

Ring Out, Wild Bells

A. H. H. by Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1849)

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more,
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkenss of the land,
Ring in the lucia that is to be.

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And now let us believe
in a long year that is given to us,
new, untouched,
full of things
that
have
never
been...

Happy
new
Year

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you
are welcome here.*

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ZION?

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IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Mary Hoover, Bill Bertram, Dakota Miller, Marlene Rhueff, Barb Mottice, Al & Elaine Panyi, BethAnn Postlewait, Pat Loyszczyk, Doug Lewis (Joyce Coy's brother), Jay Taylor (Relative of Rev. Coy & Joyce), Tom Caves (Relative of Rev. Coy & Joyce), Alan Hunt

➤ If you would like to be remembered in prayer or know of someone who would appreciate being included in this list, please contact the church office.

PASTOR COY

If you would like to meet with Pastor Coy, please make an appointment with the church office at **740-282-1793**. If you would like to get a hold of Pastor Coy directly, his cell number is **330-301-0551**. Pastor Coy has **office hours Mon, Wed, & Thurs**.

WORSHIP SERVICE

We have resumed having our regular 11 AM service! We have **cloth and disposable masks available**. We ask that you please observe social distancing in the sanctuary. To God be the Glory!

COUNCIL MEETING

The next council meeting will be **February 7, 2021, after worship**.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Council has chosen **January 24** for our annual congregational meeting. We will be voting on making Rev. Coy our permanent pastor. Please have all reports in by **January 10**, then the annual reports will ready **January 17**.

*Whatever you do, do it all
for the glory of God.*

1Corinthians 10:31

Pastor's Pen

New Year in Faith

By now all the presents have been put away. The worries about what we are buying for whom and where we have to be are behind us. Hearing all the same stories about the baby being born in Bethlehem have been told. To most of us it still is a fantastic miracle. We try to pass it on to a new generation; but some sadly don't seem to care. We keep trying because it is an important message for their future. It is a new year, a new beginning for you, for me and for the church. If you think our church here in Steubenville is the only church going through changes think again. Many churches are making big decisions about the pandemic and low attendance, even when the virus is not around. Many churches are wondering where they are going and what they can do to put church back in people's lives. Just like our own personal lives the church must make decisions about life and we worry are we doing the right thing, moving in the right direction. As long as your decisions begin and end with Jesus Christ you won't go wrong. Jesus knows what is best. Even if we stray from his direction He waits for us to move back towards Him. Luckily we don't have to go through life or decisions alone. We have our family, our friends and our church family that we have grown to share and form a bond with. Jesus is never far from our side.

Remember for the New Year to choose happiness. Count your blessings and thank God for them. Constantly strive for goodness and goodness will come back to you. Be kind, show love and it will shine from your face. People may be grumpy back to you but do these things anyway. Life is a journey so make it a worthwhile ride.

This year we will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called opportunity and its first chapter is News Years Day. -Edith Pierce

All your opportunities are possible with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Have a wonderful New Year,

Rev. Coy