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Strong Heritage Bright Future

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Dear Church,

As the Christmas season comes to an end, I reluctantly put away my favorite Christmas CDs, sad that they will not be heard from again for another 12 months. I love music and often find that songs help me express my mood or articulate my thoughts. When there happens to be a moment I do not have music playing in the background, inevitably songs will keep playing in my head. As we step into a new calendar year, I've noticed the lyrics from Fiddler on the Roof's famous song "Sunrise, Sunset" (Bock & Harnick, 1964) keep ringing in my mind.

*Sunrise, sunset; sunrise, sunset  
Swiftly fly the years  
One season following another  
Laden with happiness and tears*

As a church community we took time on the first Sunday of 2022 to look back - together and individually - on 2021 and as we remembered together, we recalled times of both happiness and tears. As we look to 2022, things will inevitably change, yet we can logically anticipate both times of happiness and tears will visit us in the days to come.

One thing I love about living in this part of the country is the clearly defined seasons that we get to experience. Though in these cold months, I long for sunny days with warmer temperatures, I am also reminded that I love the variety of the seasons and find things to celebrate (and grieve) in each one.

Epiphany is the season in which we contemplate the God who has revealed himself in the Old Testament and the New Testament, in our day and ultimately in the person of Jesus Christ. As we consider how God has revealed himself and what he has revealed about himself, we ask ourselves at this time, "What is being revealed to us?" As disciples of Jesus stepping into 2022, our work, as has always been the work of disciples of Jesus, is learning to listen to and obey all that is revealed to us. We are called to renew our commitment to follow Jesus into 2022 by constantly paying attention to the voice and work of God in and around us, whatever it may be..

Another favorite song comes to mind, "Trust and Obey" (John H. Sammis, 1887):

*Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.  
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey.*

What a joy to know that whatever lies ahead we can be confident that Jesus walks with us and offers us his presence along the way. May we continue to listen, ready to do what he says, and go where he sends.

Grace + Peace,  
Pastors Amy & JR Rozko

## February 2022

### Birthdays:

2<sup>nd</sup>-Sandy Bellamy      8<sup>th</sup>-Rose Zahler  
 16<sup>th</sup>-Helen Race      20<sup>th</sup>-Larry Linerode  
 24<sup>th</sup>-Pam Cordes  
 Larry Groves

### Anniversaries:

14<sup>th</sup>-Diana & Jim Cooper

*Your Friends and Family at First Church of the Resurrection want to wish you all a joyous celebration and many blessings for the year to come!*

### Your Leadership Council at Work January 11, 2022

- Finance report discussed and approved
- 2022 Budget finalized including staff raises
- Much discussion about the future of First Church of the Resurrection

Servants for God Forever,  
Leadership Council

### Financial Report For December 2021

Income: \$ 13,540  
 Expenses: \$ 14,124  
 \$ -584



### Usher's Committee Report Sunday Attendance

December 2021

10:00 AM

Date	Adults	Children	Total
Dec 5	31	7	38
Dec 12	29	1	30
Dec 19	41	8	49
Dec 26	12	0	12(Zoom Service)
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>129</b>

Christmas Eve 46 Adults and 9 children  
 Sunday total average = 32  
 Sunday average of children = 4

### Please Pray for:

Shirley Jordy      Judy Snyder      Diane Fair  
 Jim Ackelson      Donna Blair  
 Zella Yohe

### In the Military:

Scott Gordon    R J Smith      Aaron Schlabach  
 Josh Porco      Kellan Gier      Scott Smeltzer  
 Brian George    Steven Okey      Ryan Souers  
 Luke Groves    Robert Blair

### Serving as Mission Partners:

Leonel & Belgica Ortiz - Columbia  
 Greg, Megan, Lydia & Theodore Owens - Middle East  
 Andrew & Sarah - Middle East

### Pray for the following local churches, their

#### Pastors and leadership:

Crystal Park UMC  
 Deliverance Church  
 Dueber Ave UMC  
 Eden Church of the Brethren  
 Eleventh Street Church  
 Epworth UMC

For the past several years we've participated in the Baby Bottle Boomerang which benefits one of our mission partners, Pregnancy Choices. We had Baby Bottles to fill with loose change, dollars or checks and returned to the group.

**Pregnancy Choices** mission is to provide communities with restorative choices in matters of crisis pregnancy, sexual lifestyle and sanctity of human life from a biblical worldview.

Even though we can't physically participate again this year, **donations can still be made**. You can send checks to the church **made out to Pregnancy Choices** and we'll be sure to pass them along.

If you want more information about this group, check out their website [pregnancychoicesforme.org](http://pregnancychoicesforme.org)

Thanks for helping us support this mission.



**Richard C. Yohe Sr.**

Rich Yohe passed away December 19, 2021. Richard was a 1947 graduate of Canton South High School and retired from Ohio Power after 44 years of service. He was a member of First Church of the Resurrection and the former Canton Township Sportsman's Club. He served as a volunteer fireman with Canton Township Station #4 for many years and was a former Fire Chief. He is preceded in death by one brother, Carl Yohe. Richard is survived by his wife, Zella Mae (Kinsinger) to whom he was married 71 years; three children, Karen Barrick, Richard C. Jr. (Joan) Yohe and Kay (Kim) Clark; 7 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.



**Connie Stanik**

Connie A. Stanik passed away January 5, 2022. Connie was a Speech & Language Pathologist for Akron Children's Hospital in North Canton. She graduated from Green High School, received an associate degree from Stark State College, and a bachelor's and a master's degrees in Speech Language Pathology from Kent State University.

She is survived by her husband, John whom she married May 30, 1992; daughter, Jessica Stanik of N. Canton; son, Aaron Stanik of N. Canton; her mother; two sisters, Susan (Jack) Bailey of N. Canton, Robin Balaj of N. Canton; brother, Michael (Beth) Giamati of Green; and many nieces, nephews, and great nieces. In addition to her family, her true loves in life were camping, fishing, beagles, cooking for people, and her flower beds.

Join us Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> as we worship, pray and study together on Zoom. Please check on social media and our website to see if we will continue to worship on Zoom or start in-person worship for the month of February.



If you don't have an internet connection or a webcam, you can now call in from any phone. The number is 1-929-205-6099. You then enter the meeting ID: 986 2844 6044 and then the passcode: 47689069.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Do you have ears that hear? Or eyes that can see? Possibly a finger that can hit the "next" arrow on a keyboard? Then we are looking for people just like you to join our Tech Team! Sound is usually set up and ready to roll as soon as you arrive on Sunday morning, but we do need someone who is willing to sit in the back and click through slides on Sunday mornings during the service. It is a normal PowerPoint slide, and training will be available! If you are willing and able to join the team, please contact Seth or Katrina Kenyon at either [seth@firstchurchcanton.com](mailto:seth@firstchurchcanton.com) or [katrina@firstchurchcanton.com](mailto:katrina@firstchurchcanton.com), or come talk to us some Sunday morning!

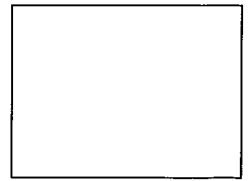
**Thank you so much in advance!**



*Have A Blessed New Year!*

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We invite seekers and followers to come with us on an ever deepening journey of discipleship, as we serve God by building the community of Jesus.