

# Fairfield Bay United Methodist Church

## News & Views

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### LECTIONARY

#### READINGS

#### January 03

#### Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

#### January 10

#### Baptism of the Lord

Gen 1:1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

#### January 17

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the

#### Epiphany

#### Human Relations Day (Offering)

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Cor 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

#### January 24

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the

#### Epiphany

Jon 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:5-12

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

#### January 31

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the

#### Epiphany

Deut 18:15-20

Psalms 111

1 Cor 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

### What? Me Worry?

Hopefully some of you remember the old *Mad* magazine. The words were from the magazine's "mascot" Alfred E. Neuman. The face and tag line were actually from decades before the magazine, but almost all of us identify them with *Mad*. The actual phrase seems to be first used in a "painless dentistry" ad.

If think some of us may put painless dentistry in the same category with 2020. But we're past that.

As we close one year and enter another, we usually think back at all the memories of the year and consider how the next year will be. That's the reason this month is named for the God Janus, the God with two faces who looks forward and backward at the same time.

I don't expect to hear *Auld Lang Syne* much this year end.

Most of us have been wanting to get out of 2020 for a long time, but at the same time we're concerned with what 2021 holds.

Well I'm not going to worry about it! No matter what man or the devil wants to throw at us, God's bigger! The kids used to have a Christian children's song, *God Is Bigger Than the Boogie Man*:

God is bigger than the Boogie Man;  
He's bigger than Godzilla or the monsters on TV.  
Oh, God is bigger than the Boogieman.  
And He's watching out for you and me.

And it's true! God's bigger than the devil. God's greater than all your troubles. He's the Greater One. And the Greater On lives inside you! He's watching out for you and has great plans for you.

"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them [the world, the devil, his system of sin and wickedness, and his followers]: because greater is He who is in you, than he who is in the world." (1 John 4:4)

Nothing can overcome you because you've already overcome everything! You overcame 2020 and you've already overcome anything the devil can throw at you this coming year!

Get ready! Get excited!

I don't know what your year's going to be like, but I do know that if you stand firm on God's promises for you, it's going to be great!

Enjoy 2021!

Paul

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Jim Hookman	02
Ray Streeter	04
Henry Burge	15
Jessica Sadler	16
David McClellan	18
Martha Nelson	19
Beulah Grangaard	21
Eric Jolly	21
Austin Smith	24
Roger Lafoon	28
Phillip Sadler	30

## **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

**THERE WILL BE NO IN HOUSE SERVICES  
FOR THE TIME BEING.**

## **SYMPATHIES**

We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Adele Hartig, in her death 12/29/20.

**2021 BIBLE READING PLANS CAN BE  
PICKED UP IN THE FOYER.**

**NEW SERMONS CONTINUE AT 10:00 A.M.  
SUNDAYS ON KFFB AND KFFB.COM, AND  
9:30 A.M. ON SUNDAYS ON FACEBOOK  
(FAIRFIELD BAY UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH).**

**UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONS AVAILABLE  
FOR PICK UP IN FOYER.**

**CHURCH OFFICE OPEN MONDAY,  
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY FROM 8:30 –  
4:00**