

Happy New Year

For the HIP Church – from Rev. Ron

Dear HIP Church,

'Tis the season to give thanks, look back and look ahead as this year fades into the next one. Given the events of the past year, I don't pretend to know how next year will unfold, but I believe that good things will happen, because that's God's nature. God gives us reasons to rejoice when we least expect them.

With January will come A Service of Ordination and Installation, our annual meeting, the nation's Martin Luther King Jr. observance and the inauguration of an American president.

We celebrate God's call to Ruth Clayton and Bill Eby as they will promise to serve Christ's church with energy, intelligence, imagination and love on Sunday, January 12.

Remember that we will experiment with having potlucks after worship next year, and the first one of these events will be the annual meeting on January 19. Of course, this event will fall on MLK weekend when the nation gives thanks for leaders whose courage fosters greater kindness and compassion. We will pray for more progress in 2025 and that God will raise up leaders who will boldly lead us in the direction of God's dreams for the church.

Please note that Carla Taylor will be leading worship in my absence on Sunday, December 29 while Judi and I will be on our long-awaited and much anticipated honeymoon.

I hope that your holidays are everything that you wish for, but be careful what you wish for, because God's plans are more ambitious and adventurous than ours.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Blessings, Ron



God Bless You

Catherine Pulsifer

God keep and bless you on this special day
God watch over you this I always pray
God give you faith to see your dreams come true
And on this New Year may God bless you.
