

Dear Friends,

As this is being written, there is snow falling, drifts building, below zero temperatures, and Winter In all its beauty! On the calendar, Christmas is past, and Winter continues. In our homes, there are gifts to put away, new clothes to try on, and much more to “get back to normal.” Yes, Christmas has passed ... but has it really?

This letterhead proclaims that “We Believe”...the same words that appeared on our Sunday bulletins during the Advent Season, bringing us to Christmas Day. Church leaders many centuries ago felt that the message of Christmas should be more than one day on the calendar. The Advent Season, the four Sundays before Christmas, was proposed to help us “get ready” for Christmas itself. In the same way, centuries ago, they established what we sing about in “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” not to get more gifts, but to keep the spirit of Christmas alive.

Why focus on this for so long a time? Primarily because, “We Believe.” We don’t just celebrate the birth of the Baby Jesus, we celebrate all that He is, and did, in his earthly life among us. Above all, his Life itself showed us the way to live in fellowship with and service for God Himself. His Resurrection, and all that followed, established the Believers, then and now, in relationship with God and with other Believers. The Church, the fellowship of Believers, who took the Name Christian to identify with Christ Himself, continues on, because “We Believe.”

We can do all the “Christmas” things, but the whole issue is that we must believe. And if we believe, it makes Christmas much more than a Day or even a prolonged Season. The real core of Christmas, from the time Christ was born and even before, is our understanding of “We Believe.”

The Church, the People and the Pastors, is here to help us all with believing. We’d love to see you in Church on Sunday, as we start the New Year. Or give us a call if you want to talk more about this “we believe” question. Join us in Bible Study and Worship, in Fellowship Suppers and other activities, as together we explore and grow and put our believing into our lives in new and growing faith and action. This belief taking us out into the world to share Jesus Christ with everyone on earth.

May God bless you in the year ahead, and always. May your faith be strong, and may you join those who proclaim “We Believe” always.

With love and greetings from all,

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Join us for:

- Sunday: 8:30 Choir Practice
9:00 Prayer Time
9:30 Worship Service
Following Worship: 1st Sunday Brunch Bunch
2nd and Following Fellowship
- Mondays: Office Visits
Visits at the Mad River Coffee House
Bereavement Group
Home visits at your request
- Tuesdays: Bible Studies Adults and Children
Ladies Guild
- Wednesday: NACCC Meeting once a month
- Saturday: 8:30 Pot Luck Breakfast 2nd Saturday

Please check out the calendar included with this letter. There are many more activities. Call at your convenience if you wish to make an appointment for a personal visit with Pastors Russ and/or Cindy at your convenience.

Remember ...

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE