

Good morning,



"*Failing to plan is planning to fail*," is what someone told me somewhere over the years. That is fine, but it is impossible to plan everything. People get sick, things don't turn out as expected, there are storms, accidents, tragedies, pandemics and wars. I do think planning is important and do a lot of it myself. However, I always am aware that something could go "*sideways*" in the neat plans that I create because I do not have total control. Sometimes I have to let the plan go and look to God and others for guidance, encouragement, and steadfastness in the face of the unexpected. We need to have plans with flexibility. I think that is how we got through the pandemic and how we make it through our personal struggles. God is available and so are the people who love us. Working together we move forward.

Proverbs 16:9 is getting at that with this ancient counsel, ***The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps.*** What are you planning? Let's make our plans in this new year keeping in mind that God and others who love us are always available with support should unexpected turns come our way. We are not alone. We move forward together.

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Our **Annual General Meeting** is being planned for after the service on **Sunday, February 18.**

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On Saturday morning, you will receive from me the two usual emails: one containing the *Worship Service* for Sunday; and the other with the *Invitation to Zoom* for Worship.

The Lord is with us.
Pastor Terry