

January 2022

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am in-person

Weekly Worship Services will also continue to be offered each Sunday via
Sumner Centers Facebook page



Sumner Center UMC Newsletter

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New Year's Day is a time for reflection. We like to spend the day thinking about the past year and making resolutions for the year to come. Of course, some years, we're ready to move on and not look back! And 2021 may feel like one of those years. Where we've never been quite so ready to flip the calendar to welcome a new year and be hopeful about the months to come. So I thought that while we reflect on 2021 and prepare for what 2022 has in store, we could really use a laugh.

Regardless of what your New Year's Eve plans look like this year, be sure to take the time to celebrate, because we made it! Perhaps you're staying home, playing some New Year's Eve games with the family, and waiting to watch the ball drop in Times Square on TV. Or maybe you're meeting up with friends to toast with New Year's Eve cocktails. Whatever may be your situation I am sure we all would appreciate enjoying a moment of joy so here are a few jokes I hope will put a smile on your face!

Here are a few chuckles to get you started...

What is corn's favorite holiday? New Ears Eve.

What's a cow's favorite holiday? Moo Year's Eve

They say New York City has the best New Year's celebration, but I say it's overrated. Every year they drop the ball.

Some astronauts wanted to have a New Year's party on the moon, but they didn't planet in time.

What do farmers grow on January 1? New Year's Hay.

What does the little Champagne bottle call his father? Pop!

I thought I got lost on New Year's Eve, but then I found the Auld Lang sign.

Why did 2021 go by in a blur? My resolution must've been too low.

Where did the chef celebrate New Year's? Thyme's Square.

What did the bull say on January 1?

Happy New Steer.

Why did the woman start making breakfast at 11:59 p.m. on December 31? She wanted a New Year's toast.

My New Year's resolution was to read more, so I turned on the subtitles on my TV.

"Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to."

I was going to give up all of my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that no one likes a quitter.

At the beginning of the year, I made a resolution to lose 15 pounds. Only 20 more to go!



Calendar of Events

(Subject to change and/or be added to as the need arises)

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:30 am Worship & Potluck Dinner Wesley's Renewal of Covenant Special Service	3	4	5	6  EPIPHANY	7	8
9 10:30 am Worship Epiphany – Special Service of Lessons and Carols	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 10:30 am Worship	17  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. <i>Day</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:30 am Worship Church/Charge Conference & Potluck dinner. All church members are invited 11 am @ Stewartville UMC	24	25	26	27  Holocaust Remembrance Day	28	29
30 10:30 am Worship	31					

January Highlights

Sunday, January 2nd

COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

In 1663 Richard Alleine, a Puritan, published *Vindiciae Pietatis*: or "A Vindication of Godliness in the Greater Strictness and Spirituality of It". In 1753, it was again published in John Wesley's *A Christian Library*. Wesley used one chapter, "The Application of the Whole," on Monday, August 11, 1755, in what probably was the first real celebration of the Covenant Service in the Methodist movement.

Wesley found the service rich and meaningful, as expressed in his *Journal*: "Many mourned before God, and many were comforted" (April 1756); "It was, as usual, a time of remarkable blessing" (October 1765). "It was an occasion for a variety of spiritual experiences ... I do not know that ever we had a greater blessing. Afterwards many desired to return thanks, either for a sense of pardon, for full salvation, or for a fresh manifestation of His graces, healing all their backslidings" (January 1, 1775). In London these services were usually held on New Year's Day. Around the country the Covenant Service was conducted whenever John Wesley visited the Methodist Societies.

The heart of the service, focused in the Covenant Prayer, requires persons to commit themselves to God. This covenant is serious and assumes adequate preparation for and continual response to the covenant.

Come and refresh your faithful purpose as we unite in the renewal of our Christian covenant with God.

Fellowship
Dinner



After Worship we will gather for our Annual Winter Potluck Dinner. You will not want to miss out on all the delicious food and fellowship with your faith family!



Sunday, January 9th

Epiphany



This will be a beautiful service filled with scripture and hymns

A decorative border with a stained glass pattern, featuring various colored panes in shades of purple, blue, green, yellow, and orange, separated by black lines.

ALL CHURCH/CHARGE CONFERENCE & POTLUCK DINNER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022
11:00 AM
HOSTED BY STEWARTVILLE UMC

SUMNER CENTER

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&

STEWARTVILLE

WILL JOIN TOGETHER TO ENJOY FELLOWSHIP

APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE FORMS

AND

DISCUSSION OF OUR 2022 VISION

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AND

LET US ALL JOIN IN THIS FAITH FILLED EVENT!

MISSION MOMENTS

Human Relations Day (January)

Together, we extend a helping hand to those in crisis so they can overcome formidable obstacles.

EVERY ONE OF US IS OF SACRED WORTH

We are all family. When we walk past our neighbor who is hiding in plain sight, we limit the gifts and graces that our sisters and brothers in Christ bring to the table. We limit the experiences, the voices and the beloved community that take place through mutual sharing of gifts. With a special offering celebrating Human Relations Day, we join with United Methodists around the world, remembering that the size of the table of divine love is unlimited.

Across the United Methodist connection we come together to help bridge the gap between church and community by participating in an offering set aside for Human Relations Day. For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: all of God's children are important.

One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. On Human Relations Day, we join other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

In recognizing Human Relations Day, we are called to make an impact in communities where people struggle because they don't have the tools or resources to reach their God-given potential. Our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens.

You may mail a check to:

**Sumner Center UMC
25378 151st Ave
Spring Valley, Mn 55975**

Indicate Human Relations in the memo

Or

You may bring your donation to our worship services the Third week of January and drop it in our collection box

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

TOGETHER
OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE

The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways

YOUR DONATION CHANGES THE WORLD ONE LIFE AT A TIME

GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH:
Make checks payable to your local church or donate online via credit/debit card at ResourceUMC.org/SSGive

TO GIVE ONLINE SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA

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Happy New Year Word Scramble



Unscramble the following words.

yrpat _____

clkab yeed spae _____

eaelcertb _____

wolb smage _____

ggnniis _____

trodsoniace _____

cdaen _____

gidhmtin siks _____

draepa _____

asott _____

dresfin _____

sarminoksee _____

gpemhaacn _____

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ekwsrofir _____

doog clku _____

payph ewn ryae _____

dlihyoa _____

lheimu nlosobla _____

csmiu _____

runayja trfis _____

gdmiihtn _____

noalsblo _____

meits rqaeus _____

slinotreous _____



GINGERBREAD

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

ARMS
BAKE
BUTTER
CANDY
CINNAMON
COOL
CUT
DECORATE
EGGS
FLOUR
GINGERBREAD
GUMDROPS
HOLIDAY
HOUSE
ICING
LEGS
MAN
MIX
MOLASSES
MOUTH
NUTMEG
NUTS
OVEN
RECIPE
SPRINKLES
SUGAR
TOWN
VANILLA
WOMAN
YUMMY

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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.

