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Here's What's Brewing

It's familiar enough... even expected... to hear words like **Hope**, **Peace** and **Joy** mentioned around the Christmas holidays. But flip the calendar just one month, and many of us have hit the ground running, soon to be settled right back into the chaotic pace of life, with the sentiment of the holidays little more than a happy memory. But MUGS' Team is working to see those ideals as more than just seasonal.

Hope

More than just a passing wish, the hope we have for MUGS' future is both the desire to see MUGS come to life AND the expectation that it will happen. The hope we have stems from the conviction that the beautiful people in our region will be all the better for the life-changing education, networking and resourcing that MUGS Coffeehouse / Community Center will provide.

The time this adventure has already taken, not to mention the loopy, disjointed, stop-and-go, hurry-up-and-wait, back-and-forth condition of our journey would be reason enough to lose sleep at night. But MUGS' Team knows that it's possible to have peace in the midst of the storm. (In fact, that's when peace is most evident and appreciated!) And so we choose instead to enjoy this journey.

Peace

Joy

Joy is a tricky one. It's often mistaken for "happiness", but there's a significant difference. Happiness is based on our circumstances, where joy rises above them. I can have joy **no matter** my circumstances, which is why - much like peace, joy is something we choose. MUGS' Team is choosing to have joy in the midst of a situation that could otherwise be discouraging. We trust the journey and move forward, heads up and eyes open, watching for the next contact, network, funding stream as things keep moving ahead.

What are you anticipating this year? What are you working towards?
What has seemed just out of reach, but never far from your heart and mind?
Whatever your adventure, you'll enjoy the journey so much more with Hope, Peace & Joy!

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