



THE COMPANION



PASTOR'S MESSAGE FOR JANUARY 2020

Suppose you get an text or e-mail from a friend that just says: "I need to talk to you tonight. It's really important. Call me." Or you check your voice mail and there's a message saying: "The boss wants to see you immediately." Or your child, or your spouse, or your parent comes up to you and says, "We need to talk." What do you do with this sort of urgent, brief message? It's easy to imagine the worst and be filled with all sorts of worry and anxiety.

But none of these scenarios can even compare to the story of a teenage girl who meets an rather intimidating messenger who has an rather intimidating message. All of a sudden, an angel appears before Mary. We can only imagine how frightened she must have been. But the angel brings a gift to this trembling teenager: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God" (Lk 1:30).

Certainly the appearance of an angel was startling, but more than that, when Mary realized what lay ahead, she easily could have panicked and given in to overwhelming fear. During the engagement period, she would have to face the embarrassment of her pregnancy, the ridicule of neighbors, the responsibility of raising the promised Messiah. She eventually would also have to witness her Son's horrible execution.

"Do not be afraid," the angel said. I imagine that throughout her life, that Mary replayed those words in her mind, over and over again. Each time receiving anew God's gift of peace. Reminding herself that she had the Lord's favor. Trusting that he would not abandon her as she stepped into an unknown future. Picture this: an army of angels surrounding Mary as she traveled to Bethlehem to give birth. As she later saw friends and family members abandoning Jesus. As she sat at the foot of the cross, where her Son was crucified for her sins and ours.

Now, picture that same army of God's angels surrounding you. Like Mary, we are completely undeserving of the Lord's favor, and yet we can be at peace. The Lord is with us. At your Baptism, He stood before you, along with His angels, and spoke to you. He welcomed you into His kingdom, forgave your sins, and held open the door to heaven for you. The Lord also has great plans for you. By the power of the Spirit, you are enabled to respond to the Lord's call, saying along with Mary: "I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to Your word."

The angel reminded Mary that nothing is impossible with God. And those words changed Mary's life and filled her with peace. We have been given the same word. Filled with the same peace. And so we are not afraid.

No matter the situation that you face this coming year, no matter the fear and uncertainty, hold on that promise: the peace of Jesus is with you!

*In His Peace,
Pastor Darren Harbaugh*



PRESIDENTS CORNER ~ JANUARY 2020

I am in snow-covered Colorado Springs, which has brought memories of Christmas when I was young. On the gift wrapping of a present in front of me are the words: Noel, Joyful, Cheer, and Peace. When I was a child, Christmas in our home was a celebration of the birth of our Saviour. It was not a shopping frenzy, which now begins even before Thanksgiving. It was not Happy Holidays as the only widely accepted greeting—it was Merry Christmas!

I am writing these words on Thursday, December 19. This evening the Seaside City Council will decide whether the Verizon cell tower use permit will be granted for the installation on the Community Center. My confidence that this was going to finally happen had been increasing in recent weeks. However, on Sunday a flyer was attached to the church door that is encouraging members of the community to oppose the cell tower. While it is certainly the right of everyone to offer their opinion, this flyer was filled with misleading information about the height of the tower, radio emission threats, etc. This flyer made me realize that these objections are not related to the revised Verizon cell tower design that was considered by the City Council on June 16, 2016. Rather, those objections are related to the cell tower design that was denied by the Seaside Planning Commission in April 2016. A similar confusion had occurred during the Planning Commission meeting in July 2019. I also suspect that Council member Wizard may have had the wrong information when he made his totally unexpected motion at the September 2019 Council meeting to deny the installation on our church. Thus, I have sent to the City Council a summary of the essential points from the City Council meeting on June 16, 2016 to make clear our position that the continuance motion at that meeting three and a half years ago now applies, and the appeal by Verizon should be upheld and a use permit for the cell tower should be issued. Hopefully, this will occur tonight so that by the time this Newsletter is issued an application process that began in April 2014 will be completed!

As we come to the end of 2019, I want to thank everyone in our congregation for their service and participation in our worship services. May God continue to bless us as a congregation and in our personal lives during 2020. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*In His Peace,
Russell Elsberry*

JANUARY


2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 OFFICE CLOSED 	2	3	4 MEN'S BREAKFAST @8AM @THE BUTTERHOUSE
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 	14	15	16	17	18
19 board meeting	20	21	22	23	24	25
26  VOTERS MEETING	27	28	29	30	31	



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST: NEW YEAR'S DAY ~ OFFICE CLOSED
SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH: MEN'S BREAKFAST ~ THE BUTTERHOUSE ~@8AM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH: EPIPHANY OBSERVED
MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH: MLK DAY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH: BOARD MEETING AFTER CHURCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH: VOTER'S MEETING

JANUARY SERVANT LIST

	JANUARY 5TH	JANUARY 12TH	JANUARY 19TH	JANUARY 25TH
ASSISTANT	PASTOR	RUTH NUTT	RUSS ELSBERRY	TIM RUEDIGER
LECTOR	MATT ZELINSKAS	MARJIE KEATING	ALEX CAVINS	ANDREW KONKLE
FLOWERS	No One Signed Up			
COFFEE HOUR	No One Signed Up			
ALTAR GUILD	JULI REYNOLDS	BECKY PEARSON	RUTH NUTT	SARA WILLIAMS

OFFICE HOURS:

PASTOR HARBAUGH'S OFFICE HOURS:

10 AM - 1 PM*

***OR BY APPOINTMENT**

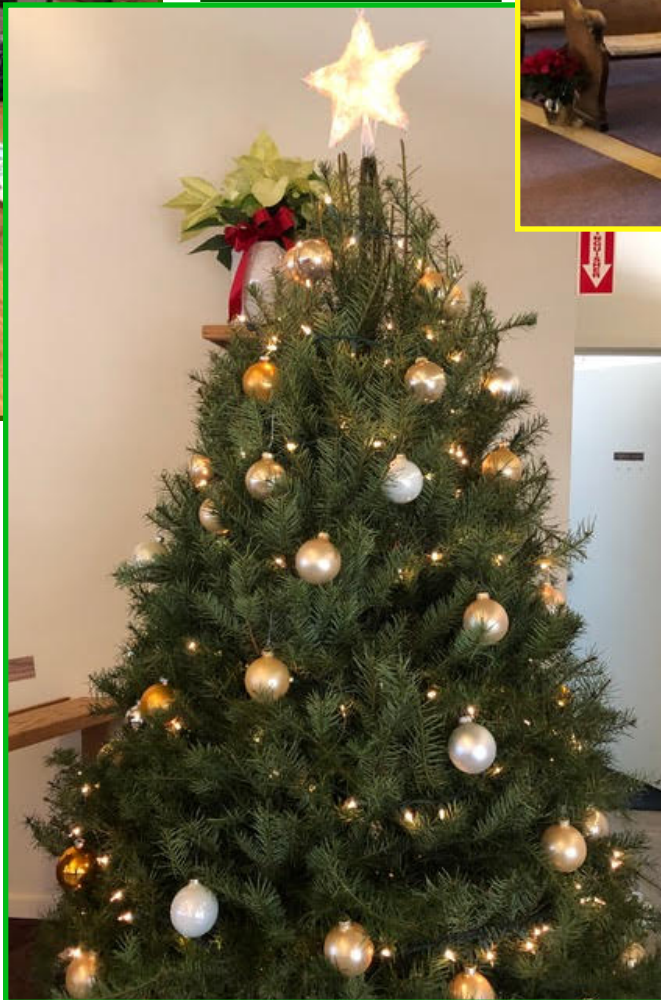
MARTHA'S OFFICE HOURS:

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY

9 AM - 1 PM



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM AROUND FAITH!



*Special
Thanks to our
photographer
Marjie
Keating!*
**YOU
ROCK!**

CREAMY MUSHROOM MEATLOAF

Prep 15 m Cook 2 h Ready In 2 h 15 m

MUSHROOM GRAVY INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup butter	2 C. sliced shiitake mushrooms
1 pinch salt	1 sprig fresh rosemary, chopped
3 TBSP. all-purpose flour	2 1/2 cups beef broth
salt and pepper to taste	1/2 cup heavy cream



1 (2 1/2 pound) uncooked prepared beef, veal and pork meatloaf (YOUR RECIPE).

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).

Melt butter in an oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat. Stir in mushrooms and a pinch of salt; cook and stir until mushrooms begin to brown, about 5 minutes. Stir in fresh rosemary. Add flour and stir to coat the mushrooms; cook and stir for about 3 minutes. Whisk in beef broth, 1/2 cup at a time, whisking constantly to prevent lumps. Turn heat to high and bring the sauce to a simmer. Simmer a few minutes until sauce starts to thicken. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Remove from heat and stir in heavy cream. Slide prepared meatloaf into the sauce. Spoon sauce over the top of the meatloaf. Bake in the preheated oven until no longer pink in the center, about 1 1/2 hours. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 160 degrees F (70 degrees C). Remove pan from the oven and gently remove meatloaf to a serving platter. Skim off any extra fat from the surface of the sauce. Bring the sauce to a boil over medium-high heat to reduce until thick, about 5 minutes.

The Deadline for the **FEBRUARY 2020** NEWSLETTER is:
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2019 at 10:00 am!

JANUARY 2020 BIRTHDAYS

Martha Laden - 01/05/1964

Glenna DeWeese - 01/26/1929

Natasha Nutt - 01/27

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