

Worship - Sunday 10 AM  
Sunday School - during worship  
(Sep-Jun)

# Twins Talk

January 2024

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## Pastor's Corner

Happy New Year! I write after a wonderful gathering yesterday morning, a not so pretty win by the Bills (but a win), and a "wing" New Year's Eve dinner with my oldest son's family. Our youngest son and his wife are in businesses that require their attendance for the holidays, so it's by the wonder of techno communication that we stay in touch without much "touch."

I think "touch" is as good a word as any I can conjure to express my New Year's thinking! For today anyway! How can we get better at "touching" each other's lives in positive ways in 2024. How can we be guides for each other as we face the changes our lives are challenged by every day - some days MORE than others!

In Richard Rohr's message today entitled "To Live is to Change" he writes: "The Greek word for "repent" (metanoia) means to change your mind. I'd like to emphasize change, because that's not something we humans as a species are attracted to. . . . We like things the way we like things. And yet the first words out of Jesus' mouth tell us that he's come to give us a philosophy of change: "Repent," - change your mind - "for the kingdom of heaven has come near." (Matthew 3:2)

OK! Stop it! I don't want to hear one more suggestion that I gotta change!

The trouble is it's going to happen to me anyway, so... maybe I should participate a little so it feels like I have some control??

How can we as a church community facilitate the changes we face? How can we touch one another in ways that will ease the strain and confusion of the changes we face? How can we learn to trust and love enough to open our hurts and fears to each other?

What role in this enhanced touching should we as a church play. How do we do more? Are we doing enough already? What is the balance?

I would be interested in your thoughts whenever and however you would like to share them. For me, I want to develop a small group or two for guidance, support and feedback. That is something I can do as a step in our embrace of change. What can you do?

Steve

*"No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us!" 1 John 4:12*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Worship Schedule

- Jan 7 Steve Vance – *Epiphany, communion*
- Jan 14 Bonnie Tryon
- Jan 21 Steve Vance
- Jan 28 Janet Stengel

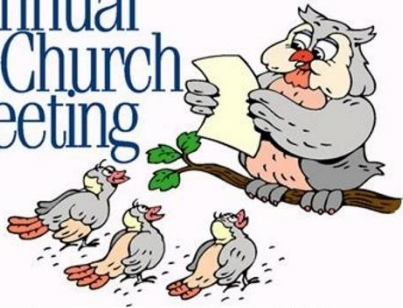
### Events

- Jan 3 Mission Committee Soup Take-out - See Janet Stengel f
- Jan 7 Mission Committee Mtg after worship
- Jan 21 Annual Meeting after worship (see notice above)
- Jan 21 Mission Committee Fair during Coffee Hour

Check website "[twinchurches.org](http://twinchurches.org)" for a complete calendar of events.



# Annual Church Meeting



**January 21, 2024**

***In the Sanctuary after worship followed by our ever popular (and delicious) Coffee/Fellowship Hour***

***All reports due by Jan 7 for the Annual Report to Carol Heburn***

***Email: [carol.heburn@gmail.com](mailto:carol.heburn@gmail.com)***



## **Bad Weather Policy**

If our Sunday service, or any other church activity, must be cancelled due to weather, check the following outlets for notification:

- Email notification to our mailing list
- Church Facebook page
- WKTV Closings and Delays

Please help us by notifying anyone who does not have access to these sites.

## **What a joyous Christmas season it was!**



Our Interactive Pageant was filled with shepherds, angels, animals and wise men of all sizes and ages surrounding Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. Truly a sight to behold.

The sanctuary on Christmas Eve, filled with glowing candlelight, always brings a feeling of wonder, joy and expectation of what is to come.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### January

- 2 Mickey Howard
- 3 Jim Allen
- 4 Ryan Carnright
- 6 Brenda & Paul Castle (A)
- 9 Beverly Seifried
- 12 Rich Mueller  
A. J. Bosman  
Carol Heburn
- 13 Kathy Lemieux
- 15 Lisa Burnham  
Sarah (Clemmons) Palmer
- 17 Mark Niedzielski
- 18 Christopher Wall
- 20 Evelyn Clark
- 24 Ruth Walker  
Karl Werbovetz  
Patrick Phillips  
Bob Wozna
- 26 Walt Hagues  
Tom Kraft
- 28 Jessica (Aubry Meade)

## THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Fellowship Committee, we thank all of the volunteers who make our weekly get-togethers possible. Going back to the assigned schedule seems to work for us, so the next schedule for February - June included on the last page of this newsletter.

With the current number of volunteers, each person will cover 2 coffee hours per year. As we all know, many hands make light work. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times each person will be called on. If your name is not on the schedule and you are willing to help (either alone or with someone else), please contact Janet Lanning (Fellowship Committee Chairman) by phone at 315-941-7409 or email - [jlasc@me.com](mailto:jlasc@me.com).

## bits & pieces

### Prayers are asked for:

- Continued prayers for Janet Broadbent who had a corneal transplant and is recovering at home. Her sight has shown improvement, and she has been seen at some local social events.
- Allen and Susan Solomon on the death of Allen's father, Charles Solomon.
- Bonnie Churcher who is recovering from successful knee surgery.
- Betsy Allen and family on Ken's passing on December 19. A service will be held at the church on January 13.
- Mable Converse's son-in-law, Don Crego, who has finished 12 chemo treatments and has a 14-hour surgery scheduled for Jan 2.
- Evelyn Clark who went to the hospital with double pneumonia on Christmas and is now recovering at home with her sister, Hazel.
- Taiba Dawlat, an Afghan immigrant who has been worshipping with us, asked for prayers for her family still suffering in Afghanistan and trying to work through the immigration process.

### Joys are shared for:

- Having so many of our neighbors from the Unitarian Church in Barneveld join us for worship on New Year's Eve for an ecumenical worship service.

**Prayer Chain** - Peg Curtacci - phone: 315-867-7898 or email: [pcurtacci.1947@gmail](mailto:pcurtacci.1947@gmail.com)

# Fellowship



## & Coffee Schedule

Feb 2024 - Jun 2024

Dear Volunteers,

Here is the schedule for February 2024 through June 2024. If your assigned date is inconvenient, please trade with someone else. Keep your coffee hour as simple as you want – it is not intended to be “brunch”!

- 1 Start coffee and hot water before church. Directions are posted in the kitchen.
- 2 Clean up kitchen and dining room afterwards.
- 3 Please take home dirty dish towels to wash and return by the following Sunday

If you would like to be added to the schedule or have any questions/concerns, please contact Janet Lanning: call/text - 315-941-7409 or email - [jlasc@me.com](mailto:jlasc@me.com).

*Thank You Everyone*

from the Fellowship Committee

DATE	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL	SPECIAL EVENTS
4-Feb	Kathy Harvey & Bonnie Tryon	315-982-0684	76kharvey@gmail.com	Scout Sunday
11-Feb	Mission Committee			Souper Bowl - Mission Committee
18-Feb	Carol Heburn	315-865-5307	carol.heburn@gmail.com	1st Sunday of Lent
25-Feb	Patty Aubry & Laurie Grenier	315-865-5745	rpaubry8015@hotmail.com	
3-Mar	Gaby McGhee	315-765-6347	Hoffbeck@gmail.com	
10-Mar	Lynne Howard	315-896-6174	LynneHoward@roadrunner.com	
17-Mar	Muriel & Karl Werbovetz	315-865-5816	murkar1964@gmail.com	
24-Mar	Nancy Baum & Ruth Walker	315-865-5437	NLBAUM38@gmail.com	Palm Sunday
31-Mar	Janet Lanning	315-941-7409	jlasc@me.com	Easter
7-Apr	Karen VanGorder	315-269-9866	karvango@gmail.com	
14-Apr	Sarah DePalma	315-794-8852	sarah.depalma75@gmail.com	
21-Apr	Betsy Allen	315-865-8082	8082betsy@gmail.com	
28-Apr	Kathy Lemieux	315-865-5603	klemieux1950@gmail.com	
5-May	Peg Curtacci & Heidi Taubert	315-867-7898	pcurtacci.1947@gmail.com	
12-May	Artie Finn	315-292-4356		Mother's Day
19-May	Janet Lanning	315-941-7409	jlasc@me.com	Pentecost
26-May	Deb Rowlands	315-296-5025	DebRowlands@outlook.com	Memorial Day Weekend
2-Jun	Bonnie Churcher	315-982-1501	bonniechurcher08@gmail.com	
9-Jun	Volunteers			Children's Day - Ice Cream Sundaes
16-Jun	Janet Stengel & Vicky Allen	315-725-4664	jastengel77@gmail.com	Father's Day
23-Jun	Cindy Rye	315-865-5105	cerye06@gmail.com	
30-Jun	Gail Brett	315-941-7460	gailebrett@aol.com	