

Antiochian

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Dear Antioch Church,

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

For a child has been born—for us! The gift of a son—for us! He'll take over the running of the world. His names will be: Amazing Counselor, Strong God, Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness. His ruling authority will grow, and there'll be no limits to the wholeness he brings. He'll rule from the historic David throne over that promised kingdom. He'll put that kingdom on a firm footing and keep it going with fair dealing and right living, beginning now and lasting always. The zeal of God-of-the-Angel-Armies will do all this. Isaiah 9:6-7 Message Bible.

What a year! 2020 has been tough! Let us take time to reflect on this upcoming season. It is going to be different and that is OK. Everybody loves change. Right? I know change is uncomfortable, I don't like change, but it is how we react to the change that has the biggest impact on our life as well as others. If we react negatively, then others will act the same. If we have a new perspective, then change will go smoother and others will respond in like manner. Hear the words from Paul as he wrote to the church at Corinth, “³²Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— ³³even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. ¹Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” 1 Corinthians 10:32-33, 11:1.

Let us celebrate this Christmas season with a new boldness, a new outlook and a fresh way to worship. Come with a new purpose during these trying times. Don't be disappointed if you are not doing the same traditions of the past, but set the example of embracing something new. It will not be like the Advent season of the past, so celebrate with joy as you follow the example of Christ.

I pray a blessing over the New Year in 2021. May the New Year bring peace, normalcy and resolution back to our lives. More importantly a deeper faith in God and His Son Jesus Christ. I wish that everyone knows Christ as their Savior, you know that you know that you have eternal life. “⁴⁰For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

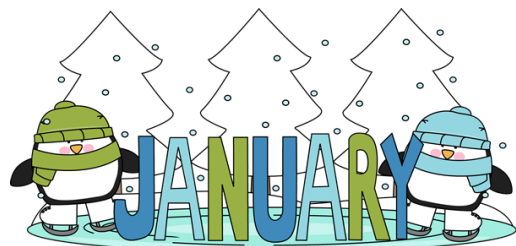
¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” Luke 2:13-14

Have you considered a year end gift to the church? Your gift is needed. We would like to fix the ceiling, the walls, and paint. It would be great to have it finished by spring.

God bless you in this upcoming Advent Season,

Pastor Keith





Altar Flowers

- 6 Hayes & Mickey Johnston
- 13 The Strobel family
- 20 Chuck & Bonnie Morton
- 27 Mike & Susan Landis

***Please sign up for 2021 altar flowers on the new flower calendar in the Narthex.**



Thank you to everyone for their hard work assembling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child during the last month. You are always so generous in your support of this wonderful outreach.



Women's Circle Meeting

The Women's Circle will be meeting be held Monday, Dec. 7, 2020 at 10:30am in the social room. Nancy Grimes will present the program. All ladies are invited to come and join us!



~The Women's Circle would like to thank everyone who helped with our Drive-thru Dinner. To all of the ladies who donated food and to all of those who volunteered to work at the dinner, we thank you and appreciate your support!! The Women's Circle

