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## Pastor's Study

### What's Forming You?

Formation is “an act of giving form or shape to something or of taking form” (at least according to Merriam Webster). For us, this implies that we are either actively giving form or shape to ourselves or being formed by other forces.

What is forming you?

How formed we are by outside influences may depend on where we live, where we work, what we watch on television, how much social media we take in, what we eat, and a host of other variables. There are formation variables that we can control and others that we cannot (or have less control over). But we are formed. Every moment of every day, we are forming and being formed, and we are also forming others – our families, our church community, our neighborhood, our nation, our world.

What's forming you?

In the upcoming Movies That Matter documentary about Fred Rogers titled *Won't You Be My Neighbor*, Rogers emphasizes how much children need people who are willing and ready to shield them from the many forces that are eager to form them: commercials, cereal boxes, toys, the Internet, etc. Throughout his lifetime, Rogers sought to positively form children, and to equip parents, educators, politicians, ministers and other adults to be intentional about ensuring that children were intentionally formed to be their best selves so that they might flourish and grow in the world. His comments are powerful and thought provoking.

What's forming you?

As a congregation, we are being formed by the Gospel of Matthew this winter and spring as we move toward Holy Week and Easter. Matthew's gospel speaks to how we are formed as people of faith and

how we form others. We are to be formed not by convenience or personal opinion or want, but by the love of God and the love of neighbor. Matthew challenges us to consider our own interpretations of scripture, whether or not we choose to apply scripture to our lives, and how we use scripture with and towards others.

What is forming you?

We have about five weeks between now and the start of Lent, five weeks when we can think about formation and be intentional about forming, that we might be more like Jesus Christ, and more faithful in following Him. There are a host of ways we can form: prayer, reading scripture, singing with the choir, taking part in the work of a ministry team, coming to Bible study, or being the salt and light out in the community.

Our formation is important. It matters a whole lot who we are, how we live and how we form others. Let's be intentional about our formation, seeking to be faithful to the one who calls us.

All glory be to you, O Lord!

Christ's peace- Diane 

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# Session Highlights

The Session met on January 3, 2019 for their January meeting. Reports were presented by the Deacons, the Trustees, and the Treasurer. Schedules for 2019 for both meeting devotions and communion preparation were distributed by the Clerk. Upcoming events, including Beans to Go, and The Third Thirty gathering were noted. The Session and Pastor are working to develop an active Mission Ministry, and have scheduled a couple of dates for a meeting based on who is interested and available. The Personnel Ministry shared an evaluation of Pastor Diane, and some information on evaluations in general, including resources and tools that the congregation can take part in. These resources will be discussed at a future meeting and looked at for use within the congregation. A plan for the Annual meeting was discussed, including the presentation of the budget. The Pastor presented her report for the month, including results of the mission work with The Alternative School. The rolls were reviewed and approved.

Copies of financial reports, the Pastor's Report, and other documents are available for your review if you are interested. Session meetings are open meetings and all are welcome. The Session's 2019 meeting schedule will change to a return to evening meetings. The next meeting of the Session will be February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## Lent is Coming!

Ash Wednesday is March 6<sup>th</sup>! There are a number of special opportunities to take part in including special worship services, and a Lenten study.

- Special Worship Services:
  - Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday: At The Bellbrook Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m. This joint service with the Bellbrook United Methodist Church marks the start of the Lenten season and will include the imposition of ashes on our foreheads, special music, and liturgy.
  - Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday: During Sunday morning worship we remember Jesus entry into Jerusalem before his crucifixion. (Regular worship service, 10:00 a.m.)
  - Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday: This special service remembers The Last Supper of Jesus with His disciples. Worship will be at The Bellbrook Presbyterian Church, also at 7:00, and this will be a joint service with the Methodist church.
  - Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday: This special service marks Jesus' crucifixion. Worship will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Bellbrook United Methodist Church.
  - Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, Easter Sunday: Join us at 10:00 a.m. as we celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the resurrection!
- Lenten Study: The Wednesday evening Bible study will be studying a book about Philippians titled Because of this I Rejoice. The study is described as a series of meditations on joyfully practicing spiritual disciplines. Whether or not you can attend the Wednesday night study, the entire congregation is encouraged to participate in this study. Households can complete the study together, neighborhoods, or small groups in addition to the Wednesday evening study group. Copies of the book will be available in the office in mid-February.



Kay Hodson  
Family of Mary Berryhill  
Family of Marie Doran  
Family of Eve Sexton  
Family of Doris Dumford  
Family of Wilma Havard  
Hunter and Taylor Circle  
Julia Circle  
Nicole Smallwood  
Will Wiseman  
Larry Dumford  
Barb Wagner  
Tom Lillie  
Lillian  
Toby Boedecker  
Betty Blose's Brother  
Bob Applegate  
Loy Boncek  
Andrew Berryhill  
Declan  
Betty Blose and all of Megan's Family  
Family of Karen Colleins  
Family of Joe Gilmore  
Capt. Edward Boncek  
Alzheimer Patients and caregivers  
Cancer patients and caregivers



Terry Allen- 620-4811  
Dorothy Evans 317-5008 or 287-7219  
Kim Hensley 848-4756  
Pat Crowe- 672-1073  
Allene Circle-Rader 848-8218  
Donna Ruschau 429-2107  
Sue Seiler 848-2043. 478-1426 or  
604-1426

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and prayer



Virginia  
Darlene  
Betty  
Bud  
Barb  
Larry  
Ben and Charlotte  
To visit or send cards please check with  
office for addresses.

# February Happenings

**Beans to Go** Pick up will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> or after church on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to pick up on Saturday please call Susan to arrange a time. 848-2043 or 478-1426.



**February 3th is Scout Sunday.** Please welcome members and families of Troop 75 and their leaders. Many thanks to the leaders for their commitment to guiding this troop!



**STUDY GROUP Bible Study.** Study groups meet on Monday at noon and Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Join us!



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

***"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"***  
**February 10- 2:00pm**

This wonderful documentary tells the story of a children's television programming star who touched the lives of thousands of children through *Mr. Rogers Neighborhood* as well as his education and wellbeing advocacy for children. In addition to telling the story of Fred Rogers, the documentary poses some important faith and life questions. And, we'll find out the true scoop on some rumors about Fred Rogers. Pastor Diane has seen this and gives it two thumbs up, as well as confesses to shedding a few tears while watching it. Join us! We meet at 2:00 p.m. and refreshments are provided.



**Winter's Library** will be holding a book sale in our fellowship Hall on February 16<sup>th</sup> from 10-5. Stop by to support the Library and pick up a good read for those cold winter days.



The next gathering of The Third Thirty will be Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> following Fellowship Hour (11:30ish). This gathering is for anyone who is in their "third thirty" of life, is nearing the third thirty, is caring for parents who are in the third thirty, or who just wants to be ready for what is coming. In other words, just about everyone! Our topic for this month is Cooking for One or Two. Do you ever find yourself thinking "what should I make for dinner" or "I don't feel like cooking"? Or, do you find yourself making a dish and eating it for several days? What we eat is important, and meeting nutritional needs is critical to living well at any stage of life. Our gathering will seek to help us eat well and make food preparation reasonable.

In this session we will share recipes, cooking strategies for cooking smaller quantities, storage and freezing ideas, and other such things. We will also EAT some tasty samples! Please bring your favorite recipes for one or two, and any ideas that you have for making cooking for one or two fun, nutritious and tasty.



**The directory** is almost complete. A copy of it is in the fellowship hall. Please stop by to double check your information. Make any corrections and initial it so I know it is all correct. Thanks so much.

## **HOGS AND KISSES-**

We are continuing our community partnership with the Alternative School and plan to take Valentine greetings to students and staff there. The plan is to make toilet paper rolls into cute little paper "hogs" and fill them with Hershey kisses. To do this, we need your toilet paper and/or paper towel rolls. Kathy Beleny and Alice Wiseman are coordinating this. Please bring your paper rolls to church on Sunday. If you would like to help with the making or stuffing of the "hogs" please let Kathy or Alice know. Thank you!



5 - Bob Green  
7 - Donna Ruschau  
21 - Diane Green  
24 - Lisa Graham

### Special dates

- African-American History Month
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2019
- Presidents Day, February 18, 2019

### The church as mosaic

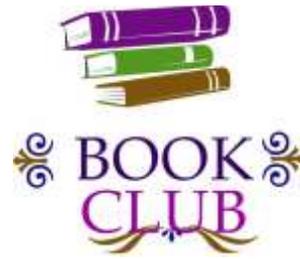


A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones.

Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.

That is what our life in [the church] is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say: "I make God visible." But others who see us together can say: "They make God visible." [Christian] community is where humility and glory touch.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen



February 12th  
10:00am  
at the church  
The Lilac Girls by Martha Hall.

Everyone is Welcome!

***Inspired by the life of a real World War II heroine, this debut novel reveals a story of love, redemption, and secrets that were hidden for decades.***

*New York socialite Caroline Ferriday has her hands full with her post at the French consulate and a new love on the horizon. But Caroline's world is forever changed when Hitler's army invades Poland in September 1939—and then sets its sights on France.*

*An ocean away from Caroline, Kasia Kuzmerick, a Polish teenager, senses her carefree youth disappearing as she is drawn deeper into her role as courier for the underground resistance movement. In a tense atmosphere of watchful eyes and suspecting neighbors, one false move can have dire consequences.*

*For the ambitious young German doctor, Herta Oberheuser, an ad for a government medical position seems her ticket out of a desolate life. Once hired, though, she finds herself trapped in a male-dominated realm of Nazi secrets and power.*

*The lives of these three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens and Kasia is sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents—from New York to Paris, Germany, and Poland—as Caroline and Kasia strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten.*



				<i>February</i> 2019	1	2
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<b>Communion Scout Sunday</b> 8:45 am Keystone Class 10:00 am Worship 10:20 am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour	Deacons 10am  Noon-Bible study  Winter's Library 6:30-7:30pm	Winter's Library 4:00-6:00pm	11:00am Bellcreek Seniors (FH) 6:00pm Bible Study 7:15pm Choir 7:00pm Troop 75	Trustees 7:00pm		Beans To Go Pick Up 1:30pm
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<b>Birthdays</b> 8:45 am Keystone Class 10:00 am Worship 10:20 am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour with cake <b>2:00pm Movies That Matter</b>	Historical Society 6:30pm  Noon-Bible study	Book Club 10:00am	11:00am Bellcreek Seniors (FH) 6:00pm Bible Study 7:15pm Choir 7:00pm Troop 75	Ministerial Association Meeting and Lunch 12:00noon @TBPC  Worship 7:00pm	Winter's Library Book Sale Set Up	Winter's Library Book Sale 10-5 In the Fellowship Hall
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<b>Anniversaries</b> 8:45 am Keystone 10:00 am Worship 10:20 am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour <b>11:30 Third Thirty "Cooking for 2"</b>	Noon-Bible study	Men's Breakfast 8:30 (BBC) 	1:00am Bellcreek Seniors (FH) 6:00pm Bible Study 7:15pm Choir 7:00pm Troop 75	Session 7:00pm		
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## Reading through the Bible Scriptures for February

- Day 32 - Luke 23:1-25; Genesis 41; Psalm 32  
Day 33 - Luke 23:26-56; Genesis 42; Psalm 33  
Day 34 - Luke 24:1-12; Genesis 43; Psalm 34  
Day 35 - Luke 24:13-53; Genesis 44; Psalm 35  
Day 36 - Hebrews 1; Genesis 45:1-46:27; Psalm 36  
Day 37 - Hebrews 2; Genesis 46:28-47:31; Psalm 37  
Day 38 - Hebrews 3:1-4:13; Genesis 48; Psalm 38  
Day 39 - Hebrews 4:14-6:12; Genesis 49:1-50:26; Psalm 39  
Day 40 - Hebrews 6:13-20; Exodus 1:1-2:25; Psalm 40  
Day 41 - Hebrews 7; Exodus 3:1-4:31; Psalm 41  
Day 42 - Hebrews 8; Exodus 5:1-6:27; Proverbs 1  
Day 43 - Hebrews 9:1-22; Exodus 6:28-8:32; Proverbs 2  
Day 44 - Hebrews 9:23-10:18; Exodus 9:1-10:29; Proverbs 3  
Day 45 - Hebrews 10:19-39; Exodus 11:1-12:51; Proverbs 4  
Day 46 - Hebrews 11:1-22; Exodus 13:1-14:31; Proverbs 5  
Day 47 - Hebrews 11:23-40; Exodus 15; Proverbs 6:1-7:5  
Day 48 - Hebrews 12; Exodus 16:1-17:16; Proverbs 7:6-27  
Day 49 - Hebrews 13; Exodus 18:1-19:25; Proverbs 8  
Day 50 - Matthew 1; Exodus 20:1-21:36; Proverbs 9  
Day 51 - Matthew 2; Exodus 22:1-23:33; Proverbs 10  
Day 52 - Matthew 3; Exodus 24; Proverbs 11  
Day 53 - Matthew 4; Exodus 25-27; Proverbs 12  
Day 54 - Matthew 5:1-20; Exodus 28:1-29:46; Proverbs 13  
Day 55 - Matthew 5:21-48; Exodus 30-32; Proverbs 14  
Day 56 - Matthew 6:1-18; Exodus 33:1-34:35; Proverbs 15  
Day 57 - Matthew 6:19-34; Exodus 35:1-36:38; Proverbs 16  
Day 58 - Matthew 7; Exodus 37:1-38:31; Proverbs 17  
Day 59 - Matthew 8:1-13; Exodus 39:1-40:38; Proverbs 18

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