



## *VOYAGEUR*     *January 2020*

Dear Church family,

Last Sunday we canceled worship for the first time since I have been here. I rode my fat tire bicycle to the church to see how possible it would have been to worship. While the lot had been plowed, it had already blown over and the entry was blown shut. The streets were mostly not plowed. It was somewhat comically impossible to think of having church.

I say this because I hate to cancel worship. Whenever I've done so the rest of my week feels strangely disoriented. It hasn't always been so, but I did experience something like it the years I worked as a registered nurse. There were times I wasn't able to make it to worship because I was working, and there were times I felt too tired to make it to church. I found it more difficult to get back into the pattern of including worship in my life if I had been away for very long. Eventually I would find my way back.

How much of your life is shaped by repeated patterns and rhythms?

This seems to vary from person to person. But it also seems to be a regular part of life. I know that there are not as many people as there used to be who attend worship every Sunday. This is a cultural shift that has been happening for some time. And it's mixed-- when I see people who don't show up every Sunday for worship, it seems like they made a deliberate choice to attend. Either way, I am really glad when people show up as it seems that we enhance the experience of worship with and for each other. After all, patterns and habits in life can also be chosen.

It's the beginning of a new year, and the beginning of a new decade. What habits and patterns are important to you this year? Are there spiritual patterns and habits that would enhance your relationship with God? If it is not already a pattern in your life, could setting aside time for daily prayer make a difference?

For my part, I'm grateful for the snowstorm last Sunday. I'm grateful that it reminds us of something we might take for granted. I'm grateful we have a time and place to worship God in our lives. May it always be so.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Rob



# January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	OFFICE OPEN 10A-2P (M, T, Th & F this week)		Happy New Year Office Closed	2:00 Grief & Loss 6:15 Lotus Zen		9:30 Yoga
	4:30 Girl Scouts					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 Adult SS 10:30 Worship 2:00 Square Dancers	OFFICE OPEN 10A-2P (M-F)	5:30 Yoga, Ruby Singers and AA	1:30 Staff Mtg. 5:00 Choir 5:00 Comm Table	4:00 SPRC 5:00 Comm Table 6:15 Lotus Zen		9:30 Yoga
	4:30 Girl Scouts		Pastor Rob on Vacation until 01-22-20			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 Adult SS 10:00 Choir 10:30 Worship 2:00 Square Dancers	OFFICE OPEN 10A-2P (M-F)	5:30 Yoga, Ruby Singers and AA  6:30 Trustee Meeting	9:15 BMW 1:30 Staff Mtg. 5:00 Choir 5:00 Comm Table	1:30 Finance Mtg. 5:00 Comm Table 6:15 Lotus Zen		9:30 Yoga
	4:30 Girl Scouts					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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	4:30 Girl Scouts					
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:00 Adult SS 10:00 Choir 10:30 Worship 2:00 Square Dancers	OFFICE OPEN 10A-2P (M-F)	5:30 Yoga, Ruby Singers and AA	1:30 Staff Mtg.	5:00 Comm Table 6:15 Lotus Zen		
	4:30 Girl Scouts	5:30 Council Mtg.				
	Pastor Rob gone until 01-29-20					

# *BEMIDJI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH*

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**10:00 AM – 2:00PM (M – F)**

**Office Phone: 218-751-3503**

**Pastor Rob Cell: 218-766-8744**

### **JUST A REMINDER....**

Articles for the February Newsletter are due in the office no later than **9:00am on Wednesday, January 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 the previous Thursday**.  
**THANK YOU!**

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## **Worship Service Volunteers January 2020**

† **Jane Kilgore, Jan Grimm & Becky Lueben**

† **Bob and Carolyn Ballard**

† **Angie and Dave Dahlberg**



**Leisa Bragg**

### **Looking Ahead**

**Bemidji United Methodist Women will meet January 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:15am**

HOSTESSES: Deanna Nichols and Sandy Sterr

DEVOTIONS: Diane Morris

PROGRAM: Leisa Bragg –Getting to know you!!

Come join us for Brunch and Fellowship

# January MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

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

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

01- Richard Burghart  
02- Maggie Dahlberg  
02- Barb Fellman  
02- Verda Murray  
02- Ginger Tibbetts  
04- Spencer Jessen  
05- Alice Larkin  
05- Sandy Sterr  
06- Olivia Geiger  
07- Shirley Bruers  
11- Madalynn Frenzel  
11- Michelle Seibel  
11- Linda Smith  
15- Kathy Burger  
16- Dana Danielson  
17- Dave Danielson  
17- Courtney Frenzel  
17- Kambria Lee  
17- Nick Thompson  
18- Krista Coyle  
19- Virginia Youngdahl  
21- Zaverree Conner  
22- Hayden Pirk  
23- Jan Grimm  
24- Betty Freborg  
25- Barbara Johnston  
25- Cal Mattfield  
26- Lillian Douglas  
27- Janice Moberg  
27- William Strycker  
31- Leisa Braag



Since we no longer use the Upper Room for meeting space that requires tables and chairs, there are excess chairs to dispose of. It has been decided by Trustees to sell 45 padded stacking armchairs and a few padded stacking regular chairs. Trustees are first offering them to anyone in the congregation. The cost to members will be \$15.00 dollars each for the regular chairs and \$20.00 dollars each for armchairs. They are currently stored in the Upper Room. If you are interested contact Mike Albrecht at 218-760-8714 or email [mrалbrecht@midco.net](mailto:mrалbrecht@midco.net) by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. Mike Albrecht, Trustee



**Pastor Rob has a busy New Year ahead in January. He will be out of the office January 8<sup>th</sup> thru the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Then, a 3 day conference January 27<sup>th</sup> thru the 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Jon Rundquist will be guest speaker Sundays.**

**Pastor Mike Naylor will cover visitations.**



## **Remember Those In Your Prayers**

- ...at Neilson Place: Marian Blehm, Nelle May and Jean Slinkman**
- ...at Trillium: Lois Statton, Judy Comstock, Lorna Sullivan**
- ...at Windsong: Wag Collins, Bert Clark, Dotty Naramore**
- ...at Baker Park: Kathleen Magsam**
- ...at Havenwood Care Center: Patty Boyer, Mary Conner, Vern Ditty and Betty Howard**
- ...at Goldpine: Marjory Beck, Laura Hays, Dorothy Sathre, Ruby Hausauer, Dorothy Baxter and Helen LeClaire**
- ...at Tanbark Assisted Living in Lexington, KY: Margaret Skinner**
  - ...Bjorn Peterson, age 3, pray for miraculous healing**
  - ...Noli and family**
  - ...George Stowe for healing and strength**
  - ...Bert Clark**
  - ...Elaine Clark for continued healing from eye surgery**



**Just a reminder that the UMC Charge Conference is set for:  
Sunday, February 16, 2020**



**Those interested in game night for January, please contact Deborah or the Church Office and leave a message. Thank you!**



We are looking for team members to work as support to the worship teams. This would require less than 1 hour per week. Call the Church Office and leave your name for Deborah if you would like to volunteer with this effort.

## 2020 Worship Teams

### January and July

Jane Kilgore  
Jan Grimm  
Becky Lueben  
Bob and Carolyn Ballard  
Dave and Angie Dahlberg

### February and August

LeRoy and Diane Morris  
Skippy Larson  
Robert and Carol Reike  
Jim and Ginger Tibbets

### March and September

Larry and Sue Young  
Merlyn and Velma Wesloh  
Tom and Mary Ann Gray  
Cheyenne Stowe

### April and October

Jeff and Charlene Anderson  
John Herath  
Vic Mosser  
Sandy Krantz  
Lorne and Verna Lofberg

### May and November

Nancy Manley  
Alice Larkin  
Ken and Deanna Nichols  
Judy Dvorak  
Jack Spangenburg

### June and December

Carol Nielson  
Randy Burg  
Cal and Pat Rice  
Mike and Rita Albrecht  
Elaine Clark

# STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FOR 2020

I pledge to honor my commitment to the Bemidji United Methodist Church through my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

My/Our pledge to the BUMC for 2020 is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per Week/Month/Year  
(This pledge may be revised or canceled at any time at my request.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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924 Beltrami Ave. NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601

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## SOUP AND PIE AND SAYING "HI"



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**We want to have a bi-monthly soup and pie/ soup and sandwich gathering. Those interested in attending or baking or serving, please contact Deborah or call the Church Office. (218) 751-3503.**

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open minds  
open doors



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