

Week of December 31, 2023

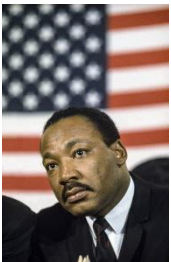


From Woody: Happy 2024 to all....We are entering a new year, hoping that it will be a good one for all of us on this tiny planet.

As we approach our first communion Sunday of a new year I thought it appropriate to share some thoughts of the late episcopal priest, Malcolm Boyd, from his book ARE YOU RUNNING WITH ME JESUS:

Jesus, we're here again. What are we doing here? I mean, how is communion with you possible? You're holy, and we are very human. Yet I remember that you also became human. I wonder how we can honestly be nourished and cleansed by your body and blood. Yet I realize that communion is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. I accept this mystery. We are grateful for this intimacy with you, Jesus. We thank you for letting share this corporate action as we offer to God all of creation including our own lives. Give us faith to understand what it means to be thankful.

Announcements



Martin Luther King Celebration: We look forward to having Joel Gill with us on Martin Luther King Sunday, January 14. He is Judy's son, a professor and both author and artist of graphic novels on Black History. Please invite friends to join us.



Valentine Serenades: Members of the choir are again offering Valentine Serenades for your valentines. The offering includes 1-2 songs by members of the choir, a box of handmade chocolates by the Trzepacz family, a flower, and a card. This will be offered February 3-14, 5-8 pm. Cost is \$35. Reservations can be made by calling or emailing Barbara Woodland 603-487-3643 or barbarawoodland@comcast.net. This is a fun and wonderful fundraiser for the church.



Peace Quote ..War is only a cowardly escape from the problems of peace.....*Thomas Mann*