



VOYAGEUR February 2019

Dear ChurchFamily,

This January I had a two week vacation. It was the first time I have been away for that long since I began serving as your pastor in 2015. Along with refreshment and renewal, it gave me a little more distant perspective to reflect on where we are on this journey of living faithfully as a community. Overall, I am pleased with who we are and how God is still forming us for ministry in Bemidji. I believe we are uniquely gifted to be a community of invitation and hospitality. We've been demonstrating this when we are able to integrate new people into our community and when we offer our building for many outside groups to have a place to meet. God has gifted us with abilities to make Bemidji a better place to live.

On February 3rd, we will be having our Congregation's annual charge conference. Along with our meeting, we will also be breaking bread together. While we have business to do, we also will have fellowship together. It's a great time to take inventory of where we are, and to share in expressing gratitude for all that God is giving to us. I hope this will be a day where many will be able to stay after worship.

Among the business items we will be considering is a plan for renovating our sanctuary. This has been an ongoing development since we began the Healthy Church Initiative. I've been looking, imaging, and discussing sanctuary renovation with the trustees since I began serving here. We are blessed to have gifted trustees past and present who have practical skills and leadership in making our facilities match the grace and hospitality we proclaim as the United Methodist Church in Bemidji. It is my hope that a renovated sanctuary will enhance our worship experience in ways that reflect who we've been, who we are, and who good is calling us to become.

If you want to know more about the renovation, I encourage you to stay following worship on February 3rd.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Rob

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>Enjoy the little things</i>				1 7:30pm-10:00pm Square Dancing	2 9:30 Yoga
3 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Early Family Worship 10:30 Worship 11:30 Charge Conference with a Potluck Meal No Confirmation	4 6:30 Beginning Knitting / Chapel 5:30-8:30 Girl Scout Leader mtg in Lounge 6:30-7:30 Girl Scouts in the Fellowship Hall 6-8:30 MBSR Mtg in Upper RM	5 5:30 Yoga 5:30 AA in Lounge 5:30 Ruby Tuesday Singers Rehearsal	6 9:45 Service at Havenwood 10:45 Service at Neilson Place 3:30 Bible Study 5:00 Community Table 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Youth Group	7 2:00 Grief & Loss Support Group 5:00 Community Table 6:15 Lotus Zen Meditation	8	9 9:30 Yoga 5:30-8:00 Game Night
10 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Early Family Worship 10:30 Worship 11:45 Confirmation	11 NO Beginning Knitting / Chapel 6:30-7:30 Girl Scouts in the Fellowship Hall 6-8:30 MBSR Mtg in Upper RM	12 5:30 Yoga 5:30 AA in Lounge 6:30 Trustees Mtg 5:30 Ruby Tuesday Singers Rehearsal	13 3:30 Bible Study 5:00 Community Table 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Youth Group	14 4:00 SPRC 5:00 Community Table 6:15 Lotus Zen Meditation 	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 9:30 Yoga 10:00 Prayer Shawl Meeting
17 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Early Family Worship 10:30 Worship 11:45 Confirmation 2:00-4:30 Square Dancing	18 6:30 Beginning Knitting/Chapel 6:30-7:30 Girl Scouts in the Fellowship Hal 6-8:30 MBSR Mtg in Upper RM	19 5:30 Yoga 5:30 AA in Lounge 5:30 Finance Mtg 5:30 Ruby Tuesday Singers Rehearsal	20 9:30 BMW Meeting 3:30 Bible Study 5:00 Community Table 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Youth Group	21 5:00 Community Table 5:00 HCI Steering Committee Mtg 6:15 Lotus Zen Meditation	22	23 9:30 Yoga
24 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Early Family Worship 10:30 Worship 11:45 Confirmation	25 6:30 Beginning Knitting / Chapel 6:30-7:30 Girl Scouts in the Fellowship Hall 6-8:30 MBSR Mtg in Upper RM	26 2-3:30 Evergreen 5:30 Yoga 5:30 AA in Lounge 5:30 Council Mtg 5:30 Ruby Tuesday Singers Rehearsal	27 3:30 Bible Study 5:00 Community Table 6:30 Youth Group	28 2:00-5:30 Stamping Group in Lounge 5:00 Community Table 6:15 Lotus Zen Meditation		

BEMIDJI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church Office hours:

9:00am ~ 2:00pm

Monday ~ Friday

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If you wish for a pastoral home visit or hospital visit, or know someone who needs or desires a visit, please call the church office.

JUST A REMINDER....

Articles for the January Newsletter are due in the office no later than **9:00am on Friday, February 15, 2019**. Any announcements you wish to have in the Sunday bulletin must be called in, emailed, or delivered to the office by **9:00am on Thursdays**.

THANK YOU!

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Worship Service Volunteers February 2019

USHERS: *Coordinator Grace Pastoor*

February 3: Jeff & Charlene Anderson

February 10: Jan Grimm & Dave Dahlberg

February 17: Dave & Alice Larkin

February 24: LeRoy & Diane Morris

GREETERS: *Coordinator Grace Pastoor*

February 3: George & Pam Stowe

February 10: Roy & Janet Miller

February 17: Tessa & Mike Richardson

February 24: Cheyenne & Geordan Stowe

READERS: *Coordinator Becky Lueben*

February 3: Becky Lueben

February 10: Evan Hazard

February 17: Rita Albrecht

February 24: Judy Dvorak

COFFEE SERVERS: *Coordinator Grace Pastoor*

February 3: Jim & Ginger Tibbetts

February 10: Tom & Mary Ann Gray

February 17: Randy Burg & Carol Nielsen

February 24: Tony & Carla Nicholson

FEBRUARY MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Please celebrate and pray for these people on their birthday and anniversary.

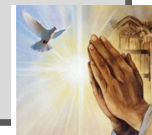
BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 01 Arlys Frazey | 18 Beverly Bryant, Betty Brooks |
| 03 Dawn Culifer, Jenny Frenzel | 19 William Bruers |
| 04 Henry Bellefy, Beverly Leet | 23 Lee Ann Hess, Verna Lofberg, Becky Lueben |
| 05 Karen Clark & Shaaron Israelson | 25 Justin St Pierre |
| 08 Maurice Sullivan | 27 Louise Johnson |
| 09 Wag Collins, Jan Lohstreter | |
| 10 Rita Albrecht, Sharon Ruberg | |
| 12 Marjory Beck, Angie Dahlberg | |
| 14 Ian Hess | |
| 15 Barb Pommerening, Bruno Porro | |
| 16 John Herath | |
| 17 Velma Wesloh | |

If your birthday or anniversary or the birthday or anniversary of a parishioner is missed here, please call Tammy at the office so it will be included in the Sunday bulletin and future Voyageurs.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE..

- ... at **Neilson Place**: Bill Britton, Marian Blehm, Nelle May
- ... at **Trillium**: Dick Slinkman, Lois Statton,
Judy Comstock, Lorraine Sorensen
- ... at **Windsong**: Wag Collins, Jean Slinkman,
Bert Clark, Karren Clark, Dotty Naramore
- ... at **Baker Park**: Kathleen Magsam
- ... at **Havenwood Care Center**: Patty Boyer, Mary Conner,
Grace Daniels, Vern Ditty, Betty Howard.
- ... at **Goldpine**: Laura Hays, Dorothy Sathre,
Ruby Hausauer, Dorothy Baxter, Marjory Beck
- ... at **Tanbark Assisted Living in Lexington, KY**: Margaret Skinner
- ... at **May Creek in Walker, MN**: Ruth Weis,



The Bemidji Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, February 20 at 9:15am in the lounge with refreshments being served.

HOSTESSES: Deanna Nichols & Sandy Sterr
DEVOTIONS: Deanna Nichols
PROGRAM: Trip to Africa-Ken & Deanna Nichols

Everyone is welcome, please join us for refreshments & Fellowship.

February Welcome Desk Volunteers

February 03
February 10
February 17
February 24



Charge Conference Sunday February 3rd at 11:30 am with a Chicken Potluck meal.

Grief & Loss Support Group to the calendar for Feb. 7 at 2:00. This is led by Pastor Rob, and anyone who needs to explore their grief is welcome to attend. The group is free to talk as they wish without judgment and everything is confidential. Please join us.

Thanks, Jan Grimm—-444-0209

Fundraiser for the Heart & Vascular Unit of Bemidji! February 24th from 4:00 to 6:00 at the Bemidji Eagles, 1270 Neilson Ave, Bemidji. Turkey Dinner with all the Fixings \$10.00 per plate. There will be Silent & Live Auctions as well as Raffles. RSVP at 751-9985.

Fair Trade is not a charity or handout; it is simply a process of giving a fair exchange. Equal Exchange provides high-quality foods at a fair price to you. By cutting out the middlemen, Equal Exchange pays the farmers more and gives you a better value.

Help Support Fair Trade.

The easiest way to support authentic Fair Trade is to purchase fairly traded products from small farmers. Your actions as a consumer can support small farmers to make a sustainable living.

Our congregation supports Fair Trade with the coffee it serves and the Fair Trade Coffee/Chocolate Sales cart in the Mission Market corner of the Lounge every Sunday. Please stop by and see our selection of ground/whole bean coffee, both regular and decaf, single serve coffee cups, various flavors of chocolate bars, chocolate minis, chocolate chips, and olive oil.

With Valentine's Day coming up, consider giving Fair trade chocolate that you know was produced without using child labor practices, and is an ethical choice. We have Valentine gift bags!

Thank You for supporting the UMCOR Coffee Project.



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open minds
open doors

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