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PASTOR'S
NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Rev. Garry McCaffery

A word from the Pastor

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33, NKJV).

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! The beginning of a New Year has always been special to me because it reminds me that a new beginning is always possible. The things of the past don't have to hold the same importance because something new is on the horizon.

I think back to the time I was in art class in elementary school. I would be trying to draw a picture, I'd make a mistake, erase, make another mistake, erase. I learned quickly that I could only erase so many times before the paper didn't look so good anymore. There would be a lot of smudge marks and I would become so frustrated because the picture I was trying to create was marred by all my past errors. Seeing my distress, my art teacher came over, took my paper and gave me a brand-new sheet of paper to draw on. She told me, "Don't worry about what was on the page I took. You now have a brand-new piece of paper. Create something new with joy!"

Our old year with our past mistakes is now behind us. We have a New Year to create something new with joy! To create something new we really do have to let go of our less than stellar performance in the past. That being the case, what would you like to do now? What do you want to create differently this year? Maybe you want to create a new set of priorities for your life. Your life has been good, but you want to "kick it up a notch." You want to grow in your faith walk and pick up some new habits while letting go of those things that don't matter to you anymore.



*Feb 10th Fellowship Meal (Valentine Theme)
Mar 17th Rochester Mandolin Orchestra Concert
Apr 6th Second Annual Talent Show
Apr 28th-May 4th Spring Rummage Sale
May 19th Staff Appreciation and Dish to Pass Lunch
June 16th Graduation Sunday.
September TBD First Responder Sunday*

Come out and Join us !!!!!!!

**PASTOR'S
NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE**

Continued



Setting priorities in our life, or rearranging our priorities, can be a great thing to do at the beginning of the year. Jesus even helps us in the development of our priorities by focusing our attention on our first priority. The verse at the top of page one comes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew chapters 5 through 7. Here Jesus directs us to, "Seek first the kingdom of God..." This means centering our lives on a relationship with God through Christ. When we place God first it becomes easier to bring our other priorities in line.

Some ways we can seek God first include, making Sunday worship a priority, making time for morning devotions a priority, making time for private and public prayer, engaging in Bible and Christian book studies, along with other opportunities that present themselves. As a means of encouraging daily Bible reading, I have included a 52-week Bible Reading Plan in this edition of The Messenger. I used this plan last year and found it a great guide to get through the Bible in a year and to read different sections each day.

The first three Sundays in this New Year my messages will be focusing on priorities. We will look at our number one priority, developing priorities, and living priorities. We will also be participating in a Wesley Covenant Renewal Service on the first Sunday, followed by Holy Communion. This is an opportunity to focus and center our lives in relationship to Christ. Then, as we move through the first part of the year, we will study the Apostles' Creed during our morning worship. This will offer us the opportunity to delve into a greater understanding of what we believe. Again, with the intent of focusing our lives more and more on Christ.

Yes, the New Year offers us new opportunities to grow and be transformed more and more into the image and likeness of Christ. Our old ways can be exchanged for new ways that will propel us forward in our love for the Lord and our love for one another.

May this New year be filled with hope and blessing! God is good! All the time!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Garry



Bea Richardson	1st
Dylan Yatteau	1st
Steven Weimer	2nd
Laurie Piampiano	3rd
Bob Dedrick	4th
Andrew Hallagan	4th
William Mahoney	6th
John Mann	9th
Joanie Beman	10th
Olivia Mann	11th
Betty VanAuken	12th
Zoey Houser	13th
Pat Verdine	14th
Ray Elmore	15th
Jenna Havert	17th
Jane Westfall	18th
Joe Cepulo	25th
Morgan Mercer	26th
Jason Cornwell	27th
Grace Sheckler	27th
Ekaterina Barrett	28th
Karen True	29th
Emily Bailey	30th
Kathy Cornwell	30th
Grace Krueger	30th
Marisa Simizon	30th



Matt & Jessica Wells
15th

**January 7th
Epiphany Sunday**

Pastor.....	Rev. Garry McCaffery
Liturgist.....	Chad Sheckler
Music Dir.....	Stephanie Mercer
Choir Dir.....	Kathy Cornwell
Bell Choir Dir.....	Jenna Taylor
Media Min. Dir.....	Sami Cepulo
Soundboard.....	Tawny DeCann
Slides.....	Sami Cepulo
Acolyte.....	Dallas Marshall
Greeter.....	Gail DeFisher
Ushers.....	Rob & Jean Hoe Gail DeFisher

**January 14th
2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

Pastor.....	Rev. Garry McCaffery
Liturgist.....	Diane Sheckler
Music Dir.....	Stephanie Mercer
Choir Dir.....	Kathy Cornwell
Bell Choir Dir.....	Jenna Taylor
Media Min. Dir.....	Sami Cepulo
Soundboard.....	Tawny DeCann
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Hi! I received a card from the FUMC! I just wanted to say thank you so much for the card and the money. It means so much to me that you guys are thinking of me during the busy holiday season.
Merry Christmas and thanks again.

Anna Verdine

**January 21st
3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

Pastor.....	Rev. Garry McCaffery
Liturgist.....	Kyle Houser
Music Dir.....	Stephanie Mercer
Choir Dir.....	Kathy Cornwell
Bell Choir Dir.....	Jenna Taylor
Media Min. Dir.....	Sami Cepulo
Soundboard.....	Carl Mercer
Slides.....	Sami Cepulo
Acolyte.....	Dallas Marshall
Greeter.....	Gail DeFisher
Ushers.....	Rob & Jane Hoe Gail DeFisher

**January 28th
4th Sunday after Epiphany**

Pastor.....	Rev. Garry McCaffery
Liturgist.....	Karen Weimer
Music Dir.....	Stephanie Mercer
Choir Dir.....	Kathy Cornwell
Bell Choir Dir.....	Jenna Taylor
Media Min. Dir.....	Sami Cepulo
Soundboard.....	Carl Mercer
Slides.....	Sami Cepulo
Acolyte.....	Dallas Marshall
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Exciting news from Glitch Ministries: As of December 3rd, the new Audio and Visual system is up and running at Newark First UMC. Every Sunday morning the Worship Service is streamed on Facebook at 10:00am.

Here are some tips for viewing videos of our Worship Services and Events via the Newark First UMC Website:

- Website: NewarkFirstUMC.org
- At the Home Page, Click on the "Pastor's Corner and Sermons" button
- Click on the title of the Post you would like to view
- Within the Post, you will find two links to the video via either YouTube or Facebook. (We added the YouTube option beginning with the 12/3/23 service.) There is also a link to a pdf of the related bulletin or program.

Events: At the Home Page lower left corner, you will find the calendar for the upcoming week, as well as details of upcoming or recent events at Newark First UMC.

Questions? Contact Nancy Schrader, @ nschrader1972@gmail.com Sam Cepulo at scepulo123@gmail.com



Youth Event

WINTER FUN NIGHT

January 13th | 4-6 pm

Pizza | Games | Crafts

the First United Methodist Church
301 South Main. Newark , NY

RSVP 315-331-3895



Safe Sanctuaries Training

Cortland First UMC
734 Rte 222, Cortland NY

Sat. Jan. 27th 9-noon

No Charge, but reservations are important, so that we have enough materials.
Please contact: Pam Klotzbach 716.560.0290

No SPPRC meeting in January

Community Missions:

Newark Food Closet:
301 E. Miller St. Newark
315.331.8582
Monday - Friday 10AM - Noon
Every 3rd Saturday 9AM - 10AM

St. Mark's (Baby Closet)
400 South Main St. Newark
315.331.3610
Help with diapers, wipes, clothes baby food and formula.
Tues-Thurs 10am - Noon
Or by appointment.

Emmanuel First UMC Free Lunch Program:
301. E Miller St. Newark
Lunch served every day from 11-noon. Always in need of volunteers & Financial help.

Wood lane Community Church Common Threads
315.331.4903
5694 Wood Lane. Newark
Please use west entrance
Clothing for all ages
1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9-noon

Helpful Hearts
12, Geneva St. Lyons
315.690.1952
Monday - Friday 10 am- 5pm
Saturday 9AM - 2 pm
Clothing, food pantry, thrift store.

Family Promise:
3, Holley Street. Lyons
315.665.0037
Mon-Fri 10-2pm

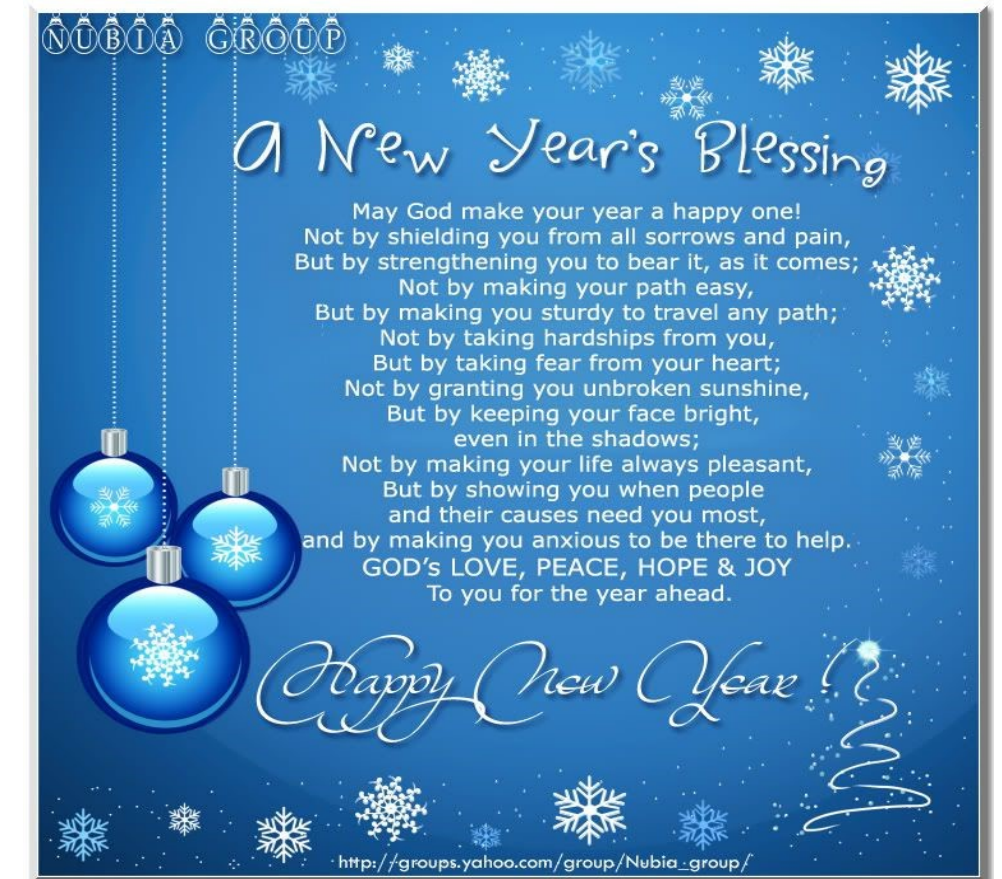
ROTH program:
(Roof Over Their heads)
Help with utilities, rent, 1st and last dep etc.



Please pray for Eileen Godfrey and her brother. She is caring for him since he recently spent some time in the hospital, and is now at home recovering.

Please keep the family of Enid Shultz in your prayers.

Enid passed away
December 3rd 2023

NUBIA GROUP

A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright,
even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people
and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
GOD'S LOVE, PEACE, HOPE & JOY
To you for the year ahead.

Happy New Year!

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Nubia_group/



Thank you all for your generous support through the Blessing Baskets. Here's what we collected through October (Including Mission support from the budget)

- * **January:**
 - * Nomads \$453.95
- * **February**
 - * Laurel House 413.50
- * **March**
 - * Emanuel Free Lunch \$462.90
- * **April**
 - * Rolling Fork UMC \$749.10
- * **May**
 - * Family Promise \$418.49
- * **June**
 - * Blessings in a Backpack \$443.5
- * **July & August**
 - * Heifer International \$965.50
- * **September**
 - * Maui Outreach/UMCOR \$773.04
- * **October**
 - * Mighty Oaks Foundation \$510.00
- * **November**
 - * TIC Christmas Dinner
- * **December**
 - * Newark Food Closet

Our December Blessing Baskets will be collected for the Newark Food Closet which we currently support with our food donations. The Newark Food Closet has been serving Wayne County for over 50 years! So far in the month of November they have supported 80 families and over 280 families for the year. This is such an important and needed mission; Thankyou for your continued support

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Caring Connections

January

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024 !!

After the Christmas lights are put away until next year- don't forget God's light is always with us. It is never put away! Remember our church friends who are unable to come to church, and spread your Christmas/ New Year's joy to them. Send a note, email, give a call or a visit. Our friends love to hear our voices and hear about church activities.

I will be sending New Year's greetings to church friends from Florida. Hopefully each message carries the Florida sunshine and warmth with it, along with the good news of our Savior's birth.

Judy Jansen (Can receive short visits) **Jean Lansberry** **Penny Proper**
Margaret Rundel (@ Wayne County) **Maggie Mathis** **Norma Walters**
Inez Brumm (moved to Rochester to be with her son. She has a new personal phone number. Please call the office to get it if you would like to speak with her)
Betty VanAuken **Shirley Hyman** (both @ The Terrace)

Charlie Hallagan **Maury & Jean Strobridge**
Bea & Curt Richardson **Flo Davis**
(These friends are not totally Homebound but would surely love a card and or visit, or maybe take them to lunch)



HAPPY NEW YEAR

The people in our area rely on the Newark Food Closet!
Here are the things they need to build up supplies:
Peas, spinach, beets, peaches, applesauce, pork n beans, light red kidney beans, Jello and SpaghettiOs.

We will bless the food collected the last Sunday in January.
Thank you for all your contributions

Kirk and Eileen



UWIF

Edited Notes from December 7th Meeting



Minutes & treasurer's reports were approved.
Motion was approved and seconded that the revenue from the Cookie Sale would go to the Organ Rebuild Fund.
3 pies and 1 turkey are needed for Christmas Dinner, it was voted that UWIF buy these.

UWIF will be mailing a check for \$100 to Family Promise.
We also helped with the Reception for the Cantata on December 17th
We enjoyed a very tasty meal with all the dishes brought by everyone. We had a great time exchanging gifts.

It was wonderful to have Norma Walters and Betty VanAuken join us.
Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Hope to see everyone in March.

No Meetings in January and February

20th Christmas Cookie Sale Results

The 20th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale, honoring the memory of our dear friend **Elsie Dedrick** was a success thanks to the generosity and support of our entire church family and friends. Net cookie sales and donations (minus expenses) totaled \$2,300 which will be donated to the Newark First United Methodist Church Organ Rebuild Fund

A heartfelt Thank You to everyone who provided baked goods and/or donations for the Cookie Sale.

Also thank you to our many volunteers who put in countless hours frosting, filling trays, preparing the dining room, building and labeling boxes, and of course the day of sale helpers.

Thank you to our loyal customers who always look forward to our Cookie Sale. Merry Christmas and may God bless you and your families in the New year



The Newark First United Methodist Church
United Women in Faith