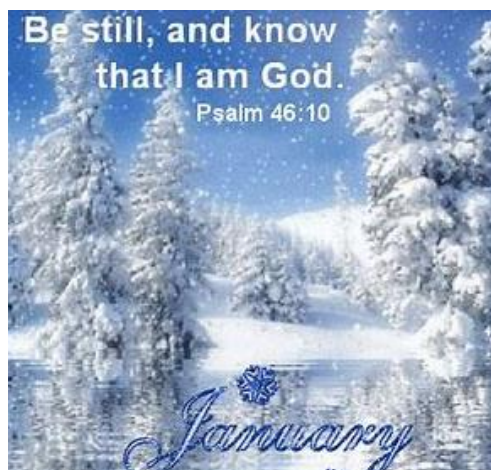


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Wishing everyone a very safe, prosperous, and happy 2023!

### **2023 Vestry**

This year's Vestry is:

Hank Long, Senior Warden (term expires at the end of 2023)

Andy Williams, Junior Warden (2024)

Beverly Lyle, Treasurer (2024)

Natalie Coleman, Secretary (2025)

Ben Beeler (2024)

Betty Budde (2025)

Jay Dickens (2024)

Pat Russell (2025)

Ruby Stultz (2023)

Rebin Titus (2023)

Pat Walmsley (2023)

Will Zimmer (2025)

### **2023 Pledges**

To this point, we have received 54 pledges totaling \$201,573 for 2023, compared to 69 totaling \$244,398 for 2022. If you've not yet done so, we ask that you take some time to pray about your giving to Christ Church next year and submit your pledge as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available from the office.

### **2022 Pledge Payments or Donations**

Please have all pledge payments or donations into the Church office no later than **Thursday, January 5.**

### **2022 Prison Angel Tree Ministry**

Thank you to everyone that donated to the 2022 Prison Angel Tree Ministry. With your generosity, CEC was able to send gifts to 46 children who otherwise wouldn't receive a gift from their incarcerated parent. With the additional \$325 that was received after the gift deadline, we were able to donate that money for a matched gift to the Prison Fellowship.

### **Kings Grant Eucharist**

The King's Grant service for January has been CANCELLED due to Covid restrictions. The next service will be on February 2.

### **Monday Study Group**

The Monday Study Group is reading and discussing *Reaching Out* by Henri Nouwen. Our weekly meetings resume on January 9 at 7:00 pm in the Parish House. All are welcome; for more information, please talk to Fr. John.

### **Public Theology – Wednesday, January 11**

Public Theology meets on Wednesday, January 11, at Mountain Valley Brewing (4220 Mountain Valley Rd, Axton). Fr. John and Pastor Daniel will lead us in discussion as we begin the New Year by considering the fears that beset us and the message of the angels at Christmas (“Do not be afraid.”). We begin with socializing and food around 6:00, with the discussion going from 7:00 to 8:00.

### **Loaves & Fishes – Wednesday, January 25**

Loaves and Fishes has returned to the church undercroft. Meals will be served in the undercroft on the last Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:00pm - 5:45pm. For folks who would prefer to take their meals home with them, carry out boxes are available. There are limited parking spaces behind the church for people with mobility issues.

**Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for January - March: Beef Stew (15-20 oz.)** For the month of January: **toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant and hygiene items.** As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

### **Nursery**

If you are the parent or guardian of a young child and would attend Sunday services if the nursery were staffed again, please let us know (276-632-2896 or office@christchurchmvl.org).

### **Winter Weather Policy**

When we experience inclement winter weather on a Sunday morning, there will still be a 10:30 worship service in the church, but Fr. John encourages you to stay home if you feel you cannot arrive in safety, even if you are scheduled to serve. During the week, if Martinsville Public Schools are closed, the Office will also be closed.

**Thank you all for decorating the church so beautifully:** Stuart Webster, Page Beeler, Susan Smith, Frankie Smith, David Cole, Natalie Coleman, Pat Russell, Beth Cahill, Nancy Spilman, Karen Jones, Debbie Lewis and Mark Niblett, Ben Beeler, Dan Cahill and Tom Webster. I enjoyed working with everyone, Becky

### **January Server Schedule**

January 1 – Bob Bushnell, reader and chalice; Mike Hodges, John Swezey and Hank Long, ushers; Hank Long and Natalie Coleman, counters

January 8 – Kelly Cain, reader; Rives Coleman and Dawn Stone, chalicers; Claire-Warner Coleman and Tyler Johnson, acolytes; Trippi Penn, Andy Quirk and Will Smith, ushers; Hank Long and Natalie Coleman, counters

January 15 – Will Zimmer, reader; Nancy Spilman and Tom Webster, chalicers; Claire Gallop, acolyte; Pete Scouras, Rives Coleman and Dan Cahill, ushers; Hank Long and Natalie Coleman, counters

January 22 – Susan Critz, reader; Natalie Coleman and Jay Dickens, chalicers; Catherine Maxwell and Elizabeth Maxwell, acolytes; Ben Lewis, Kyle Trent and Rebin Titus, ushers; Hank Long and Natalie Coleman, counters

January 29 (MP) – Hank Long and John Swezey, officiants and readers; Bob Weatherall, Jay Dickens and Gus Barber, ushers; Hank Long and Natalie Coleman, counters