

Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

*Loving God with Heart, Soul and
Mind*

The Pastor's Page By Catherine Taylor

FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Every Sunday we print a "thought" at the top of the bulletin. I try to find thoughts that are interesting, quirky, startling—anything that may help see something in a new light or simply lift our hearts. The thought for the last Sunday in January was perfect for Amy Cowan's last day as Interim Music Director: "God respects me when I work, but [s]he loves me when I sing."

The author is Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941), a Bengali poet, musician, painter, essayist and philosopher and the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. In addition to his long list of gifts, Tagore composed some two thousand songs, and clearly held song in high esteem as a form of human expression.

Mind you, Tagore did *not* say God loves us when we sing *well*. The quality or beauty of one's voice is not important. For singing involves the entire spirit and body. It is a physical act, done not for the sake of the hearers, but as a means of expression for the one who sings—an expression of a full range of emotions from joy to the deepest sadness. Singing is an act of sheer physicality involving rhythm, timing, movement, even dancing. We sing in the car, in the shower, in our living rooms, and may snap our fingers, clap, or tap our feet. It can lift the spirit, boost the immune system, and help us exercise.

Sadly, too many people today associate singing with skill. "Oh, I don't sing well," is a comment often made. Such an attitude confuses singing with talent. Certainly it can be sublime to hear a trained singer at his or her best, and in worship we benefit from many well-trained singers in the choir. Top ranked opera singers have a mastery over their muscles that's on par with world-class athletes. But would you decide not to run, toss a ball to a grandchild or swing a golf club because you cannot do it like a pro football player or golfer?

Once upon a time singing was a common community practice that everyone enjoyed. The words to songs were projected on theater screens before movies were shown and people sang by following a bouncing ball. Every elementary age child sang in school choruses and people regularly sang together at home, at concerts and in public parks. Happily, some recent films have offered "sing-a-long" showings, including the live action version of *Beauty and the Beast* and this year's movie musical *Showman*. But music and choral programs in schools have been foolishly slashed, despite clear evidence that students who are exposed to music and art perform better across the board in every area.

Church is one of the few places where people gather and sing. Congregations provide volunteer or professional music directors not only to lead choirs, but to accompany the congregation so they can sing as a form of prayer. In a period when fewer children are exposed to singing in school, singing themselves and experiencing the song of the adults around them is vital to their formation. After all, the sanctuary is our "living room," a safe space to sing to your heart's content. Our new Music Director, Steve Lawrence, embraces his calling to help each one of us sing out our praise. His first Sunday will be February 11th. Please welcome him with a renewed commitment to the joys of singing.

Peace,

Catherine

Newsletter deadlines!

We look forward to your items for the newsletter. Please have all items submitted to Sherry by **February 14, 2018**. Items may be submitted by email to: sherry@blacksburgpres.org.

Newsletter Schedule:

March 1, 2018 (deadline February 14, 2018)

April 1, 2018 (deadline March 14, 2018)

Don't forget our newsletter is available on our website! Check it out! www.blacksburgpres.org

GRATITUDE AND CELEBRATION

With your support, Faith Circle raised more than \$450 for Health Kits for Head Start Families. We supplied 34 Head Start families with kits containing: hand soap, bandages, tissues, hand sanitizer, and a digital thermometer. Thank you for helping keep the Head Start kids and their families healthy!

Prayer Concerns

Trusting in God's presence, grace, healing, and care, we also pray for many people...



- ...for Judith Jones and her family following her mother's passing;
- ...for Edith Stockton and her family following the loss of her son-in-law Don Mackinder;
- ...for Susan Barnard and her family following the passing of her mother;
- ...for Karen Watson who is recovering from knee replacement and going through physical therapy;
- ...for Bob Stalcup and his family following Donna's passing;
- ...for Laurie Wolf, daughter of Dale and Evelyn Wolf, who had successful surgery for breast cancer, and recovery is progressing with hope;
- ...for Kathleen Wampler who is in assisted living;
- ...for Larry Wright, husband of Anne Wright and father of Marcia Wright and Allison Kruckow, who is undergoing treatment for lung cancer;
- ...for Juan Espinoza's father who is dealing with health concerns;
- ...for missionaries who serve God's people amid dangerous times;
- ...for Sherry and Randy Ingham's 3-year-old granddaughter, Emily Schroepfer, who was diagnosed with Leukemia and is undergoing chemotherapy;



Continue to be in prayer for Jim Schlauldecker, Wilmoth O'Dell, Barbara Houston, Trish Laurrell, Nancy Leach, Ted Ake, Edith Stockton, Rosa Linkous, Mark Rakes, Marcia Cowley, David Doherty, Anne Grover, Joan Munford, Carolyn White, and Margaret Dawson.

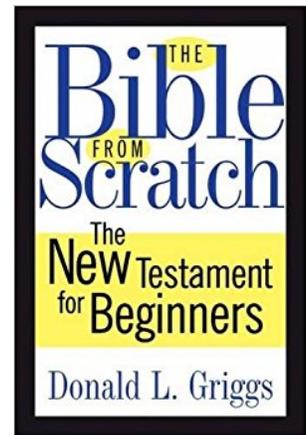


Let's Take Care of Kids, From Top to Bottoms!

For its spring project, **Faith Circle** is leading drives to benefit two local organizations and the children they work to support. Our partners at Valley Interfaith Child Care Center (VICCC) and the Baby Shop are in need of **diapers (sizes 2-6 and pull-ups), wipes, and cream**. Faith Circle will be collecting through Lent and donating after Easter. Sign up in the Gathering Space. Thank you for helping!

If you would like to offer support, but would rather not get trapped in the baby aisle at the local store, we would be happy to shop on your behalf. Please write a check to BPC, memo line Faith Circle Drive and place it in the collection plate. Every dollar counts to the beautiful children and families you are helping to support!

Upcoming Adult Sunday School Class:
 Bible from Scratch -
 The New Testament for Beginners
 Sundays at 9am-10am,
 March 4th-May 20th
 (excluding Easter Sunday)
 Hatcher Conference Room
 More information to come!



KNITWITS Next Gathering
February 26, 2018 - 1:00-3:00 p.m.
In Westminster Hall.

All are welcome!



BPC'S YOUTH GROUP

During the school year Middle and High School students (grades 6-12) meet most Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall for dinner, games, and discussions about faith in the lives of youth.

For more information, contact Susan Hunter at 552-2504 or susanh@blacksburgpres.org

Upcoming Dates for the Calendar

- Feb. 4**—Souper Bowl of Caring—collect money after worship. Lunch after. Bring \$10-\$15
- Feb. 11**—UKirk's Chili Cook-Off, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at BPC. Bring donation of money and/or chili to share
- Feb. 18**—Dinner & Discussion at BPC 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 23-24**—Peaks Senior High Retreat at Camp Bethel
- Feb. 25**—Movie and Pizza, 5:00-7:30 p.m. at BPC
- Mar. 4**—Dinner & Discussion at BPC 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 11**—Dinner and IMPROV night at BPC 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 18**—Youth Sunday Preparation at BPC 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 23-24**—Peaks Presbytery Confirmation Retreat at Camp Bethel
- Mar. 25**—Youth Sunday Preparation at BPC 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- April 1**—No Youth Group—Easter Sunday

SAVE the DATE: YOUTH SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH

BPC's CENTS-ABILITY COLLECTION
Sunday, February 18, 2018

**Progress in moving toward World Food Security**

Did you know that:

In the last 20 years, the number of malnourished people globally has decreased **by 27%**, or 216 million, thanks in part to ministries that have helped grow agricultural productivity in developing regions.

Since, 1990, 72 out of 129 (that's 56%) of developing countries have been able to cut **by half** the number of their population living with chronic malnourishment.

This is encouraging news! It makes world food security not just a dream but a reachable goal!

Still:

Approximately one out of every nine people in the world currently doesn't have access to enough food to lead an active and healthy life. Food security and hunger remain a daily challenge for approximately 14% of the world's population.

Sources: Food and Agriculture Organization, International Fund for Agricultural Development, World Food Program



**PRESBYTERIAN
 WOMEN'S CIRCLES**

Presbyterian Women Circles
**All women are invited to join
 one of our Circles!**

Lydia Circle meets at 1:30 p.m. on
**Monday, Feb. 5 at BPC in
 Fellowship Hall.**

If you have any questions about Lydia Circle contact Mary Lee Hendricks at 951-3913 or maryleea@comcast.net.



Hildegard Circle meets at 6:00 p.m. on
Monday, Feb. 12 at Patti Gile's home,
 1302 Grissom Lane, Blacksburg, VA

If you have any questions about Hildegard Circle contact Nancy Furr at 951-8219 or nancyfurr@gmail.com.



Faith Circle meets on
Monday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. at
 Linda Pospichal's home, 110 Countryside
 Court, Blacksburg, VA.
 All are welcome.

For more information on Faith Circle contact Julie Burger at juliaburger@gmail.com or 540-951-2310.

**CHOIR PRACTICE AT BPC**

Handbell practice on Wednesdays at BPC from 6:00 –7:00 p.m.

Adult Choir practice meets on Wednesdays at BPC at 7:15 p.m.

All are welcome!
 Contact choir director, Steve Lawrence at steve@blacksburgpres.org if you have any questions.



CEDEPCA

CEDEPCA has an area of the Disaster Ministry's work that deals with food sustenance in communities.

"My family and I have enjoyed the different vegetables that I've harvested," Isabel García told us. Ms. García is a 68 year old woman from the small town of El Carmen in Palestina de los Altos, Quetzaltenango, where 50 families received a seed kit from CEDEPCA's Disaster Ministry to begin a family vegetable garden. "I am very thankful to CEDEPCA for the seeds and seedlings that I received. With the harvest, we have been able to consume these foods and I have also sold some and with the money have been able to buy other foods and medicines when I need them." Ms. García tells us that the plants that she received grew quickly, such as radishes that require between 20-40 days to grow. Beets, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, and spinach require three months to grow, and carrots require six months. The availability of money and food is one factor that determines how much and what quality of products Guatemalan families consume. Children and pregnant women especially require a varied diet. In Quetzaltenango, the most commonly consumed foods are beans and corn. Another contributing difficulty is that many people migrate because of lack of jobs and arable land. Many migrants travel to the southern part of Guatemala to work on plantations. Some families are able to plant corn for the family's own consumption and to sell in the market in Palestina de los Altos or in San Juan Ostuncalco in order to cover other basic needs. The family garden is an alternative so that the family can produce and consume a variety of food that is better quality, fresh, and healthy. A garden only requires a small amount of space in an area close to the house. If it is well tended intensively and continually, it provides vegetables necessary for the family to eat the whole year long, even in colder regions. These vegetables provide the family with energy for daily work and allow children to grow and be protected from diseases and malnutrition that plague our country. When extra vegetables are sold at market, family income improves, and the family can acquire basic needs to ensure appropriate food and nutrition for the family, as well as seeds and items to raise small farm animals. The benefits we have seen in El Carmen include a reduction in malnutrition among children and pregnant women, since these families now have sufficient nutritional food and food variety all year round, resulting in delicious results.



Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Award

Phyllis Albritton-Webb was honored at the January 7th Presbyterian Women's Annual Meeting with the Honorary Life Membership Award. The award is given in recognition of faithful service in some area of the church's work. Phyllis has been a life-long worker in God's church. She has served in many capacities of leadership (Session, deacon, teacher, counselor, pianist) not only at BPC but other congregations, too. A staunch supporter and leader in peace and justice issues, she has been, and continues to be, active in local, state, national and international efforts to address issues of bias and neglect for those whose power is limited. Phyllis has been a constant voice for justice and love and care for everyone - especially those whose voices are seldom heard.

She is – as her children affirm – “always rooted in the faith she has that Christ is among us, that we are called to serve, and that we are our brother's [and sister's] keeper.”



Box Tops for Education

THANKS to you who clip the “Box Tops for Education” coupons from many items and bring them to BPC in the marked collection box in the Gathering Space Welcome Window. They are each worth 10 cents toward supplies to be used for education in a school. We recently sent 372 Box Tops to the Menaul School, Albuquerque, NM, one of the 2 racial-ethnic schools partially supported by Presbyterians. The upcoming Christmas Joy offering also offers some support for these schools.

Please continue to clip these coupons, being certain that they are still up-to-date. People from all over the country send these coupons to Menaul School, helping with thousands of dollars to enrich the school's program. Questions? Contact Elva Miller, who was a volunteer at the school for 3 months at the beginning of the year. (951-8407; elva.miller@comcast.net)



BANISH THE BLUES CREATION CARE TEAM



If your concern for our planet and how we humans are treating it is anything like mine, you experience a lot of anxiety about where we are headed. I recently ran across an essay published by the Natural Resources Defense Council that lists 5 ways to “banish the blues” about climate change and environmental destruction. I find this list inspiring, so I would like to summarize it here.

1. Be open about your concerns. Acknowledge and address your anxieties with those who share them, and try to educate those who don't. The goal is to bring everyone along; to do that, we have to be less judgmental. Outrage can motivate action. Dr. Lise Van Susteren, a psychiatrist and frequent speaker on the psychological effects of climate change, says “If you aren't in pain and feeling deeply anxious, if you aren't traumatized, you aren't listening.”

2. Take a hike. Or a walk, and make it routine. Research has shown that exposure to nature reduces our tendency to brood. Here in Blacksburg, we actually have the option of escaping an urban setting; relish it! It will boost your psyche for #3.

3. Take action. Van Susteren advises: “Whatever it is that spurs you forward, make it both personally meaningful and consistent with your temperament.” The journal *Environmental Research Letters* has pointed out in a recent study that change is ultimately the result of **billions** of individual decisions. The study concluded that the four steps that most substantially shrink a person's carbon footprint are: eating a plant-based diet, having one fewer child, living without a car, and avoiding air travel. If you can do even one of these, do it! In the meantime, have you made sure to transition your light bulbs to LED, or take public transport when you can, or recycle beyond single stream (such as plastic film - see below), or have your home checked for suitability of solar power? The power to make change is in your hands.

4. Don't be a lone climate warrior. Van Susteren, again, says “Like sandbags on a rising river, the spirits of everyone rise with collective action.” Don't discount minor progress; small victories build momentum.

5. Note the progress outside of D.C. The majority of Americans believe that we need to act on climate change. Cities, businesses and states remain committed to limiting temperature rise, and there are still 194 countries committed to the Paris agreement, and they will continue on toward its goals.

6. Keep the long view. What we do now affects the future. “We tend to focus disproportionately on what the federal government can do for us, but there's something else we can ask that's fundamental to our democracy,” Van Susteren says. “That is, what can we do for each other? This is ...our gift to each other, to be the best citizens we can be.”
source: NRDC, by Jenny Shalant, August 29, 2017



News flash on plastic film recycling

Here's another good reason to participate in our group effort: When we reach 500 pounds, Montgomery County Head Start will get a free Trex bench! Collection boxes and directions are located inside the Eakin Street and parking lot doors.

JANUARY 2018 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Elected Greg Campbell Church Treasurer for 2018.
- Approved the hiring of Steve Lawrence as Music Director
- Made preparations for the Annual Meeting of the church on January 28
- Andrew Warren presented an update on the status of the Habitat for Humanity proposal for multi-family housing on the church lot across from the parking lot. The town Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the proposal on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main Street. All members of the church are encouraged to attend the meeting.
- Received a written report from the Treasurer indicating that income projections for 2018 look favorable and should be adequate to support salary increases for staff in the area of 2.5%.
- Approved salary increases of 2.5% for all church staff.
- Nine new church members were accepted at a called session meeting on January 14.

With Our Hands: A Creative Spiritual Retreat March 2nd and 3rd, 2018 Cost is \$15 prior, or \$20 at the door.



This will be a time to worship God by exploring our spiritual gifts through 3-D collage. The emphasis is on the process of discernment rather than the project. There will be an introductory devotion and time to begin creative work on Friday night (7-9pm) and open studio on Saturday (9am-4pm) followed by an opportunity to share experiences and a closing devotion (4-5:30pm). 6th grade and up.

Childcare on Friday evening by request. RSVP by Feb. 14.
In addition, a Guided Art Walk around the church will take place at 1pm on Saturday.

We need your small stuff!

Have any games sitting around with missing pieces? What about old or broken jewelry? Needing to clean out that craft closet? Well we have the place for you to bring all that stuff! If you have any small trinkets or crafting supplies that you want out of your house please bring them to the church!

You can bring them to Kendra's office and mark them "With Our Hands".

Here is a non-exhaustive list to get you thinking about what you could donate:

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| *small trinkets | *magazines | *ribbons | *string |
| *newspapers | *yarn | *hardware | *miniature figures |
| *paint | *wire | *small toys | *old sheets |
| *hanging hooks | *old watches | *drop cloths | *game pieces |
| *cogs | *maps | *scrapbook paper | *costume jewelry |
| *etc.. | | | |

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 2018 WINTERLUDE RETREAT

Living Love:

Experiencing Faith Everyday

Presbyterian Women's

Winterlude Retreat 2018

February 23rd-24th

Alta Mons Camp and Retreat Center
Shawsville, VA (40-minute drive)

Register by February 4th with a \$30 deposit

Refunds are unavailable after registration deadline.

Check in begins at 5pm on Friday. The retreat will end at 7pm on Saturday.

Register online here: [Winterlude registration.](#)



Save the Date for The 20th Annual Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction



Sponsored by UKirk Ministry at
Virginia Tech

Sunday, February 11, 2018 5:30pm
at
Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

Join us and help support UKirk Ministry at Virginia Tech! Enter your favorite chili for the competition, or just come, eat and vote for your favorites! A vegetarian alternative will be available. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Come for great food & great fellowship!
For more information contact Cooper House at
552-2473



2018 Ecumenical Lenten
Supper Series
Based on
Matthew 25



Supper: 5:30-6:15 p.m. Worship: 6:15-7:00 p.m.

***Wednesday, Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday Worship Service at BPC at 12:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, Feb. 21



Host: Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
600 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA
(540) 951-1000
Speaker: Mike Ellerbrock, Deacon, St. Mary's Catholic Church
"Those Who Hunger and Thirst"

Wednesday, Feb. 28



Host: St. Mary's Catholic Church
1205 Old Mill Road, Blacksburg, VA
(540) 552-1091
Speaker: Joe Racek, Pastor, New Life Christian Fellowship
"Those Without A Home"

Wednesday, March 7



Host: Blacksburg United Methodist Church
111 Church Street, SE Blacksburg, VA
(540) 552-5424
Speaker: Pam Philips, Minister, Unitarian Universalist Congregation
"Those Without Resources"

Wednesday, March 14



Host: New Life Christian Fellowship
130 Jackson Street, NW Blacksburg, VA
(540) 251-1655
Speaker: Jennifer Fletcher, Associate Pastor,
Blacksburg United Methodist Church
"Those Who Are Sick"

Wednesday, March 21



Host: Unitarian Universalist Congregation
1301 Gladewood Drive, Blacksburg, VA
(540) 552-9716
Speaker: Catherine Taylor, Pastor, Blacksburg Presbyterian Church
"Those Who Are In Prison"



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OFFERINGS MADE DURING THE ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICES WILL GO TO SUPPORT
THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MCEAP)
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "MCEAP" AND NOT THE HOST CHURCH



***Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb. 14 and BPC will offer an Ash Wednesday service before the Ecumenical Lenten Series begins the following week. All are welcome.**

Please Welcome BPC's Newest Members!



Barbara & Garland McKenzie have split their time between Midlothian and Blacksburg for several years, but have resided in Blacksburg for 2 years. Garland is a management advisor, has been with the Federal Reserve System for 13 years, and plans to retire at the end of the year. Barbara is also retired and enjoys her grandchildren. Daughter Claire and son-in-law Kyle White also joined BPC. The McKenzies joined by letter of transfer from Salisbury Presbyterian Church, Midlothian, VA.



Claire and Kyle White have recently moved to Blacksburg from Virginia Beach. Claire joined the faculty at VA Tech as Assistant Professor of Practice in Land Development in the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering and also works in the Real Estate Program. Kyle is a civil engineering consultant at Draper Aden Associates and enjoys working on a variety of project from facilities on VA Tech campus to commercial sites such as animal hospitals. They are expecting a child in May. The Whites joined by letter of transfer from Great Bridge United Methodist Church, Chesapeake, VA



Cherese Weaver recently moved to Warm Hearth from Fayetteville, West Virginia. She is an artist and sculptor. Her wood-fired sculptures show her intense interests in anthropology, archeology, and spirituality. She has been part of shows from Hong Kong to New York. One of her two daughters, is the interdisciplinary artist Rachel Weaver, an artist in the School of Visual Arts at VA Tech. Cherese joined by letter of transfer from Fayetteville Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, WV.

Nathan Pienkowski and Brandy Salmon, with daughters Riley and Nataleigh, have recently moved to Blacksburg from Durham, NC. Nathan, son of Bob and Joni Pienkowski, was a child of BPC. Nathan is an educational consultant and continues to travel back to Durham for his multimedia learning business. Brandy is the Executive Director of LINK, the Center for Advancing Industry Partnership at VA Tech. Riley is in 9th grade and Nataleigh is in 6th. They join by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC.



—Dates to Remember—

*-HCR—Hatcher Conference Room
*-FH—Fellowship Hall *WM—Westminster Hall

Check our website for the most up to date calendar

Thursday, Feb. 1

7:00 p.m. PJGM meets –WM

Sunday, Feb. 4

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship with communion
11:30 a.m. CEDEPCA trip Informational meeting– HCR
11:30 a.m. Youth Group Souper Bowl of Caring Collection
following worship– Out for lunch after. Bring \$10-15

Monday, Feb. 5

1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle meets– FH
3:30 p.m. PWCT meeting—WM

Tuesday, Feb. 6

7:30 a.m. Morningstars meet—HCR
9:30 a.m. Quilters gather –FH
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group —Prayer Room-All are welcome!
7:30 p.m. Blacksburg Planning Commission meeting
regarding the rezoning of vacant lot-
at Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main.

Wednesday, Feb. 7

9:30 a.m. Caring for the Community-HCR
9:30 a.m. Staff meets—WM
6:00 p.m. Handbell practice
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Saturday, Feb. 10

1:00 p.m. Scouts-Pinewood Derby– FH– All are welcome

Sunday, Feb. 11

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. UKirk Chili Cook-Off & Silent Auction –FH
Youth Group –Chili Cook-Off

Monday, Feb. 12

6:00 p.m. Hildegard Circle meets at Patti Giles' home-
1302 Grissom Lane, Blacksburg
7:00 p.m. Faith Circle meets at Linda Pospichal's home-
110 Countryside Court, Blacksburg

Tuesday, Feb. 13

7:30 a.m. Morningstars meet– HCR
9:30 a.m. Quilter gather– FH
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group —Prayer Room-All are welcome!

Wednesday, Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday– Valentine's Day

9:30 a.m. Staff meets—HCR
12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
6:00 p.m. Handbell practice
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Thursday, Feb. 15

9:30 a.m. Caring for the Community—HCR

Sunday, Feb. 18

Cents Ability Collection
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Group meets for dinner & discussion at BPC
7:00 p.m. Session meets-HCR

Monday, Feb. 19

7:00 p.m. Manna Team meeting– HCR

Tuesday, Feb. 20

7:30 a.m. Morningstars meet—HCR
9:30 a.m. Quilters gather –FH
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group —Prayer Room-All are welcome!

Wednesday, Feb. 21

9:30 a.m. Staff meets—WM
9:30 a.m. Caring for the Community—HCR
6:00 p.m. Handbell practice
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Friday, Feb. 23 & Sat. Feb. 24 –PW Winterlude at Camp Alta Mons

Sunday, Feb. 25

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Youth Group-Dinner & Discussion at BPC

Monday, Feb. 26

1:00 p.m. KnitWits gather—WM

Tuesday, Feb. 27

7:30 a.m. Morningstars meet– HCR
9:30 a.m. Quilter gather– FH
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group —Prayer Room-All are welcome

Wednesday, Feb. 28

9:30 a.m. Staff meets—WM
6:00 p.m. Handbell practice
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir practice

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Ariana Wyatt
5 - Phyllis Hain, Marcia Leary, Kathleen Wampler
6 - Daniel Stahl
7- Sophia Thompson
8 – Holly McFall
12 - Barbara Michelsen, Kathy Burkhardt
13– Nettie Stewart, Paula Stith, Henry Wyatt
18 – David Doherty
19 – Katie Clark, Ben Louis
20 – Steve Grieco, Ryan Stewart
21- Claire White, Jennifer Stewart
23 – Jacob Verbrugge, Charlie Wyatt
25 - Marcia Andrews, Pat Artis
27 – Qato Burkhardt
29 – Harold Burkhardt



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 – Matthew Ducker
2 – Thomas Ducker, Tom Watkins
4 – Travis Eschenmann, David Harder, Bill Neely
7 - Viola Howery, Phyllis Albritton-Webb
8 – Anne Campbell, Catherine Taylor
9—Kyle Knobl, David McCord
11—Deborah Miller



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Sunday, February 4-

Souper Bowl of Caring Collection by BPC Youth

Sunday, Feb. 11 -

UKirk Chili Cook-Off and silent auction 5:30 p.m. —FH

Wednesday, Feb. 14 -

Ash Wednesday Service at 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 18 -

*Cents-Ability Collection at BPC
Session meets at 7:00 p.m. —HCR*

Friday, Feb. 23 & Saturday, Feb. 24 -

*PW Winterlude Retreat at Camp Alta Mons
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Friday, March 2 & Saturday, March 3 -

With Our Hands, A Creative Spiritual Retreat

Sunday, March 11 -

Daylight Saving Time begins—Spring Forward

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A Vibrant Congregation of
Welcome, Worship and Outreach***

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