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# At the Table

## The word for 2017

As 2016 was coming to a close Leigh-Ann and I reflected on the past five years at **In My Father's Kitchen (IMFK)**. Each year we began with a **word giving us direction and a theme that filled that year**. We were excited as we looked ahead into 2017, but also tentative about somethings, unsure as to their outcome in the new year. Then these words came to my heart, **"expect the unexpected!"**

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I shared this with Leigh-Ann and we began to chew on it. Soon our expectation and excitement grew. To expect things to happen that we didn't expect or think possible! **What possibilities could this bring with God leading the way?**

The only action we can take is to continue doing the things we know to do, and trust God to do the unexpected. It's now in His

hands. **All He is asking of us is trust Him and be expecting.** The picture that comes to me is of a pregnant woman who is carrying life within her. She has an expected due date on the calendar, **but we know that new life could come days before or after the date.** The woman and the family know the month of delivery, but do not know the minute or hour of labor. They need to be expecting for the unexpected time of labor to start, knowing full well that life is coming.

Dear friends, as you read this letter **maybe you're entering 2017 in uncharted waters.** Maybe your feeling anxious and nervous about what's ahead in the coming year. Be encouraged! New life is coming, you just don't know when. **Leigh-Ann and I encourage you to do what you know to do and then trust God for the next steps.** The book of Romans chapter 8 verse 28 says this: ***"and we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them."*** So, take heart, new horizons are ahead for you.

Moving into 2017 with feelings of excitement is a choice we must make. Leigh-Ann and I choose to believe that no matter what comes our way, life is coming. **We aren't looking for what's coming, but rather to the One who will bring it. Trusting His Word and His timing for us.**

Right now it may look uncertain, maybe even bleak for some. **But, we encourage you to expect the unexpected to happen for YOU!**

Join with us this year in trusting God and **expecting the unexpected.**

Let's trust God together in 2017 and **watch the goodness of the Lord overtake us.**

Happy New Year!

**John & Leigh-Ann**





**Sous Chefs are the individuals in a busy kitchen who help the Master Chef** achieve the meal and service he envisions for the customer.

**We at In My Father's Kitchen (IMFK) call those who give to IMFK our Sous Chefs.** Without the continued generosity of the **IMFK Sous Chefs** we would not be able to help serve those who feel forgotten and invisible.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a monthly donor to **In My Father's Kitchen (IMFK).**

**Together we are building hope and changing lives!**

**Online Giving is available at:**

<https://inmyfatherskitchen.mycharitybox.com/>

## Upcoming Winter Give Away

In My Father's Kitchen (IMFK) is very excited to take a step outside our normal geographically area for giveaways. This year's annual Winter Give Away will be held on January 21st in Pulaski, NY. The Kallet Theatre has opened their doors to IMFK to hold our event in their facility.

IMFK Sous Chefs, Derrill and Carolyn Blount residents of Sandy Creek, brought to our attention the great need of families in this area. Carolyn teaches in the Sandy Creek School District and shared with us about the children and parents in need of bedding, clothes and shoes. Thanks to the generosity of you are Sous Chefs, our warehouse is once again full and ready to supply the need in Pulaski.



### **Kallet Theatre, Pulaski, NY**

We are pleased to have Pastor Justin Campbell and his congregation at the Orchard church in Clay as our volunteer team for this event.

This is a new and excited opportunity for IMFK to stretch our reach to those who feel invisible and forgotten in Pulaski, APW and Sandy Creek.



## Under the Bridge:

### **Two more makes 56!**

As we enter January we are pleased to tell you that IMFK has helped another couple into their own apartment. Because of the continued support of our Sous Chefs we were also able to help this couple with needed bedding to make their apartment a home.

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