



Oak Haven Happenings

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Greetings from the Varicks

We hope you are all doing well. We wanted to share a summary of 2021. We have so much to be thankful for!

We are thrilled to welcome two grandchildren to our family this year. Soren James Varick, who was born on April 21st to Brian & Liz, and Vivian Grace Hanson, who was born on December 19th to Michelle & Corey. Plus Kristin & Philip announced at Christmas that they will be having a baby next July!

We are also so thankful to have my parents still with us. They got Covid in August and both ended up in the hospital. My Dad came home after 5 days, but Mom got much worse. She called to tell us she didn't want to go on the ventilator and was ready to go be with the Lord. That night she saw a 9 foot angel in her room and believes he was there protecting her. She started to improve the next day, and day by day was able to breathe more on her own. After 17 days she was able to leave the hospital.

They both needed physical and occupational therapy to build their strength up and stayed with us until the end of October. It is wonderful that they still have each other and are now able to be back in their home.



Julie's parents Mary & Lew Gordon and Julie



Philip & Kristin Clements, James 2, Abigail 3, Hosanna 7, Robert 14, Matthew 13, John 8, Laken 10, & Gabriella 16



Brian & Liz Varick
Juniper 4 and Soren 8 months



Jennifer & Bryan Lutes
Aubrey 6 and Evelyn 4



Corey & Michelle Hanson and Vivian

Monthly Highlights:

January- Two week trip to Galveston & Austin, Texas and stopped on the way home to see Kristin's family

February- Four week trip to Florida with my parents with weeks in Hutchinson Island, Orlando, New Smyrna Beach & Captiva Island

March- Spring Wildflowers and getting rid of garlic mustard on our property

April- Soren was born! Jim led several Spring wildflower walks for friends & neighbors in our woods

May- Red River Gorge trip with Brian's family

June- Fun camping trip at Holland State Park in Michigan with all of our kids and grandkids

July- Trip with Jennifer's family to Nashville, Indiana and Brown Co. State Park

August- Trip to Nebraska with my parents to visit Kristin's family

September- Two week trip to Colorado (1st week in Steamboat Springs with Michelle & Corey and the 2nd week in Avon with Kristin & the kids)

October- Celebrated our 39th Anniversary in Madison, Indiana

November- Celebrated 1000 subscribers on our Woodland Steward YouTube channel (So proud of you Jim!) Two week trip to Arizona with my parents in Sedona & Tucson

December- Vivian was born! Celebrated Christmas all month long with lots of fun activities, including hosting 30 family members on Christmas Day

We are thankful for all of you. You have made an impact on our lives and it has enriched and challenged us. We hope that we have done that for you as well. God is good! Every day we recognize that He is the reason for our purpose and joy. He has blessed us so abundantly in big and little ways.

We wish you a Happy & Blessed New Year in 2022!