



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter January 2022



The New Year's Day

As a person in the middle of two different cultures, Western and Eastern, living in the US with an immigrant identity, it is so delightful to find interesting lessons through this exclusive experience. One of the interesting points is the way that they count years and time differently. In Korean context, New Year's Day is not just the first day of a new year. They think that on New Year's Day, everyone becomes a year older. For example, they used to ask each other, on the first day of January, "How old do you become this year?" "I become fifty." while eating traditional rice-cake soup together. So, technically everyone born in the same year is considered in the same age group. Regardless of whether people were born in January 1973, or born in December 1973, they all become fifty on the New Year's Day, 2022.

I know it sounds strange. Here in the US, we say we get one year older on our birthday. So, everyone has their own timeline and there is only one person who gets older at the exact time that he or she was born on their birthday. However, I feel there is a bit heavier emphasis on the concept of the New Year's Day that we can learn. Asians think that they need to renew their mindset, plan a new thing and set a new goal on New Year's Day because they get a year older. This is a NEW day!

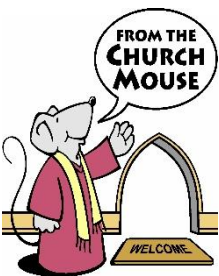
Then how do you see New Year's Day? Is this day the first day of a new beginning? Or do you understand this day as just another day that continues your life?

As a minister, I can say that New Year's Day has both meanings to Christians. It is definitely a new day of a new year, so everyone should think about a new plan, and a new resolution for their religious life, and spiritual renewal. However, it is also another day that God has blessed and given to us. So, we continue to our Christian routines, and daily readings, prayers and meditation. We should keep the same personal missions and good works for our neighbors.

For the last two years it has been such a strange time. However, with the blessing of God, we have endured very well, and patiently gone through the challenging moments together. We still have some concern about the new virus, but we have more hope and confidence that we can continue our faithful life and celebrate this new blessing of the year with the beautiful people around us.

So, enjoy this day by renewing our new plans in Christ and also continue all the Christian habits and routines that you have faithfully done. Then the world will know that you are the true light in Christ, and God's blessed children. Happy new and blessed year!

Pastor Steven Cho



Story Behind the Hymn:

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

We all know this song and love singing it. An internet search brought up this analysis by Bobby Gilles, “[it] is a work of sophisticated simplicity, with crisp action verbs, strong nouns, colorful phrases, a tight narrative structure and a fun, singable melody.” That all sounds like a good combination to this little mouse.

Our own hymnal attributes the words of the version we sing to John W. Work, Jr., 1907 and the music to an African-American spiritual; adapted and arranged by William Farley Smith, 1986. Wikipedia states that the tune dates back to at least 1865. John W. Work, Jr., the son of a church choir director, was the first person to collect African-American spirituals and publish them in book form, “New Jubilee Songs as Sung by the Fisk Jubilee Singers, in Songs of the American Negro” in 1872. “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” appeared in the second volume. Singing this song accomplishes the same mission given to the shepherds on that night so long ago, to proclaim, “that Jesus Christ is born!” No wonder we sing it with such gusto!

What always moves me is that we are singing a song that has been sung so many times by so many people before us in this very spot. Let us not forget the last line, “...and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.”

*Peace and Blessings,
The Churchmouse*

Gilles, Bobby. “Christmas Song Analysis: Go Tell It On The Mountain.” <http://mysonginthenight.com/2011/11/25/christmas-song-analysis-go-tell-it-on-the-mountain/> (accessed December 12, 2016).

Work, John W. *The United Methodist Hymnal*. Nashville, TN: The United Methodist Publishing House, 1989.

PROGRAM MINISTRIES

MISSIONS

Food Pantry

A huge thank you for all of the donations to the Food Pantry!

Please see the list below for our regular needs list plus the special needs for this month:

- Grocery Bags---especially handled brown bags and Aldi reusable plastic bags
- personal hygiene items (male and female)
 - shampoo, body wash, lotion, deodorant, shaving cream
- feminine products
- antibacterial wipes
- trash bags
- tissues
- baked beans
- green beans
- pasta
- spaghetti sauce
- canned potatoes
- rice
- macaroni and cheese
- canned fruit or applesauce
- toilet paper
- cereal (popular ones are Raisin Bran, Honey Nut Cheerios and "kids" brands)
- canned chicken or tuna
- pancake mix & syrup
- peanut butter
- jelly



We have some people that come to us with diabetes and we can always use no sugar/substitute sugar variety of items.

Remember that you can send me a copy of your receipts if you make purchases and that amount can go towards your yearly giving.

Please remember to **check expiration dates** if you are donating from your pantry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Girls' T-shirt Collection - A box will be in the Narthex year-round for gently used or new girls' short and long-sleeved t-shirts, size 4 through 10/12. Our local contact for Operation Christmas Child makes dresses from the t-shirts and donates them to the Westminster mission and women's shelter.

Board of Child Care Mitten Tree: The Mitten Tree held a lot this year! The following were donated to the Board of Child Care: 1 soccer ball, 2 pairs of shoes, 1 blanket, 8 pairs of sweatpants, 5 sweatshirts, 1 jacket, 5 shirts, 1 pack of undershirts, ½ pack of boxer briefs, 42 head bands, 18 pairs of gloves, 17 hats, 7 scarves, 1 hat/mitten set, 7 slipper socks, 79 pairs of socks. Thank you for your donations to children during the holiday season.

Julie Weller

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Please pray for those who are not able to join us for worship, due to health issues. You are encouraged to send them a note of encouragement or call to let them know you are thinking of them and keeping them in prayer, along with those caring for them.

Barbara & Carl Hartman – at home
Dorothy Miller – Transitions Oakland Manor
Janet Feezer – at home
Lulu Karagjozi – Encore Ellicott City
Margaret Hare – at home
Marguerite Knauff – Lighthouse Senior Living
Mary Libby Green – at home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Care: Volunteers are needed to provide the Communion Elements, bread and grape juice, for the 8:30 am and 11 am services.

We are starting an Altar Care group. If you are interested in learning about and helping to care for our altar cloths and Communion elements, please contact Lisa Ruff.
Thank you!

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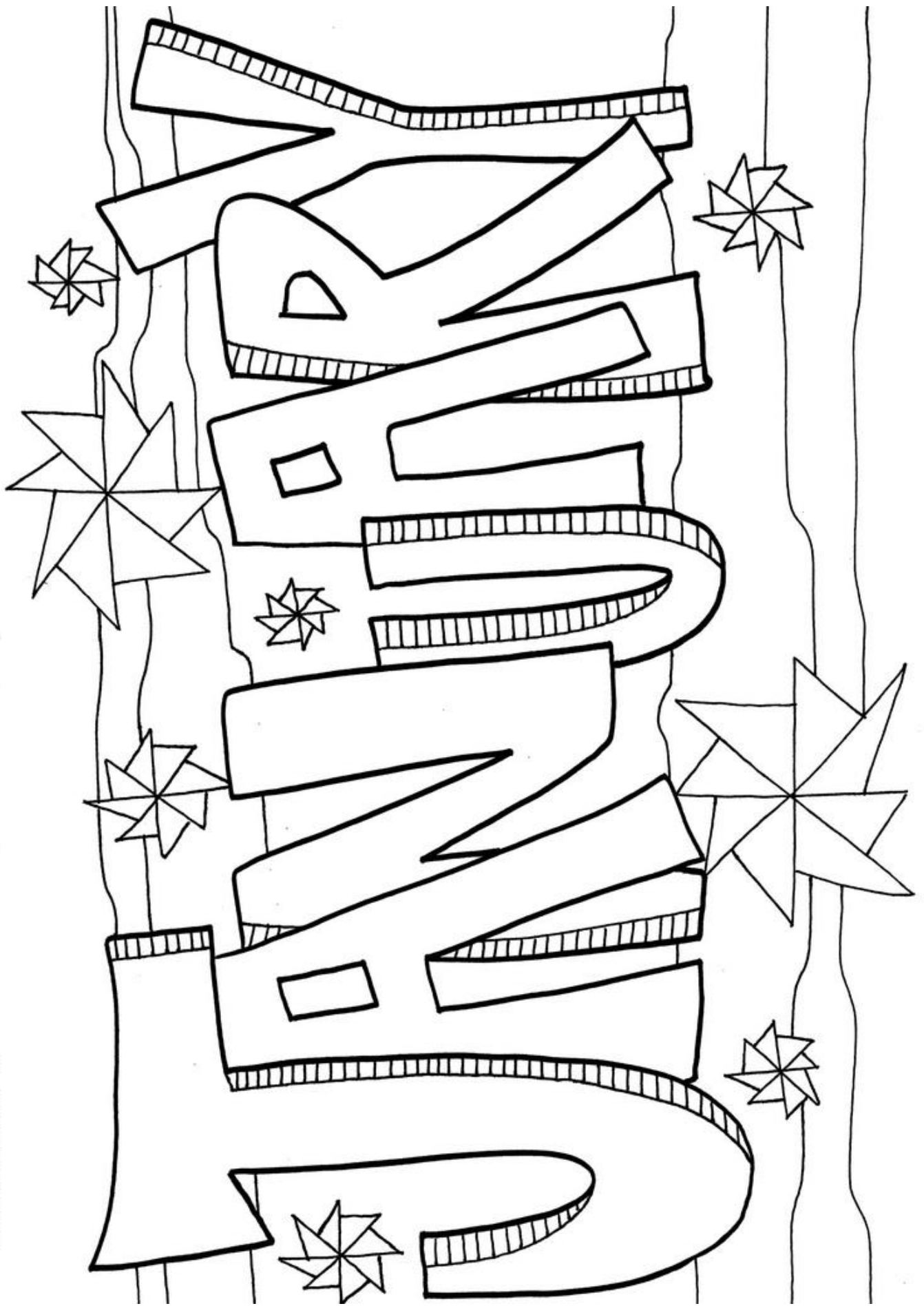
### **COVID Task Force info:**

The next COVID Task Force meeting will be on January 11 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

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Heifer Collection: We have resumed collecting change for Heifer on the 3rd Sunday of the month. At this time, we will provide the fish bowl for people to drop in their change. Collection by the children will be determined at a later date.

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# January 2022

| Sunday                  | Monday                | Tuesday                                                                  | Wednesday                                                                                                              | Thursday                                                                                  | Friday                             | Saturday                                   |
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| 30                      | 31                    |                                                                          |                                      |                                                                                           |                                    | 1<br><b>Happy New Year!</b>                |
| 2                       | 3<br>Trustees 7:00 pm | 4                                                                        | 5<br>Bible Study 10 am<br>10:00 am (FH)                                                                                | 6<br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)<br>Constitution 101<br>6:30 pm - 7:45 pm | 7<br>Online Prayer Mtg.<br>7:00 PM | 8<br>Re-Formation meeting<br>10:00 am (FH) |
| 9                       | 10                    | 11<br>COVID Task Force<br>6:30 pm (FH)<br>Church Council<br>7:00 pm (FH) | 12<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am ( <i>upstairs</i> )<br>Liberty Goodtimers<br>11:30 am<br><b>Lamplighter<br/>Deadline</b> | 13<br>Feed My Sheep @<br>10am-1pm at WFUMC<br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) | 14                                 | 15<br>Food Pantry<br>9am-11am              |
| 16<br>Heifer Collection | 17                    | 18<br>SPRC 7:00 PM                                                       | 19<br>Bible Study 10 am<br>10:00 am (FH)                                                                               | 20<br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)                                         | 21                                 | 22                                         |
| 23                      | 24                    | 25<br>Star Fellowship<br>12:00 PM<br>at Beck's                           | 26<br>Bible Study 10 am<br>10:00 am (FH)                                                                               | 27<br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)                                         | 28                                 | 29                                         |

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you may contact the church office  
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