

January 12th, 2022

I am finally over the COVID. I woke up this morning feeling almost normal (physically), and ready to conquer the day! I consider myself lucky to have had mild symptoms. Earlier this week we found out we lost one of our old neighbors. James and Laurie both came down with COVID, Jim ended up hospitalized. While he was getting treatment, Laurie passed away at home. How terrible is that? You are in the hospital fighting for your life, and the person you love most passes at home. I cannot imagine the pain he is going through. I know they have a strong faith, and I hope with that and support of his church he will get through this. Please pray for Jim and his family as they go through this terrible time.

As many of you have heard, the latest version of COVID is spreading through the area at an incredible rate. Reports are the symptoms are not as severe as earlier versions, but it is still an illness you do not want to get. I would suggest you take any precautions you feel necessary to protect yourself and others. If you are sick, please stay home until you feel better. If you need to miss a service, Pastor Tony will visit you on your computer so you will not miss any of his exciting messages.

I will be traveling to WI this weekend to celebrate a friend's 100th birthday! He is retired Navy and served in WW2. I look forward to hearing more of his stories about being a radio operator on ships. I will also make sure and spend time with my three grandkids and take them sledding on killer hill like I did with their dads. No one has actually died on killer hill, I checked. One theory is the name was given because of the long 'killer' climb back to the top. Pop's Custard is close enough to refuel after sledding which makes the trip worthwhile.

I will see you all back in church on the 22nd and 23rd. Be safe and take care of each other.

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