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2023 Year End Review: Missions Accomplished!!









The snow is blowing, and I'm rearranging some meetings and appointments for this week. I have a habit of saying, "I believe it when I see it" when it comes to weather forecasts. But, so far, the snow is starting to stick, so the forecasters may be right this time.

This coming Sunday, Jan. 14, we will talk about Jesus' baptism and reaffirm our promises as we remember our baptism during worship. This is always an important service for me as it calls to mind a very special Sunday when I was serving at Stanberry. That story will be a part of this Sunday's sermon.

John baptizes Jesus, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58027 [retrieved January 8, 2024]. Original source: https://www.flickr.com/photos/apmethodist/4354911272.

I so appreciate the folks who helped de-decorate the church of Christmas decorations after worship on Sunday. It is always kind of sad and every-

thing looks so empty. But there will be many activities and special Sundays that will capture our attention in the weeks ahead. Souper Bowl Sunday happens on Feb. 11. Be sure to check out Roxyann's cute bulletin board about bringing soup and other canned goods. Then we will observe Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14 and begin the season of Lent. I am excited about the worship series for Lent: what r u up 2? Rather than just "giving up" in Lent, the scriptures ask us to consider all that Jesus is "up to" and all that he asks us to be up to in his name. This should be a challenging series for us as we consider how we can best represent Jesus in the world around us.

Stay safe and healthy, Friends, as wintry germs and weather are all around us. It is an honor to be your pastor!

Pastor Cindy







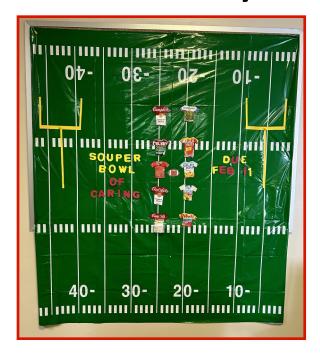
A new security door has been installed at the east hallway entrance.





"Souper Bowl" is February 11th

Are You Ready toRumble???!!



Bring canned soup & canned goods between now and February 11th so we can donate much needed food to Inter-Serv! Help us help others in our community!

JOIN US FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH FOLLOWING
11 AM WORSHIP!

CALENDAR

January 14 **Fellowship Luncheon** January 20 Men's Group 8 AM January 29 Serve Open Door Food Kitchen 9 AM February 11 **Deadline for donated soup for SOUPER BOWL Fellowship Luncheon** February 12 Starlight meets 3:30 PM February 13 **Ad Council 6 PM** February 17 Men's Group 8 AM February 29 Serve Open Door Food Kitchen 9 AM

