

January 2012

North Shore Church
511 47th Avenue
Menominee, MI 49858
906-863-3212

<http://nscmops.org>

"Friend" North Shore MOPS
on facebook too!

MOPS.org

A New Year Perspective

By Filoian Wiedenhoff

As Christmas comes to an end we anxiously await the words "Happy New Year!" My best friend and I have this tradition we do every year for the last five years usually around the end of December. We go to our favorite beach spot, where we talk and pray about the past year and look ahead to the New Year.

We ponder and discuss all the interesting occurrences that happened the past year; the good times, the bad times, the frustrating times and the fun times.

We share what valuable lessons we learned from our experiences, what God showed us and how He was faithful through all of it. We do this as a closure to one year and then an opening to the next.

After we have laughed a while and then cried, we begin to look forward with great excitement, wondering what God has for us this coming new year. What new experiences will we go through and what new lessons will we learn. It's all fresh and new and that is exciting.

I put together eight ways we can view the New Year & every year as. A Year of...

New Beginnings: Start out the New Year with a fresh point of view to new experiences, memories and blessings. Having an opened mind and heart to where ever the Lord may take you with full assurance and confidence that He is with you. (Matthew 28:19-20)

New Possibilities: There's no limit to what God can do in your life & nothing is impossible with God. God opens doors that no man can shut & also closes doors that no man can open. The possibilities are endless with God that is according to His will. (Philippians 4:13)

New Plans: Every year is a new season, be prayerful of what God has planned for you & be willing to walk by faith in obedience as you follow His leading. Remember that His plans are always for good & not for evil to give you a future and a Hope. (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

New Purpose: As you forge ahead, God always has a plan and a purpose for what you will go through & experience. Remember that God always has a reason for what He allows in your life and through it you can trust Him completely. (Proverbs 1:3-5)

New Provisions: The bible says to not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow has enough worries of it's own. Trust in your Heavenly Father who knows everything you need, who is your God and your Provider. He is faithful and He will do it. (Matthew 6:1-33)

New Growth: When we are willing to let go & let God work in us & through us, He will always stretch us & grow us. It is an important part of the growth process. Continue to grow in your relationship with Him & in His Word. Pray for God to mold you & make you pliable in the potters hand & then watch the master craftsman work on His masterpiece; which is you!

New Wisdom: With new experiences and new lessons, come new wisdom and insight. Always make it a priority to seek out wisdom as hidden treasure or fine gold. In Proverbs it says that it will be like a garland of grace around your neck and honor you and present you with a crown of splendor. (Proverbs 4:7-9)

Renewed Peace: As you go through new experiences and new adventures whether they are good or bad, my encouragement is to keep your eyes fixed on Christ and He will give you rest and peace, because He is our peace and loves you and cares for you deeply. (John 16:33)

Let us give thanks to the Lord for getting us through another year as we look forward to what He has for us up ahead and praise Him that He is faithful and worthy to be praised!

Article taken from: <http://sacredmint.com/community/christian-article-new-year-perspective.htm>



FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS MOTHER ALONE!
(No matter what age your kids are)



BETTER MOMS MAKE A BETTER WORLD

Jan. 24th -

Twister

Snack Schedule

Feb. 14th -

Chutes & Ladders

God doesn't want us to be shy with His gifts,
but Bold and Loving and Sensible.
2 Timothy 1:7

Great Start Parent Coalition

Stephenson Meeting

January 12th from 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Stephenson Methodist Church 5110 Railroad St.

All parents with children 0 - 12 yrs. old are welcome!
Free Dinner & Childcare - kids receive a free book!

We will be discussing the upcoming
Parent Awareness Month

Get Involved! Have your voice heard!
Ensure the children in Menominee County
are ready to succeed in life and school!

For more info contact Starr Russell 863-8434
srussell@mc-isd.org
www.greatstartmenomineecountv.org

Mom's Night Out!

Tuesday, January 17th

Mark your calendar - Details to come

Join us for a night of crafts at
For Keepsake in Menominee.
You can choose a project to work on
or just come to have a fun time!

Thank you to
Nicole Vincent from the Rainbow House
in Marinette for joining us today!
We hope that the Tie Blankets made bring
comfort to the residents there. ☺

Mark your calendars on January 24th
for our "BattleShip" theme meeting on relationships!

Donna & Jeff Green will share with us about their
"Love & Respect" Ministry.

Ephesians 5:33 "However, each one of you must
love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife
must respect her husband."

Mom Moment

Sue Mortinson ~ Clue Table
Mentor Mom

Children ~ daughter - Amanda (26)
with husband Jake &
1st grandbaby Santana (5 mths)
son - Andy (22)

Occupation ~ Self Employed with husband Ken
(Construction Post-Frame Buildings & Self Storage Rentals)
Secretary at North Shore Church

Hobby ~ "Having fun being 'Grandma',
Vegetable gardening, camping, cross country
skiing & curling up in front of my fireplace
with a good book or to watch a good movie!"

Fav. Food ~ King Crab Legs, homemade Toffee

Favorite Game ~ Yatzee

What MOPS means to you ~

"Even though my kids are older, I still remember the
days that never seemed like they would end, the days
when I did not feel I could do anything right and the
days when I dared not ask, 'What else could happen!'

But I also remember the days when my kids and
I would snuggle and read their favorite books over &
over, the hugs & kisses or just the sweetest smiles."

"MOPS/MomsNEXT is a place for moms, in
whatever stage they are in, to share these
experiences, to get some helpful advice,
to be an encourager, to be the one to be
encouraged, to have people committed
to praying for their everyday needs and to
build up our moms to be the best they can be
in whatever their situation is -
and I am blessed to be a small part of it!"

→
If you enjoyed our meeting today,
bring a FRIEND with you next time!

North Shore Church's
"new" Wednesday nights!!

See what's happening at
www.nshorechurch.org

Wednesday programming is suited
for all ages, all family types.
Adult enrichment activities,
Junior High Youth Group,
Discovery Club for Kids,
and even Nursery.
If you have any questions, please
feel free to contact the group
coordinator, and get plugged in!

MOPS also encourages and supports moms through
resources such as books, www.mops.org, and the
MOPS International Membership.

**Membership is \$28 for a year
and includes:**



All Local meetings, 1 year subscription to
MOMSense Magazine, weekly Mom e-mails,
reusable shopping bag, iron-on appliques,
Stickers featuring VeggieTales
(scholarships are available)

MOPPEts Corner

Remember to **THANK** the MOPPET
volunteers- without them,
we wouldn't be here!

Know someone who would be a great
MOPPET volunteer? Let us know!