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Worship
Service
10:00 AM

Labyrinth Walk
3rd Saturday
Each month

Prayer
Time
Monday's
5:00 PM

Pastors Office Hours
Tues. & Thur.
9:00 AM - 12:00

Bible study
Tuesday 7:00– 8:30
Beginning Jan. 11

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A Pastoral Note



The month of January always seems to bring with it a renewed sense of hope. It is the New Year, a time when we see a chance to start over in our lives and in our relationships. Many people make New Year's resolutions along with the vow that **this year** we will keep them. I don't know about you but I seem to set goals for myself that are unrealistic and then "beat myself up" mentally when I cannot or do not reach my goals. This makes for a New Year full of, not hope, but frustration. What kind of New Year will you have?

Let me suggest some resolutions that you can keep. Keeping them will not only make you feel good about making resolutions but will also improve your relationships with each other, with Galilee and with God.

#1. Start every day with prayer. We know that we cannot make it through this life alone so admit it every morning and ask God for help.

#2. Bring 1 person to church with you this year. Invite a friend to join you so they can see what it is about the Galilee community that you love. This will also help Galilee to grow.

#3. Come to at least one Bible study this year. Deepen your relationship with God by studying God's word. We also have a great time so you will improve your relationships with others in the congregation.

#4 Volunteer for 1 extra thing this year. This becomes a gift that keeps on giving.

Once you complete these 4 resolutions you will see how easy they are and hopefully will continue to make them a part of your life.

My prayer for you all is for a New Year filled with happiness and peace.

In God's abundant love,

Pastor Martha



Thank You Thank You Thank You

Once again I want to thank all of you for your kind words, cards and gifts during the holiday season. On Christmas Eve Pete Johnson gave me the card that you signed along with your very generous gift. Paul and I are overwhelmed at the generosity of this congregation. Some of the money will be used for books. The rest will be saved in a travel fund to be used to see our new granddaughter after she is born.

WANTED

Someone with some computer skills willing to learn how to type set the bulletin.

Pastor Martha will train you and provide all of the information to go into the bulletin. All you would have to do is format the information. Copying and collation is done each week by Bonnie Domini. If you are interested please contact Pastor Martha ASAP.

Congregational Meeting

January 23 following worship service. Year end reports from the committees and financial report for the year.

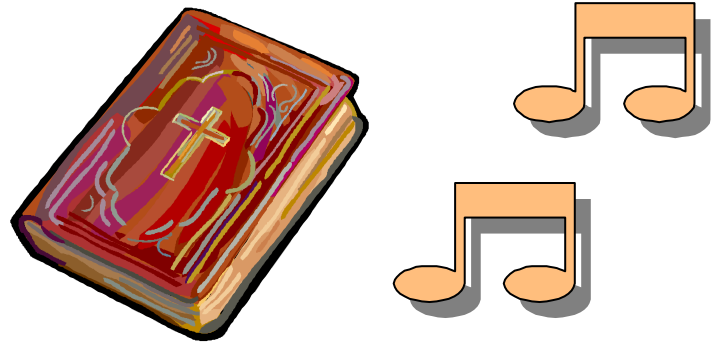
Social Ministry

Our Social Ministry is asking all Galilee Parishioners to help out our friends in need. Starting in January various Sundays will be designated for certain needed items.

The first Sunday of the month will be THANKSGIVING SUNDAY, please bring non-perishable food and place in the red wagon located in the Narthex. Let's build up our Food Bank and feed those in our community who are down and out and need a little love.

The 3rd Sunday of the month will be DIAPER SUNDAY, please bring a box of diapers any size and place them in the bassinet located in the Narthex. This will help our new mothers who are going through bad times and live in a group home (New Beginnings) learning about life and getting back on their feet.

Worship and Music



Galilee's Worship and Music Ministry meets the first Sunday of each month after the worship service. All interested persons are welcome. We have been busy planning for the Advent season and the Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm. The birth of Jesus...what more can one say? God comes to earth in human form to bring us all back to Himself.

The next liturgical season is Epiphany ("the light"), followed by Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, the second great miracle of our spiritual journey. Join us each Sunday as we explore, praise, and commune.

Tuesday night Bible studies (the women of the Old Testament, the lineage of Christ) wound up December 22 with the story of Bathsheba and David (or, more accurately, perhaps, the story of Uriah the Hittite). We will be taking a couple of weeks off before resuming on January 11 with the next Bible series, the stories of the Apocrypha. What is that? you ask. Come and discover! Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm.

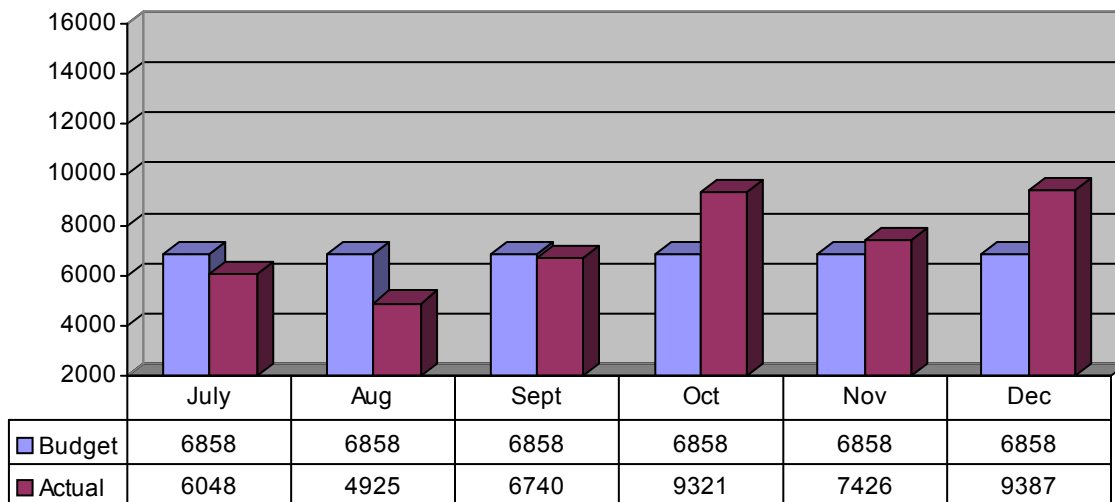
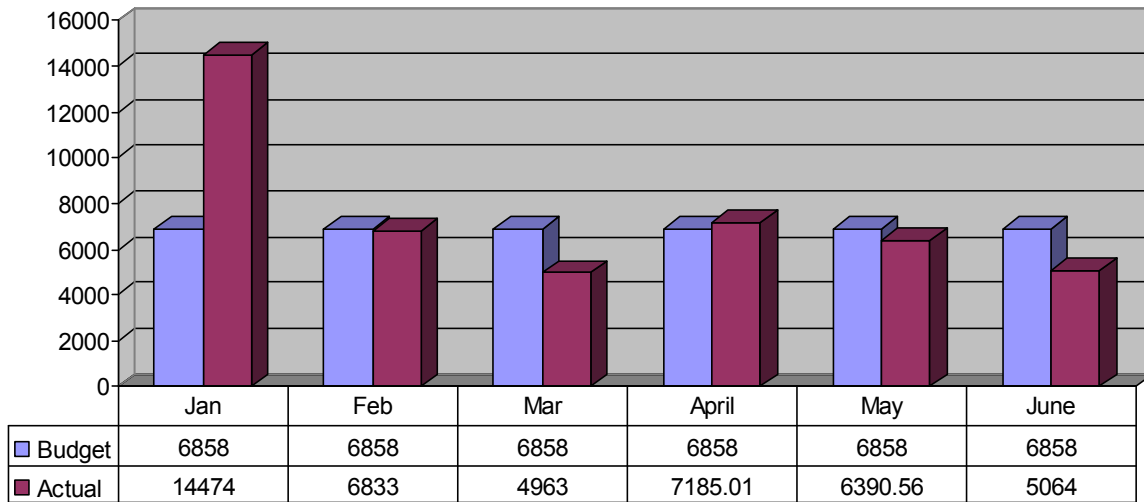
And through it all, each Sunday morning at 10:00 join us for worship.

Christmas Baskets

The donations for the Christmas was very light, but with the donation from Trivent Financial we were able to give fourteen families a nice Christmas basket.

Thank you Vale and Chris for all the hard work you did in preparing, shopping, boxing and delivering the baskets.

Giving 2010



Stewardship

Greetings,

It doesn't seem possible that a year has gone by and we have made an effort to keep stewardship in front of us. We have had monthly newsletter articles, temple talks and a pledge drive.

All of these things are to remind us that everything we have is gift from God and what we do with those gifts is our response of love to God. We need to stay vigilant and mindful of our joyful response to God.

If you haven't pledged, you still can. Craig Waters is our financial secretary and will give us annual reports of our giving for tax purposes.

But more importantly, we need to give to our church to help it grow and reach out to more people sharing the "Good News"!

In Christ's love, Laisné

\$7830 is needed each month to meet the yearly budget for 2011. If we continue like the last three months of this year we will have no problems. Keep up the good work!!!

Bake Sale

Don't forget our monthly bake sale the second Sunday each month. Bring your baked goodies and be sure to take some home with you.

This years total donations from the bake sale \$462.

Thanks to all the ladies who provided the baked goods and all of you who donated to the bake sale.





January Birthdays

20 Mark Loebis

January Anniversaries

- 1 Janis Andre & John Everett
- 22 Helena Soiland & Paul Turmaine
- 23 Jane & John Unger
- 26 Marvin & Lillie Hanson

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary please let me know.

New Members

Are you a member of Galilee?

Would you like to become a member of Galilee?

We will be welcoming new members in January 2011.

Please contact Pastor Martha if you would like to join at that time.

Joke of the Month

A Bad Dream?

Jemima was taking an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve before the festivities. After she woke up, she confided to Max, her husband, 'I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?'

'Aha, you'll know tonight,' answered Max smiling broadly.

At midnight, as the New Year was chiming, Max approached Jemima and handed her small package. Delighted and excited she opened it quickly. There in her hand rested a book entitled: 'The meaning of dreams'

Galilee Worker Bees for December

January 2

Ushers: Howard & Marilyn Allmon
 Lector: Carl Ingvaldstad
 Counters: Mike Roederer &
 Communion Assistant: Carl Ingvaldstad
 Cleaners: Howard & Marilyn Allmon

January 9

Ushers: Pete & Jenny Johnson
 Lector: Joan Worster
 Counters: Eva Johnson & Janis Andre
 Communion assistant: Mike Roederer
 Cleaners: Mike & Pam Roederer



January 16

Ushers: Marvin & Lillie Hanson
 Lector: Kris Andre
 Counters: Sharon Schmidt & Kris Andre
 Communion assistant: Kris Andre
 Cleaners: Kris & Janis Andre



January 23

Ushers: Mike & June Salter
 Lector: Craig Waters
 Counters: Joan Worster & Eva Johnson
 Communion assistant: Craig Waters
 Cleaners: Carl & Mary Beth Ingvaldstad

January 30

Ushers: Vale & Chris Hanzel
 Lector: Laisne Hamilton
 Counters: Laisne Hamilton
 Communion assistant: Laisne Hamilton
 Cleaners: Vale & Chris Hanzel

Thanks to all our worker bees for volunteering their time and talents.



Have you checked the Galilee Blog? It's available from the home page on the website or: www.galileekelseyville.blogspot.com/

JESUS & THE MUD PUDDLE

Howard County Sheriff Jerry Marr got a disturbing call one Saturday afternoon a few months ago.

His 6-year-old grandson, Mikey, had been hit by a car while fishing in Greentown with his dad.

The father and son were near a bridge by the Kokomo Reservoir when a woman lost control of her car, slid off the bridge and hit Mikey at a rate of about 50 mph.

Sheriff Marr had seen the results of accidents like this and feared the worst.

When he got to Saint Joseph Hospital, he rushed through the emergency room to find Mikey conscious and in fairly good spirits. 'Mikey, what happened?' Sheriff Marr asked. Mikey replied, 'Well, Papaw, I was fishin' with Dad, and some lady runned me over, I flew into a mud puddle, and broke my fishin' pole and I didn't get to catch no fish!'

As it turned out, the impact propelled Mikey about 500 feet, over a few trees and an embankment and in to the middle of a mud puddle. His only injuries were to his right femur bone, which had broken in two places. Mikey had surgery to place pins in his leg. Otherwise the boy is fine.

Since all the boy could talk about was that his fishing pole was broken, the Sheriff went out to Wal-Mart and bought him a new one while he was in surgery so he could have it when he came out.

The next day the Sheriff sat with Mikey to keep him company in the hospital. Mikey was enjoying his new fishing pole and talked about when he could go fishing again as he cast into the trash can.

When they were alone Mikey, just as matter-of-fact, said, 'Papaw, did you know Jesus is real?' 'Well,' the Sheriff replied, a little startled.. 'Yes, Jesus is real to all who believe in him and love him in their hearts.' 'No,' said Mikey. 'I mean Jesus is REALLY REAL.' 'What do you mean?' asked the Sheriff. 'I know he's real 'cause I saw him,' said Mikey, still casting into the trash can. 'You did?' said the Sheriff. 'Yep,' said Mikey. 'When that lady runned me over and broke my fishing pole, Jesus caught me in his arms and laid me down in the mud puddle.'

Just One Request

Dear Master for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.
--Unknown Author

Work Party

Put on your gloves and overalls and meet at the church for our cleanup day January 15th from 9:00 AM until noon.. Come and join the gang and help keep our church and grounds the beautiful place it is.



If you have an article or something you would like in the newsletter please let me know.

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**I need the information by January 15 in order to have time to put everything together.
Thank you for your cooperation**



New Years Resolutions

Just for today, I will not sit in my living room all day in my nightdress. Instead, I will move my computer into the bedroom.

I will no longer waste my time relieving the past, instead I will spend it worrying about the future.

I will not bore my boss by with the same excuse for taking leaves. I will think of some more excuses.

I will do less laundry and use more deodorant.

I will avoid taking a bath whenever possible and conserve more water.

Assure my lawyer that I will never again show up drunk at a custody hearing.

I will give up chocolates totally. 100%. Completely. Honestly....

I will try to figure out why I *really* need nine e-mail addresses.

I will stop sending e-mails to my wife (husband).

I resolve to work with neglected children - my own.

I will stop sending e-mail, ICQ, Instant Messages and be on the phone at the same time with the same person.

I will spend less than one hour a day on the Internet. This, of course, will be hard to estimate since I'm not a clock watcher.

I will read the manual... just as soon as I can find it.

I will think of a password other than "password."

I will not tell the same story at every get together.

I won't worry so much.

I will stop considering other people's feelings when they so obviously don't consider mine - if that unwashed fellow sits next to me again, I'll tell him he stinks!

I will not ring the stewardess button on airplanes just to get her phone number.

Recipe for a Happy New Year

Anonymous

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing— don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

I Am the New Year

Bible Illustrator

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months. All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

New Years Traditions

1. **Baby New Year Tradition** - The tradition of using a baby to signify the New Year was started around 600 BC by the ancient Greeks, who, at the start of a year would carry a baby around in a basket. The purpose of it was to honor Dionysus, the God of Fertility and symbolize his annual rebirth. This custom is still practiced in parts of Greece.
2. **Hogmanay** - The New Year in Scotland is called Hogmanay. Some people in Scotland follow a ritual that appears quite strange but it actually has a great significance. One can find barrels of tar set on fire and gradually rolled down the streets in the villages of Scotland. This ritual symbolizes that the old year is burned up and New Year is going to begin.
3. **Burning "Mr Old Year"** - In Columbia, Cuba and Puerto Rico families stuff a life-size male doll with things and then they dress it up in old clothes donated from each family member. At the stroke of midnight, this "Mr Old Year" is set on fire. This is done with the simple belief that a doll thus stuffed have bad memories or sadness associated with them, and that the burning of these will help one to do away with past unhappiness and usher in happiness in life with the coming year.
4. **Eating Noodles** - Late on the evening of December 31st , people from Japan might eat a bowl of buckwheat noodles called "toshikoshisoba" [year-crossing noodles] and listen for the sound of the Buddhist temple bells, which are rung 108 times at midnight. The sound of these bells is said to purify the listeners of the 108 sins or evil passions that 'plague every human being'.
5. **Eating 12 Grapes** - In Spain people eat 12 grapes as the clock strikes midnight (one each time the clock chimes) on New Year's Eve. This peculiar ritual originated in the 20th century when freak weather conditions resulted in an unseasonable bumper harvest of grapes. Not able to decide what to do about so many grapes at Christmas time, the King of Spain and the grape growers came up with the idea of the New Year ritual.
6. **Gifts in Shoes** - In Greece children leave their shoes by the fireside on New Year's Day, which, incidentally, is also the Festival of Saint Basil in Greece, with the hope that Saint Basil, who was famous for his kindness, will come and fill their shoes with gifts.
7. **Carrying a Suitcase** - In Venezuela, Argentina, Bolivia, and Mexico, those with hopes of traveling in the New Year carry a suitcase around the house at midnight. Some people may even carry it around the block to ensure travelling at greater distances.
8. **Burning Crackers** - People in China believe that there are evil spirits that roam the earth. So on New Year they burn crackers to scare the evil spirits. The doors and windows of many homes in China can be seen sealed with paper. This is to keep the evil demons out.
9. **Foods** - It was thought that one could affect the luck they would have throughout the coming year by what they did or ate on the first day of the year.
 1. **American resolutions** – We learn that 40% to 45% of American adults make one or more New Year's resolutions each year. These range may from debt reduction to giving up bad habits. The most common resolutions appear to deal with weight loss, to exercise more and to giving up smoking.
 2. **New York Times Square Celebrations** - The first Ball lowering celebration atop One Times Square in the USA was held on December 31st , 1907 and is now a worldwide symbol of the turn of the New Year, seen via satellite by more than one billion people each year. The original New Year's Eve Ball weighed 700 pounds and was 5 feet in diameter. It was made of iron and wood and was decorated with 100 25-watt light bulbs.
 3. **Black-eyed peas** - Many parts of the USA celebrate the new year by consuming black-eyed peas. These legumes are typically accompanied by either hog jowls or ham. Black-eyed peas and other legumes have been considered good luck in many cultures.