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## JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the New Year at North Main UMC. Our Christmas Eve service this year was truly amazing with over 50 people in attendance. Candle light and Communion made the service special along with our talented chancel choir doing O Holy Night and Mary's Boy Child. Also our Lay Servants and Lay Speaker joined in the service to also make it special. Poinsettias adorned the altar giving the Sanctuary a festive look. Our Christmas decorations sparkled along with our Christmas tree and our beautiful Nativity added the final touch to the Christmas celebration this year which we all enjoyed in person.

This is the time when we want to set our goals for the new year and make resolutions as to what we want to add to our lives or give up in our lives. Most of us want to be more healthy, more active, and maybe lose some weight. We need to set goals for our church at this time also. Looking back on 2021, we can say that we did our absolute best to care for God's people in our community. We fed 100's of people through our food pantry, our Monday free lunch and took on a new group of people who were quarantined through the Contact Tracing program who had Covid. We are currently at 40 families that we have safely delivered food and cleaning supplies to in the last two months. This year we also added The Captain program providing a meal to homeless teenagers in our area.

What would you like to see North Main do this year? We have added up all of the programs that we do and have come up with over 20 services that we provide. Once again this year we will be part of the Martin Luther King service on January 17 at the Congregational Church. Baccalaureate will be at North Main this year in June. These are just two new things on our agenda. We need to spend time with God this year thanking him for what he has done for us and how he has helped our church continue to be a beacon of hope in our community.

My goal for North Main is that we can safely continue the programs we have started in the past year and maybe add a few new things. Can I ask you to set your goals to help in some way for these programs to continue? Can you give some time to volunteer at church? Can you bring someone new to church? Can you bring a child who may not know that God is watching out for them? My prayers are that North Main continues in service to our community for another 100 years. As the year starts anew, let us take the opportunity to begin fresh in the new year and look ahead knowing that every obstacle we face is the chance to grow. Let us focus on God's word to give us peace and hope as we move forward into 2022.

Pastor Joyce



**The Sanctuary on Christmas Eve**

### **Letter from our Missionaries in Japan**

Dear Pastor Joyce,

Hope your Christmas celebration went well. My family went to the church on Christmas Eve for the candle light service then came home. It was peace and quiet for us, it was our first time ever to celebrate Christmas just the four of us, in the past we get to invite friends for Christmas Dinner and Fellowship with us but we decided not to do it this year, and it turned out good!

Sad news, the Global Ministries has ended my career of twenty-one years in mission service due to the local program has phased out, there were options but it wasn't processed the way I expected it, instead they didn't renew my contract which ended last November 31,2021. I was so hurt by the decision. There was no mercy that at the middle of my treatment this has to end. The good news though is that Ron - my husband stays on and that the medical expenses for my treatment still intact. Early this month, I got an offer to work as Pastor to the Yokohama Union Church from January. for that I am grateful to God for his faithfulness,

Thank You and have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

*"The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything that they have, live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly..."*

Blessings,  
Devorah and Ronald Julian  
Tokyo, Japan



## Free Lunch

With colder weather here, we'll be trying to serve hot "to go" lunches. This means we'll also have to get creative with what we serve and how we serve it. Word is, that there will no longer be styrofoam containers allowed (which is good news for the environment, but gives us a challenge). So, we'll be looking for a more environmentally friendly container for hot soups, etc. I'm sure they're out there, we just have to find them.

We have recently received many large dollar amount donations from people in the community. These, along with our regular donations from the congregation, always manage to get us through the year! We always look for bargains, but don't have to be quite as thrifty. God always knows what we need and when we need it, and sends his angels to us with donations. For this, we give thanks!

## WICS

We held a brief bring your own lunch meeting recently with six members present. The main purpose of the meeting was to decide how and where to donate the funds that we raised throughout the year. Although it was challenging and we didn't do as well as we have in previous years, we were still able to raise enough money that we could make a donation to our fuel fund as well as donations to Mt. Valley Hospice, the Gloversville Senior Center, the Shirley J. Luck Senior Center, the James A. Brennan Humane Society, the Regional Animal Shelter, the Domestic Abuse House and Haven of Hope. The donation amounts weren't as much as we usually give, but I'm sure that they are appreciated. Let's hope and pray that next year we're more able to hold events and functions as we normally do.

We're all hoping and praying that this New Year will be easier and better for all of us! God bless us all.

*Nancy Marsh*

Note from Carol Johnson

*This is a personal note from me. I felt very alone, helpless and hopeless. But, because of all of you, I now know better. To all of you, Thank You! Your prayers, cards and phone calls made quite a difference in my recovery and I know your continued caring will make my recovery go more smoothly.*

*It's going to be a long recovery and it's going to go slow; but, with all the love and caring from my special congregation and everyone else who prayed for me, I thank you with all my heart. I appreciate all of you. I pray this will be my last surgery, hospitalization and rehab for quite some time even though I already have another fracture.*

*From my heart to yours, I wish you all good health, with a lot of God's blessings laid on each of you. A special thank you to Sharon Rogers for doing my job of sending out all of the greeting cards. God Bless each and every one of you.*

*All my love, Carol B. Johnson  
(518) 844-3354 or (518) 921-9902*

(Even though she is recovering herself, Carol is still taking calls for the Prayer Chain. Please keep her in your prayers as well )

## Food Pantry Monthly Report - December 2021

It was a cold and icy day for our pantry. We had a low turnout this month. We had 38 families attend which included 5 families that were requests due to COVID quarantines. There was a total of 59 adults, 29 children and 29 seniors. We also had 4 new families sign up.

We were offered a variety of meats this month that included fish fillets, pulled pork and ground beef. We gave a sliced cheddar cheese along with eggs and butter. We had bags of onions and potatoes also. The premade sundry bags included the canned vegetables, fruits, rice, beef stew and other misc. items. We were able to give out loaves of bread and Christmas cookies.

Our pet ministry is going strong. We had food requests for 13 dogs and 16 cats. We have an assortment of dog food and cat food on hand now but will get more before the January pantry day.

We have been receiving a greater number of requests for food from the contact tracing group for quarantined families needing food. The pandemic is still around us and we are thankful we can help in this way.

Thanks to all those who work so hard to make our pantry a success.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Thank you,  
*Edna Bennett*

### 2022 Food Pick- up and Food Pantry Dates

#### Pick-up Dates

January 14 and 28  
February 11 and 25  
March 11 and 25  
April 8 and 22  
May 13 and 27  
June 10 and 24  
July 8 and 22  
August 12 and 26  
September 9 and 23  
October 14 and 28  
November 4 and 18  
December 2 and 16

#### Food Pantry Dates

January 17  
February 21  
March 21  
April 18  
May 16  
June 20  
July 18  
August 15  
September 19  
October 17  
November 21  
December 19

## Mission Team

The Mission Team filled 13 Angels for the Salvation Army this year. We want to thank everyone that helped with buying the gifts for them. I know they were greatly appreciated. Many people also gave gifts to the Toy Collection Box that the Pastoral Care Team was sponsoring.

The Mission Team was also, through your donations to the Second Sunday and Heifer collections, able to donate to several worthy causes. With the help of a private donation from the Kwak family, we were able to donate \$400 to Heifer International. This was part of a matching donation with Heifer.

We donated \$100 to Sally Kwak for the meals for the Captains Program that cooks dinner for homeless teenagers every Friday night. We also delivered more puzzle books to different nursing homes and to the high rise apartments. Thank you to all who helped with your donations. Without them we couldn't do any of these things.

Happy New Year Everyone,

*Valerie Kevlin*  
*Carole Johnson*  
Co-chairs of the Mission Team



**Pastor Joyce, Nancy Marsh and Helper with  
Salvation Army Toy Box**



## January Birthdays

*John Pickard* – January 6  
*Jason Topliff* – January 11  
*Dorothy Holly* – January 12  
*Cindy DeGolyer* – January 17

*Dianne Sanford* – January 18  
*Sheila McDonald* – January 18  
*Shirley Mormile* – January 21  
*Werner Paul* – January 22

## January Anniversaries

*June and Ron Parker* – January 28, 1992



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# January

# 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:30 church service in sanctuary with mask and social distancing	3 11:00 - 12:30 Free Lunch	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:30 church service in sanctuary with mask and social distancing	10 11:00 - 12:30 Free Lunch	11	12	13	14	15 Annual Trustees Meeting 9:00 AM
16 10:30 church service in sanctuary with mask and social distancing	17 11:00 - 12:30 Free Lunch 10:00 - 1:00 Food Pantry MLK Service @ 1st <i>Concert/celebration</i>	18	19 <i>Staff Parish Meeting 9:30 am</i>	20	21	22
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