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## JANUARY MESSENGER

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### PHILIPPIANS: JOY

By Frances Cooney

“HAPPY NEW YEAR”...“Merry Christmas” was a joyous greeting that made us happy. Now January moves us into a new season of readiness. May we have joy! Speaking of joy, Paul’s letter to the Philippians is considered the epistle of joy. This word is mentioned approximately 13 times in its 4 chapters.

Jesus was familiar with pain but also possessed a deep joy beyond this world. God wants us to be joyful. It’s human to wonder how to have joy amid sorrows. But we are told through testimonies of many believers that they have inner peace in those times. Being human some of us at times have to work and pray for that. But we do need to expect to have inner peace.

Philippians 4:4 tells us “Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice.” Paul thought it was worth repeating. And, we are told to conduct ourselves well, resist temptations, be generous and think God thoughts. He also mentions we are to let go of the past and look toward to the future. (These instructions begin starting in Philippians 1:27). As Christians we are told to move forward.

Young people move forward to learn more about God’s will for them. Young parents and professionals deal with pressures of life and learn how. Midlife searches out new beginnings. Those of us who are older must not forget that our richest moments of divine service are at hand. (FORWARD, by D Jeremiah). When aging or health issues necessitate change it can be an adventure...not a loss. (Also D. Jeremiah). We must know when to rest. God renews us physically, emotionally and spiritually.

There are many written and oral testimonies of people who have been healed. Also miracle conversions and more. To know people who have had, with God, become entirely new persons is a blessed experience. God is with the saved and he is also with the one who sleeps under a bridge or in a woods. God can do anything!! He has a healing and redeeming nature available to all his creations.

Paul’s closing of this epistle to the Philippians is similar to the way he began it, praying for the people to know the grace of Jesus Christ. That is a powerful prayer! May we rejoice in that grace.

That being said.....HAPPY NEW YEAR.



**Weekly Services: (services are in person and online)**

**Sundays at 10:00 a.m.** Go to: [www.facebook.com/parknaz/](http://www.facebook.com/parknaz/) or [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)  
Parkside Nazarene Church

**Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. (in person)**

# The January Messenger Continued..

## SIGNIFICANT JANUARY DATES :

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- 01: New Year's Day
  - 05: Prayer Encounter Resumes
  - 09: Finance Committee Meeting
  - 15: Teen Event
  - 16: Church Board Dinner
  - 17: Martin Luther King Jr Day

## CHURCH BOARD DINNER

Members of the Church Board and their spouses are invited to attend dinner at the Lain's House on Sunday, January 16 beginning at noon. Please contact Pastor or Nancy Lain with any questions.



## January Birthdays

Ernest Szczepanski	01
Cynthia Lopez	05
Pat Whitney	15
Brianna St. John	21
Adam Whitney	23
Frances Cooney	26

## PARKSIDE CHILD CARE CENTER



HAPPY NEW YEAR! We were so happy to be able to have our Christmas Concert virtually this year. A BIG THANKS to Joanne and Andy for recording and creating the video for us to enjoy in the comfort of our homes! As we head into the New Year, we are grateful to be able to provide our families with the best care and education! We would love to add to our team, by hiring 2 Assistant Teachers within our program. If you know anyone interested in working with amazing people within an incredible program, send them our way! They can inquire by emailing Cheryl at [administrator@westlakenaz.org](mailto:administrator@westlakenaz.org).

We look forward to welcome 2022 and can't wait to see what this year brings! Health and happiness to all!!!

If you have any questions regarding the Child Care Center, please contact Cheryl or Pastor Marcella: 440-333-6643.

## LADIES MINISTRIES

The Ladies Bible Study will resume in the Spring. Please watch future Messengers or speak with Vivian Kizsee for more information.

The Aspire Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. at North Olmsted's Friends Church. Go to: <https://aspirewomensevents.com/north-olmsted-3/#appearing> for more information.

## TEEN MINISTRIES

The teens will get together on Saturday afternoon, January 15th. We are looking to go sledding or tobogganing. Both activities are weather dependent. Please see Joanne Murphy by Sunday, January 9th to determine if an activity is possible, and what it will be.

