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Pastor's Study

Grace and peace to you and a Happy New Year!

New Year's Day is a wonderful reminder of the God's Good News to us - - that we only need to say the word and God will receive our efforts to begin again. Sometimes beginning again might be a commitment to diet or exercise. Or maybe to some other sort of behavior change. Or it might be a commitment to do something, accomplish something, or participate in something in a new way.

As we enter into 2017, I would like to invite you on a very special journey - - to read the Bible in a year. I know it may sound a little overwhelming, but it is a wonderful way to ourselves in a conversation with God.

Eugene Peterson, in his Introduction to The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language, describes what happens when we read Scripture. ". . . *this is precisely what generation after generation of Bible readers do find: the Bible is not only written about us but to us. In these pages we become insiders to a conversation in which God uses words to form and bless us, to teach and guide us, to forgive and save us.*"

Some of us may have read the Bible through many times. Others may have never read it through at all. The start of a new year gives us a perfect time to consider working our way through the Scriptures. If you are interested in reading through the Bible in the coming year, a schedule of readings for each day will be provided in the Bellringer each month. If you would like an electronic copy of all of the readings, please let Sally or me know.

You may find it helpful to set a regular time for reading. Or, if you use your phone or other such device frequently, you may find that you find time to read while waiting in line in the grocery store, or between appointments, or where ever you might squeeze a few verses in. If you do not wish to read this much each day, you might select one reading - - the Gospel lesson, for example - - from each day rather than reading all of the selections for the day. My hope is that this would not become a burden for anyone, nor a source of feeling behind, but just an open opportunity to read as much as we are able to over the course of the coming year.

A very special book was written about humankind many years ago, and it was not only written about us, but to us, to you and to me. I hope you will join in on reading part of the Scriptures or all of the Scriptures over the coming year.

Christ's 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

"The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul."

- G. K. Chesternut



Great IDEAS Become Great OPPORTUNITIES!

The IDEAS list that many of you helped to create has provided a number of great opportunities for spiritual development, faith formation, and fellowship within the congregation. During the month of January we will continue to implement some of these wonderful ideas as well as welcome any additional thoughts or ideas that you may have.

In December we had the first of our two Movies That Matter showings with Rev. Ed McNulty. The movies were enjoyed by those who attended and even more so was the conversation and discussion that followed. For the 2017 calendar year, we will continue the Movies That Matter series on the third Sunday of each month, beginning January 15th. The 15th's movie is *The Long Road Home* featuring Sissy Spacek and Whoopie Goldberg. Please join us at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday the 15th for this opportunity for fellowship and learning. Snacks provided!

Also in January we will launch the Sermon Roundtable. The Sermon Roundtable is an opportunity to gather to review the sermon of the week, discuss any personal insights or applications, and share relevant faith stories. We will also look at the scripture for the coming week's sermon and have an opportunity to discuss the passage and contribute to the development of the sermon. This will begin on January 8th at 11:30ish (after we have had time to have some coffee and fellowship during Fellowship Hour) and will last 30-45 minutes.

A Bible study and/or book study will also be forming. ***Please let Diane know if you might be interested in participating in a study, and if so, if prefer Sunday afternoon, Monday morning, or Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. for a study to take place.***

January Happenings

January 8th- At 11:30am after fellowship hour.

The Sermon Roundtable is an opportunity to gather to review the sermon of the week, discuss any personal insights or applications, and share relevant faith stories. It will last about 30-45 minutes.

January 15th – Movies That Matter, 2:00

Our movie for the month is The Long Walk Home with Whoopie Goldberg and Sissie Spacek. Join us for the movie, fabulous conversation and some delicious snacks!

January 24th- Annual Meeting after worship



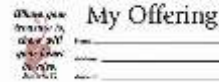
ANNUAL REPORTS NOW DUE!

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 \$34.50 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://wdsn.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

<p>1</p> <p>Communion 8:45 am Keystone Class 10:00 am Worship 10:20 am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour Happy New Year!</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>School Resumes</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00am Bellcreek Seniors (FH) 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Troop 75</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>Anniversaries 8:45 am Keystone Class 10:00 am Worship 10:20 am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:30 Sermon Roundtable 2:00 Movies that Matter- <u>The Long Walk Home</u></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Historical Society 6:30pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Men's Breakfast 8:30 (BBC) </p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:00am Bellcreek Seniors (FH) 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Troop 75</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Session 7:00pm Book Club 9:00am at Saxbys</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
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Byron Branch and Family
Martha Willis and Family
Larry and Doris Dumford
Paulette Tyler
Sheila Spence
Bob Ruh
Family of Jean Ann Stephens
Karen Donaldson
Anjela Jones
Dan
Jerry
Kelsey Steuver
Unspoken Prayers
Laura Erikson Bly
Lance Erikson
Steve and Sharon Berryhill
Theresa Steuver
Nootch Circle
Everyone to come together
Country and leaders
Geneva Edgington
Alice Hopping
Bud Rogers
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Bellbrook Presbyterian Book Club



Join Us for our next meeting on
January 19 at 9:00am
at Saxby's

Book: Me Before You
by Jo Jo Moyes

They had nothing in common until love gave them everything to lose . . .

Louisa Clark is an ordinary girl living an exceedingly ordinary life—steady boyfriend, close family—who has barely been farther afield than their tiny village. She takes a badly needed job working for ex-Master of the Universe Will Traynor, who is wheelchair bound after an accident. Will has always lived a huge life—big deals, extreme sports, worldwide travel—and now he's pretty sure he cannot live the way he is.

Will is acerbic, moody, bossy—but Lou refuses to treat him with kid gloves, and soon his happiness means more to her than she expected. When she learns that Will has shocking plans of his own, she sets out to show him that life is still worth living.

A Love Story for this generation and perfect for fans of John Green's *The Fault in Our Stars*, *Me Before You* brings to life two people who couldn't have less in common—a heartbreakingly romantic novel that asks, What do you do when making the person you love happy also means breaking your own heart?



- 1- Glen Janus
- 4- Susi Kircher
- 5 – James Carroll
- 9- Jean Smart
- 10 – Kim Berryhill
- 12 – Andrea Contestable
- 13 – Ken Grier
- 18 – Luke Norton
- 20 – Matthew Erickson
- 28 – Kim Hensley; Cheyenne Marlow
- 30 – Geneva Edgington – *104



- 5 – Larry and Doris Dumford *65
- 15- Glen and Kelly Janus

Special dates

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2017*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2017*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 8, 2017*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, *January 16, 2017*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2017*



Children's Corner

MASON JAR nightLIGHT

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.



What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

What you do:

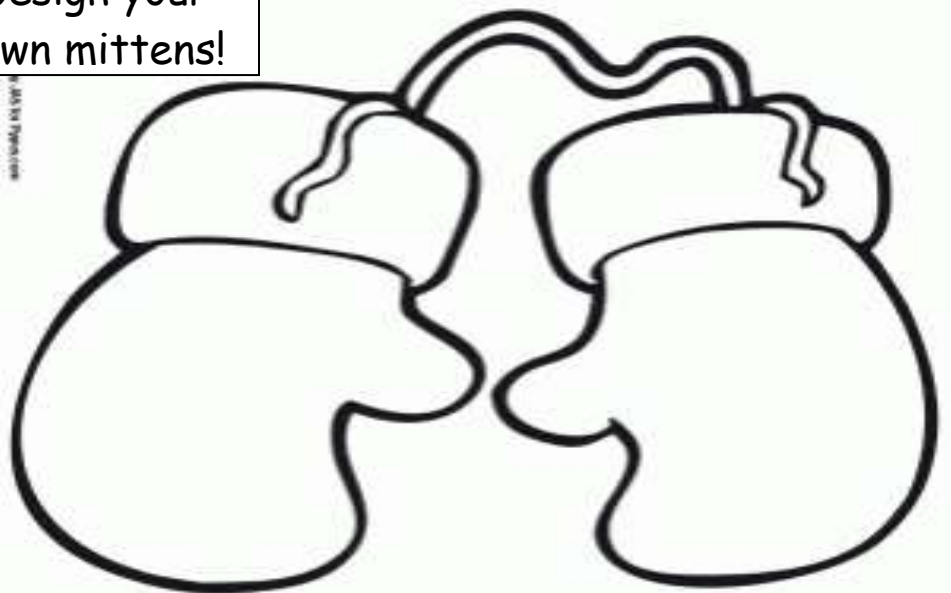
1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.

Lessons from a snowman



- It's okay to wear white well after Labor Day.
- Simply hanging out in your front yard can be fun.
- Accessories don't have to be fancy or expensive.
- We're all made mostly of water.
- You know you've "arrived" when a song is written about you.
- So what if you're a little bottom-heavy?
- Don't get too much sun.
- Sweating too much can be disastrous!

Design your own mittens!





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