

A Word from the Pastor...

The **Messenger**

I can hardly believe we have almost survived 2020. The year of Covid-19. We have been out of the church, back in the church, and out of it again. I'm kind of sad that we have to be out of the sanctuary at this time of year especially. I miss the Advent Wreath and the liturgy surrounding it at this time. I miss the big tree at the front of the Sanctuary, and all the stuffed animals adorning its branches. I miss all the Christmas decorations throughout the church. And I miss the personal fellowship of the joyous season, but we have never been in a time like this in any of our lifetimes. I'm sure you are missing all those things as well. I pray that we can make up for it next year when Covid will not be a concern. Oh, I pray for that day, that God will hasten its coming.

But in the meantime, we have some form of gathering for

Sundays, a way to at least see one another on Zoom. I'm finishing up my year of looking at the Letters and Epistles this month, and looking forward to beginning a look at our Christian heritage in the Old Testament next year. There is so much to mine in the Old Testament, so much to see as it pertains to Jesus Christ in prophecy and in law. Jesus was a student of that law, and interpreted it for us in his life on earth with humanity. There was none of the New Testament when Jesus walked the earth. Jesus and all the writers of the New Testament taught from the writings of the Old, and our New Testament canon was developed from the interpretation of the history and writings and prophecy of the Old. I can't wait to get into studying that word.

But for now, we will have a subdued Christmas around the buildings of the church, and hopefully a renewed and joyous

celebration in our homes this year. Let this be a year of new traditions, built on the old and modified to incorporate new ideas and new ways to share our love with each other. I have heard that real Christmas trees are selling at phenomenal rates this year to help bring some form of normalcy to the house, even if they haven't been a part of the season in recent times. Maybe we can find a way to bring a part of God's great outdoors into our homes, even if we can't fit a tree. I would like to see us all purchase flowers and continue our ministry of delivering them to the homebound. We won't even be bound by the timing of Christmas Eve to make that happen this year. Let's get creative in sharing our love. I think front porch deliveries are still allowed. Merry Christmas to all. And a very Happy New Year as well. God bless you in this season of joy and peace.

Blessings in Christ...

Pastor Dan



News & Notes

~VIRTUAL MEETINGS~

CHURCH COUNCIL/FINANCE:

Wednesday, December 16th at 7PM

SPRC:

N/A

TRUSTEES:

Tuesday, December 8th at 7PM

Updated
Website



If you haven't had a chance, please check out our updated website at:

www.fumcmilford.org

In addition, if you have any photos or information you'd like added to the website, please contact Kathy and she'd be happy help!

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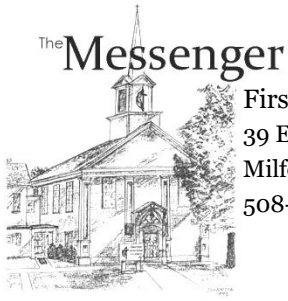
Christmas Eve SERVICE

*Conference Wide ZOOM Worship Service
Thursday, December 24th ~Details to follow~*



For
unto
you is
born this
day in the
city of David
a saviour, which
is Christ the Lord.

Luke
2:11



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