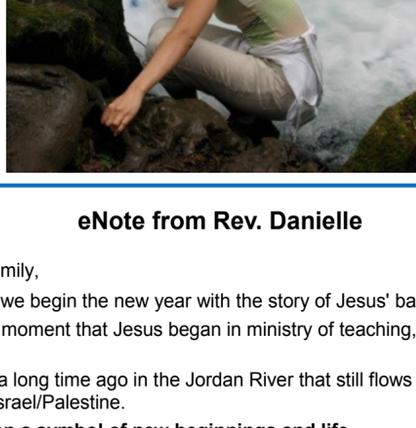




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Left: Rev. D gathering water from the River Jordan at Baniyas Spring, Golan Heights, Israel, 2007.

eNote from Rev. Danielle

Dear First Family,

This Sunday we begin the new year with the story of Jesus' baptism.

This was the moment that Jesus began in ministry of teaching, healing and liberating.

It took place a long time ago in the Jordan River that still flows between Jordan and Israel/Palestine.

Water is often a symbol of new beginnings and life.

When we give thanks for water, we bless all of creation.

When we share water, we share hope.

When we bless with water, we invite the Source of Life to be present.

It will be a wonderful way to **begin our new year together** - celebrating the beginning of Jesus' adult ministry with us.

And we'll also welcome two of God's children into the church in the Sacrament of Baptism.

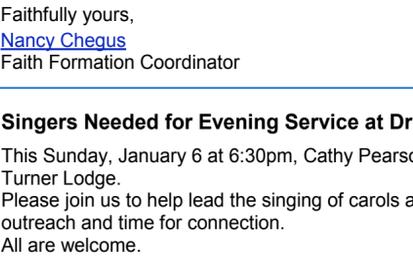
I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

And the Lord said, *"I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you."*

(Isaiah 43:17)

joyfully in Christ,
[Rev. Danielle](#)

This Sunday, January 6, 10:00 a.m.



Sermon Title:
River Running in You and Me!

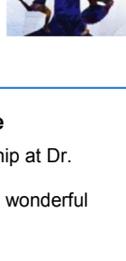
Celebrating a New Year with Baptism.

Food Bank
Sunday.

Happy New Year!

Children in Worship: Jan. 6 with theme based activities

Growing God's Children: January 13 and 20 – "More Than Enough" based on the story of the loaves and fishes.



Faithfully yours,

[Nancy Chegus](#)

Faith Formation Coordinator

Singers Needed for Evening Service at Dr. Turner Lodge

This Sunday, January 6 at 6:30pm, Cathy Pearson will lead worship at Dr. Turner Lodge.

Please join us to help lead the singing of carols and hymns. It's a wonderful outreach and time for connection.

All are welcome.

Please regularly check-out our website at fsunited.org to keep yourselves updated about our coming events, and to listen to our recorded sermons.

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