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Pastor's Study

Amy Grant has a song that goes like this: "I have decided, I'm going to live like a believer, turn my back on the deceiver, gonna live like I believe." Have you heard it?

It came to mind as I thought about the New Year. How am I going to follow Jesus this year? How am I going to strive to be more like Christ?

How about you? How are you going to follow Jesus in 2018?

I find it much easier to pick and choose where Jesus can have impact – what words, what choices, what relationships, what decisions – than to take everything and ask Christ to transform ALL of it into faithful discipleship. *But what would it take to make that change - - from life with Jesus applied conveniently to life with Jesus at the heart of everything?*

It is an important question for us as Christians because life in Jesus Christ isn't a check box. It's a way of life. Being a Disciple of Jesus Christ isn't limited to Sunday mornings, or the times during the week that we are in the church building. ***Our entire lives are meant to reflect the fact that we follow the Lord.***

Such a change is proclaimed in our baptisms where we respond to God who has chosen us to be His people in the world. And from the water we go out into the world.

The New Year brings us the opportunity as a congregation to work our way through the Gospel

of John. And for the first few weeks of the year, we will look at passages that might help us to think about the question, "How will I follow Jesus in 2018?"

Coming out of the good news of the coming of Christ at Christmas, we enter the New Year as the people of God seeking to live in light of our Savior. May the Gospel of John bless our journey as we seek to live as Disciples of Christ and to follow him fully in the coming year. Join us for the journey!

Grace and peace-Diane



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Reading through the Bible Scriptures for January

Day 1 - Luke 5:27-39; Genesis 1:1-2:25; Psalm 1

Day 2 - Luke 6:1-26; Genesis 3-5; Psalm 2

Day 3 - Luke 6:27-49; Genesis 6:1-7:24; Psalm 3

Day 4 - Luke 7:1-17; Genesis 8-10; Psalm 4

Day 5 - Luke 7:18-50; Genesis 11; Psalm 5

Day 6 - Luke 8:1-25; Genesis 12; Psalm 6

Day 7 - Luke 8:26-56; Genesis 13:1-14:24; Psalm 7

Day 8 - Luke 9:1-27; Genesis 15; Psalm 8

Day 9 - Luke 9:28-62; Genesis 16; Psalm 9

Day 10 - Luke 10:1-20; Genesis 17; Psalm 10

Day 11 - Luke 10:21-42; Genesis 18; Psalm 11

Day 12 - Luke 11:1-28; Genesis 19; Psalm 12

Day 13 - Luke 11:29-54; Genesis 20; Psalm 13

Day 14 - Luke 12:1-31; Genesis 21; Psalm 14

Day 15 - Luke 12:32-59; Genesis 22; Psalm 15

Day 16 - Luke 13:1-17; Genesis 23; Psalm 16

Day 17 - Luke 13:18-35; Genesis 24; Psalm 17

Day 18 - Luke 14:1-24; Genesis 25; Psalm 18

Day 19 - Luke 14:25-35; Genesis 26; Psalm 19

Day 20 - Luke 15; Genesis 27:1-45; Psalm 20

Day 21 - Luke 16; Genesis 27:46-28:22; Psalm 21

Day 22 - Luke 17; Genesis 29:1-30; Psalm 22

Day 23 - Luke 18:1-17; Genesis 29:31-30:43; Psalm 23

Day 24 - Luke 18:18-43; Genesis 31; Psalm 24

Day 25 - Luke 19:1-27; Genesis 32-33; Psalm 25

Day 26 - Luke 19:28-48; Genesis 34; Psalm 26

Day 27 - Luke 20:1-26; Genesis 35:1-36:43; Psalm 27

Day 28 - Luke 20:27-47; Genesis 37; Psalm 28

Day 29 - Luke 21; Genesis 38; Psalm 29

Day 30 - Luke 22:1-38; Genesis 39; Psalm 30

Day 31 - Luke 22:39-71; Genesis 40; Psalm 31

session highlights

The Session met on Thursday, December 21st. Highlights of the meeting included reports from the Deacons, Trustees, Treasurer and the Clerk, as well as ministry reports from the ministry teams. The Communications Ministry is moving forward with the new web site. The Missions Ministry will offer Beans to Go in February (2/2 and 2/3); beans may be ordered ahead of time and picked up. The Worship Ministry Team has planned two special services for Christmas Eve - - a service of Lessons and Carols for the morning service and a Christmas program called "From Heaven Above" for the evening service. The Pastor's report was reviewed. A second Bible study will be added in 2018 for folks who want to attend during the day. The 2018 church budget was reviewed and approved. The list of active members was reviewed. A memorial plate for Frank L. Luhn will be added to the plaque in the church hallway. The 2018 Communion and Devotion schedule was distributed and reviewed. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer were elected for 2018. The number of Elders and Deacons needed for 2018 was reviewed based on the total membership as of December 2017.

The next meeting of the Session will be Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. This is an open meeting.



SHARING OF TIME AND TALENTS

"The Church's life and mission are a joyful participation in Christ's ongoing life and work." (The Book of Order) As we, members and friends of The Bellbrook Presbyterian Church, strive to joyfully participate in Christ's life and work, we use our gifts to support the ministry of the church both inside and outside the congregation. Over the next few months, The Bellringer will feature some of the ways in which you can offer your gifts to the internal and external ministry of the church. Together, with all of our gifts in life and mission, we have all that we need to be God's people in this place!

For the month of January, here is a look at two ministries that support a meaningful worship and fellowship experience on Sunday mornings.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY. Each week a bouquet of flowers in the sanctuary provides color and a reminder of the creation and beauty of our amazing God. Some people purchase flowers and bring them in on Sunday morning. Others make a donation and ask Sally to order them. If you might like to bring flowers for Sunday worship, please sign up on the sheet located on the "Sign Up" bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOST. Sundays after worship we gather in Fellowship Hall for coffee, juice and goodies. Each week different folks provide the food for the fellowship hour. Snacks for about 50 are needed each week, and can include fruit, crackers and cheese, cookies, or whatever you would like to bring. Fellowship Hour is a great way to build community, provide visitors with an opportunity to meet others, and enjoy time with each other. If you have not hosted fellowship hour before, there are a number of folks who would be happy to provide you with a tour of the kitchen and more information. Please see Penny Zoller, a member of Session, or Diane if you would like more information.

January Happenings



January brings the opportunity to take part in one of TWO Bible studies!! We will continue with the group that has been meeting on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., and will add a second group, meeting Mondays at NOON (bring a sack lunch if you wish!). New sessions will be starting January 10th (Wednesday) and January 15th (Monday). Topics will be selected based on group input. Please let Diane know if you are interested in participating.



Movies That Matter Film Series
Join us for a movie viewing and discussion led by Rev. Dr. Ed McNulty, nationally recognized film critic.

Movies that Matter: A Long Walk Home – January 14th at 2:00pm.

Our monthly movie viewings provide a time of fellowship and theological reflection. We are very blessed to have the time and talent of nationally recognized film critic and Presbyterian pastor, Rev. Ed McNulty who leads these discussions. The film and discussion typically runs from 2:00 – 5:00. Snacks are provided!! And, we are in the process of selecting films for viewing in 2018. If you have a movie to select, or would like to review a list of options, please see Pastor Diane for a film listing. Thank you!

Annual Meeting- Mark your calendar for our annual meeting to be held January 21st after worship.

Beans to Go- Our first ever “Beans to Go” will take place February 2nd and 3rd. We will be making our famous Ham and Beans for carry out. Orders will be taken January 21-28 with pick up Friday February 2 and Saturday February 3rd. Price: \$7.00 a quart and \$3.50 ½ quart. To place an order call the office at 937-848-2378

Announcements

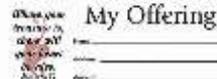


Just a reminder: All Committee annual reports are due into the office by ASAP to be included in the annual report. Please email the secretary at sallys@bellbrookpc.org or drop it in the office.



The directory will be completed by the end of January. If you have had any changes to your phone number, address or email address, please contact the secretary at sallys@bellbrookpc.org or by calling the office at 848-2378.

Per Capita for 2017 will be \$40.00 per member and is due by the end of January. Please note there is an envelope specifically for your per capita payment in your box of offering envelopes.



Offering envelopes are ready for pick-up on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



Weather Closings and Delays:
During the winter season the Church will be closed whenever a Level 2 or Level 3 Snow or an Ice emergency has been declared for the local area. At all other times when the church is closed due to questionable travel conditions a message will be posted on the church answering machine. A closing announcement may also be seen on WDTN-TV Channel 2 or on its web site at <http://wtdn.com> under *Closings and Delays*. Whatever the situation, members should judge for themselves whether or not it is safe to travel to church services or activities in adverse weather conditions - even if they have a role or responsibility in that service or activity.

JANUARY

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Communion 8:45 am Keystone Class 10:00 am Worship 10:20 am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:30 Sermon Roundtable	Deacons 10am	Book Club 10:00am	11:00am Bellcreek Seniors (FH) 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Troop 75	Ministerial Association 12:00noon Trustees 7pm Worship 7pm		
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Kim Berryhill
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Keith St. Pierre
Dave Shinkle
Dianne Green
Dorothy Evans
Angela Jones
Ryan
Don Husick
Janet and Jerry Briley
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George Walker
Velma
Dennis Wick
Douglas Gibson
Toby Boedecker
Jane Betz
Susie Kircher
Dave Fredrick
Terry Lawrence
Family of Winnie Vaughn
Zinneker Babies Oliver and Cooper
Lori Spraul
Bob and Diane Green
Will Wiseman
Linda Riddle
Joe Hutchenson Family
Win Sturgell's brother
Doris Trimble
Frank Weller's son
Megan- Betty's granddaughter
Family of Frank Luhn
Lynn Cook Marshall
Tom Marshall and family
Keith and Leslie Clements
Traveling Prayers
Cancer patients + caregivers



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604-1426

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prayer

Let's
Pray!



Susi
Geneva
Virginia
Darlene
Betty
Bud
Don

To visit or send cards please check with office
for addresses.



- 1- Glen Janus
- 4- Susi Kircher
- 12 – Andrea Contestable
- 28 – Kim Hensley
- 30 – Geneva Edgington – *105



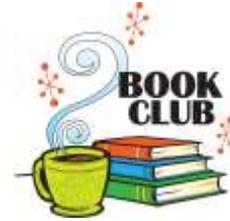
- 5 – Larry and Doris Dumford *66 years
- 15- Glen and Kelly Janus

Special dates

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2018*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2018*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 7, 2018*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, *January 15, 2018*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2018*



Bellbrook Presbyterian Book Club



Join Us for our next meeting on **January 12 at 10:00am at the church.**

“The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules”

by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg

79-year-old Martha Anderson dreams of escaping her care home and robbing a bank. She has no intention of spending the rest of her days in an armchair and is determined to fund her way to a much more exciting life-style. Along with her four oldest friends - otherwise known as the League of Pensioners - Martha decides to rebel against all of the rules imposed upon them. Together, they cause an uproar with their antics: protesting against early bedtimes and plastic meals. As the elderly friends become more daring, their activities escalate and they come up with a cunning plan to break out of the care home and land themselves in a far more attractive Stockholm establishment. With the aid of their Zimmer frames, they resolve to stand up for old aged pensioners everywhere - Robin Hood style. And that's when the adventure really takes off.

→ Beans to Go

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Mark your calendar!!!!

Children's Corner

NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS

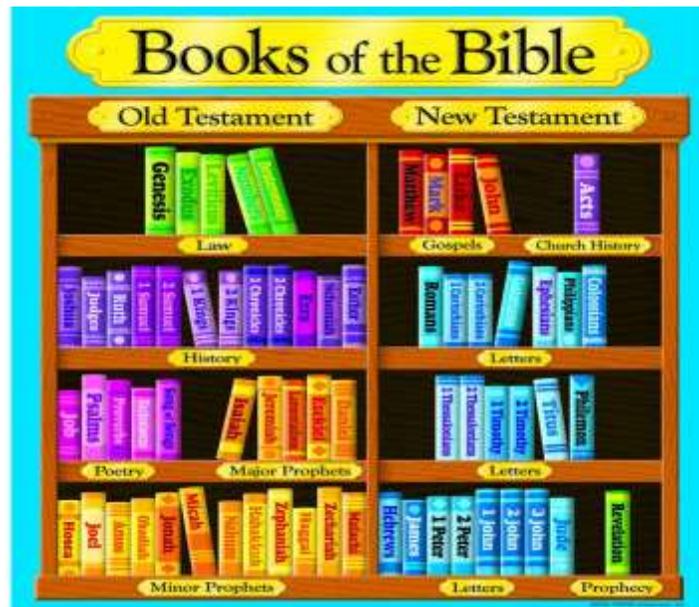
Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!

What you need:

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!



Begin the New Year by giving of yourself to the children of the church. Just one Sunday can make a difference. Share a story or your favorite bible verse. Come make a craft or follow what the teachers have laid out for you.
 Your choice..... just share.

Winter gift

“God ... does great things beyond our knowing. He says to the snow, ‘Fall to the earth’; likewise to his heavy, drenching rain. He shuts up all humankind indoors, so that all people may know his work” (Job 37:5-7, NABRE).

Snow, ice and cold can make winter a hassle. “Snow days” due to a blizzard may thrill students but usually inconvenience parents. But now and then, winter blankets the earth so heavily that it seems to quiet everything. We’re granted permission to hunker down at home, snuggle close with family or pets, enjoy a book or movie, make cocoa or cookies, and rest. It’s like a surprise sabbath — the gift of grace-time — when no one’s expected to get out the door or the driveway.

Perhaps indeed, as Job declared, God sees fit on such days to put our busyness on hold and shut us all indoors so we pause and remember his work — his place — in our lives. Praise God for snow days!

—Heidi Mann



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