. Contact Judy Dudley, 943-8138.

School Workdays = FUN DAYS!

8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. in Spring Hall

Kindergarten-Fifth Grade - \$10 per child per Fun Day



Prepare for the teacher workdays for Augusta County public schools. Sign up your students for Fun Days so they can enjoy games, art, mission, movie time and lots of outdoor activities. Families complete the registration form and provide the \$10 registration fee and a bag lunch for each child on each Fun Day. Registration is required and forms are located in the brochure racks as well as tinklingspring.com

Monday, February 7: Registration due by Friday, February 4

Monday, February 21: Registration due by Friday, February 18

Monday, March 7: Registration due by Friday, March 4

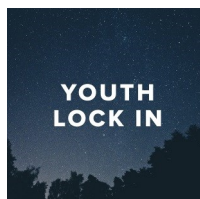
Fun Days will not be held during the month of January. Please contact Harriet Thompson (540-885-0746) if you have any questions.

Fun Days coincide with the Augusta County Schools' schedule and are subject to change.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

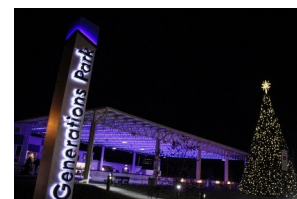
The Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

While the weather outside may be cold and damp, our hearts and hands are filled with the warmth of Christ's love this winter season. Youth and Young Adults have much to do and many blessings to celebrate this season as always.



YOUTH MINISTRY

The calendar is full of fun and fellowship despite the cold temperatures. In January (16-17), we'll have our first lock-in since the pandemic locked us out of regular activities two years ago. We'll also gather for our annual ice-skating trip in February (13). These are just the highlights—a complete and FULL schedule of events is found elsewhere in this newsletter. Please come—and bring your friends.



Youth Activated Mission Ministry

It's time to give back once again to our community and the world beyond our doors here at Tinkling Spring. We invite all ages to join us in some good works this season. We'll kick things off for the year with our annual Souper Bowl of Caring fund and food drive, culminating in worship on February 13.



Right on the heels of this event, we'll gather Cookies for Caregivers once again (more details to come!). See me soon and find out other opportunities for you to put your hands to work for Christ this season.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

January 2-5, the Young Adults will bring in the new year with a new tradition—attending the College Conference in beautiful Montreat, North Carolina. We'll hear amazing preachers,

attend excellent lectures, and enjoy fellowship in the breathtaking Smokey Mountains.



Young Adults gather every first Thursday for breakfast at Kathy's Restaurant (Staunton) and every fourth Thursday for Happy Hour (time and place vary, see calendar). I hope to see you there—and as always, friends are invited.

With blessings In Christ,

John M. Dull

Director, Youth and Young Adult Ministry



Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks to all who contributed funds, filled shoeboxes, and prayed for those receiving the gifts we packaged during the holiday season for Operation Christmas Child. Tinkling Spring contributed 139 filled shoeboxes and \$175 in additional shipping funds to this ministry.



Continue giving God's tithes and your offerings of faith as the work of ministry continues. Please send your offerings to:

Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church
c/o Receiving Treasurer
30 Tinkling Spring Drive
Fishersville, VA 22939

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

- ✓ The deadline for submitting items for the **COMBINED MARCH & APRIL** newsletter is 12:00p.m. on Friday, February 11.
- ✓ Send your brief announcement for the weekly bulletin by 12:00 p.m. each Wednesday.

When writing announcements for the bulletin or newsletter, please keep in mind the five W's:

WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? WHY?

Answer all of these questions in your announcement, and you can be sure that your news will be heard. Please send your articles to office@tinklingspring.com or place your information in the secretary's mailbox in the workroom. All submissions are subject to editing.

Because of time constraints, submissions for the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter received after the deadline will appear in the next publication.

If you have not been receiving church emails, or if you would like to be added to the distribution list, please contact the church office

(540)885-0746 or office@tinklingspring.com.

Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

Fridays: The office is closed, but you can reach the secretary via email at office@tinklingspring.com or by calling (540)885-0746 between 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TSPC Inclement Weather Information

During inclement weather, please follow the Augusta County Schools closing and delay schedule for church events and meetings scheduled during the week (Monday – Friday). If school is cancelled, all events at the church are cancelled, and the church office will be closed. If school is delayed, all morning events at the church are cancelled, and the church office will open late. If school closes early, all afternoon and evening events at the church are cancelled, and the church office will close early.

In the event of snow and/or ice on a Sunday morning, we will notify these stations as soon as a decision is made.

WHSV TV 3 - reports worship service cancellations or delays only

WVIR TV 29 - reports worship service cancellations or delays only



OFFICER ELECTIONS

The TSPC congregation held the election of officers on December 5, 2021. The following were elected. These officers will be installed in January 2022. There are two deacon positions and one elder position that are still to be filled.

ELDERS

Debra O'Connell - class of 2024 (second term)
Anne Reed - class of 2024 (second term)
Katie Bosserman - class of 2024 (first term)
Barth Estes - class of 2024 (first term)
Hailey Cox - class of 2022 (youth representative, one year term)
Randy Houff - class of 2022 (fill a vacated term)

TRUSTEES

Randy Gregory - class of 2024 (second term)
Harold Tate - class of 2024 (second term)

DEACONS

Robin Fauber - class of 2024 (second term)
Emily Parr - class of 2024 (second term)
Neelye Kochanowicz - class of 2024 (first term)
Jack Reed - class of 2022 (youth representative, one year term)

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY



2	Thomas Branham Lori Snider	13	Becky Williams Aiden Smith	23	Glenn Martin
3	Jack Marcum John Marcum	14	Kameron Edge Landon Hoover	27	Andrew Moffett Harrison Moyers Phillip Williamson
4	Kaiden Bravo	16	Hailey Cox Kelly Jones	28	Ron Michener Sherry Zawhorodny
5	Warren Arey		Reganne Roach	30	Faye Bartley Leah Showalter Logan Hoover
6	Shirley Hanger Larry Hoover	17	Faison Dana	31	Jessie Todd
8	Nancy Heidel	18	Cole Beyeler Jessica Houser Kinzlee Williamson		
11	Thomas Michener Cookie Toms	21	Jacob Kochanowicz		
		22	Rachel Branham John Slechta Starke Smith		

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY



2	Jay Thomas	10	Mellyna Kinley John Wood	18	Eliza Dana
3	Sarah Moffett			19	Parker Staples
4	Juan Michael Aguirre Phil Geisel	11	Dale Boxley Afton Gochenour	20	Bob Perrow
5	Palmer Deacon		Kim Wood	21	Brian Habel
7	Braxton Bragg Ben Law	12	Glenn Painter Tamera Mason	22	Shirley Dana
8	Bunny Hearn Tamara Hostetter	13	Elizabeth Brandt John Dull	23	Randy Houff
9	Kayla Chandler	16	Bo Branham	24	Kristen Brandt
		17	Craig Shrewsbury Vicky Conyers	28	Wendell Coleman Bernice Glenn Bob Quickel

January

Events at TSPC

Sunday, January 2

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
4:30 p.m. MS & HS Youth Group

Sanctuary
Youth Rooms

Monday, January 3

9:00 a.m. Weekly Staff Prayer Gathering
10:30 a.m. Lena Venable Circle

Kitchenette
Fellowship hall

Tuesday, January 4

12:00 p.m. ECLC Chapel
1:30 p.m. Weekly Staff Meeting

Sanctuary
Kitchenette

Wednesday, January 5

10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
2:00 p.m. Open Sanctuary

Kitchenette

Sanctuary

Thursday, January 6-9

Young Adult College Conference/Montreat, N.C.

Sunday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
4:30 p.m. All Youth Groups
5:30 p.m. Congregational Care Ministry Meeting
7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting

Sanctuary
Youth Rooms
Fellowship Hall
Session Room

Monday, January 10

9:00 a.m. Weekly Staff Prayer Gathering
6:00 p.m. Adult & Children's Christian Ed. Ministry

Kitchenette
Room 210

Tuesday, January 11

12:00 p.m. ECLC Chapel
1:30 p.m. Weekly Staff Meeting

Sanctuary
Kitchenette

Wednesday, January 12

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
2:00 p.m. Open Sanctuary

Sanctuary

Sunday, January 16

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. H.S. Youth Group/Lock-In

Sanctuary
Youth Rooms

Monday, January 17

ECLC No School
Church Offices Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.
9:00 p.m. H.S. Youth Group/Lock-In Ends
10:00 a.m. Engaging the Word Mondays

Session Room

Tuesday, January 18

12:00 p.m. ECLC Chapel
1:30 p.m. Weekly Staff Meeting

Sanctuary
Kitchenette

Wednesday, January 19

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
2:00 p.m. Open Sanctuary

Sanctuary

Thursday, January 20

5:00 p.m. TSPC Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

Sunday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship/Gifts for Hunger Offering
4:30 p.m. All Youth Groups
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Sanctuary
Youth Rooms
Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 24

9:00 a.m. Weekly Staff Prayer Gathering

Kitchenette

Tuesday, January 25

12:00 p.m. ECLC Chapel
1:30 p.m. Weekly Staff Meeting

Sanctuary
Kitchenette

Wednesday, January 26

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
2:00 p.m. Open Sanctuary

Sanctuary

Thursday, January 27

5:00 p.m. Young Adults Gathering

Seven Arrows Brewery

Sunday, January 30

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
4:30 p.m. All Youth Groups

Sanctuary
Youth Rooms

Monday, January 31

9:00 a.m. Weekly Staff Prayer Gathering

Kitchenette

February

Events at TSPC

Tuesday, February 1

10:30 a.m.	Mary & Martha Circle	Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m.	ECLC Chapel	Sanctuary
1:30 p.m.	Weekly Staff Meeting	Kitchenette

Wednesday, February 2

10:30 a.m.	Ruth Circle	Kitchenette
12:00 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline	
2:00 p.m.	Open Sanctuary	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 3

8:30 a.m.	Young Adults Breakfast	Kathy's Restaurant
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Friday, February 4

11:30 a.m.	ECLC Dad's Tailgate Lunch	Spring Hall
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Sunday, February 6

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	MS & HS Youth Group	Youth Rooms

Monday, February 7

8:00 a.m.	Fun Day	Spring Hall
9:00 a.m.	Weekly Staff Prayer Gathering	Kitchenette
10:30 a.m.	Lena Venable Circle	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 8

12:00 p.m.	ECLC Chapel	Sanctuary
1:30 p.m.	Weekly Staff Meeting	Kitchenette

Wednesday, February 9

12:00 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline	
2:00 p.m.	Open Sanctuary	Sanctuary

Friday, February 11

12:00 p.m.	COMBINED MARCH & APRIL Newsletter Deadline	
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Sunday, February 13

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
3:00 p.m.	MS & HS Youth Group/Ice Skating	Bridgewater Generations Park
5:30 p.m.	Congregational Care Ministry Meeting	Kitchenette
7:00 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 14

9:00 a.m.	Weekly Staff Prayer Gathering	Kitchenette
6:00 p.m.	Adult & Children's CE Ministry	Room 210

Tuesday, February 15

12:00 p.m.	ECLC Chapel	Sanctuary
1:30 p.m.	Weekly Staff Meeting	Kitchenette

Wednesday, February 16

12:00 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline	
2:00 p.m.	Open Sanctuary	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 17

5:00 p.m.	TSPC Food Pantry/Clothes Closet	
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Sunday, February 20

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	MS & HS Youth Group	Youth Rooms

Monday, February 21

ECLC No School/Teacher Workday		
8:00 a.m.	Fun Day	Spring Hall
9:00 a.m.	Weekly Staff Prayer Gathering	Kitchenette

Tuesday, February 22

12:00 p.m.	ECLC Chapel	Sanctuary
1:30 p.m.	Weekly Staff Meeting	Kitchenette

Wednesday, February 23

12:00 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline	
2:00 p.m.	Open Sanctuary	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 24

5:00 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Basic City Brewery
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Sunday, February 27

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	
10:00 a.m.	Worship/Gifts for Hunger Offering	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	MS & HS Youth Group	Youth Rooms
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 28

9:00 a.m.	Weekly Staff Prayer Gathering	Kitchenette
10:00 a.m.	Engaging the Word Monday	Session Room

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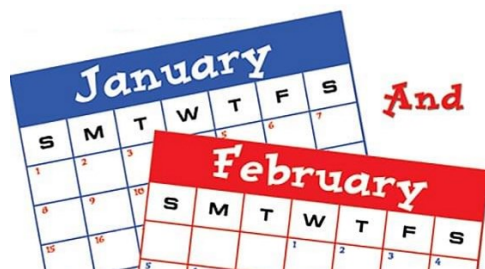
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