



The Fowler Flashes

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Happy New Year my friends, hard to believe that 2022 is just around the corner, or by the time you read this maybe already be in full swing... Between Covid-19 and Delta and now Omicron it feels like we have been slipping and sliding without getting any traction to move forward. This is true in so many places in our country, it is true as well in our churches. We want to start ministries, but wait we can't because...or let's get back to church, but wait. Or, let us sing, wait, communion, wait. It is like a game of red light-green light, were just not getting anywhere...let us hope and pray that 2022 will bring us some change, take away some fears and heal some wounds.

Though it is impossible to control what the world will do, we can decide what we should do. Here at Fowler, let us return to basics in 2022. As Christians, it is good for us to remember who we are and why we are doing the things we are doing (or at least should be doing).

One way for us to remember is by remembering our Baptism. Burton Edwards said...

"It would be better if our ritual had translated this as 'remember that you are baptized and be thankful,'" Burton-Edwards said. While not everyone can remember the occasion of their baptism, "we can all remember that we are baptized and be thankful for that." United Methodism teaches that baptism initiates people into the faith community and into a covenant relationship with God and God's people. Reaffirming our vows enables Christians to renew their commitment to discipleship—with the help of the Holy Spirit, Burton-Edwards said.

While people fail in their attempts to live as faithful disciples, "God has done God's work in the covenant," he explained. Thus, The United Methodist Church does not re-baptize. The reaffirmation ritual is appropriate for those who have been baptized and wish to recommit themselves to Christ.

Let us at Fowler do exactly that, let us spend January remembering our Baptism, and then let us reaffirm our vows, our commitment. January 2022 is going to be all about recommitment.

"There are times in our lives as well as the church's life when we need a reminder of what we believe about God's love and grace for us and then there needs to be an action for that.

We all fall short, we all forget, we all get busy and wrapped up in our own struggles.

Reaffirmation can be "a bridge to us who are struggling, needing to know that God remembers us and loves us and we can start over.

January 2022, let us start over...hope to see you all in church or on FaceBook...

If you or your loved ones
are in need of prayer,
please contact the office
to be added to the
prayer list.



January Birthdays

Pray for

Gelene and family
Suzi Barton to ease her loneliness
For cousin dealing with health issues
Travel mercies for Carol and Ron as they travel over
the holidays
For those afflicted by the Tornado devastation
Lois
Technical assistance
For 2 friends suffering ravages from Cancer
René and family
RJ suffering from bronchitis and Covid again
Friends with multiple health issues

Health and Healing

Continued prayers for Taylor
Friend with Alzheimer's and all those who deal with
these issues & caregivers
Friends Lorraine & Art have serious health problems
Tom Bryan

Thanksgiving

Car is working well
Enya celebrated 20th Birthday
Grandson in Tennessee is safe
For the gift of our Lord and Savior

From Prayer Box

Mother-in-law with radiation treatments
Doug with addiction
Jan with Cancer struggles
Letta with loss of partner
Sharon for strength in growth
Michelle in need of blessings

1st - Jill Berg
Seenam Mohamad
Roujan Mohamad
Mayani Mugugombela
Cory Sherman
Dick Thompson

2nd - Phyllis Dunlap

7th - Ellen Kelly

11th - Courtney Comstock

15th - Therese Niyirero

19th - Judy Fowler

20th - Jamml Mohamad

21st - Jason LaFrance

24th - Anna Koehler

25th - Melanie Nilles

Wishing our friends a "happy . . .",
a "merry . . .",
a "best wishes . . .",
and a "blessings . . ."
for their special day.

JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat 1
2 Worship at 10:30am	3	4 9:00 - Tops 10:00 - Prayer Group 1:00 - Koinonia Bible Study 2pn - Life's Lessons	5	6 Noon UMW Men's Lunch at Golden Corral at noon	7	8
9 Worship Sunday at 10:30am	10	11 9:00 - Tops 10:00 - Prayer Group 1:00 - Koinonia Bible Study 2pn - Life's Lessons	12	13 Sewing Group @ 9	14	15
16 Worship Sunday at 10:30am Board Meeting	17	18 9:00 - Tops 10:00 - Prayer Group 1:00 - Koinonia Bible Study 2pn - Life's Lessons	19	20	21	22
23 Worship Sunday at 10:30am	24	25 9:00 - Tops 10:00 - Prayer Group 1:00 - Koinonia	26 Flashes Articles Due	27 Sewing Group @ 9	28	29
30 Service at 10:30	31 New Years Eve					



Fowler United Methodist Women

The Fowler unit will meet January 6 at noon in Corinthian Hall. Janet Abernathy will give us information about Caritas Outreach Ministries. How they are doing during the coronavirus pandemic and any help from our church that would be needed. Come and bring a sack lunch, dessert will be provided.

UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF DONATE TO UMCOR U.S. DISASTER RESPONSE FUND

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Free Covid Test Kit

Joan Morse sent this in. Use the link below to get a free Covid test kit.

[Home - Say Yes! To Covid Test \(sayyescovidhometest.org\)](http://sayyescovidhometest.org)



Snow Shovel Help Needed at the Church

Burr, it's cold and it has been snowing. I could use some help with keeping the church walkways cleared of snow and ice. Let Lance know if you can help. Ideally, it would be nice to have a phone list of available of volunteers so I could call upon them when needed. Give Lance a call (509-552-9153) or email if you can help. Thanks for volunteering.

December 16, 2021



Dear Fowler Family,

Thank you for all of your love and support, I have decided to take a position within a small school district.

It has been a true joy to work with our youth. Thank you for the opportunity to serve them. I hope to see you now and then. If you need anything, please feel free to call me.

Blessings,
Shelley



To my Fowler Family,

I want to take a moment and let you all know how much you are appreciated. I am more grateful to all of you more than words can express. Few people possess the considerate, unselfish, loving heart that you all have. I thank you for your kindness and for being the wonderful and amazing people that you are. I know that I am blessed to be here. Thank you!

Blessings,
Diane

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