

A Song For New Year's Eve  
William Cullen Bryant (1859)

Stay yet, my friends, a moment stay,—  
Stay till the good old year,  
So long companion of our way,  
Shakes hands, and leaves us here.  
Oh stay, oh stay,  
One little hour, and then away.

The year, whose hopes were high and strong,  
Has now no hopes to wake;  
Yet one hour more of jest and song  
For his familiar sake.  
Oh stay, oh stay,  
One mirthful hour, and then away.

The kindly year, his liberal hands  
Have lavished all his store.  
And shall we turn from where he stands,  
Because he gives no more?  
Oh stay, oh stay,  
One grateful hour, and then away.

Days brightly came and calmly went,  
While yet he was our guest;  
How cheerfully the week was spent!  
How sweet the seventh day's rest!  
Oh stay, oh stay,  
One golden hour, and then away.

Dear friends were with us, some who sleep  
Beneath the coffin-lid:  
What pleasant memories we keep  
Of all they said and did!  
Oh stay, oh stay,  
One tender hour, and then away.

Even while we sing, he smiles his last,  
And leaves our sphere behind.  
The good old year is with the past;  
Oh be the new as kind!  
Oh stay, oh stay,  
One parting strain, and then away.

### Prayer Requests

- ❖ Walt—Continue to pray for Walt and his family as he is struggling with health issues.
- ❖ Brian Beck—Dorothy's son-in-law—Brian is recovering from a serious blood infection.

### News and Notes

**Annual Meeting**—As a state requirement for tax purposes we must have an annual business meeting. Our annual meeting is postponed until January 17, 2016,

### Birthdays

Jim LaFrenz	01/08	Gerrie Fleenor	01/09
Wanda Middleswarth	01/12	David Fredrickson	01/18
Tina El Ghanjaoui	01/25		

If you birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

### Those Serving

#### **12/27/2015**

Opening Prayer	Gary	Table: West	Ethan
Song Leader	Shane	Center	Nate
Scripture Reader	Jeremy	East	Colby
Closing Prayer	Walt	Preacher:	Dave
Devotion:	Jay	Song Leader:	Chris

#### **Announcements: Shane**

#### **1/3/2016**

Opening Prayer	Colby	Table: West	Gary
Song Leader	Shane	Center	Dave
Scripture Reader	Nate	East	Walt
Closing Prayer	Chris	Preacher:	Tom
Devotion:	Tom	Song Leader:	Chris

#### **Announcements: Tom**

**December:** Lord's Supper Amy Sidewalks