



Chalice Tidings

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Thank You & Happy New Year From the Staff of First Christian Church

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JANUARY SERMON SERIES

First Stories

1/5 - Epiphany Sunday

Matthew 2:7-12

When. Then.

1/12 - Luke 3:21-22

Now

1/19 - John 2:1-4

What

1/26 - Luke 4:16-21

Where

Worship @ 10:30 am



January Sermon Series

Young Jesus

1/5 - Luke 2:21-24

A Day in the Temple

1/19 - John 2:1-4

Flee to Egypt

1/12 - Matthew 2:1-2

Where is the Child?

1/26 - Luke 2:41-25

He was 12

Worship @ 6:30 pm



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The staff at First Christian Church would like to sincerely thank you for your generosity in blessing us with Christmas bonuses. It is an honor and a joy to serve this congregation, and your kindness means so much to us.



EVANGELISM

Anne Ingersoll, Chair

Life seems to slow down in January, doesn't it? Decorations are (eventually) tucked away and the sparkle of Christmas seems to dim. But that sparkle can continue to shine into the new year, can't it? That sparkle is God's love. God's grace. God's hope. God's peace. This is what we heard about throughout Advent. Who do you know in your life or interact with regularly who needs some sparkle? As followers of Jesus, the one who is known as the Prince of Peace, modeled this sparkle throughout his ministry and it's who we, as Christians, are called to live more like. So, as you ring in the new year, remember that the Christmas sparkle doesn't have to dim; it lives within us and through us every day. We have the opportunity to be that sparkle (also known as God's peace, hope, joy and love) and that light for others. And maybe, just maybe, others will recognize that sparkle within us and will join us at FCC to experience that sparkle themselves.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Kathy Fischer and Jack McKinnon

“The Issue with Tissue”

A suggested New Year's Resolution: We suggest that one of your new year's resolutions should be: To be more eco-friendly. But your personal efforts to do so can be overwhelming! So perhaps a good place to start is to buy tree-free paper products, since that is a bit easier and simpler than some of the others. And then you can progress to other products later.

So here's a good place to start: Do an internet search for the “Grove” website, then click on “tree-free paper products.” From there, you can choose which ones are your priorities for the New Year. Your choices are toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue, and napkins.

Note: You can also shop online in the Amazon, Seventh Generation, and other websites. I suggested Grove for starters because you can view several choices and brands without being inundated with other, non-tree friendly, brands. (In fact, I love the Amazon brand of facial tissue!) If you want to shop locally, note that no tree-free paper products are sold in Macomb. (The exception is recycled printer paper.) But Lowe's, Target, and other big box stores sell tree-free paper products if you don't mind driving to nearby towns such as Quincy and Peoria.

You may ask, “But is it more expensive?” The answer is usually yes, but the cost is only slightly more. And ask yourself if it's worth a little extra money to be lessening your carbon footprint. Take toilet paper for example: One of our previous articles stated that the average person uses 141 rolls a year! So these products are definitely worth a little extra money. The non-tree free products, such as Charmin and Northern, are largely produced by clear-cutting trees from the Boreal Forest in Canada – to the tune of 1 million acres of trees per year! So yes, you can make a difference!

Jack and I want to wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year! And good luck with your New Year's resolutions.



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