



Sunday, December 31, 2023

Join us for Sunday worship in person at 10:30 a.m. or online. [Click here](#) for the live-streamed service.

This week at Riverbend United

December 29, 2023

Dear Friends:

Another year is here! The days are getting longer as more light comes our way with each new day.

I invite us to gather on Sunday morning at 10:30 to welcome this new year together. We'll have an opportunity in the service to set intention-- how are we being called to live in this new year?

Jesus tells us that wherever we reach out to someone in need-- someone hungry or naked or sick or imprisoned-- we do so to him. What are *you* hungry for this year? What is one small first step to take in this new year to feed your spiritual life? What is one small hunger you see around you - literally or metaphorically -- that you might help feed, with one tiny first step?

We make it all so big and daunting, and yet the nourishment lies in the tiny first steps, the nourishment for our own lives and for our neighbours. All those tiny first steps add up to create the fullness of our lives.

In our prayers we hold Jon Spaner and Jacqueline Laurin as they get married in the church this Thursday, January 4th. Jon is the son of Doug and Jill Spaner and grew up in the church. He has also served as our Youth Coordinator, and currently can be seen drumming away when the Ensemble plays. We wish the new couple well!

Peace to all,

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please [click here](#) for this week's Order of Service
- Click [here](#) for Announcements to January 7th
- Click [here](#) for the winter edition of **The Front Pew**, our quarterly newsletter.