

# GREENWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## JANUARY 2022

### *Our Journey Continues*

Happy New Year to each and all of you!

Christmas is passed, but the meaning of Incarnation (God coming as one of us) continues—in fact, the same God who came in Jesus will continue to journey with us for the rest of our lives! That means, as follower of Jesus, we are called to learn and grow to be more faithful disciples each and every day.

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That being said, I would encourage each and all of you to one of the training event listed below. Wonderful topics, great speakers! May you join me in learning and growing in love and service to God and others! Keiko

**VIRTUAL**

### **THREE Training Opportunities in January!**

#### **1. Winchester District Leadership Training**

**Sunday, January 23 at 3pm**

Sessions Include: Finance, Trustees,  
Pastor/Staff Relations, Lay Leader/Nominations, and  
Simplified Accountable Structure

<https://zoom.us/j/98680712978>

Passcode: Training

Call in: 855-880-1246 Meeting ID:986 8071 2978



#### **2. Bi-District Training Day (BDTD)**

**Saturday, January 15**

Hosted by Alexandria and Arlington Districts. Having been the part of the event, this may be the BEST opportunity the Conference offers!

This year's keynote is Rev. Michael Beck (pictured), author of *Fresh Expressions in a Digital Age*. In addition, there will be more than 50 speakers that cover 23 categories/topics.

More info can be found at: [bdtd.novaumc.org](http://bdtd.novaumc.org)



#### **3. Roanoke & Staunton District Training**

**Saturday, January 22**

Bishop Will Willimon (pictured) will speak on "Preaching and Hearing Sermons in Polarized Age."

See more info: [roanokeumc.org/page.php?pg=training](http://roanokeumc.org/page.php?pg=training)



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**Let us Prayer for One Another...**  
**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS & BEYOND**



For the world in the face of COVID-19 (esp. Omicron Variant)

All those who are under medical care, recovering, and/or quarantined, Those who grieve

All Children & Families, Medical and Health Professionals

All who are serving others    The peace in the world

Our friends and family at Greenwood:

Paul Haltzl Coleman Lauderback Paul Helsley Harold Anderson

Larry Crane Gary Sibert Tasha Moomaw Liam Starr Don & Monti Vanness Phyllis Tinsman  
Laura Jahnke Quick Family Carolyn York Carl & Beth Stickley Joe Ganci Megan Eileen Davis  
Charlotte Mae Brasnan Dora Bell Lowe Daniel Schneide Cindy Jones Amber Calvert Connie Tilley  
Barbara Kern Farrah M Susie & Larry Bell Susie Sencindiver Gary & Brenda Linda Clem Patty Harper  
Kaiden Wright Shaw Family Richard Swisher & Family vRobbie Swartz Barbara Ritter Mossy Stemberger  
Nancy Orndorff Dan Roach Mable Carter George Martin David Powers Harry Powers Anita &  
Jared Chambers Daniel Whitney Bonita White Carrie Eichelberger Marion Clowser Beverley Soule  
Donna Belle Donna Kay Stemberger Steve Jones Kara Stemberger Marshall Lorant Larry Braithwaite  
Ashlee Saxon Ed Lambert Brenna Taylor Phil & Carol Adams Roger Stover Bob Saville Beverley  
McGraw Jace Anderson Margie Galderisi George Sonja Diane Joanne Kimberley Linda B Dana  
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**WATT'S Warming Center continues at Market Street**

Our Partner Church Market Street's Fellowship Hall continues to function as the warming center (day drop-in shelter) for WATT'S.

Schedule: Monday-Friday, 6:30 am – 2:30 pm

*Please remember all the guests and staff in your prayers! **Individual Snacks are always needed! Contact Pastor Keiko ([keikofoster@vaumc.org](mailto:keikofoster@vaumc.org)) if you can help!***

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**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...**

“In the minds of many Christians, the offering is not worship; it’s a break in the action. Only when half-time is over does worship resume. .... But in the Hebrew Scriptures, worship is centered in the offering! It’s not the side show; it’s *the* show. And in the new Testament, one of the high points of Holy Week is when a widow makes an offering in which she, like Jesus on the cross, gives all she has. The offering is not half-time; it’s the center of Worship. We might even say it's the high point of Sabbath, when we cease to be spectators and commit to participating in the ongoing ministries of Jesus.”

(excerpt from James A. Harish’s book *Earn. Save. Give.*  
Pages 7-8)





# Welcome to Greenwood UMC's 2021 Christmas Program



## Wonderful Job, Everyone! 2021 Christmas Program WXMAS—A Primetime Christmas



It is NOT too late to watch it!  
[www.facebook.com/greenwoodumcwinchester/videos/236092655331955](https://www.facebook.com/greenwoodumcwinchester/videos/236092655331955)  
Or [www.youtube.com/watch?v=18LYqPenBCE&t=5s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=18LYqPenBCE&t=5s)



*Special Thanks to Ashley and Heather for their dedication and hard work!*



Happy New Year! We made it to 2022! Have you ever been this happy to see the end of a year? It normally takes me months to remember to write the correct date, but not this year. I'm going to write 2022 with relief and hope every chance I get.



As we look back on another long and difficult year, I wonder what lessons have we learned after living through a second year of a global pandemic? My biggest learning from 2021 is to be thankful for something every single day. A lot of things happened in 2021 that were "not in my bingo card." One of the ways I coped with the difficulties was by journaling. Now I keep a gratitude journal. Why? Well, starting your morning thinking about what you are grateful for changes the focus of your day, and can re-wire your brain for gratitude.

As we go into this New Year, instead of making resolutions that may be lofty or difficult to keep, try starting each morning with naming three things for which you are grateful. Recognizing our blessings help us celebrate God's goodness, and helps sustain us thru the difficulties and challenges that will inevitably arise in all of our lives.

I know one thing, I am grateful for my church family, and the love and support you shared with me this past year. I look forward to celebrating all of God's blessings with you this coming year!

Hugs, Heather Littleton, Lay Leader

Jeff Swift

# Health Minute

I've written on a variety of topics throughout this past year. I hope you all have been able to learn from them and found them useful. I'm always open to suggestions as far as new topics are concerned. Please let me know if you have an interest you'd like me to address.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone at Market Street a Happy New Year. In 2022 I encourage you all to keep moving. Make time to exercise. That doesn't mean you have to go to the gym. That doesn't mean you have to walk five miles a day. It can mean standing up out of a chair 10 times without using your arms to help 1-2 times a day. It can mean raising up on your toes ten times while you wait for water to boil on the stove. It can mean trying to stand on one foot while you brush your teeth. It can mean lying on the floor and stretching. Of course, it can mean going to the gym or taking a walk outside as well. Just keep moving! Make it as fun as possible. Make it a social event with a friend.

Again, Happy New Year!! Stand up straight, sit up straight, take deep breaths, stretch, move and have fun. See ya all in church. See ya all in 2022!

*Jeff Swift is a member of Market Street. He is a physical therapist at Hampshire Hospital.*



JUST FOR FUN...

## New Year's Word Search

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- BABY
- BALL
- CALENDAR
- CELEBRATION
- CLOCK
- CONFETTI
- COUNTDOWN
- EVE
- FAMILY
- FRIENDS
- HAPPY
- JANUARY
- MIDNIGHT
- NEW YEAR
- NOISEMAKER
- PARTY
- RESOLUTION
- TOAST

### Please Continue to Support United Methodist Women's Backpack Ministry

We support families from Redbud Run Elementary School. Ways you can help: Pray for the volunteers who pack items

Donate funds (check payable to "Greenwood UMW")

Donate Items: Individual mac & cheese

Individual Peanut Butter crackers

Individual fruit cups, applesauce

Individual cereal boxes & cereal bars

