

*Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we might live and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*



Dear friends in Christ,

A blessed new year to you all!

The dawn of a new year heralds a time of renewal—a time to regroup, rethink, and revise. With the assurance of salvation in Christ who came and lived among us and died to save us, we are freed from our bondage to sin and error—freed to let go of past mistakes and begin each day anew in the light of God’s grace. Thanks be to God, that we can greet the new year in confidence, peace, and joy.

On Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am, our congregation will gather for worship, and our annual meeting. Together we will review the events of last year, and celebrate all the ways God’s grace and blessings were shared through our ministries in this place. And we will be looking ahead to a new year of living out our sacred mission:

*to inspire and empower one another by spreading the good news  
of Jesus Christ to all people through worship and good works.*

In mid-January, you will receive the Annual Report for 2011, with details of our congregation’s programs and events. Please take the time to review that information carefully. During the annual meeting, as each leadership team presents highlights of the past year, the floor will be opened up to the congregation to ask questions and make suggestions to help inspire and improve our work together in God’s name.

This is your church. Let your voice be heard! In this new year, all are encouraged to renew their commitment to living a faithful, gospel-driven life, and to share the work of our community of faith.

And may the God of new life and new beginnings fill your lives with blessing and your hearts with joy throughout this new year.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Diane