

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

It's that time of year again, and what a year it has been. I am very thankful to our Lord and Savior for all that has happened and for all we still have to go through and that God is in control of all of this World. Thank you, God!!!

First of all, it started January 5th when Dennis came home with Covid. His father got it, then a couple of weeks later it hit me. Fred and I both got an IV of some kind and in a couple of days we were okay, but Dennis, who got the vaccine shot and the booster shots was still running fever and feeling terrible. Fred and I did not and will not get any shots period, not even a flu shot from now on. I always got the flu shot and I always got the flu. Dennis ran fever for over 3 weeks. On January 28th he went to the ER and was told he had a blood clot that was forming in his right leg. They put him on blood thinners and sent him home. On February 2nd, Dennis was back in the ER and the forming blood clot was now a full-blown blood clot from his hip to his ankle and going back up to his knee cap. The doctors had never seen a clot that big before.

Then around May or June Dennis had to have hernia surgery, he was able to get back to work, part time, for about 4 weeks before he had to take off because of back pain. August 3rd, he had back surgery, then rehab and now he is looking forward to getting back to work, hopefully, on

December 14th. I pray he will. On November 21st he had oral surgery. He had a bad infection in his bone under two teeth. The doctor had to remove the teeth, cut out the bone and replace it. Then in 3 to 4 months they will go and replace the teeth. Pray that Dennis



will have a wonderful 2023 because 2022 was not good to him at all.

Fred and me, in April I came down with Covid again, took cough syrup and got over it and about 3 weeks ago in November I came down with an old fashion cold and still have it. I am doing better. Both times I went to the doctor and that is what they told me I had. Around June Fred fell going down the front porch stairs and had to go to the ER. Couple of weeks later he fell coming up them. Back to the ER again. Both times he was OK. We now have 2 gates going across the bottom and top part of our stairs. Our packages now go to Damon's house because the delivery people don't understand why the gates. About 3 months ago Fred started running fever and I couldn't do anything with him, I could not wake him up or get him up or anything. We were here by ourselves and I didn't know what to do. He started throwing up all over himself in bed. I cleaned him up the best I could, saw he had 101 fever, called 911 and about 10 minutes later after they got here his fever was 103 and they could not wake him up either.



Once they got him to ER his fever was 105. He spent 5 days in the hospital, they ran all kinds of test on him but they could not figure out what happen to him. I am thankful that Chris our oldest grandson was with his Papaw pretty much the whole time he was in the hospital. I was unable to be with him. Around June they had to replace his heart valve. It was going out again. Mercy health could not do the surgery, and they said that because of his age and the Alzheimer's it is best to let him go. We got another doctor that would do it. And he is doing really well now. Yes, Fred has a lot of bad days but he also has a lot of good days. We have learned to take them minute by minute. God is in control of us all not doctors.

On February 10th our hot water heater went out, had to get a new one. September 11th the control modular on our well pump went out and we had to get that replace. October our dishwasher decided it wanted to stop working. I now have my new dishwasher and it is great. With the old one a lot of my dishes came out clean but unless they were glass I would have to put them on a towel to finish drying.

Now all my dishes come out dry. I guess my old dishwasher had been going out for the past 3 to 4 years and didn't give it much thought. Once all my dishes came out wet that is when I realized that the dishwasher needed to be replaced.

In May our middle grandson and his family had to move in with us. We are making the best on that one. They did get an RV that is parked on the side of our house, which does help.

On June 29th our 2nd great granddaughter made her way into this world. Audrie Marie Zaeske, is a doll. Chris and Emily, our oldest grandson and his wife, are the proud parents.



New born, and 4-month-old Audrie. I made the crocheted dress in 1988. It was originally made for Christopher (we thought he was going to be a girl). Oh, well, at least his daughter can enjoy it for him.

Not much to report about on everyone else. Brad is still working hard programming for Mookstr. He's been there for 10 years now.



Andrew, CJ and Genesis, are all doing well.



Andrew lost his job as a security officer because Tyson's was mandating you had to be vaccinated to work there. Since he didn't want to be vaccinated, they fired him. He's been looking for a job ever since, but not having much luck. CJ is busy working at a local hotel. She was finally able to get a position on the day shift, so no more second shift for her. Genesis is 9 years old now and having fun in the third grade.

Chris, Emily and Audrie, are having a great time adjusting to a new-born babies sleep schedule. But they wouldn't have it any other way.



Chris is staying busy with his marina service. And Emily is still finding homes for way-ward dogs. Audrie is hanging out getting bigger and bigger.

Damon and Stella passed 40 years of marriage last June. Wow, we're old! 😊 Damon has been

keeping busy doing all of the driving for us and Dennis



this year. Stell has had a few medical issues, but for the most part she's doing okay. They took a short trip to Colorado with Chris in Oct, so Chris could have a medical procedure performed.

I wanted to do something special for everyone this year to include in your Christmas Card. I feel that most everybody has had a terrible year also. Pray you enjoy your Measurement chart as much as I enjoyed making them.



I pray you have a very Merry Christmas, and a wonderful New Year! I also pray that 2023 is nowhere near as bad as any of the last two to three years has been.

Love, hugs, and prayers from the Zaeske family. Fred, Dot, Dennis, Damon, Stella, Christopher, Emily, Audrie, Andrew, CJ, Genesis, and Brad. And let's not forget the fur balls, Sugar (Damon and Stella), Lucy and Rebel (Chris and Emily), Ganon and Winston (Andrew and CJ), Holly and Scarlet (Brad).

Merry Christmas, 2022