

January 2022

# Racine UMC Newsletter

401 East Main St., Racine, MN 55967

**Worship: Sundays**

**In Sanctuary at 9:00am**

**Racine UMC Facebook Page**

**FM Radio 89.7 @9am Sunday's**

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## Grace and Peace in the name of Jesus Christ:

If you have items you would like to be published in the newsletter, please contact our church secretary, Norma Kenning, by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the preceding month by emailing your information to: Racine UMC ([rsumc@hmtel.com](mailto:rsumc@hmtel.com)) Or by bringing your information to Norma during office hours (Thursdays, 5-7)

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***New Year's Day is a time for reflection. We like to spend the day thinking about the past year and making resolutions for the year to come. Of course, some years, we're ready to move on and not look back! And 2021 may feel like one of those years. Where we've never been quite so ready to flip the calendar to welcome a new year and be hopeful about the months to come. So I thought that while we reflect on 2021 and prepare for what 2022 has in store, we could really use a laugh.***

***Regardless of what your New Year's Eve plans look like this year, be sure to take the time to celebrate, because we made it! Perhaps you're staying home, playing some New Year's Eve games with the family, and waiting to watch the ball drop in Times Square on TV. Or maybe you're meeting up with friends to toast with New Year's Eve cocktails. Whatever may be your situation I am sure we all would appreciate enjoying a moment of joy so here are a few jokes I hope will put a smile on your face!***

*Here are a few chuckles to get you started...*

What is corn's favorite holiday? New Ears Eve.

**What's a cow's favorite holiday? Moo Year's Eve**

They say New York City has the best New Year's celebration, but I say it's overrated. Every year they drop the ball.

**Some astronauts wanted to have a New Year's party on the moon, but they didn't planet in time.**

What do farmers grow on January 1? New Year's Hay.

**What does the little Champagne bottle call his father? Pop!**

I thought I got lost on New Year's Eve, but then I found the Auld Lang sign.

**Why did 2021 go by in a blur? My resolution must've been too low.**

Where did the chef celebrate New Year's? Thyme's Square.

**What did the bull say on January 1?**

Happy New Steer.

**Why did the woman start making breakfast at 11:59 p.m. on December 31? She wanted a New Year's toast.**

My New Year's resolution was to read more, so I turned on the subtitles on my TV.

**"Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to."**

I was going to give up all of my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that no one likes a quitter.



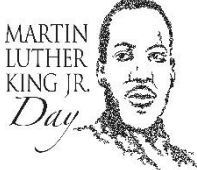

**At the beginning of the year, I made a resolution to lose 15 pounds. Only 20 more to go!**



# Calendar of Events

(Subject to change and/or be added to as the need arises)

## January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9am Worship Wesley's Renewal of Covenant Special Service	3 Food Shelf Open 9-11am	4	5	6 Food Shelf Open 6-8pm  EPIPHANY	7	8
9 9am Worship Children's Church begins again 9:15 Epiphany – Special Service of Lessons and Carols	10 Food Shelf Open 9-11am	11 Ad Council Meeting 6:30pm	12	13 Food Shelf Open 6-8pm	14	15
16 9am Worship Children's Church 9:15	17 Food Shelf Open 9-11am 	18	19	20 Food Shelf Open 6-8pm	21	22
23 9am Worship Children's Church 9:15 Church/Charge Conference & Potluck dinner. All church members are invited 11 am @ Stewartville UMC	24 Food Shelf Open 9-11am	25	26	27 Food Shelf Open 6-8pm  Holocaust Remembrance Day	28	29
30 9am Worship Children's Church 9:15	31 Food Shelf Open 9-11am					

# January Highlights

Sunday, January 2nd

## COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

*In 1663 Richard Alleine, a Puritan, published *Vindiciae Pietatis: or, "A Vindication of Godliness in the Greater Strictness and Spirituality of It"*. In 1753, it was again published in John Wesley's *A Christian Library*. Wesley used one chapter, "The Application of the Whole," on Monday, August 11, 1755, in what probably was the first real celebration of the Covenant Service in the Methodist movement.*

*Wesley found the service rich and meaningful, as expressed in his *Journal*: "Many mourned before God, and many were comforted" (April 1756); "It was, as usual, a time of remarkable blessing" (October 1765). "It was an occasion for a variety of spiritual experiences ... I do not know that ever we had a greater blessing. Afterwards many desired to return thanks, either for a sense of pardon, for full salvation, or for a fresh manifestation of His graces, healing all their backslidings" (January 1, 1775). In London these services were usually held on New Year's Day. Around the country the Covenant Service was conducted whenever John Wesley visited the Methodist Societies.*

*The heart of the service, focused in the Covenant Prayer, requires persons to commit themselves to God. This covenant is serious and assumes adequate preparation for and continual response to the covenant.*

**Come and refresh your faithful purpose as we unite in the renewal of our Christian covenant with God.**

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Sunday, January 9th

# Epiphany



**This will be a beautiful service filled with scripture and hymns**

A decorative border with a stained glass pattern, featuring various colored panes in shades of purple, blue, green, yellow, and orange, separated by black lines.

**ALL CHURCH/CHARGE CONFERENCE & POTLUCK DINNER**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022**  
**11:00 AM**  
**HOSTED BY STEWARTVILLE UMC**

**SUMNER CENTER**

**RACINE**

**&**

**STEWARTVILLE**

**WILL JOIN TOGETHER TO ENJOY FELLOWSHIP**

**APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE FORMS**

**AND**

**DISCUSSION OF OUR 2022 VISION**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**AND**

**LET US ALL JOIN IN THIS FAITH FILLED EVENT!**

# MISSION MOMENTS

## Human Relations Day (January)

Together, we extend a helping hand to those in crisis so they can overcome formidable obstacles.

## EVERY ONE OF US IS OF SACRED WORTH

We are all family. When we walk past our neighbor who is hiding in plain sight, we limit the gifts and graces that our sisters and brothers in Christ bring to the table. We limit the experiences, the voices and the beloved community that take place through mutual sharing of gifts. With a special offering celebrating Human Relations Day, we join with United Methodists around the world, remembering that the size of the table of divine love is unlimited.

Across the United Methodist connection, we come together to help bridge the gap between church and community by participating in an offering set aside for Human Relations Day. For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: all of God's children are important.

One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. On Human Relations Day, we join other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

In recognizing Human Relations Day, we are called to make an impact in communities where people struggle because they don't have the tools or resources to reach their God-given potential. Our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens.

**You may mail a check to:**

**Racine UMC  
104 Main St  
Racine, MN 55967**

**Indicate Human Relations in the memo**

Or

**You may bring your donation to our worship services in January and drop it in our collection box**

**Racine UMC will be collecting donations the full month of January.**

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

**TOGETHER**  
OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE

The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways

**YOUR DONATION CHANGES THE WORLD ONE LIFE AT A TIME**

**GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH:**  
Make checks payable to your local church or donate online via credit/debit card at [ResourceUMC.org/SSGive](https://ResourceUMC.org/SSGive)

TO GIVE ONLINE SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA

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# Happy New Year Word Scramble



Unscramble the following words.

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|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| yrpat           | _____ | gpemhaacn       | _____ |
| clkab yeed spae | _____ | wonnctodu       | _____ |
| eaelcertb       | _____ | frheat meit     | _____ |
| wolb smage      | _____ | ekwsrofir       | _____ |
| ggnniis         | _____ | doog clku       | _____ |
| trodsoniace     | _____ | payph ewn ryae  | _____ |
| cdaen           | _____ | dlihyoa         | _____ |
| gidhmtin siks   | _____ | lheimu nlosobla | _____ |
| draepa          | _____ | csmiu           | _____ |
| asott           | _____ | runayja trfis   | _____ |
| dresfin         | _____ | gdmiihtn        | _____ |
| sarminoksee     | _____ | noalsblo        | _____ |
|                 |       | meits rqaeus    | _____ |
|                 |       | slinotreous     | _____ |



# GINGERBREAD

## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

ARMS  
BAKE  
BUTTER  
CANDY  
CINNAMON  
COOL  
CUT  
DECORATE  
EGGS  
FLOUR  
GINGERBREAD  
GUMDROPS  
HOLIDAY  
HOUSE  
ICING  
LEGS  
MAN  
MIX  
MOLASSES  
MOUTH  
NUTMEG  
NUTS  
OVEN  
RECIPE  
SPRINKLES  
SUGAR  
TOWN  
VANILLA  
WOMAN  
YUMMY

Y	B	A	K	E	S	P	O	R	D	M	U	G	I	S
M	I	X	S	U	G	A	R	B	W	B	O	A	M	S
Y	J	N	U	T	M	E	G	P	C	U	Y	O	K	M
E	D	R	G	F	L	O	U	R	L	T	U	Y	U	R
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T	N	L	G	E	S	M	E	S	D	S	I	L	U	I
A	W	B	K	S	Y	A	A	R	S	Y	E	O	G	N
R	O	C	V	N	R	N	N	N	B	A	L	H	D	A
O	M	O	T	E	I	E	E	G	N	R	L	J	V	V
C	A	O	O	P	P	R	C	V	N	I	E	O	J	I
E	N	L	W	L	C	K	P	I	O	I	C	A	M	I
D	H	K	N	B	N	U	T	S	P	F	C	C	D	W
H	C	U	T	L	D	M	C	J	L	E	O	I	I	D

The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.  
Find and circle each word.





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Our mission is  
to make disciples  
of Jesus Christ for  
the transformation  
of the world

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 am in person

Online

Radio 89.7 FM

Church Website

<https://www.umcracinemn.org>

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