

# Pastor Anne's Message, January 2024

Grace to you and peace from God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Welcome January 2024! It is a new year, a new beginning, and a fresh start! We are about to write a new chapter of our lives while opening ourselves to God and His blessings! Let us embrace this new start while bringing Christ's Light into our world, into our homes, and into our lives.

I thank God for the Community of Faith of the Collbran Congregational United Church of Christ, where we truly believe that ~ "Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, YOU are welcome here!" I thank God for all in the Plateau Valley Community for the support we receive from the "broader neighborhood" on the north slope of the Grand Mesa. We aim and wish to be a church that is here for the community and available for everyone whenever needed. Know that I appreciate everything about the Plateau Valley and am thankful for my roots through my husband, Sveto Djokic, who arrived in Collbran at 5 years old in 1951.

At the start of this new year in which "God is Still Speaking," I am reminding myself of positive actions to practice and follow. Here is my list.

- Be humble and listen.
- Give thanks for everything.
- Always be rejoicing in the Lord.
- Walk by faith.
- Always do the work of the Lord, with whatever gifts you have been given to spend and share on this Earth.
- Be a peacemaker.
- Open yourself to the blessings of God.
- Be humble and listen.
- Reach out to others!



I pray for the highest good in all situations; for miracles that will bless every one of us; for strength, patience, clarity, discernment, and abundant love in our lives and the lives of our loved ones as well as strangers we have yet to meet. May it be so for all of us! All the best in this New Year 2024! I hope to see you soon! Our Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00 AM year round.

In His Love,

Pastor Anne

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**Potluck Lunch 11:30, Dining Hall**  
**Meeting 12:30, Sanctuary**

## Scenes from Advent



*Advent 1* The Stewards: Loi Hittle, Bev Loftus, Lew Evans, Jerry Gaddy



*Advent 2* The Musicians: Virginia Klute, Juliette, Charli Gaddy, Sue Bellotti, Shannon Currier



*Advent 3* Peggy Kohl, Cindy and Tom Melendy



*Advent 4* The Cox and Murphy Family