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## *From the Pastor's Desk*



**Greetings to you and peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Question....how are we doing with being CHRISTTER People? If you are wondering what Christter is, in last month's message I combined CHRIST from Christmas and TER from Easter when I challenged us to live each day with the reality of God's love coming to Earth at Christmas and the joy of the resurrection at Easter. So, may everyone of us be CHRISTTER people every day!

And as we begin a new year, we have a once in the lifetime of the Earth event. This on our calendars is the year 2020. Never before and never again will our calendar year be 2020. And, as we are well aware, 20/20 is used to indicate perfect vision. There is no need for corrective lenses if our vision is 20/20. Thinking about how we can apply having perfect vision every day has led me on an interesting journey. We often look at things we encounter in our life with our vision "tinted" because of our mindset. We consider ourselves to be Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal. We label ourselves Democrat, Republican or Independent. We identify our lineage as European, African, etc. We are labeled "Boomer", "Gen-X"; "Millennial", etc. And, sometimes any or all of these labels show up in how we look at life. And, for better or worse, our labels may effect our ability or inability to work with people whose labels differ from ours.

But, as we approach and/or embark on the year 2020, my hope is that we can all put our labels aside. My hope is that conservative, moderate, liberal, democrat, republican, independent, etc. are all terms that we put aside and simply call ourselves Children of God. My hope is that we can all put God at the very center of our lives. My hope is that whatever it is we feel we are called to do, that as we begin that journey we dedicate ourselves and all that we do for the glory of God. I do know that whenever we are doing God's will we are definitely able to put our labels out of sight and all can work together for the glory of God. One of the beautiful scriptures of the Christmas season reminds us that "The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them." (Isaiah 11:6) We believe that the child refers to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem. And, with Jesus as the leader, it will enable natural enemies in the animal world to live in peace. That will also apply to (what some people may consider to be natural enemies because of difference of opinion) our fellow human beings as well. My hope is that as children of God we—throughout the world, will be able to work together for the good of all humankind. IF, and I emphasize IF we put God FIRST in our life.



## January

The calendar year is 2020 and it is a prime opportunity for all of us to examine our life and do what we can to keep God central to ALL of our life. May our personal vision (no matter how impaired) become 20/20 as each day we pray to look at our world through God's eyes.

HAPPY NEW VISION YEAR!!!!

God Bless you ALL! With love - Pastor Lou Ann



### **SPECIAL SERVICES in JANUARY**

#### **January 5 - Christmas 2**

Gospel: John 1:10-18

Sermon: "We DO Know God"

#### **January 12 - Epiphany 1**

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon: "Outward and Visible Signs"

#### **January 19- Epiphany 2**

Gospel: Matthew 16:24-28

Sermon: "What is Your Logo?"

#### **January 26 - Epiphany 3**

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon: "The Ministry of Jesus"



... to the **Sisters of Service** and everyone else who helped to prepare food, set up and clean up at our annual Church Christmas party.

... to the **Sisters of Service** for organizing this year's Cookie Walk. Thanks also to everyone who helped setup and sell cookies, as well as those who donated home-made cookies and those who bought them.

... to **everyone who donated toiletries, scarves, hats, gloves, etc.** for Helping Hands for the Homeless and to **Barb Marshall** for seeing that they were distributed.

... to **everyone who helped decorate** the church for our Christmas services.

... to **my wonderful faith family here at Blymire's** for the Christmas note and gift cards. The note brought tears to my eyes and touched my heart and I will certainly enjoy shopping with the gift cards. Bless you all. Pastor Lou Ann



There will be a Town Meeting held on Sunday, January 12, immediately after the worship service to discuss and approve the budget and the members of the Coordinating Ministry Team for 2020. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!



You may pick up your 2020 offering envelopes from the Welcome Table in the Gathering Room. If you did not use envelopes in 2019, but would like them for 2020, please let Wanda know.

## **SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for JANUARY**

### **GREETERS:**

January 5 - Nancy Taylor  
January 12 - Beth Markey  
January 19 - Janie Montgomery  
January 26 - David & Susan McDowell

### **GIFT COLLECTORS:**

January 5– David & Susan McDowell  
January 12 - Nelson & Marti Leader  
January 19 - Lonnie & Carol Barnhart  
January 26 - Joel & Stephanie Frey

### **LAY READERS:**

January 5 - Janie Montgomery  
January 12 - Sonja Ness  
January 19 - Nelson Leader  
January 26 - Linda Rost

### **ACOLYTES:**

January 5 - Joel & Stephanie Frey  
January 12 - Nelson & Marti Leader  
January 19 - Sterling Boyd  
January 26 - David & Susan McDowell

### **COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:**

January 5 - To be announced  
January 12 - To be announced  
January 19- To be announced  
January 26 - To be announced

### **SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:**

January 5 - Terry Doll  
January 12 - Ed Adams  
January 19 - Eli Matthews  
January 26 - Greg Ness

### **LIGHTING OPERATORS:**

January 5 - Joel Frey  
January 12 - Greg Ness  
January 19 - Greg Ness  
January 26 - Sterling Boyd

### **CAMERA OPERATORS:**

January 5 - Greg Ness  
January 12 - John Sterling  
January 19 - Greg Ness  
January 26 - Terry Doll

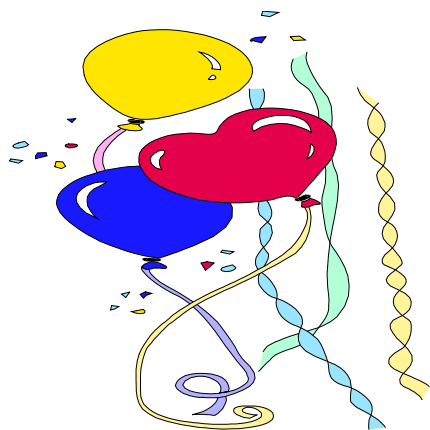
### **VIDEO OPERATORS:**

January 5 - Jessica Keller  
January 12 - Jeri Jones  
January 19 - Judy Bishop  
January 26 - Nelson Leader

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jean McDowell & Barb Adams

**DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER:** January 15

**JANUARY**  
**BIRTHDAYS**



*May God  
Bless You on  
Your  
Birthday!*

1. Jared Miller  
Todd Miller  
Derek Troop
2. Burl Gingerich  
Chet Wise
3. Keith Markey  
Delores Noll
4. Tracey Dilling  
John Sterling
7. Nicholas Innerst  
Morgan Keller
8. Nancy Myers
9. Paige Barley
11. Damion Albright  
Steven Knickel
12. Tina Leader
13. Hannah Leader
14. Benjamin Barley  
John Herbst
16. Brooks Barley
18. Silvia Knickel
20. Rick Sipe
21. Ed Adams  
Gwen Wise
26. Cindie McKinsey  
Renne Myers

## **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**Doris Harper**  
Arlington Court, Room 121  
Senior Commons  
@ Powder Mill  
1775 Powder Mill Rd  
York, PA 17403

**Peggy Luckenbaugh**  
Room 704B  
Colonial Manor Nursing Home  
970 Colonial Avenue  
York, PA 17403



**Freda Berry**  
The Haven at Springwood  
2321 Freedom Way  
York, PA 17402

**Joyce Shenberger**  
Room 105A  
Manor Care-Kingston Court  
2400 Kingston Ct.  
York, PA 17402

**Linda Trone**  
Room 700  
Colonial Manor Nursing Home  
970 Colonial Avenue  
York, PA 17403

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**Remember**  
and pray for  
**Our Members**  
in the  
**Military**

**A1C Ness, Brandon**  
6907 S. Camino de la Humanidad  
Tucson, AZ 85756

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### **Trustees Report-Projects completed in 2019**

We had a very active year with repairs and improvements to our buildings and grounds.

#### **Church building:**

Replaced the roof over the foyer entrance with new rubber roofing, insulation board and flashing. Rubber mats were installed to protect the roof material when entering the roof for repairs to bell tower or roof.

Installed security cam for viewing of anyone wishing to enter the building by our administration staff.

Cleaned and painted wrought iron railings at parking lot entrance and staircase at education wing. Ran power from the Red Brick Church to our church sign.

Replaced basketball post. Made repairs to potholes in driveway.

Had power company repair dusk to dawn light to illuminate our driveway entrance and help with security at the Red Brick Church.

#### **Picnic Pavilion:**

Formed and poured a concrete base for the chicken BBQ pit. Installed gutter guard on pavilion to prevent leaves and tree branches from clogging our drainage system.

#### **Red Brick Church:**

Improved drainage by: 1. Clearing debris from drainpipe. 2. Contouring drainage swale to move water away from the building thus preventing water from entering the basement.

Most all of the projects were completed by our members volunteering their time and many times materials. If not for this volunteering of time and donated materials, many of the improvements would not have been possible. Our annual church budget is not strong enough to support hiring of contractors to do the many projects that were completed this year. The Trustees want to thank all those who helped with this large project list.

Joan, Charlie and Joel

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Undesignated General Fund

## Red Brick Chapel

## Cemetery

Month-2019	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$10,497.09	\$9,547.51	\$0.41	\$304.33	\$923.15	\$1,053.87
February	\$9,667.09	\$9,824.01	\$0.36	\$483.40	\$241.82	\$1,553.75
March	\$8,387.08	\$12,838.53	\$0.40	\$453.34	\$0.01	\$1,243.18
April	\$13,112.13	\$9,712.75	\$0.38	\$257.71	\$100.07	\$1,225.10
May	\$9,751.94	\$9,644.88	\$0.39	\$128.12	\$0.06	\$1,562.95
June	\$9,881.09	\$13,213.55	\$0.37	\$262.02	\$100.04	\$2,221.37
July	\$12,313.08	\$9,948.30	\$0.38	\$484.24	\$907.34	\$1,930.00
August	\$10,369.15	\$9,742.92	\$0.37	\$98.23	\$100.10	\$2,025.00
September	\$12,618.58	\$12,301.63	\$0.36	\$453.54	\$200.08	\$2,176.37
October	\$12,561.34	\$9,975.90	\$0.36	\$132.95	\$800.07	\$1,530.00
November	\$11,485.80	\$9,432.74	\$0.35	\$120.22	0.06	\$1,235.00
December						
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$120,644.37</b>	<b>\$116,182.72</b>	<b>\$4.13</b>	<b>\$3,178.10</b>	<b>\$3,372.80</b>	<b>\$17,856.59</b>

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ December 1, 2019

\$3992.53

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ December 1, 2019

(Includes \$50,337.32 Endowment)

\$71,503.92

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ December 1, 2019

(Includes \$794,222.47 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation-in April and in July transferred \$9000 each time from the UCC Foundation to BB & T Bank)

\$800,802.51

## Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2019

	#	Total	Monthly	Available
	Families	\$\$\$	Donations	Balance
Beginning				\$ 253.90
January			\$ 78.55	\$ 332.45
February	1	\$ 25.00	\$ 70.20	\$ 377.65
March	1	\$ 25.00	\$ 62.75	\$ 415.40
April	2	\$ 50.00	\$ 53.76	\$ 419.16
May			\$ 50.00	\$ 469.16
June	3	\$ 75.00	\$ 99.84	\$ 494.00
July	2	\$ 50.00	\$ 163.00	\$ 607.00
August	3	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 307.00
September	2	\$ 50.00	\$ 78.62	\$ 335.62
October	2 +EC	\$ 256.45	\$ 206.45	\$ 285.62
November	1	\$ 25.00	\$ 110.72	\$ 371.34
December				
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$ 856.45</b>	<b>\$ 973.89</b>	





## MEN'S GROUP



Join the men of Blymire on Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00 PM at the church. Bring a friend to the meeting. As always we have an open discussion on joys and concerns. Come join us for a time of sharing. REMEMBER ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.



Our Women's Book Club will hold their next meetings on Tuesday, January 14, and Tuesday, January 28, at 10:00 AM in the Gathering Room. And . . . just like the Book Club in Mary Ann Shaffer's novel, The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, we are reading our own book choices and discussing them with the group. New members are always welcome.

## WHOOPIE PIE SALE

The FUN Team is once again selling whoopie pies to raise money for our concert series. To place your order, please fill out the slip below and put it in the offering plate or give it to Marti Leader. Orders are due by Sunday, January 26, and pickup will be on Wednesday, February 12, from 3:00-5:00 PM at the church.



To place an order, please fill out the slip below and bring it to church or call the church office at (717) 244-0655 or call Marti at (717) 858-6502.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Chocolate w/vanilla icing \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Choc w/peanut butter icing \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Choc w/raspberry icing \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Pumpkin w/buttercream icing \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Vanilla w/raspberry icing \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

## FUN TEAM



Our Fun Team will be meeting at the church on Wednesday, January 8, at 6:00 PM to make plans for upcoming events in 2020. Anyone is welcome to join us and share any ideas they may have for new activities or help in the planning of those already scheduled.



## SPECIAL MUSIC & CONCERT

On Sunday, January 5, Josh Bishop will be presenting special music during our morning worship service.

That afternoon in the sanctuary from 2:00-4:00 PM we welcome the Equine Meadows Singers as part of our ongoing concert series. A freewill offering will be taken.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us for both events

You are invited to our Crafty Chicks gathering on Sunday, January 26, from 1:00-5:00 PM. Please bring with you any needlework, scrapbooking or other craft project that you are working on. We will have a good time finishing those projects and fellowshiping with friends.



On Friday, February 14, beginning at 6:00 PM we will be hosting a Valentine's Sweetheart Concert here at the church. "Timeless", a group that plays songs from the 50's and 60's will provide the musical entertainment. There will also be a dessert buffet.

This is not just for couples, so come solo or bring a group of friends with you and travel back in musical time.

There is no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be taken.

# **EMMANUEL'S CLOSET**

*January 2020*



## **Christmas Project**

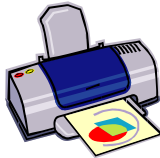
We would again like to thank everyone who bought a Christmas gift for one of the children at Emmanuel's Closet.

This may have been the only gift some of those children received for Christmas. They were distributed on December 14th and 21st.

In addition to the gifts, we also gave out extra bags of holiday food and gift cards for perishable food to our clients to help provide them with a good Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner. Thank you to everyone who donated food or extra funds to help buy them.

## **Cartridge Recycling**

Don't forget to bring in your empty printer cartridges and place them in the box above the coat rack in the hallway. Thank you for your support of this project which will not only raise money for those in need, but also help to keep our planet "green."



## **E.C. Continuing Needs**

Juice  
Cereal/Oatmeal  
Peanut Butter/Jelly  
Pancake Mix  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Boxed Dry Pastas  
Helper Meals  
Dessert Items  
Condiment Items  
Canned Tuna/Meats  
Canned Fruit/Vegetables  
Soap  
Shampoo  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Dish Washing Liquid  
Laundry Detergent  
All-Purpose Cleaners  
Children's books/toys  
Small household items

## **Please, NO Expired Food Items**

**We are now accepting fall and winter clothing. They should be clean, in good repair and unstained.**



***THANKS FOR CARING!***

**Below is a list of items that we are especially in need of right now:**

**Assorted beverages**

**Soup**

**Cereal**

**Oatmeal**

**Boxed/Boxed rice sides**

**Brownie mix**

**Mac & cheese**

**Tuna helper/Tuna**

**Canned carrots**

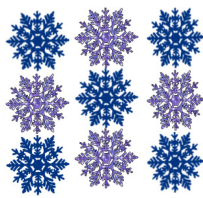
**Canned stew**

**Frosting only (we have a lot of cake mix, but no frosting)**

**Canned chili w/meat**

**Canned tomato products (sauce, crushed, diced, stewed, paste, spaghetti)**





I bet you could do something  
for someone today who'd  
remember it for the  
rest of their life!



January  
2020



### EVOLUTION!

A little girl asked her mother,  
"How did the human race appear?" The  
mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve and  
they had children, and so was all mankind made."

Two days later the girl asked her father the same  
question. The father answered, "Many years ago there  
were monkeys from which the human race  
evolved."

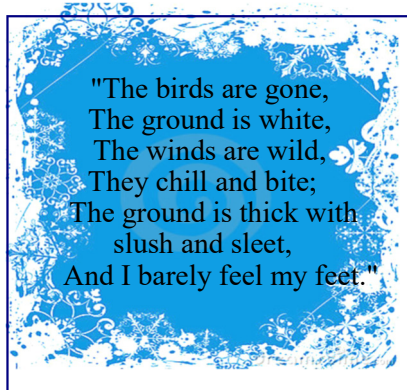
The confused girl returned to her mother and said,  
"Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human  
race was created by God, and Dad said they  
developed from monkeys?" The mother answered,  
"Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my  
side of the family and your father told you about his."

### I HOPE THAT IN 2020, YOU MAKE MISTAKES.

If you are making mistakes, then you  
are trying new things, learning, living,  
pushing yourself, changing yourself,  
changing your world. You're doing things  
you've never done before, and more  
importantly, you're Doing Something.  
So that's my wish for you, and all of us,  
and my wish for myself. Make New  
Mistakes. Make glorious, amazing  
mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever  
made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't  
worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't  
perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or  
work or family or life. Whatever it is  
you're scared of doing, Do it.

*Make your mistakes,  
learn, change and grow!*

Neil Gaiman



"The birds are gone,  
The ground is white,  
The winds are wild,  
They chill and bite;  
The ground is thick with  
slush and sleet,  
And I barely feel my feet."

Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed.  
Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with  
love, grace, and gratitude.

Dennis Waitley

### A LESSON FROM THE FROST

"One winter morning I awoke to see magnificent lines of frost stretching  
across my window panes. They seemed to rise with the sunshine and the  
bitter cold outside. They looked like little miracles that had been formed  
in the dark of night. I watched them in sheer amazement and marveled  
that such beautiful forms could be born during such a winter-cold night.  
Yet, as I pondered them I thought of how life is so like that. We live our  
long, worn days in the shadows, in what often feels like barren, cold  
winter, so unaware of the miracles that are being created in our spirits.  
It takes the sudden daylight, some unexpected surprise of life, to cause  
our gaze to look upon a simple, stunning growth that has happened  
quietly inside us. Like frost designs on a winter window, they bring us  
beyond life's fragmentation and remind us that we are not nearly as lost  
as we thought we were, that all the time we thought we were dead  
inside, beautiful things were being born in us."

Joyce Rupp



**IT'S QUIET.** It's early. My coffee is hot. The sky is still black. The world is still asleep. The day is coming. In a few moments the day will arrive. It will roar down the track with the rising of the sun. The stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day. The calm of solitude will be replaced by the pounding pace of the human race.

The refuge of the early morning will be invaded by decisions to be made and deadlines to be met.  
For the next twelve hours I will be exposed to the day's demands. It is now that I must make a choice.  
Because of Calvary, I'm free to choose. And so I choose.

**I CHOOSE LOVE . . .**

No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

**I CHOOSE JOY . . .**

I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical . . .  
the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God.  
I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to know God.

**I CHOOSE PEACE . . .**

I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

**I CHOOSE PATIENCE . . .**

I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place,  
I'll invite him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray.  
Instead of clinching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

**I CHOOSE KINDNESS . . .**

I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid.  
And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

**I CHOOSE GOODNESS . . .**

I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast.  
I will confess before I will accuse. I choose goodness.

**I CHOOSE FAITHFULNESS . . .**

Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word.  
My wife will not question my love. And my children will never fear that their father will not come home.

**I CHOOSE GENTLENESS . . .**

Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist,  
may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

**I CHOOSE SELF-CONTROL . . .**

I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal.  
I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek his grace.  
And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

**Max Lucado**

Every new year people make resolutions to change aspects of themselves they believe are negative. A majority of people revert back to how they were before and feel like failures. This year I challenge you to a new resolution.  
I challenge you to just be yourself.

**Aisha Elderwyn**

People usually consider walking on water or in thin air a miracle. But I think the real miracle is not to walk either on water or in thin air, but to walk on earth. Every day we are engaged in a miracle which we don't even recognize: a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves, the black, curious eyes of a child--our own two eyes.  
All is a miracle.

**Thich Nhat Hanh**





## Revelations for January from “Bly Mire” Mouse

This message would have a tendency to be bitter sweet because of the passing of EMERSON KNAPER - the patriarch of Blymire’s church. He was the longest term member of our faith family reaching 83 years! He was also our oldest male member at 97 years of age. He was (as I hear Pastor Lou Ann refer to people) a “dear heart”. His love of God, community, and family was the very core of who he was in life! And, whenever we lose a loved one in death, it is a sad time and we do shed tears because we will no longer have an opportunity to physically be with our loved ones. But, we will forever have our memories of those who have passed. So, on December 16th we gathered to CELEBRATE Emerson’s life. And, it was AWESOME!!! The hymns we shared, the memories that different loved ones shared, the prayers - all were beautiful. A wonderful service for a wonderful man!!!! I will share something I heard Susie tell a couple of people and it made me laugh!!! She said that the Monday that Emerson passed away was a day of agitation for him so Nina and Susie talked about putting on Christmas music for Emerson to hear. Susie checked the music channels on the TV and finally found comforting music on the Yule Log channel. She turned the TV so that Emerson could see it if he opened his eyes. She felt this was wonderful because Emerson loved sitting by the fireplace and enjoyed the fire and the warmth. She went to his bedside to tell him about the music. But, she had a sudden realization that if Emerson opened his eyes and saw the flames on the TV he may think he didn’t make it to heaven!!!! LAUGHING OUT LOUD!!!!!! We truly will miss Emerson! Rest in peace!!!

We also keep in our prayers others from our faith family who are going through rough times: DELORES BARLEY; the DILLING FAMILY; the HEINDEL FAMILY; JOYCE PLATTS; LINDA KING; all our faith family who are battling cancer; all those who have chronic illnesses; all who walk through depression in wintertime; all those we have not mentioned. GOD BLESS and may you feel God’s arms around you!

We definitely reflect on 2019 and give thanks to God for all the ways in which our Blymire’s Faith Family has reached out to our community and aided people in need! It is amazing at our list of service to our community!!! And, did you notice that Blymire’s Faith Family is an anagram of B.F.F.!!!! How true this is for us!!!

I better close for now but remember..... this calendar year is 2020 so let us hope that we and others will be able to sing: “I can see clearly now....” hee-hee... EAWORM!!!!!!

### January’s humor:

A woman was playing a trivia game with friends New Year’s Eve. She drew a card concerning science and nature. The question was: “If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, will you be able to hear it?”

The woman thought for a little while and asked her friends, “Do you think the vacuum is on or off?”

And.....A farmer was milking his cow when he happened to look up and see a fly buzz into one of the cow’s ears. After he’d finished milking her, he noticed a fly in the milk pail.

He said to himself, “Oh well, in one ear and out the udder.”

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

With our Love, BLY and MIRE





# "STEP" INTO THE NEW YEAR

Make this craft to  
remember God's  
many blessings.



## What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

## What you do:

1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.



# Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

*Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.*



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JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV