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JANUARY 2010

How did you spend New Years Eve and New Years Day? The early Methodists took the occasion to participate in a Covenant Renewal worship service. John Wesley recorded in his Journal: *Many mourned before God, and many were comforted . . .* (April 1756) *It was a time for a variety of spiritual experiences . . . Afterwards many desired to return thanks, either for a sense of pardon, for full salvation, or for a fresh manifestation of His graces, healing all their backslidings* (January 1, 1775).

We are accustomed to discussions about “New Year’s resolutions”. Sometimes resolutions are based on our own human aspirations and whims. What would your life be like if you based your New Year’s resolution on your desire to be faithful to God? There are times when God’s will and our own coincide. But sometimes not.

Consider praying, until your own will yields to God’s, the Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition (UM Hymnal #607), that is also found in the Covenant Service designed for the New Year:

*I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.*

Place this prayer somewhere that you visit daily—the bathroom mirror, the refrigerator, your favorite chair—

and as you allow God to have greater control of your life be in awe at the amazing thing that our Lord accomplishes through you!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Mark



ADVANCE NOTICE: The **deadline** for the February Newsletter is **TUESDAY, JANUARY 15.**

SPECIAL DATES OF THE MONTH:

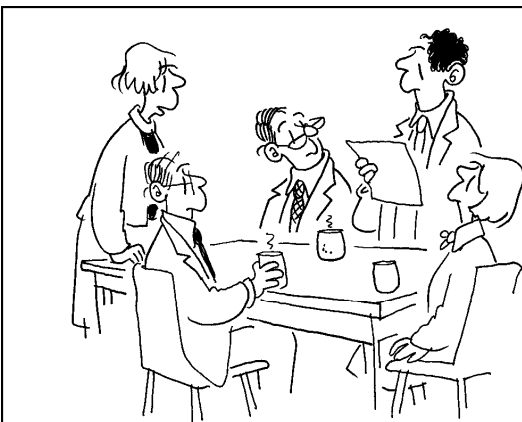
New Year's Day, January 1

Epiphany, January 3

Baptism of the Lord, January 10

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 18

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,
January 18-25**



Campbell.

"Even though the last meeting was an eternity, Sam, we'll continue to call this report the minutes."

January 3:

Epiphany Sunday

10:15 Liturgist: LouAnne Sheard
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24 (UMH 755)
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

January 10:

**1st Sunday after the Epiphany
Baptism of the Lord**

10:15 Liturgist: Bruce Hutchison
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-37
Psalm 127 or Psalm 42 (UMH 777)
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

January 17:

**2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
Human Relations Day**

10:15 Liturgist: Paul Van Horn
1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113 (UMH 834)
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

January 24:

**3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
Ecumenical Sunday**

10:15 Liturgist: Beth Troop
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12 (UMH 849)
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

January 31:

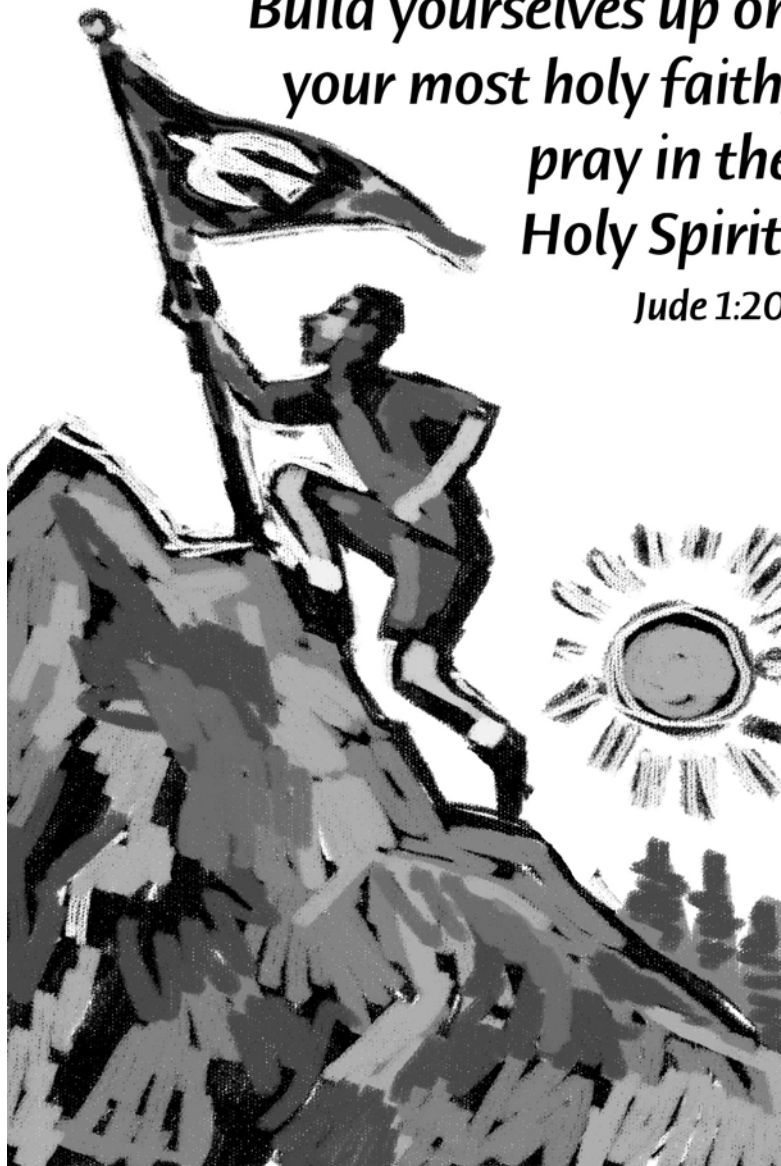
4th Sunday after the Epiphany

10:15 Liturgist: Christine Smith
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756)
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

JANUARY WORSHIP THEMES

*Build yourselves up on
your most holy faith;
pray in the
Holy Spirit.*

Jude 1:20



JANUARY 2010

USHERS 8 a.m.: Phyllis & Rip Miller

USHERS 10:15 a.m.: Janet Orr & Betty Dennis

ACCOMPANISTS: Gail Reining & Betty Ann Robson



Thanks, Energizer Bunnies, for your great service in preparing our newsletters for distribution: Rose Branning, Rose Eno, Emily Hitty, Irene Perkin and Mary Wilcox. Along with our bunnies came a white rabbit, Roger Branning. Many hands make light work. Our *Faith in Action* would not be possible without the dedication of these friends of the church. And, let us remember our members who give of their time and goodness to visit our homebound brothers and sisters, spreading the good news and offering home

communion! God bless your service to our congregation!

*A STATEMENT OF FAITH

A half century ago, Milward Simpson was the governor of Wyoming. He was a Christian who trusted God without question. He and his wife often shared this statement of faith:

The light of God surrounds us,
The love of God enfolds us,
The power of God protects us,
And the presence of God watches over us;
Wherever we are, God is

God 
Answers
Prayers

***A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Eternal God, thank you for bringing us once again to the threshold of a new year. Help us dedicate each day of 2010 to following your will for our lives. Guide us, Lord, in all our decisions and actions, day by day and hour by hour. Help us accomplish all that you desire for us to do, until our mission on earth is finished. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



We Believe

A simple line drawing of a dove in flight, facing right, with its wings spread and tail feathers visible.

HERE I AM LORD.....USE ME!
Classified Ads for the Lord's Work

- We are looking for someone to be the Projectionist for the 8AM service, on the fourth (4th) Sunday of each month. Training is available if needed. Please pray about this; possibly God is leading you in this direction. If you are interested, please make a note on the pew pad or speak directly to Pastor Mark about your desire to serve in this position.
- Join a church committee that interests you...talk to Pastor Mark.

In prayer today, ask Jesus what he would have you do to serve his kingdom through BLUMC. Whether it be a big or small task...obey, knowing he will give you all that it takes even when you think you may not be able to do it on your own.



Girl Scouts

As you know, three of our UMYF girls, Danielle Kocher, Carmen Francesco & Lacey Smith, will be traveling to two of the Girl Scout World Centers in London and Switzerland this summer with six other Wayne County Senior Girl Scouts.

They'll be representing Girl Scouts of America and meeting Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from all over the world, gathering for service and educational opportunities.



How can you help? They're collecting used cell phones which you can put in a box in the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you for your continued support.



***A WINNING PATTERN FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Some anonymous wise person penned the following directions for living without bringing pain to others or oneself:



“You will never be sorry -- for thinking before acting, for hearing before judging, for forgiving your enemies, for being candid and frank, for helping a fallen brother, for being honest in business, for thinking before speaking, for being loyal to God and the church, for standing by your principles, for refusing to participate in gossip, for holding your words when tempted to demean another, for not entertaining impure or hateful thoughts, for sympathizing with the afflicted, for being courteous and kind to all.”

*GOODBYE, OLD YEAR

Old Year! Upon the Stage
of Time
You stand to bow your
last adieu;
A moment, and the
prompter's chime
Will ring the curtain down
on you.

---Robert W. Service



*CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS



OLIVE BRANCH

The Olive Branch is a symbol of peace, harmony and healing. Olive trees provide shelter, as well as oil used for ointment and consecration. The Olive Branch also represents deliverance from hardships and anxiety because a dove brought an olive leaf back to Noah's ark after the flood ended (Genesis 8:11).







*"STATIONARY TIME"

We are frequently thinking
That time's running fast.
The present seems fleeting
And soon becomes past.

But time is a measurement
Standing quite still.
It's we who are moving ---
Or stopped, by our will.



---Peggy Ferrell

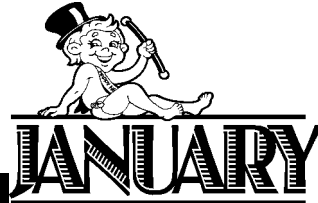


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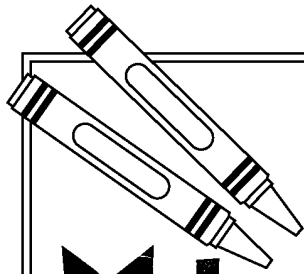
<p>Every Sunday: 8 AM - Worship 9 AM - Sunday School for all ages 10:15 AM - Worship</p>			
<p>3 Epiphany Sunday</p>	<p>4 Preschool 4-5 PM - Jr. Girl Scout Troop #480 6:30-8 PM - Cub Den #6</p>	<p>5 Preschool 6:30-8 PM - Lion Cub Scouts Den #6 7 PM - Bible Study @ Narrowsburg</p>	<p>6 Preschool 8 AM - Prayer Breakfast 6 PM - TOPS 7 PM - Family Connect</p>
<p>10 Baptism of the Lord  4 PM - Singles</p>	<p>11 Preschool 6:30-8 PM - Cub Den #6 7 PM - SPRC</p>	<p>12 Preschool 6:30-8 PM - Lion Cub Scouts Den #6 7 PM - Bible Study @ BLUMC</p>	<p>13 Preschool 8 AM - Prayer Breakfast 6 PM - TOPS</p>
<p>17 Human Relations Day UMYF Luncheon & Ring in the New Year Talent Show right after late worship service.</p>	<p>18 "I ^{*****}Have a DREAM..." Martin Luther King Day Preschool 4-5 PM - Jr. Girl Scout Troop #480</p>	<p>19 Preschool 6:30 PM - Cub Pack #410 7 PM - Trustees 7 PM - Bible Study @ Narrowsburg</p>	<p>20 Preschool 8 AM - Prayer Breakfast 10 AM - UM Women 6 PM - TOPS</p>
<p>24 Ecumenical Sunday Favorite Hymns Sunday 11:30 AM - Eco-Justice Ministries 5-6 PM - UM Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>25 Preschool 6:30-8 PM - Cub Den #6</p>	<p>26 Preschool 7 PM - Bible Study @ BLUMC 7:30 PM - Safe Sanctuaries</p>	<p>27 Preschool 8 AM - Prayer Breakfast 6 PM - TOPS 7 PM - Christian Educc</p>
<p>31 4th Sunday after Epiphany</p>			

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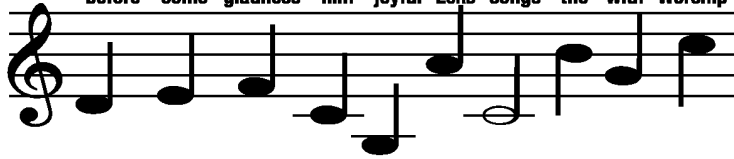
Just for **KIDS**

Make a joyful noise

People often gather with noisemakers to celebrate the promise of a new year. Be thankful and joyful for the many blessings in your life.

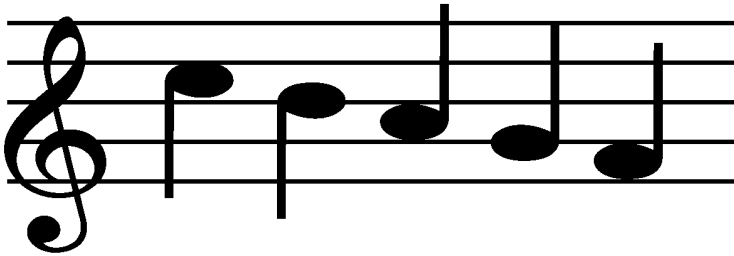
Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

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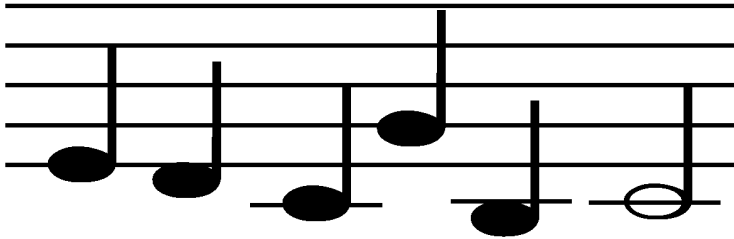


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Answer: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

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*A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Economically speaking, 2009 was a dreadful year for many families around the world. Some lost homes, cars and jobs. Many are unable to fund college educations for their children, and bank accounts have dwindled. What will 2010 bring: movement toward less of everything or toward a more hopeful future?

Here's a good resolution to make: "Our family will pay close attention to our income, our savings and our necessary purchases. We will keep a record of every dollar spent and every dollar saved."

Money accumulated, invested and given wisely will bring peace of mind and the ability to contribute more to the church and people in need. Families must develop a healthy attitude toward money. Scripture doesn't condemn money; it simply warns against loving it or making it an idol (1 Timothy 6:10).

With God as our mentor, nearly every family can avoid having crushing debt. Wise stewardship brings relief and unbridled joy to those who practice it. As economist George Humphrey said, "I don't think you can spend yourself rich."



*QUOTES OF THE MONTH

- **"In darkness there is no choice. It is light that enables us to use the differences between things; and it is Christ who gives us light."
--Augustus Hare**
- **"Most of us, swimming against the tides of trouble the world knows nothing about, need only a bit of praise or encouragement---and we will make the goal."
--Jerome Fleishman**
- **"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."
--J. M. Barrie**



JANUARY YOUTH GROUP

December went by fast, but the UMYF had fun. The youth group got together to make cookies for our bake sale, which was held during the Christmas Fun Day and Sunday services. The bake sale went well and we thank everyone that helped us out. After hearing about all his troubles, the youth group decided to donate the bake sale money to Pastor Ngoy to help him and his family during this challenging time. We gathered on the 20th for our Christmas celebration and also prepared the candles for the candlelight service. The youth group performed a play called "Christmas Wonders" during that Christmas Eve service. We hope you were able to come out and see the youth group play, which was written by Beth Troop. Thank you, Beth, for another wonderful play!

On the calendar for January is the Ring In The New Year Talent Show. COME JOIN US !!! It is Sunday January 17th (not the 10th as originally announced), with a light lunch provided by the UMYF and the talent show to follow. Everyone is welcome to participate and a sign-up sheet will be in the back of the church. Please sign up by January 10th so we can prepare the program. The festivities will begin following the 10:15AM service. Please bring some non-perishable food items for the local food pantries, and a free will offering will be accepted for the Ngoy family. You can have a fun time while showing your Christian love for others. It will be warm, the food will be good, and the talent will be amazing. Hope to see you there!

January UMYF Schedule:

- Jan. 10 - Skiing at Ski Big Bear 9AM-4:30PM - \$15 lift tickets, \$10 rentals. See Allison if interested.
- Jan. 17 - Ring in the New Year Talent Show - following 10:15AM service.
- Jan. 24 - Jr. & Sr. UMYF - 5-6:30PM / Snow Date for Talent Show

Yours in Christ,

Samantha Freiermuth

UMYF Delegate

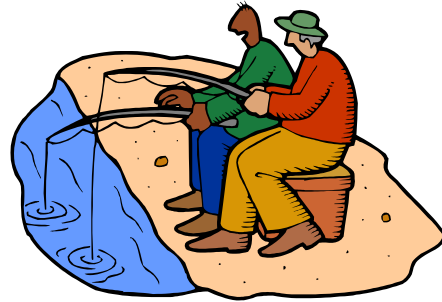


**Join the
Youth Group**

*A NEW YEAR'S DESIRE

Grant that I may bring no tear to any eye,
when this New Year in time shall end.
Let it be said I've played the friend,
have lived and loved and labored here,
And made of it a happy year.

---Edgar A. Guest



*Undeck
the Halls*



JINGLE BELL TAMBOURINE

To ring in 2010, make a joyful noise
with this musical instrument.

What you need:

- 2 plastic plates
- Hole punch
- Pen
- Beads or beans (or other small items that will make noise when shaken)
- Tacky craft glue
- 6 pieces of ribbon (each about 5" long and 1/4" wide)
- 6 jingle bells
- Stickers
- Markers



What you do:

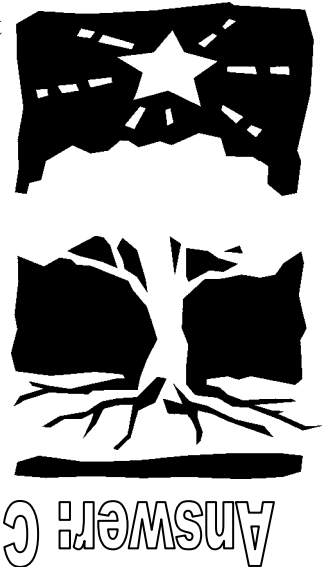
1. On the bottom of each plate, write, "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth" (Psalm 100:1, NIV).
2. Punch six evenly spaced holes around the rim of one plate. Mark the holes with a pen and then punch six matching holes in the second plate.
3. Pour the beads or beans into one plate and then squeeze glue around the rim of that plate.
4. Place the other plate on top, aligning the holes. (Make sure the Bible verses are on the outside.) Let it dry.
5. Thread one ribbon through one hole and through one bell, and then tie the ribbon. Repeat five more times, once for each hole.
6. Decorate the instrument with stickers or markers.
7. Play your tambourine when you sing your favorite songs.

???? THE BIBLE QUIZ ????

In Revelation 22:16, Jesus says: "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of _____, the bright morning star."

Choose the correct name from the list below:

- A. Isaac
- B. Jacob
- C. David
- D. Solomon



*WHEN THE NEW YEAR BEGINS FOR US

In 46 B.C., Roman Emperor Julius Caesar first chose January 1 as the date of the new year. Six hundred years later, the Roman church proclaimed that the new year would henceforth be March 25, the date of the Feast of the Annunciation (when the angel spoke to Mary).



March 25 was the accepted New Year's Day for almost 1,000 years. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII moved it back to January 1.



A new year and a new graphic. Okay, so it doesn't really look like me but I'm getting closer... I think.

Happy New Year, Everybody! I trust your Christmas was a blessed event and that the New Year will hold all good things for you.

Did you make any New Year's Resolutions? Whoever started that practice anyway - some demented fool??? You know the minute you make them, you break them. So why make them in the first place? I believe they are nasty things. Be honest: Did you ever stick to that diet? Did you ever exercise every day? Did you ever read that book you've wanted to read for two years now? How about more time for yourself? Now, that's a good one, especially if you are a parent or caregiver. Seems to me we set ourselves up for failure making these resolutions. Perhaps we should "inventory" rather than "resolve."

Following is an article taken from the publication The Newsletter Newsletter, and it makes a lot more sense to me than the old New Year's Resolutions:

"Entering a new year is a good time to inventory our habits --the bad ones as well as the good. Greek philosopher Aristotle once opined on this subject: 'Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts. We become temperate by doing temperate acts. We become brave by doing brave acts.'

"Just so, we will become faithful lovers of God by seriously worshiping and faithfully following the Christian way of life. Attending corporate worship, learning more about Christianity, doing good deeds for others and participating in fellowship events are all good habits. They enhance your life and bring joy to people around you."

Now, that makes better sense to me. BLUMC church (and that means each and every one of us) is known as a caring fellowship of dedicated Christians, whose mission is:

"to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world through:

Evangelism - Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the world

Worship - Focusing on God and expressing praise and devotion to Him

Discipleship - Growing spiritually through Bible study and prayer

Service - Using our talents, spiritual gifts and financial blessings to help others

Fellowship - Encouraging one another as the family of God."

Not a bad idea to remind ourselves of our church's Mission Statement at the beginning of this new year.

May God continue to bless and encourage each one of us as we work to do His will.

Faithfully,

Alice

Alice Kahn, Editor

Please take time to peruse our Equal Exchange display located in the hallway as you come in from the parking lot. There are NUMEROUS kinds of coffee, tea, and chocolate bars--also available hot chocolate, baking cocoa and other goodies. There is educational information about this mission project available on the display.

*This mission project is about paying fair prices for coffee etc. as well as environmental stewardship. If you would like more information on this ongoing mission project, please contact the church office.



MUGS and decorative PLATES adorning a sketch of our church are available! There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to purchase a mug and/or plate. Mugs are \$6.00 and plates are \$10.00. There are samples of each to view on the back table. See Rose Branning with questions or payment.



"I love leading the flock on their journey, but I wish they'd stop asking, 'Are we there yet?!'"



Life Is Sacred

***NOW IS THE TIME**

We live in troubling times, with wars, poverty, hunger, economic woes, health scares and more. So what now?

Believe this: We Christians will survive the test! Faith, prayer and discipline will bring us victory. Our love for God and the need for worship, Christian education and joyous fellowship will ultimately prevail.

A pastor who worked in a city's poverty-stricken area was asked how his work was going. He answered: "It is a hand-to-mouth existence: God's hand providing for our mouths." So it may be for many churches and people today. But God promises to see us through.



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Ashley Bayly
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