

January Link

DIY Resolutions

When my wife and I bought our 1928 home some 16 years ago, we knew there was much work to be done on it, and me being too cheap to hire anyone, we both knew we were in for a significant longitudinal project. This old home always did have “good bones” but the truth of the matter is it had its share of problems too. Including an interior sheeting of homasote (nasty stuff) as well as low-ph (acidic) water coming from the well.

Over the years, we took each room in our home, gutted it down to the studs, re-insulated, added a vapor barrier, ran new electric, plumbing, HVAC and anything else the room needed then capped it off with new drywall, casings and baseboard.

As we’ve worked each room in the home, we learned a lot, had a few mishaps (and yes, some words that aren’t all too Christian were heard), but ultimately at the end of the day, each room was better than it was before

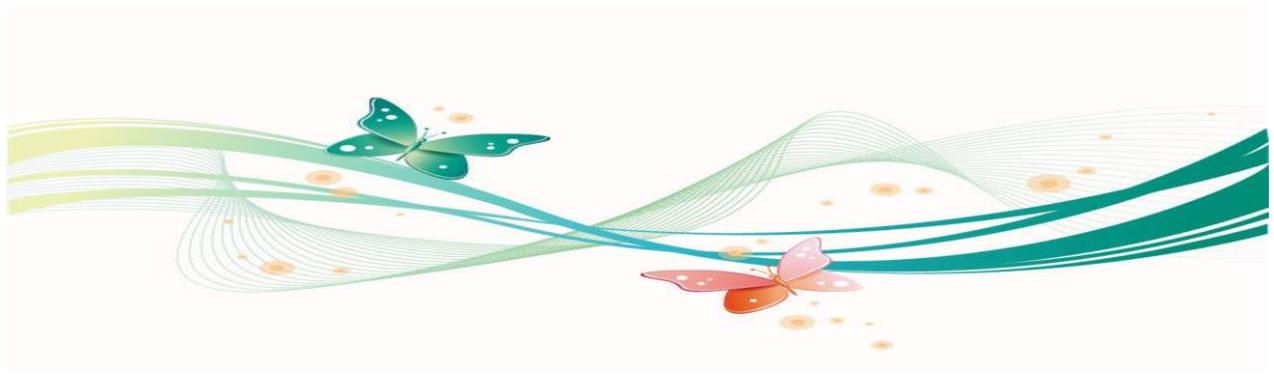
One of the biggest issues we had with the home was the acidic water, which had taken its toll on the old copper pipes, and they began to fail. So, we tore out every last stitch of copper in the house, added an acid neutralizer system, and replaced all our plumbing with acid impervious PEX.

Replacing the copper with PEX is much like our walk in Christ, when we first became a Christian, we looked at this new “home” with shiny copper pipes (our Christianity), but over the years of walking in Christ, the world takes its toll beating us down (the acidic water) and eventually if we don’t pay close enough attention, we may begin to corrode, eventually wear ourselves out, get bitter, or simply lose our ambition to bring Christ to the world. Maybe you’ve figured you’ve done enough already and don’t need to step up anymore.

As you look back at the past year preparing to start anew by making some resolutions for the year to come, look back at your pipes of life. Things that may have worked beautifully in the past, or still work perfectly for others, may no longer work for you. Maybe instead of a resolution this year, take on a DIY project to upgrade something you already have. Give your walk with Christ a renovation, re-plumb, or maybe even just give a nice fresh new coat of paint. Take on the challenge by Christ himself – the Great Commission to bring Christ into the lives of all we know.

Blessings always

Pastor Mike and Karen Antici



Always be kind.

If you see someone falling
behind walk beside them.
If someone is being ignored,
find a way to include them.
If someone has been
knocked down, lift them up.
Always remind people
of their worth.
Be who you needed
when you were going
through hard times.
Just one small act of
kindness could mean the
world to someone.



Scriptures for January

January 5: "Eureka": Mathew 2:1-12

January 12: "Boomerang": Matthew 2:13-23

January 19: "So it begins...": Luke 2:41-52

January 26: "Timber": Matthew 3; Mark 1:4-8; Luke 3:2-22; John 1:15

January Schedule

	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
January 5 January 12 January 19 January 26	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Baum Altar Guild Baum Volunteer Needed	Barb & Steve Bailey Dawn & Wayne Renfrew Nick & Jennie Peck Sandy Slemmer & Dennis Delaney
	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
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	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Children's Message</u>	
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	<u>Lector Readings</u>		
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<u>SUN.</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THUS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>	<u>SAT.</u>
			1 HAPPY NEW  YEAR!	2 6:45PM AA	3	4
5 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	6 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	7 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00PM Trustees Meeting 8:00PM AA	8	9 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	10	11
12 10:00AM Worship Service	13	14 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	15	16 6:45PM AA	17	18
19 10:00AM Worship Service	20 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	21 5:00pm Christmas Service 7:00PM SPRC Meeting 8:00PM AA	22	23 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	24	25
26 10:00AM Worship Service	27	28 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	29	30	31	

Church Humor:

A lawyer called his first witness to the stand in a trial - a grandmotherly, elderly woman.

He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?"

She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a young boy. And frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a rising big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you never will amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know the lawyer for the defence?"

She replied, "Why, yes I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. I used to baby-sit him for his parents. And he, too, has been a real disappointment to me. He's lazy, bigoted, he has a drinking problem. The man can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is one of the shoddiest in the entire city. Yes, I know him."

At this point, the Judge rapped the courtroom to silence and called both lawyers to the bench. In a very quiet voice, he said with menace, "If either of you asks her if she knows me, you'll be jailed for contempt!"

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees a car pattering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies-two in the front seat and three in the back --- wide eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly ...Twenty-two miles an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly.

The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119."

January Announcements

2019 Mitten Tree Results

Nineteen pairs of socks were delivered to the homeless shelter at the Winsted YMCA. Fourteen hat and scarf sets, 4 hat and mitten sets, 25 hats, 25 pairs of gloves and mittens, and 1 scarf were delivered to the Salvation Army in Winsted. **Thanks to all who participated.**

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Mike has office hours on Sunday from 12:30PM to 3:30PM or by appointment.

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