

**Center United Methodist Church**  
**January 2022 Newsletter**

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.



*Happy New Year*

***May God's Overflowing  
Love Fill Your Coming  
Year!***

***Wishing you and your  
family a Happy New  
Year!***

## ***A Message For The New Year From Pastor Barry***

*Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.”*  
(Philippians 3:13-14 MESSAGE)

We hear the phrase “New Year’s resolution” this time of year. But I prefer to use the word “goals” when looking forward toward the future. A resolution is based more on a decision that involves determination to do something. Success is whether or not we achieve what we “resolve” to do.

A goal gives the sense of a direction in which to head. Success is based on taking positive steps toward the goal. If not reached fully we have not “failed” only realized it may take more effort and time than first realized. We are more likely to revisit an incomplete goal and continue to make progress toward it.

We read in the New Testament book of Philippians that Paul has a goal he is yet to reach, but he has not lost sight of that goal. He has not given up on his goal, but presses onward.

Have you set some goals for 2022? It is a good thing to do this. It is also a good thing to include Jesus in our goals. For Paul, Jesus is the ultimate goal to aim toward. A goal worth not giving up on. A goal worth persistently pursuing. A goal, even though not reached, one worth staying the course. Do you have your “eye on the goal” – Jesus?

What goal or goals is God leading you to make in your life in 2022? Don't just “resolve” to do something different or better. Let God's Spirit help you set goals to guide you in the new year. Then trust God to help you take positive steps toward them.

Physically keep them before you. Share your goals with a friend. Invite them to share theirs with you. And don't forget to celebrate every step you take. Expect to be closer to your goals by the end of the year.

So, what are you waiting for? Get off and running toward them and don't turn back.! I am looking forward to a successful goal-driven 2022. Will you join me?



**Designated Giving to Center**  
**United Methodist Church for**  
**December 2021**

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*Chris & John Matthews*

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*Jane & Larry Long*

*Pastor's Discretionary Fund*



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| <b>Monday</b>    | <i>January 3<sup>rd</sup></i>  | <i>Nurture Team Meeting – OFH – 7 pm</i>                                  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <i>January 4<sup>th</sup></i>  | <i>Children’s Church Meeting – OFH – 7 pm</i>                             |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <i>January 9<sup>th</sup></i>  | <i>SWC to Take Down Christmas Decorations – Following Worship -11 am</i>  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <i>January 10<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>Outreach Team Meeting – OFH – 7 pm</i>                                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <i>January 12<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>Choir Practice – 6 pm</i>                                              |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <i>January 17<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>Trustees Meeting – OFH – 7 pm</i>                                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <i>January 19<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>Children’s Committee Mtg – OFH – 6 pm<br/>SWC Meeting – OFH – 7 pm</i> |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <i>January 24<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>Vision Team Meeting – OFH – 7pm</i>                                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <i>January 26<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>Choir Practice – 6 pm</i>                                              |

*Zoom will also be available for each of these meetings.  
(NFH – New Fellowship Hall)  
(OFH – Old Fellowship Hall)*





- 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Greg Gentry
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- 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Steve Wagoner
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Regan Gentry
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Brianna Helton
- 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Peggy Casstevens
- 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Evan Wagoner
- 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Gale Matthews
- 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Raven Poindexter
- 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Jane Whitaker
- 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Dean Holcomb
- 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Helen Vestal
- 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Anna Reavis
- 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Kylie Cantrell
- 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Tim Wishon
- 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Brooke Ratcliff
- 31<sup>st</sup> ~ Camryn Robertson