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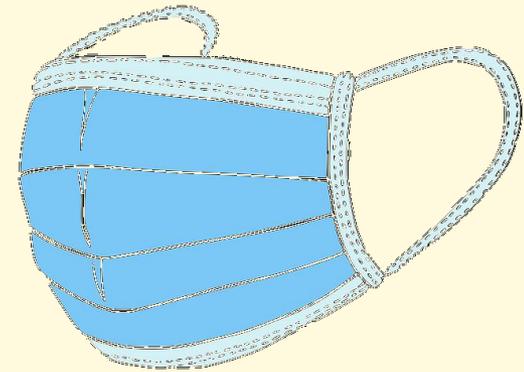
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LOOKING FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

- * Have you read a good book recently and would like to share a review?
- * Have you taken some pictures you'd like to share?
- * Do you have a short blurb you'd like to share about something God has done in your life?
- * Would you like to share your testimony?

Contact me at Auntiem211@gmail.com

UPDATED MASKING POLICY AS OF 12/13/21



In light of the State's unequivocal recent statement, we have two choices: we can institute a policy that turns away at the door anyone who cannot prove they are fully vaccinated, or we can require everyone, vaccinated or not, to wear masks while inside the building. After discussion and prayer, we do not believe that turning away people is appropriate for our church.

Accordingly, we are revising RCC's policy as follows:

- Everyone over the age of two must wear a mask while inside the building if there are other people present in the building.
- Per the New York State mandate, those who, for medical reasons, cannot wear a mask do not have to wear a mask in the RCC building but they must maintain social distancing.
- As we did last winter, we ask that people refrain from hugging and shaking hands.
- The governor's mandate does allow eating/drinking indoors when precautions like these are taken.
- Worship leaders, musicians, and those doing announcements, Scripture reading, and preaching are not required to wear masks while they are on the Chancel, but they should maintain social distance while there.

Friends, let us continue to trust and worship our Lord and show love, patience and grace to one another throughout the frustrations caused by this pandemic--by doing so, we preach the gospel in ways that nonbelievers can hear.

Blessings
Al, Nathan, and Fritz

NOTE: This is an abbreviated version of the new policy sent out by email. If you did not get a copy of the full announcement and would like one, please contact the office at office@ridgelandchurch.org



Nathan Stoddard - 1/8

Rei Pizarro - 1/8*

Jordan Burrell - 1/10

*Somehow, I missed Rei Pizarro last week when he should have been on for the 1st time. I apologize, Rei.



Women's Bible Study starts up again this morning from 9:30 - 11:15.

All women are welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY



GROUP

Is taking a 3-week break and will meet again on Wednesday, January 12th.

NEW MESSAGE SERIES

Finances
God's
Way



I, Pastor Fritz, am going to make a claim that sounds like a gimmick but is 100% biblical. Here's the claim:

If you handle money according to biblical principles, you'll have **MORE** of 4 things:

- ~ more **wealth**
- ~ more **financial security**
- ~ more **wealth to give away**
- ~ more **enjoyment** of your wealth

NOTE: This 5-message series began on 1/2/22 and will continue with one or two interruptions for other messages.

Intrigued? You should be! God is a God of abundance who delights in blessing His people. Come on Sundays excited to grow...and invite someone who needs to hear this.



Pastor Fritz recently received an email from Caring.com, a senior care organization that supports family caregivers and their loved ones. Their message follows:

“We recently published a comprehensive guide dedicated to improving the lives of older adults through assistive technologies.

Approximately one in three people in the United States between the ages of 65 and 74 has hearing loss, and nearly half of those older than 75 have difficulty hearing. Unfortunately, many seniors who do not treat their hearing loss fail to do so simply because they believe they cannot afford a pair of hearing aids. The costs involved can be daunting, from audiologist appointments to fittings, to hearing aid and accessory purchases.

So we have made it our mission to research and vet national and state resources that offer free/subsidized hearing aids designed to support seniors in communities across the U.S to ensure safety and quality of everyday life.

You can learn more about our research for families and seniors at the link below.”

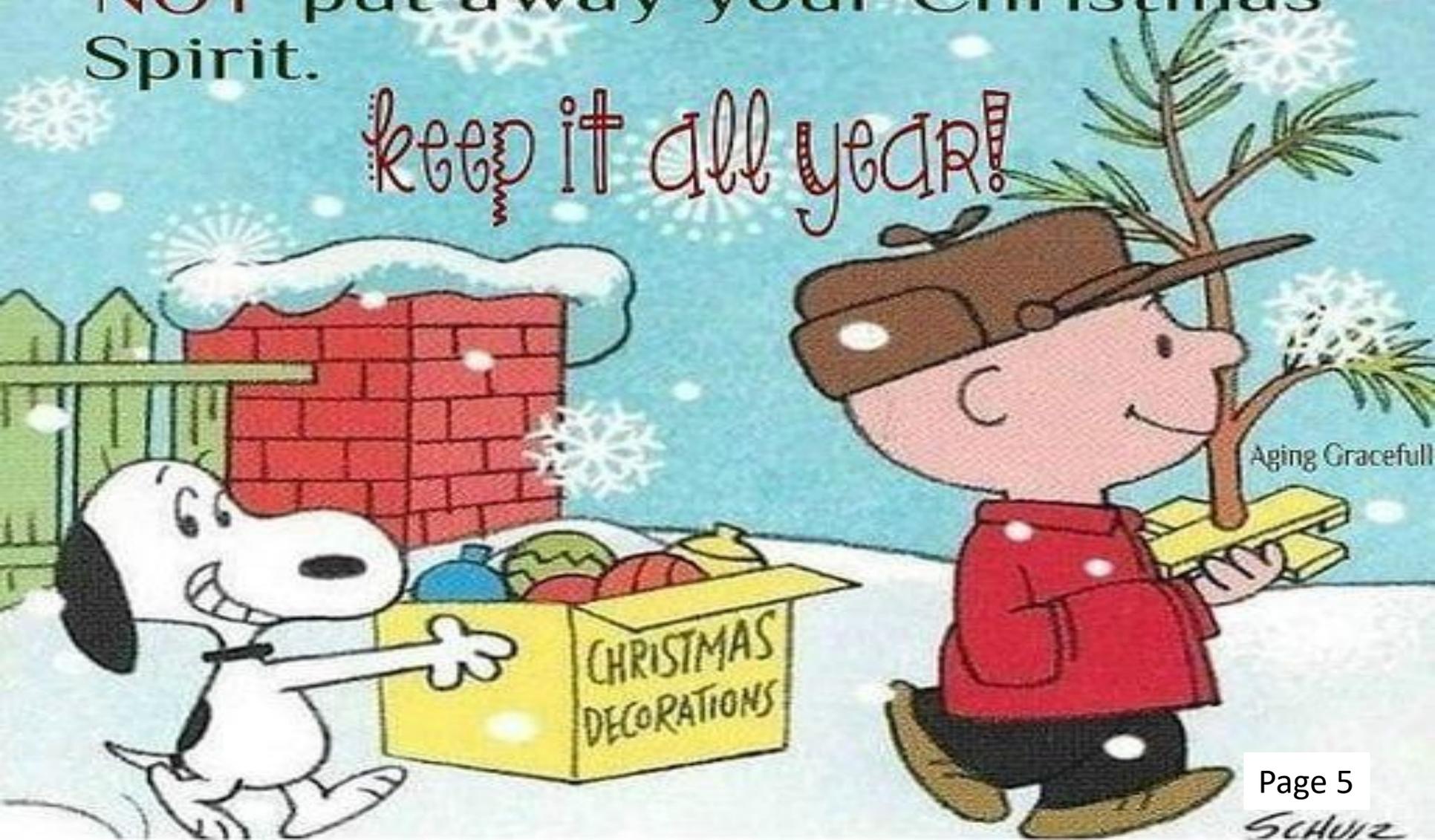
[The Best Hearing Aids of 2022 \(caring.com\)](#)



NOTE from Marilee: For some of us older adults, while the money involved could be a problem, the enormous quandary of which ones to get, what exactly are all the different options for hearing aids, where to go to get the best deal, etc. can be an even bigger problem and was why I waited so long to get them. Glancing through the Caring.com website, it seems to me that they have laid out a lot of good information as a place to start with your search for the aids that might be right for you...as well as how to get financial aid, if needed. Personally, I ended up getting my Resound aids from Costco and have been pretty well satisfied with them. (Unfortunately, I don't believe any aids will allow us to hear as we did as teenagers, so I don't think there is a “perfect” pair.) The important thing is to find out if you need them and then go and do something about it sooner than later as the longer you wait, allowing your hearing to get worse and worse, the harder it can be for hearing aids to bring you back to a satisfactory level of hearing.

It may be time to put away the Christmas decorations, but **DO NOT** put away your Christmas Spirit.

keep it all year!



Aging Gracefull