Dear friends,

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a truly blessed New Year.

In January Amy had a beautiful baby girl (our fifth grandchild) Ruby. Through the spring we were amazed that we avoided covid. School for the kids and for me went well despite masking and social distancing. By late spring all but the girls were vaccinated and life returned mostly to normal. What does normal mean? For us it seems to be travel and parties.





*Travel*: in March I had to travel to Altoona to get vaccinated, so we spent a nice weekend

with my brother Daniel and his family. In May our extended family spent a week in Cuyahoga national park, and Peggy and I visited John and Myrt Rule in Columbus. Father's Day at Hickory Run park; a few weeks later a day trip to the Shore; in July the girls' first week away from us at Camp Sankanac. In August the Styer family reunion met after a year hiatus, then we spent a week at Letchworth park in upstate New York including a day trip to Niagara Falls. In the late summer and fall multiple trips to weddings (wonderful time spent with Peggy's extended family at a wedding in Charleston, SC) and funerals (including the sad loss of my sister-in-law Wendy).

*Parties:* Peggy is the party person! She hosted school parties, book club parties, youth group parties, church get-togethers; our older kids hosted several game parties plus helped a friend plan a creative proposal to his fiancee under the guise of a game party. September's big party was Peggy's brother and sister-in-law's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration. And lots of friends and family over Thanksgiving weekend. So please

