



The ancient Israelites in slavery and exile cried to God, “How can we sing songs of home in a foreign land.” In the midst of the pandemic, we too sometimes feel this way and mourn the loss of ‘normal’ in our lives. We feel this most with the loss of in-person worship and contact with our church family. We mourn with those who have lost friends and loved ones to the COVID, and pray for strength for those working the front-lines of medical care; for those who have lost their jobs or businesses; and the feeling of gloom pervading our society. Yet, we do sing songs of home and send and receive wishes of Happy Holidays for this season. We trust in God and each other for the love and care we crave and the strength to be a source of that love and care for others.

2020 has been a challenging year. Like everyone, our activities and travels were curtailed. We managed to get out of town for a family wedding in August and keep in touch with friends and family as best we can electronically. Ed retired as rector of St. Benedict’s church in September and is adjusting to ‘real’ retirement. He’s had some health issues that have slowed him down and is slowly recovering. Debbie continues her crafts work, although opportunities to show and sell her work



have not been available this year.



Our kids and grandkids continue to grow and thrive. Beth and her family now live in Germany and the other kids still in Tennessee and Texas. We have four grandkids in college



now: Danna, Riley, Jenna, and Jordan. Anika and Braden are in 7th grade and Sabina in 4th. Our planned trip to Tennessee to see the kids and grandkids didn’t happen

due to COVID. It was great to see Jerilee and Beth when they came to help to out when Ed was in the hospital expecting major surgery (that didn’t become necessary).





We look forward to the new year and opportunity to do some traveling and see you in person. We wish you God's grandest blessings in the holiday season and in the new year and look forward to our continued family and friend connections over time and distance and pray for God's grace and love in your life.



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Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, Maligayang Pasko, 메리 크리스마스, メリークリスマス, Fröhliche Weihnachten

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