

# Pastor's Greeting

Dear AUMC Family:

January 2022

First, I thank everyone who was so gracious to me for Pastor Appreciation Month, my birthday, and Christmas. Your gifts of friendship and thanksgiving mean SO much to me. Thank you—each and every one in this church family!

Second, I'd like to offer two suggestions for New Year's Resolutions:

1) Join me in committing to read through the Bible in 2022. There are many reading plans available, but I especially like this one because it takes you to various parts of the Bible each week. This plan includes Old Testament, Psalms, Prophets, Gospels and Epistles each week. Reading plans are available in the Narthex, or if you're not in Avoca let me know and I'll figure out a way to get one to you.

2) Next is to help make guests feel more comfortable in our worship and fellowship times by wearing our nametags. Several people are "new" to our church family (and others will be joining in the near future!) and the nametags would help them learn everyone's name. This should be an ongoing resolution, not just a temporary gesture.

Finally, there is information elsewhere in the newsletter about raising money for wells. Safe, fresh water is something we take for granted, but so much of the world cannot. In Mark 9:41, Jesus said, "I assure you that whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will certainly be rewarded." I am excited to see how much of a difference we can make as a church. We cannot solve *all* the world's problems, but we are held accountable to make a difference where we can. "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)

We are called to live out our faith. The "C" of the ABC's is to commit to following Christ's example by serving one another. Our faith makes a difference in every aspect of our lives. I pray that you will renew your efforts to live as a Christian example as we begin this new year. Have a blessed New Year!

Bee kind, bee thoughtful, bee thankful, but most of all bee a disciple!



*Pastor Barre*