

# THE BRIDGE

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*"Diverse in Backgrounds, United in Faith"*

Friends,

Most of you will be receiving this January newsletter the week before Christmas! There are two practical reasons for that – the church office is closed the week between Christmas and New Year's Day *and* we want you to be able to share our January goings on with friends and family over the holidays.

I debated whether to focus this message to you on Christmas or the New Year, since either would work. After much thought, I decided to do a little of both by sharing with you the following poem from Missourian and Presbyterian poet Ann Weems. It speaks to the struggle that I always have around this time of year – longing for Christmas to linger even though it is time for something new.

The good news of Christmas remains throughout the New Year. Emmanuel – God with us – remains active in our hearts and the in the world. The Light still shines in the darkness. Christ is still coming to us. Christmas is *always* good news!

Blessings,  
Elizabeth



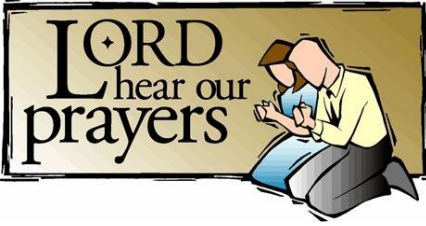
## January's Song by Ann Weems

There is a rumor on the streets  
that Christmas is over.  
Lights and ornaments are packed away,  
trees dragged to the curb,  
people back to business as usual.  
We're no longer in the party mood;  
the humbugging is back in vogue.

This is January...  
How can Christmas be over?!  
The Child is just newborn,  
the song of Peace and Goodwill  
still rings in our ears.  
The shepherds and sages still kneel  
to this one who is born to us...  
just born to us!

How can Christmas be over?!  
The story of the gospel is just beginning.  
We who saw the Star now live in its light.  
We who saw and heard now believe.

Christmas is not over.  
We're just beginning  
to follow this One  
who calls us now to  
live in the Light of Love.  
Christmas is not over.  
It's just beginning  
and this is January's song!



**WEEKLY PRAYER LIST**

This list of members at Trinity has been organized for the purpose of being lifted up in prayer during the week. We look forward to God's blessings as we pray for one another. During the month please pray for these:

- Jan. 7:** Steve & Mary Winfry  
Joann Wyman  
Rev. Wyman
- Jan. 14:** Rev. James Adams  
Lara (Susie), & Rob  
Anderson & Grant Allen  
Julie Atkins
- Jan. 21:** Jean Babcock  
Dave & Nancy Bankeroff  
Sandra Bellew
- Jan. 28:** David & Lucy Berry  
Kevin Berry  
Megan Berry



- Jan. 24** Jim & Beth McPike
- 27** Leslie & Bonnie Piper



- Jan. 2** Norma Boydston  
Noel Tyler
- 4** Dr. Orville Walker
- 6** Rodney Jones  
Dan Washbuern
- 9** Mary Sloan
- 22** Julie Lyons  
Matt Seward
- 23** Kevin Berry
- 27** Michael Norman
- 31** Pamela Thieme



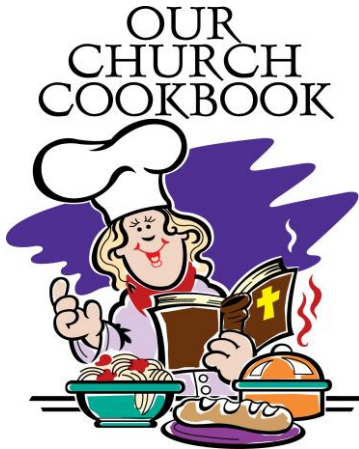
*On the first Day of the Week*

*"The people came together..."  
Worship Services:*

Dec. 3	.....	91
Dec. 10	.....	116
Dec. 17	.....	66
Dec. 24	.....	Unavailable
Dec. 31	.....	Unavailable

*"and the people gave . . . "*

Nov. 26	.....	\$1,477.00
Dec. 3	.....	3,569.50
Dec. 10	.....	3,803.72
Dec. 17	.....	2,506.00
Dec. 24	.....	Unavailable
Dec. 31	.....	Unavailable
Total	.....	\$11,356.22



Recipes are still needed for the Presbyterian Women's cookbook. We are looking for all kinds of recipes and especially from our youth. Any questions please contact Lucy Berry at 456-2235.



### SEW 'N SO'S

Thank you Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes for us. We have received 1,459 bar codes for this year.

Please keep saving

### T.I.G.E.R.s CORNER



Jan.. 7 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s  
 Jan. 21: 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s

### CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



**ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ** – This set of letters spells “Christ” in Greek. It may be written using the Roman alphabet (from which the English alphabet descended), but is also often presented in Greek characters, as shown here.

**A DOSE of HUMOR**

“I love bowling night at church.”

From a worship bulletin:

He can move the mountains.  
 My God is mighty to shave.  
 Forever author of salvation

Many people do picture God, who *saves*, with a beard!





Join us on Saturday, January 13, at 9:00 a.m. as we take down and store the Christmas decorations. Breakfast snacks, lunch, and plenty of coffee will be provided!



**Chili Cook Off**  
**Sunday, January 21 following worship**

Start working now on your best pot of chili for the Chili Cook Off. Tim Miller won the coveted trophy last year. Will he remain this years champion or will the trophy go to another cook? We'll find out on January 21. Steak Soup will also be available for those who can't eat chili.

If you don't want to try for the trophy, you may bring a dessert to share. See you on the 21st! Any questions, please call Jan Privett, 419-9405.



A heartfelt thank you to each one who remembered me with a gift for Christmas.

*Barbara Ploeger*



**PRESBYTERY DAY OF SERVICE**

Come to the LAMP – Linwood Avenue Ministry Place, 210 N. Michigan, KCMO – on January 15 between 10:00 & 3:00 to meet our mission partners, fellowship with other Presbyterians, and help make "Beds of Bags" out of plastic shopping bags for ReStart to share with the homeless. Lunch will be available. More info from Jim Gordon: (816) 674-7003 or [jgordon@pineridge.org](mailto:jgordon@pineridge.org)

“For  
**I KNOW**  
the plans  
I have for you,”  
declares the LORD,  
“... plans to give you  
**HOPE** and a  
**FUTURE.**”  
Jeremiah 29:11, NIV



## A NEW CREATION

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

THIEROEFQORXEIDFAMNYAON  
 SEILSITNCVHRKISDTTBHEWNE  
 QWCDREYATMIOC�HFASWCOR  
 MEGTHWEOFLDXHASSGZONL  
 ETJHEWNEQWIDSHREROE

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Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV



## NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!



### What you need:

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!



When the weather is bad do you wonder if Trinity is opened? Now you can turn to your local television stations to find out. We will be listed on WDAF Channel 4, KMBC Channel 9 and KSHB Channel 41. We will NOT be listed on KCTV Channel 5.

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The deadline for items submitted to the **January Bridge** is **Friday, January, 26th.**

Information for the weekly News Sheet is due each week on Wednesday by 1:00 p.m.

Don't Miss the  
**DEADLINE!**