

January "2021"

"Follow the Bells"



# The Church Bell

## A Message From Pastor Casey

"New Wine, New Year"  
Cortland Christian Church

John 2:1-5, 9-11 HCSB

On the third day a wedding took place in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' Mother was there, and Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding as well. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother told Him, "They don't have any wine." "What has this concern of yours to do with Me, woman?" Jesus asked. "My hour has not yet come." "Do whatever He tells you," His mother told the servants...

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When the chief servant tasted the water (after it had become wine), he did not know where it came from – though the servants who had drawn the water knew. He called the groom and told him, "Everyone sets out the fine wine first, then, after people have drunk freely, the inferior. But you have kept the fine wine until now." Jesus performed this first sign in Cana of Galilee. He displayed His glory, and His disciples believed Him.

The old year is gone, the new year has come. So many believe that with the new year that the problems of 2020 will simply disappear, but that is not the case. The turning of the calendar is not like the flicking of a light switch. It is important that we realize this so that we will not fall into despair. Life has its bright moments, and this I pray that the new year will be filled of, but there are many shadows to pass through in this life too.

Many people feel depleted. They ask themselves, "How can I handle any more of this?" You could say our wine has run out, that is our energy, our collectiveness of mind, our patience. Yet I know a person who can make new wine, that is a person who can give us a fresh burst of energy, who can calm our minds, and who can restore our joy. He is Jesus the Christ. Through the various signs that He performed while on this earth, He has shown us that He is God and can do anything. He can grant us help when we feel helpless, rest when we feel restless, peace and we feel peaceless. All that we must do is believe and follow Him.

The book of John is a wonderful place to start reading the Bible. It is my personal favorite book. Jesus awaits to speak to you through His Holy Word. I teach in my church that prayer is a 2-step process. First, we speak to God, what we typically call prayer, then, we listen for God to speak back to us. He can do this in many ways such as dreams, visions, and miracles, but He most often chooses to speak to us through His Living Word, the Bible. If you are not reading the Bible, then you are missing out on half of the conversation of your prayers. ***Draw close to God today, pick up your Bible and ask God to fill you***

***with a new mind this new year.***



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## *Worship Leaders*

January 3 Jeff Byer and Spencer Chapman  
January 10 Amy Popichak and John Molnar  
January 17 Sharon Hopkins and Curtis Bell  
January 24 Carol Robinson and Amy Seger  
January 31 Ron Miller and Justin Klamut

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## **Coffee Fellowship**



January 3 Carol Deemer  
January 10 Brad and Brenda  
January 1 Joyce Greenlee  
January 24 Chili Cook-Off  
January 31 Sharon Hopkins



*Happy New Year!*

## **Welcome 2021**

*May it be a Happy  
New Year full of  
peace, love and  
happiness*

*Pray for the  
New Year!*

### **December 2020 — Financial Report**

Our monthly Budget for 2020 of \$13,000 explains the amount needed to maintain our church.

#### December 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

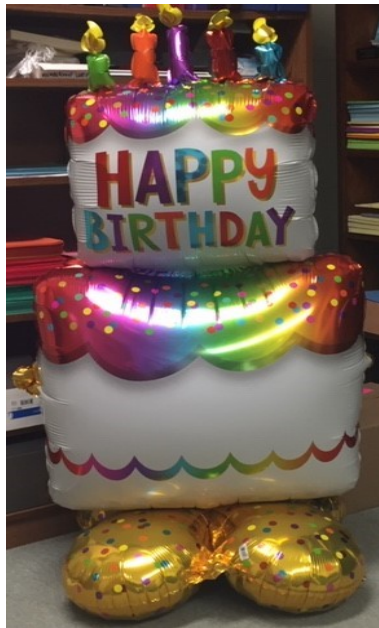
Offering Received	\$ 11, 275.00
Expenses	<u>\$ - 10, 512.00</u>
Balance	\$ 763.00

Mortgage Payment \$1,883.24

Loan Balance \$ 73,185

## ***"Happy Birthday"***

*January 9                      Matthew Ball*  
*January 18                  Judy Hansel*  
*January 18                  Jerry Polakoff*  
*January 22                  Greg Seger*  
*January 25                  Addison Miller*



## **Church Meetings**

**L.O.A.F.**

**January 7**

**10am**

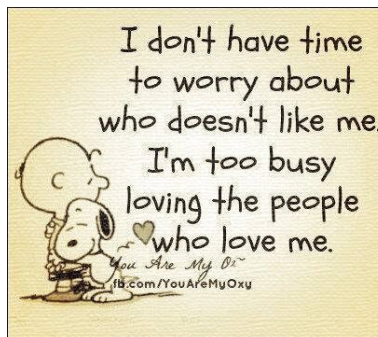
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**Methodist Church**

## ***Happy Anniversary***

***January 16***

***Pat and Bud Culp***



## **Why don't you come to church anymore?**

A pious man who had reached the age of 105 suddenly stopped going to church. Alarmed by the old fellow's absence after so many years of faithful attendance, the Minister went to see him.

He found him in excellent health, so the Minister asked, "How come after all these years we don't see you at services anymore?"

The old man looked around and lowered his voice. "I'll tell you, Pastor Casey, he whispered. "When I got to be 90, I expected God to take me any day. But then I got to be 95, then 100, then 105. So I figured that God is very busy and must've forgotten about me, and I don't want to remind Him!"



***Church Elders***

***Third Sunday in the month***

**— 8 am —**  
**Board Room**

## **Church Meetings**

**Tuesday, January 5:**




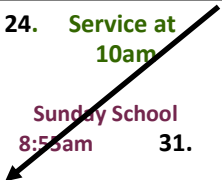
**Finance: 6:15pm**

**Board Meeting: 7pm**



# January

2020

| Sunday                                                                                 | Monday                                                                                  | Tuesday                                                                           | Wednesday                                                                               | Thursday                                                                               | Friday                                                                                    | Saturday                                                                                                       |
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|                                                                                        |                                                                                         |  |                                                                                         |                                                                                        | 1.     | 2. <b>Aerobics</b>                                                                                             |
| 3. <b>Sunday Service</b><br>10am<br><br>Adult<br>Sunday School<br>8:55am               | 4.     | 5. <u>Meetings</u><br>Finance 6:15pm<br>Board 7 pm                                | 6.                                                                                      | 7. L.O.A.F.<br>Methodist<br>Church 10am<br><br><b>Aerobics</b>                         | 8.                                                                                        | 9. <b>Aerobics</b><br><br>Breakfast with<br>Friends 10am<br>Four Star Resaurant                                |
| 10. <b>Service at</b><br>10am<br>Adult<br>Sunday School<br>8:55am                      | 11. <b>Aerobics</b>                                                                     | 12.                                                                               | 13.                                                                                     | 14.  | 15.                                                                                       | 16. <b>Aerobics</b><br><br> |
| 17. <b>Service at</b><br>10am<br><br>Adult<br>Sunday School<br>8:55am                  | 18. <b>Aerobics</b>                                                                     | 19.                                                                               | 20.  | 21. <b>Aerobics</b>                                                                    | 22.                                                                                       | 23. <b>Aerobics</b>                                                                                            |
| 24. <b>Service at</b><br>10am<br><br>Sunday School<br>8:55am                           | 25.  | 26.                                                                               | 27.                                                                                     | 28. <b>Aerobics</b>                                                                    | 29.  | 30. <b>Aerobics</b>                                                                                            |
| 31.  |                                                                                         |                                                                                   |                                                                                         |                                                                                        |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                |

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends". They would enjoy a Thinking of you card or a joke or story you found in a magazine. Maybe a phone call, just say "hello" to our friends.

Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer

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Warren Ohio



*At the sound of the tolling midnight bell  
a brand new year will begin.  
Let's raise our hopes in a confident toast,  
to the promise it ushers in.*

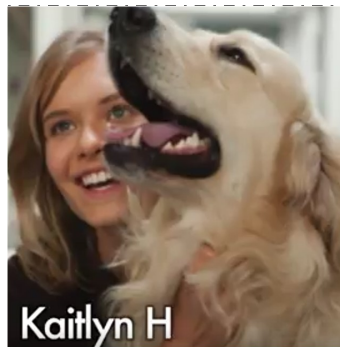
*May your battles be few, your pleasures many,  
your wishes and dreams fulfilled.  
May your confidence stand in the face of loss  
and give you the strength to rebuild.*

*May peace of heart fill all your days  
may serenity grace your soul.  
May tranquil moments bless your life  
and keep your spirit whole.*

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## Strong Bond

Kaitlyn, had been raising her golden retriever, Mani, for over a year. One day while walking the dog through Pike Place Market in Seattle,



Kaitlyn and Mani met a man in the park walking his dog, Juniper. The two immediately ran toward each other and couldn't get enough of each other. Soon the two dogs were rolling around and embracing each other, while their owners watched in astonishment. The dogs were nearly inseparable.

It dawned on them that the dogs were similar in age and appearance. After doing some research, they soon realized these dogs were siblings, sisters from the same litter.

As it happens, they were born in a puppy mill in Russia and the last time they saw each other was on the plane, over a year ago coming to America. Dogs have feelings and memories, too. Their love for each other was strong. Now they have regular play dates in the park.



## Helping Hands Mission

They are always involved in helping the Community where-ever needed. They have helped with Bulldog Pantry at the Middle School, Kinsman Flood, if there is a need, this is the group that can help ..

The Chili-Cookoff, a Helping Hand Project, holds this great luncheon to raise funds to support their missions. It will be held on January 24th right after church service. Other missions are The Potato Bake in March, Baskets of Thanksgiving and Christmas food. Kinsman Flood and they are hoping to help Beatitude House and support Bella and some other missions that need support during the year.

Here are the three Musketeers delivering their baskets of food to the three less fortunate families. Our congregation donated to the project and were very generous thank you so very much.

The boxes were packed early in the week and delivered on Saturday. .

In January if all goes well, the project would be to donate a dozen infant diapers to Bella Womens Center..

**Pictured: Karen Miller, Chuck Chagnot, and Linda Chagnot.**





## Who Is He?

**In Chemistry**, he turned water into wine.

**In Biology**, he was born without normal conception.

**In Physics**, he defied the law of gravity when he ascended into heaven.

**In Economics**, he disproved the law of diminishing return by feeding 5000 men with two fishes and 5 loaves of bread.

**In Medicine**, he cured the sick and the blind without administering a single dose of drugs.

**In History**, he is the beginning and the end.

**In Government**, that he will be called wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace in religion, and no one will come to the Father except through Him.

Join in, lets celebrate Him, He is worthy.

**Who Is He? He is Jesus..**



This is bout 70 miles from Amarillo outside of town called Groom, TX .

(This must have been an awesome labor of love.)

These are the pictures of the crucifixion of Christ

Sculptured from metal by a man near Amarillo, TX ...

The crosses are made of metal also. The man did this out of the kindness of his heart.

Someone donated the land on which to erect them'

Go to this site: [Youhavetoseethesepictures.pdf](#)

You have to see these pictures. Type in your browser the address above, to be able to see all the sculptures/

**For Submissions to this Church Bell:**

**Thanks go to:**

My Party Games.com, Oh, Rubbish Blog, Ron Miller, Pastor Casey Chapman, Linda Chagnot ,Jack Hanna



One of our Salvation Army volunteers ringing the Bell. Thanks Chuck.. Others helped ring also Pastor Casey, Kim Tomlinson, and Linda Chagnot volunteered .

Linda may be taking this picture  
**"THANK YOU" Brave souls.**

**A portion of the proceeds from the bell ringing at Walmart come back into our town.**

## Women of Worship

### "Breakfast with Friends"



**Four Star Restaurant**  
**Saturday,**  
**January 9th 10am**

Here are some of the movie goers who attended "Movie Night" with "Santa".



There were 22 of us who enjoyed the movie,

"The Christmas Candle"

Popcorn, Pizza and chocolate.

Fun night with friends.

What more can you ask for.



We all know who this is,

but do we know where he is?

It is one of our snowy days in December  
when all the trees were covered with  
glistening snow.

But do you recognize the window?

When this is over.....

When this is over,  
May we never again take for granted  
A handshake with a stranger  
Full shelves at the store  
Conversations with neighbors  
A crowded theater  
Friday night out  
The taste of communion  
A routine checkup  
A school rush each morning  
Coffee with a friend  
The stadium roaring  
Each deep breath  
A boring Tuesday  
Life itself.

When this ends,  
May we find  
That we have become  
More like the people  
We wanted to be  
We were called to be  
We hoped to be  
And may we stay  
That way - better  
For each other  
Because of the worst.

Author Unknown

## What does God look like?

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "but no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

Crabby Road

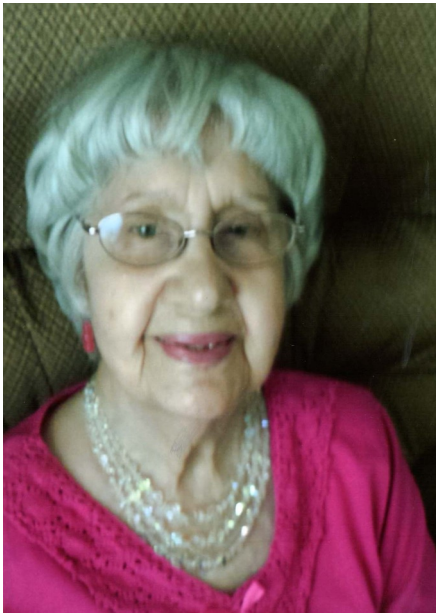
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## Grace L. Wagner 1921-2020

**Warren**— Grace L Wagner. 99. of Cortland, passed away Sunday, December 20, 2020 at Gillette Nursing Home.

She was born in Plumcreek Township, Pa. in Armstrong County on Feb. 28 1921, to Arthur Frailey and Wanda Reefer Frailey. She lived in the Local area since 1953, She was a member of Cortland Christian Church, VFW, Ladies Auxiliary No 7014, Johnson Post, Cortland, CWF, Cortland Women's Fellowship Cortland Christian Church. She was the head of the housekeeping / nurses aid at Faber Nursing Home for 13 years..

She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Carolyn J. Sparhawk of Cortland and Connie L. Palmer "Danny" of Champion; and one granddaughter, Danette R. Palmer of Cortland.

She was preceded in death by her late husband, Orville Clair Wagner; her son-in-law, G. Roger Sparhawk; her siblings, Helen Miller, Robert Frailey, Jacob Frailey, Blair Frailey, Eugene Frailey, Ray Frailey, Everett Frailey, Wayne Frailey and Margaret Altman.



*In Loving Memory of Grace Wagner and Renee Protiva*

## Renee C. Protiva 1976-2020



**Cortland**— Renee Christine Protiva, 44, of Cortland, Ohio. Passed on Thursday, December 24, 2020 at Mercy Health-St Joseph Warren Hospital in Warren following a short illness.

She was born on March 1, 1976, in Warren Ohio the daughter of Kay and Gerry Payne. She was a 1994 graduate of Maplewood High School.

Renee worked for many years at local restaurants as a server and truly loved her job. Some of her loyal customers became like family.

She enjoyed listening to music, especially Stevie Nicks and Fleetwood Mac, and spending time with friends.

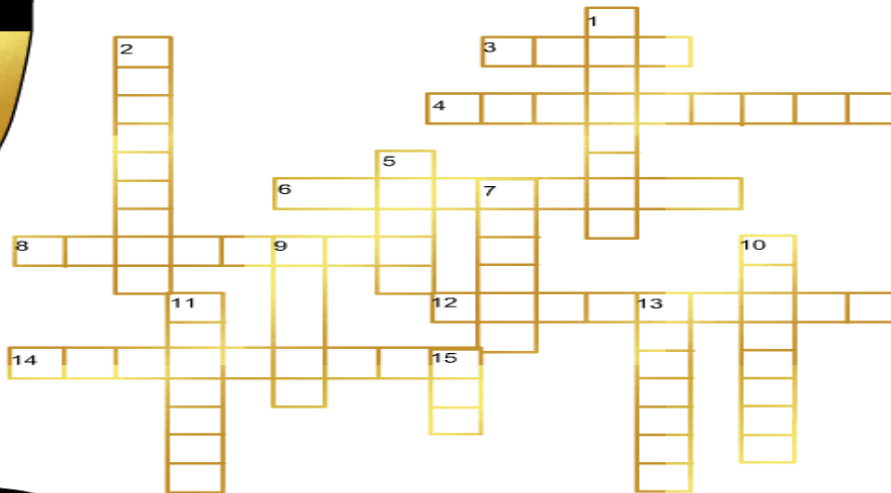
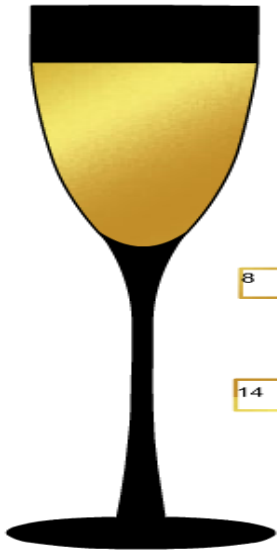
Cherished memories of Renee will be carried on by her loving family, her parents, Kay and Gerry Payne; her sister, Carrie (Ray) Habel of Copley, Ohio; her nieces and nephew, Katie, Ellie, Jack and Leah Habel; her longtime friend, Mike Dietsch; and her beloved Yorkie, Bouncer.

Preceding Renee were her husband, Thomas Protiva, whom she married in 2000, and her grandparents, Kenneth and Eleanor Payne, and Robert and Lucille Hake. A private family service will be held at a later date.

***Those we love can never be more than a thought away***



# New Year Crossword Puzzle



## Down:

1. a chart with days weeks and months
2. a white sparkling wine
5. beautiful vocal instrumental or combined sound
7. a drinking glass with a foot and a stem
9. a man's dinner jacket.
10. a handheld firework that emits sparks.
11. the first month of the year
12. observe
13. round rubber bag that is inflated with the air and used as decoration or a toy.

## Across:

3. the period of 365 days
4. a device containing gunpowder and other combustible chemicals which causes spectacular effects and explosions when ignited
6. a timing device with two connected glass bulbs containing sand
8. small bits of paper usually colored
12. observe
14. an act of counting numerals in reverse order



**Date: January 24**

**Time: After Church Service**

**Place: Fellowship Hall at CCC**

**We are looking for the  
" Best " Chili of 2021.**



This is a great day to share this fun day "invite someone" a friend, relative, or neighbor.

Bring us a crockpot of your favorite chili recipe  
You might win a prize.

**Three (3) categories to win, Hot, Medium and Mild.**

Salad will be served b  
but we do need desserts.

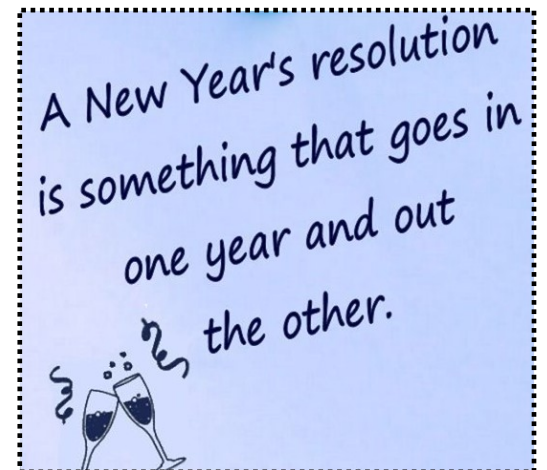


How exciting to meet some reindeer outside your window and in your yard. When was the last time this happened to you.

Here Ed and Eileen Niemi, two of our long time members of CCC are getting that opportunity.

Nice pictures of both of them.

Maybe Santa will be coming right behind them. .



A pastor explained to his congregation that the church was in need of some extra money, so he asked them to consider being more than generous. He offered that whoever gave the most would be able to pick three hymns.

After the offering plates were passed about the church, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had graciously offered a roll of \$100 bills. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

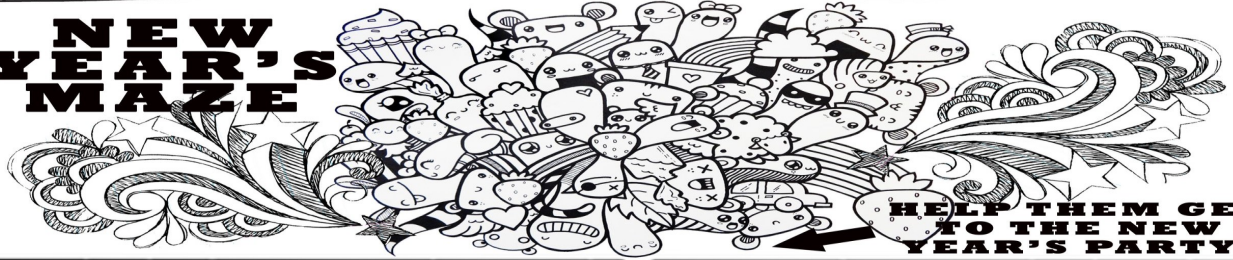
A very quiet, elderly, saintly lady in the back of the church shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front, so she slowly she made her way towards him.

The pastor told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much, and in thanks he asked her to pick out three hymns.

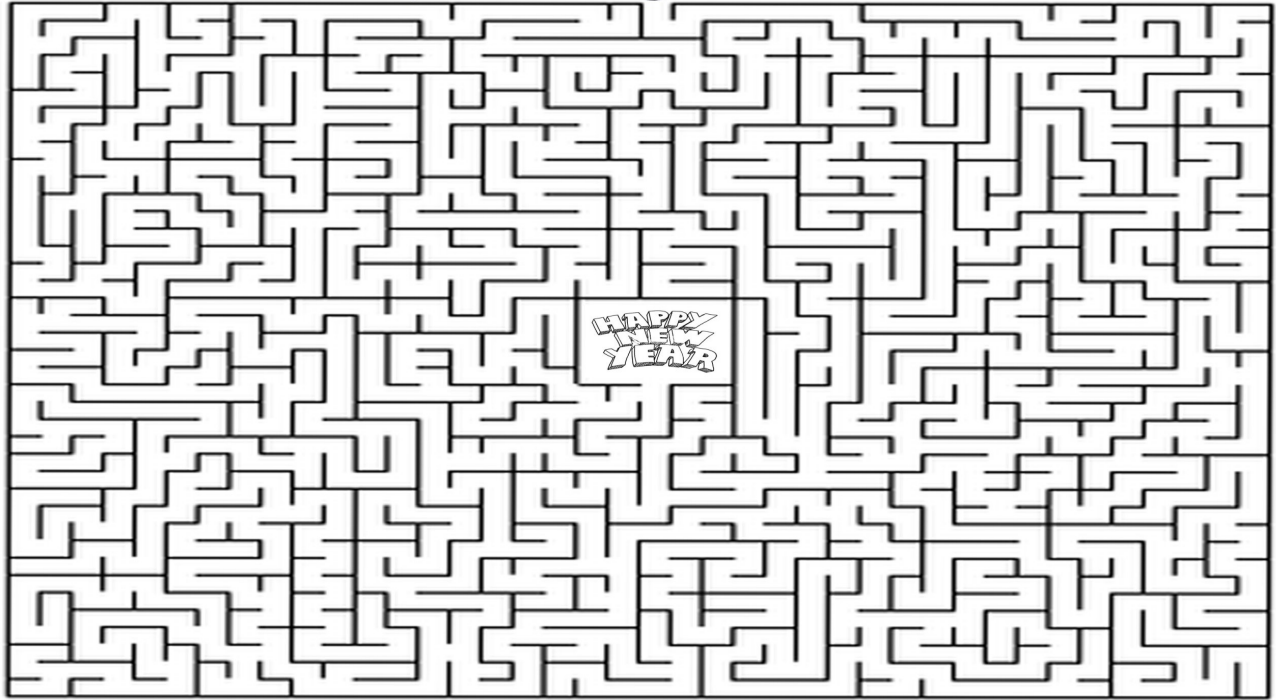
Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation. She pointed to the three most handsome men in the church and said, "I'll take him and him and him."



# NEW YEAR'S MAZE



HELP THEM GET TO THE NEW YEAR'S PARTY!



:::: OH! RUBBISH! BLOG :::: FOR PERSONAL USE ONLY ::::

## 10 New Year's Resolutions

1. Schedule some fun time every day.
2. Stop overthinking.
3. Relax more.
4. Let myself off the hook.
5. Remember my true worth.
6. Be prepared to take a risk.
7. Take my dreams seriously.
8. Be kind to myself.
9. Keep my sense of humor.
10. Appreciate all that I have.

-Lynda Field-

These puzzles are to entertain you and challenge you during this shut-in time from both Covid and winter weather.

So take some time and complete these games if you get bored.

We don't have a lot going on in the church this month unless something comes up.

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  15. opposite of old to zero



NEW YEAR CROSSWORD  
PUZZLE ANSWER KEY

# Don't Cling to the Firewood

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

They're just a young couple, I can tell. These mouseholders who have taken up residence in the woodpile are just starting out in life. They've built a nest under the pile of oak firewood I am loading into the back of our station wagon.

We had our first frost a few days ago, and had spent several days winterizing our house. So had this mouse couple. At the bottom of the woodpile their nest would be dry and warm in all but the wettest of storms, ready for the young ones that would surely be coming soon.

I think of my wife and me in our first apartment many years ago. So excited, so optimistic.



These are tiny mice, equipped with miniature jumping legs, their little bodies only 2-1/2 inches long -- if you don't count the tail. I must seem like a huge giant as I deconstruct their carefully built lives, one log at a time.

I feel sorry for them. Such cute little creatures, so hopeful for the future, yet so filled with terror at what is happening to them.

"What's going on, dear?" the mouse bride cries.

"I don't know," her husband answers. "Nothing like this has ever happened before."

He's wrong, of course. Change happens -- constantly. But, thankfully, it's not too often that our entire lives are altered forever by external events.

A few weeks after my bride and I had moved into our first apartment, I received a draft notice: "Greetings from the President of the United States." Yes, greetings to you, too, Mr. President. Our carefully constructed lives suddenly took a sharp turn.

You've had some of those turns, too.

The death of someone very close to you.

Divorce.

Loss of a job.

Failure of a business.

An illness or injury.

Covid 19

Suddenly, life is not the same and never will be again. Everything's different. And we try to cope -- sometimes in healthy ways, sometimes in self-destructive ways.



I keep loading the firewood into the back of the wagon. I'm about to stack it higher yet when I see one of the tiny mice clinging to a piece of firewood in the back of the car. Another few seconds and he would have been crushed. I pick him up by his long tail, set him on the ground, and go back to get more logs. When I return he is still at the same place on the ground where I put him -- stunned by these events, barely able to get out of harm's way.

We're so mouse-like sometimes.

Life goes on. The props change, sometimes all too often. We're so tempted to cling to the props as they are being dragged off the set. And sometimes we're hurt because of our inability to let go, so attached to the accouterments of the past that it's impossible for us to welcome the future.

Change requires courage, great helpings of it. My mind goes to Joshua in the Bible. For nearly forty years he has been an understudy to the great leader Moses. Now Moses is dead and leadership is thrust fully upon Joshua. Ahead is the Jordan River running at flood stage, and beyond that the fortified cities of Canaan -- the "Promised Land" that seems so elusive. Talk about change? Joshua has change swirling all around him.

And God speaks to him a word: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

Our mouse couple looks up as their world is trembling. One by one the logs that comprise their shelter are disappearing, and soon only open sky is above. What do you do?

Do you cling to the firewood and risked being crushed by it? Or do you cling to God's promise to you?

God has promised to be with you wherever you go. He has promised never to leave you or forsake you. What he asks of you is faith to overcome your terror. Courage to meet your discouragement. And confidence to draw on his strength.

Change is a constant. No part of our lives will endure unchanged for more than a few years, a few decades at most. But the Lord our God is unchangeable. He is forever. You can put down your roots into him, knowing that in this way you will never be utterly uprooted again.

I think of Mr. and Mrs. Mouse. My heart goes out to them. I've been where they are, and so have you. And I hope that, even as I am writing these words, they are dragging their nest into another shelter in the woods to keep them dry and warm this winter. I hope that Mr. Mouse has finally got over his shock and got with the program. Older now, and wiser they are.

And if I could offer just one word of advice for them and for you -- and for me -- it would be this:

Don't cling to the firewood.



## Gumdrop Cookies



3/4 cup shortening  
1/2 teaspoon almond extract  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1 cup chopped fruit-flavored or spiced gumdrops  
2 large egg whites

1 cup sugar, divided  
1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350°. Cream shortening and 3/4 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in almond extract.

In another bowl, whisk flour, baking soda and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in gumdrops. In a separate bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add remaining sugar, beating until stiff peaks form. Fold into dough. Drop by level tablespoonfuls 2 in. apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake until golden brown, 12-15 minutes. Cool 1 minute before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.

**If you are looking for something besides the usual pork and sauerkraut recipe you've been using, maybe you could try this recipe for pork with a side of sauerkraut. And add some vegetables to the menu or a salad.**

## Parmesan Pork Medallions

1/2 pound pork tenderloin  
1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese  
Dash pepper  
1/4 cup sliced onion

2 tablespoons seasoned bread crumbs  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons canola oil  
1 garlic clove, minced



Cut pork into 4 slices; flatten to 1/4-in. thickness. In a large shallow dish, combine the bread crumbs, cheese, salt and pepper. Add pork, 1 slice at a time, and turn to coat. In a large skillet over medium heat, cook pork in oil until meat is no longer pink, 2-3 minutes on each side. Remove and keep warm. Add onion to the pan; cook and stir until tender. Add garlic, cook 1 minute longer. Serve with pork. Prep/Total Time: 20 min. 2 servings.



May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions.

Joey Adams

A new years resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

Anonymous

If you make a New Year's resolution to eat a healthy diet, and you keep it, you won't actually live longer, but it will seem longer.

Greg Tamblyn