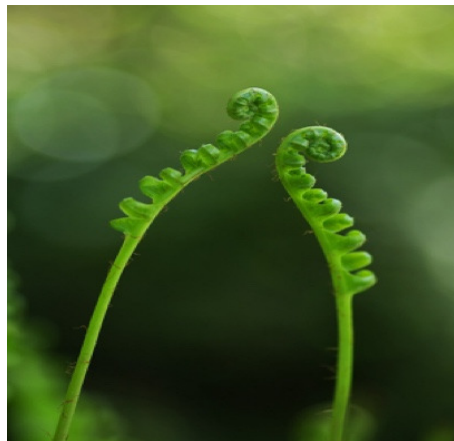


PLUM's Pastoral Staff is praying for every member and congregation who share in the life and mission of PLUM. The Advent and Christmas season is a very special time of year in the life of the church. It is a time of renewing our commitment to grow in our faith journey together. It is a time opening the gift of the future that the Spirit of God has placed under the Christmas Tree for us. It is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior and the birth of what this new year will bring.



In New Zealand, the national symbol for new life is the young sprout of the forest fern with its curled head. In that country, you will see this symbol everywhere (in art, on clothing, in architecture). It represents an anticipation of what is developing in nature and in society.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Savior, may this new life symbol represent for us the unfolding of God's grace and inspiration for PLUM in the new year.

***Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year to all,***

Pastor John,
Pastor Brenda,
Pastor Sue
and Pastor Paul

Epiphany Home Blessing 2022

*Twelfth Night (January 5) or another day during the season of Epiphany offers an occasion for gathering with friends and family members for a blessing of the home. It can be led by one person or multiple members of the household. Following an eastern European tradition, a visual blessing may be inscribed with white chalk above the main door: 20 + CMB + 22. The numbers change with each new year. The three letters stand for either the ancient Latin blessing *Christe mansionem benedica*, which means, "Christ, bless this house," or the legendary names of the magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar).*

Invocation:

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who spreads forth the heavens like a tent, who shelters our lives, who comes to make a home with us. **Amen.**

Prayer:

Let us pray. O God, watch over *family name(s)* in all our going out and our coming in; keep all evil away from our door; and let us share the hospitality of this home with all who visit, that those who enter here may know your love and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Reading: Matthew 6:25-34

Blessing of the Home

The three Wise Men,

C Caspar,

M Melchior,

B and Balthasar, followed the star of God's Son who became human

20 two thousand

22 and twenty-two years ago.

+ May Christ bless our home

+ and remain with us throughout the new year. **Amen.**

A Song or Hymn may be sung

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Dwell here in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**