

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAT



January 2017



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE IN CHRIST

STEEPLE TALK

New Year, New Growth

Happy New Year! As we step more fully into 2017 (can you believe it?), I pray that all the members of BRPC can take a moment to reflect on the year gone by – and set our sights afresh on the year to come. As a congregation, we'll have an opportunity to appreciate our ministry together during our Annual Congregational meeting on January 29th after worship.

As your pastor, you have granted me the singular opportunity for reflection and refreshment thru a sabbatical, according to my hiring contract. Therefore, I will be on leave for 6 weeks -- from Monday, Feb. 13th until March 26th. Heartland Presbytery has adopted a sabbatical policy which helpfully outlines the goals of a sabbatical:

Heartland Presbytery recommends that the covenanting process between pastor and congregation include provision for a Sabbatical Leave. The typical arrangement of the sabbatical is three months after six years of service . . . Based upon the biblical concept of "Sabbath Day" or "Sabbath Year," sabbatical leave is a time set apart from both vacation and study leave. This time may be utilized for professional development, spiritual renewal, and/or in-depth study. The benefits of a sabbatical may include the following:

For the pastor: (a) nurture of the body and soul; (b) time for fun and relaxation with family and friends; (c) increased spiritual vitality; (d) renewed commitment to ministry and the church; (e) improvement in one or more competencies; (f) enhanced job performance; (g) replenished energy stores; (g) personal growth.

For the congregation: (a) When properly timed, prepared for, and attention given to re-entry, teaching elders and congregations can expect a longer and more effective partnership together in ministry.

(b) Congregations may benefit from opportunities to strengthen lay leadership. Without the normal relationships and patterns of reliance that the presence of a pastor can create, the congregation may recover their own sense of ministry to the church and to each other.

I consider this time a gift and a grace. My personal goals include: (a) rest, (b) spiritual renewal, (c) in depth study to support BRPC's development of a new strategic plan, (d) extended sermon planning into the future and (e) time for family and friends.

In order for this sabbatical to work well, the following preparations are being made:

Pastoral Care. Rev. Donna Chavez will be on call for emergency pastoral care for the entire six weeks of my absence.

Pulpit Supply. Rev. Donna Chavez, Presbytery Executive Rev. Charles Spencer, Associate Presbytery Executive Rev. Sally Wright will each preach one Sunday. Rev Chavez will also lead worship on Ash Wednesday (March 1st). BRPC members (and perhaps youth on one Sunday) will offer messages the other three Sundays.

Administration. Our staff are highly capable and reliable and will ably carry out their duties in my absence. The Personnel Committee is available to support them during this time.

Session. Rev. Chavez will moderate the February session meeting. I will moderate our March session meeting on 3/30.

Thank you for this support in my ministry and in our ministry together. If you have any questions or concerns, please share them with me or members of the Personnel Committee. Peace and grace,

Peace and grace,
Pastor Pat

What's Happening

Session At Work



We enjoyed a beautiful Advent season helped with the devotional booklet by Henri J. M. Nouwen in preparation for the coming of Christ and our Christmas celebration. As I'm writing this we are home rather than enjoying the Christmas chorale – "Sketches of Mary" -- due to the weather and roads. We look forward to hearing this beautiful musical offering on January 8th.

We will also be installing and ordaining our new officers on January 8. This group of members are dedicated and the session is confident they will serve our church well. Some have served as officers previously, but some have not. It is always good to have new blood with new ideas.

Then following worship, the session will meet to finalize the 2017 church budget. (The congregation will approve the pastor's terms of call during the January 29th Annual Congregational meeting.)

On January 15, the Martin Luther King, Jr. service will be held at Raytown South High School at 3:00 p.m. Our pastor, as President of the RCIFA has been a major force in planning this event. For those who haven't attended previous services, they have missed a major event in the Raytown Community. In preparation for this celebration, 3,785 students in the Raytown Schools wrote essays reflecting on select ideas of Dr. King. The three top winners from the elementary,

middle, high school categories will be presented with awards.

The session and worship committee are preparing for Pastor Pat's well-deserved sabbatical which will take place February 13 thru March 26th. We will have guest pastors and our own members filling the pulpit during his absence. We expect, with the help of our members that the church will be in good hands during this six weeks period.

I'm wishing you all the best for the coming year.

*Blessings,
Avis Odenbaugh, clerk of session*

Deacons

I wanted to take this opportunity to publically thank the Deacons that served our BRPC family last year (2016). Shelley Melewski, Sally Ingram, Barbara Gregory, and Janet Thompson Jackson have completed their three year commitment and will, I'm sure, keep busy helping around BRPC in different areas. Deanna Nolan and I also finished our three year commitment but for reasons too numerous to mention here, have agreed to serve again. Something to do with doing it until we get it right?! I am also grateful to Christopher Gilbert and Alex Banks who served as our student deacons. And talk about being grateful, I am excited about the great people we have lined up to step in and continue the work of surrounding our entire church family with encouragement, love, hope and joy.

Those individuals that answered the call are Lee Featherstone, Sharon Wentz, Karen and Ken Clevenger along with Deanna and me. Our student Deacon this year is Erica Donaldson. I hope the entire congregation is in attendance on Jan. 8th to help install and ordain our new Deacons (and Elders) because we need your support and love to efficiently accomplish our duties as we continue to Build Relationships with all People in Christ.

TO ALL DEACONS: please make sure you have the January 22nd meeting on your calendars. We need all of you there as it is our organizational meeting. Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants.

*Mike Schumacher,
Deacon Vice Moderator*



Sunday School 2017

Breakfast treats are available at 9:15 AM. There are classes for children, youth and adults beginning at 9:30 AM (along with Dodie's adult Bible study at 9:00 AM).

Come join us as we grow in our faith together.

K-5th grades – will complete their study of the unit Christ Revealed learning that Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season. On January 22nd they will begin a new unit studying *Esther* learning that her story is not about her beauty or about her becoming a queen. It is about God's saving power and how God used a willing person like Esther to save His people.

6th-8th grades will explore the questions *Can't He Read My Mind?; Can I Pry Anytime?; Can I Mess Up?; and What if God Says NO?*

9th-12th graders will explore the topics of *The Wise Builder and The Foolish Builder; Unforgiving Servant; Workers in the Vineyard; and The Sower and the Seed.*

Adults Class - Beginning January 8th Pastor Pat will lead a six (6) week biblical study on the Letter of James. This letter is often studied in comparison with the writings of the Apostle Paul. That can be a valuable exercise, but we will also examine the letter on its own merits. We'll find a robust, challenging call to faith – a great way to kick off the New Year!

Adult Bible Study class led by Dodie Lunceford continues to meet at 9:00 – 9:30 AM each Sunday morning in the Finance Office. They are continuing to study the book of Daniel and you are invited to come and learn and participate.

The **Church Rummage Sale** dates have been set for June 21st through June 24th. It's not too early to plan so as you pack up the Christmas decorations and replace your older items with the new ones remember to save your give away items for the rummage sale. The rummage sale is the largest fundraiser for Christian Education activities.

Mike Schumacher



The nursery is open
9:15 AM - 12:15 PM Nursery ages: Infants up to 5 years of age (*not attending Kindergarten*)



The kids and I worked on a Christmas ornament to give to the congregation. They turned out beautifully and we hope you enjoyed them. We have also been learning how to show God's love by being kind and helping one another. We have also been learning about the true meaning of Christmas, which is the Birth of baby Jesus. I feel so blessed to have these little ones.

Grandma Lynn

Lynn Forsythe, Nursery Supervisor
patches251@att.net



Praise GOD!

Super Bowl Sub Meals

- * Orders **begin January 15**
- * Sale ends **Wednesday, February 1** at 10 AM
- * **Pick up** orders after worship on **February 5**
- * **Extra meals purchased for the homeless** will be delivered by the youth on Sunday afternoon
- * **Variety** of delicious sandwiches from **Planet Sub**
- * **Seven** sandwich meals to choose from:
Planet Sub – Ham, Roast Beef, Turkey, Swiss, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Brown Mustard, Mayo
Super Hero – Salami, Pepperoni, Spicy Capicola, Provolone, Red Onions, Lettuce, Banana Peppers, Oregano, Oil & Vinegar
Turkey Club – Turkey, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Mayo
Creamy Club – Turkey, Cream Cheese, Bacon, Sprouts, Tomatoes, Mayo
Smoky Southwest Chicken – Signature Chicken, Cheddar, Smoky Chipotle Sauce, Tomatoes, Lettuce
Planet BBQ – Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, BBQ Sauce
Meatless Masterpiece – Cream Cheese, Swiss, Spicy Pepperjack, Onions, Mushrooms, Green Peppers, Black Olives
- * **Meal includes bag of chips, pickle, and fresh-baked cookie**
- * **Cost:** Just **\$8** each

Thank you in advance for supporting our youth and their mission trip. We appreciate our church family!

Fruit Sales

Thank you for supporting our youth mission trip fundraiser. Our projected profit is **\$353.40**. Special thanks to Erica Donaldson, Bryland Flowers, Xzavier Flowers, Alexis Frazier, Christopher Gilbert, Izaak Hull, Owen Lockwood, William Lockwood, Melissa Walters, and Bobby Neal who helped sort and pack gift boxes.

"This Changes Everything"

Nine people attended FBC's pageant on December 3.

Planning Meeting

On Sunday, **January 8**, youth will meet to enjoy supper, help create a MLK banner, begin planning a contemporary worship experience, explore activities for the upcoming months, and talk about our 2017 mission trip. Interested parents and adults are welcome. **Please tell Christi if you plan to attend.**

Winter Jam 2017

Get ready for Christian music's largest annual concert. This year's live concerts begin at 6 PM and will include **Crowder, Britt Nicole, Tenth Avenue North, Sadie Robertson, Andy Mineo, Colton Dixon, and Thousand Foot Krutch**. **Newsong** is hosting the event, so we will probably hear them perform as well. Tony Nolan will again deliver a powerful message. PreJam groups start at 5 PM and include **OBG, Sarah Reeves, and Steven Malcolm**.

The cost is **only \$10** each, and a sign up is on the youth bulletin board. **Please bring money for concessions and any CDs/T-shirts, etc.** that you might want to purchase. We will plan to **meet** here at the church at **3:45** to hear the PreJam groups. The concert usually ends around 10:30 with a return time about 11. We will contact parents if we leave early.

Advent/Christmas Pageant

Thank you to all children and youth who participated in the Advent/Christmas Pageant on December 11. Your presentation had new meaning and was beautiful! Special thanks to all parents and adults who worked so hard, specifically Grace Cox-Johnson, Mary Ziegenhorn, Bobby Neal, Linda Mann, and our Sunday School teachers.

PLANNED UPCOMING EVENTS

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sun., Jan. 8 | 5:30-8 PM Planning Meeting |
| Jan. 15-Feb. 1 | Sub Meal sales |
| Sun., Jan. 29 | Winter Jam (meet 3:45) |
| Sun., Feb. 5 | Sub Meal pick up |

Worship



Worship Looks Ahead and Back

The wicked weather that descended on us in mid-December caused some problems, but it also provided a great way to help start the new church year! We get to hear the Chancel Choir present its postponed Christmas Chorale, "Sketches of Mary," on the second Sunday of the new year, Jan. 8. What a musical way to get worship under way, especially for those who were out of town (or otherwise occupied) on New Year's Day.

And while Pastor Pat had some fascinating and engaging sermon series last year, he may have outdone himself with the arrival of 2017. Where else except BRPC can you go to hear "The Gospel According to Facebook"? You can't get much more topical than that.

Before the Advent season gets too far in our rear view mirror, we owe a big tip of the poinsettia to Choir Director Grace Cox-Johnson and Youth Ministry Coordinator Christi Neal for the highly successful Children's Pageant, and to Grace and organ/piano genius Linda Mann for leading and providing beautiful Christmas music. Speaking of poinsettias (glad I don't have to write that any more), Christi was responsible for the tasteful sanctuary arrangement of the red and white flowers, and also took care of watering them.

The Advent dinner was a delicious masterpiece. Connie Oliver, Debbie Jones and all the Fellowship Committee deserve our loudest "hoorah" for the food, decorations and fun. And bless all those who joined in the caroling caravan to our shut-ins. The harmony of the two groups was surpassed only by the joy and enthusiasm. Special thanks to Sandy Moore for opening her lovely home for refreshments afterwards.

The Christmas Eve candlelight services are always a blessing, memorable for the serenity and the echoes of "Silent Night" sending us off to await the arrival of the Christ Child.

This was only the eighth time since 1960 that Christmas Day has fallen on Sunday, and to make it even more out of the ordinary, we were surprised by not making our usual offering to the church. Instead, the church had a gift for each of us – and it came from wrapped boxes under a Christmas tree that replaced the lectern. A joyous service complete with hot cider, cinnamon rolls and cookies served in the sanctuary!

The highlight of the season was Pat's skillful, clever, who'd-have-thought-it weaving of "The Night Before Christmas" with the progression of Advent. I still smile when I think of John the Baptist and Santa Claus dressed all in fur.

When it comes to worship, we are blessed at BRPC.

*Jim Bagby,
Worship Committee Moderator*

Praying for You



John Martin	Jean Barton
Elena Schesser	Lynn Mendenhall
Bruce Forsythe	Joyce Chick
Paul Luce's sister, Betty	Ros Dickison
Peggy Neal	Ann Wiltfang
Judy Johannesen	
Bill Holt, friend of Sandy Moore	
John Heim, father of Cub Scout Brett at BRPC	
Cindy Tacker, niece of Lucy and Ed Becka	
Eric Scarborough, friend of Janet & Pat Jackson	
Jerry Remick and Liz Grey, friends of Sandy Moore	

BRPC Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study (finance office)

9:15 AM - 12:00 PM - Nursery available

9:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School Classes

10:45 AM Worship

Coffee Fellowship in the parlor following Worship, everyone is welcome!

Communion 1st Sunday





**PROPERTY
COMMITTEE
UPDATE**



	Budget thru Nov.	Actual thru Nov.
Income	\$201,239	\$171,219
Expenses	\$200,780	\$169,936

Through 11 months of 2016 we are doing well on the budget. We are behind on expected income but also behind on expected expenses. Our personnel expenses are down because we didn't have a nursery supervisor for several months and some staff were off a few months. In December additional payments were made to Heartland Presbytery for our per capita and to Presbytery Foundation in paying ourselves back on the audio visual loan.

I would like to thank the congregation for their support of the church this year. We had a budget shortfall of over \$20,000 but through your generosity we did not need to get into our savings. Well done Blue Ridge.

Our per capita fee for 2017 is \$41.96 per member. This money supports the Heartland Presbytery and all of their missions, The Synod of Mid America, and the General Assembly. When churches fall behind on paying their per capita, then Heartland must reduce their mission giving.

*Ed Ingram,
Finance Committee Moderator*

**PLEASE
CHECK THAT ALL DOORS SHUT COMPLETELY
AFTER YOU EXIT.
IF THE BUILDING IS LOCKED,
PLEASE CHECK THAT THE DOOR HAS SECURED
PROPERLY BY TRYING TO OPEN IT
AFTER IT HAS CLOSED.**

**WEATHER HAS CAUSED OUR DOORS TO EXPAND,
AND THEY DO NOT ALWAYS SHUT COMPLETELY,
EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE "LOCKED"
AND APPEAR SHUT.**

**THANK YOU
FOR HELPING TO KEEP OUR CHURCH
FAMILY AND BUILDING SAFE.**

Security Reminder

If you come to the church for business early in the morning, **prior to 6:15 AM**, and need to disarm the alarm, please **DO NOT activate the alarm if you are leaving AFTER 6:15 AM**. The system deactivates per timer at 6:15 AM each day and resets at 10:30 PM each night. If you reset the alarm after the time it is thought to be off, the alarm will go off when our staff arrives.

Please ensure that **doors are secured** and **lights off**, when you exit the building. Please **leave the stair light in the narthex on**. Please **do not prop** the outside doors in any way to prevent them from securely locking while unattended. We truly appreciate everyone's help in keeping BRPC secure and safe. Thank you!

Thank You

Thank you to our wonderful Property Committee and other volunteers who help make sure that our place of worship is maintained, safe, clean, and inviting to all. We appreciate everyone's assistance.

Bobby Neal, Property Committee Moderator



The volunteer list for coffee fellowship on Sundays following worship is on page 9. Please be sure and check to see if your name is listed for the month of January.



Joke Of The Day



A Miracle?

Father O'Malley was driving down to Boston when got stopped for speeding in Medford. The highway patrol officer smelled alcohol on the priest's breath.

He said, 'Father, have you been drinking?'

'Only water', replied Father O'Malley.

The policeman asked, 'Then how come I can smell wine?'

The priest said, 'Good Lord! He's done it again.'

(Compliments of Kaanapali Beach Ministry ~ Maui, Hawaii)

Thanks to all the special Santas who helped fulfill some children's wishes. Micah was able to help 324 kids.

Micah especially could use warm socks and blankets for adults as well as books and magazines.

Be sure to put March 18th on your calendar for the annual Pancake and Breakfast fundraiser for REAP.



The BRPC Book Club will start up again on Jan. 25th at 1:00 pm. We will be deciding on what books to read in 2017. Everyone is welcome....be sure to come and bring your ideas!



To our caring congregation, we wish you the best in 2017!

*Linda Lockwood
and Marsha Elbasani, Missions & Outreach Committee
Moderator*



Thought of the Day

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.



Dear BRPC Carolers, Thank you so very much for the joy you brought to us and our children. For enhancing the true spirit of Christmas in our hearts by your visit and singing those glorious Christmas songs. The memories of your visit and songs still linger in the halls of our home and in our souls. We do so appreciate your thoughtfulness. Our wishes for each of you is from the Book of Psalms: "May He give you the desires of your heart and make all your plans succeed."

Fondly,
Lucy & Ed Becka

Dear Ones,

You can't imagine what a thrill it was to see & hear all of you when you came Christmas caroling. I also think the picture and story of the poinsettia was delightful. I love you all and pray you had a blessed Christmas. Best wishes for a great New Year for one and all.

Jane Nutt

To Members of Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for continuing to remember my Mother (*long-time member Marian Jamison*) on events throughout the year that are special to her. She is 97 now, in fairly good health, but dementia has taken its toll. She looks great and is always smiling. We're very fortunate to still have her with us. Thank you for your thoughts and kindness.

John and Jeanne Jamison



(The full picture is on the bulletin in the narthex).



Cub Scouts

After losing a few cubs who graduated to boy scouts last year, our pack EXPLODED with the beginning of this school year, doubling in size! We have many parents who attend weekly with their boys, and we are learning to work together and trying to grow our leadership team. We have enjoyed Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas pack meetings together and are looking forward to the new year.

Boy Scouts

Within the boy scout troop are 2 smaller groups called patrols; this provides more opportunities for leadership growth and greater flexibility for experiences outside the regular meeting night. Some boys are working to earn the Citizenship in the World merit badge, and all are preparing to compete in the annual Klondike Derby, an event where they demonstrate their skills in leadership, teamwork, problem solving, and more all while battling Missouri's winter weather.

Some Upcoming Events

- January** - Klondike Derby
- April** - Pinewood Derby and Car Show
- June** - Cub Scout Day Camp
- July** - Boy Scout Camp at Bartle Scout Reservation

Ways to Support Our Scouts

*HyVee coupon books are available for \$5, containing \$50 worth of store coupons

*Fastlane Fundraiser cards are available for \$20, giving you access to discounts on dining, sporting goods, apparel, hotels, florists, beauty supplies, and much more.

All money collected will be used to pay for scouting activities and awards, as well as dues for camp next summer.

For more information, contact:


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Pasha Lambert 305-9087 plambert94@gmail.com

January Worship Volunteers

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Pastor & Liturgists</u>	<u>Youth Message</u>	<u>Nursery</u> <u>9:30 am</u> <u>10:30 am</u>	<u>Tech Ministry</u> <u>Slides</u> <u>Audio</u>	<u>Guest Book</u>
8	P: Pastor Pat Jackson L: Karen Clevenger	Christi Neal	9:30 Donna Vance 10:30 Bob Jones	S Linda Schumacher A Joe Barton C Bill Melewski	Don Pine
15	P: Pastor Pat Jackson L: Lynn Forsythe	Pat Jackson	9:30 Karen Clevenger 10:30 Misty Urriola	S Michelle Miller A Erica Dona C Bobby Neal	Carol Pine
22	P: Pastor Pat Jackson L: Jana Henderson	Jana Henderson	9:30 Sally Ingram 10:30 Debbie Cardona	S Bobby Neal A Christi Neal C Mike Schumacher	Barbara Ham
29	P: Landon Whitsitt, Synod Executive L: Barry Holmes and Pastor Pat Jackson	Dot Mitchell	9:30 Angela McCorkle 10:30 Marleen Merrill	S Joe Barton A Alex Banks C Bill Melewski	Paul Vance



January Coffee Fellowship

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Helpers</u> 
8	Marleen Merrill 353-5319	McCorkle, McCoy, Melewski, Merrill
15	Sandy Moore 737-3724	Miller, Mitchell, Mohr, Moore
22	Deanna Nolan 590-3919	Musgrave, all Neals, Nolan
29	Carol Pine 356-8679	Oberlander, Odenbaugh, Oliver, Pine

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday New Year's Day 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Nursery 10:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Worship 12:15 PM Coffee Fellowship	2 7:00 PM Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)	3 11:00 AM MLK Mtg 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Regional Scout Meeting	4 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Connect with Pastor Pat (Pastor's Study) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 11:30 AM RCIFA at REAP 6:00 PM Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 PM Fellowship Cmtee Mtg 7:00 PM Worship Cmtee Mtg	6 BRPC Business Office Closed	7 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Gentle YOGA rms 1 & 2
8 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30AM - 12:00 PM Nursery 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes Adult & Youth 10:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Worship-Installation of Deacons/Elders 12:15 PM Coffee Time 12:15 PM Called Session Mtg. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM Worship at Elliott Place 5:30 PM -Youth Plan Mtg.	9 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 7:30 PM Personnel Cmtee Mtg	10 11:00 AM Staff Mtg 12:00 PM Mission&Outreach Cmtee Mtg. 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)	11 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Connect with Pastor Pat (Pastor's Study) 5:45 PM 5X5 Bells 6:15 PM Chancel Chimes 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12 6:30 PM Christian Education Cmtee Mtg	13 BRPC Business Office Closed 7:00 PM Bridge (Parlor)	14 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Gentle YOGA rms 1 & 2
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Grace Notes



OWLS

In comes the new year and all I can think about is the fact that sometimes things just don't work out the way I planned. Perhaps a "reality check" would be wise in this season of lofty goals. Nonetheless our planning and even our lofty goals are important, not because what we hope will necessarily become fact, but as we plan together and dream together we can live into what we find on our journey together. Through our relationship we can be ready and able to face the concerns and joys that meet us at each hill or curve along the way.

Living this Christian journey through song has proven time and again to be primary to our humanity and our faith. In song and music our faith grows through expression and we are strengthened and built up in order to serve the church and the world. In this gathering to sing and play there is joy gathering in our hearts and souls. In giving thanks and praise through singing and playing musical instruments together our physical forms transcend limitations and we are lifted up and supported by God's grace in a new way, not necessarily the way planned, but a new way with more light, more love, more hope and more joy.

Join us in one of the musical groups that meet on a regular basis here at Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church and experience the joy that can enter your heart in a new way through song. In this journey together we welcome God's epiphany, the Holy made manifest, made real in our midst. Please email Grace Cox-Johnson at fuscia567@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir or a bell choir, no special skills required.

*Grace Cox-Johnson,
Director of Music*

The OWLS had a jolly good time on December 21st. Our Christmas Dinner of baked ham with all the trimmings was delicious. And, our game of Pass the Parcel was delightful. Everyone received a small gift but most folks also were given a "dare" of some type....it varied from person to person...some were asked to share a personal Christmas memory/tradition, some were asked to answer a riddle, and some were given trivia questions. The winner of the "grand prize" in the center of our gigantic package was Grace Cox Johnson.



We began with a BIG package



.....and ended with a BIG pile of paper.
Can you find Lynne?

January 18, 2017 - Come and ring in the new year with OWLS' oldest tradition, BINGO! We have lots of items already to use as prizes but if you have something you want to add to what we already have, feel free to bring it.

February 15, 2017 - We'll celebrate Valentine's Day a day late with chocolate fondue and a variety of fruits and sweets to dip in it. The rest of the menu and program are yet to be determined but it is guaranteed to be a great time of fun and fellowship.



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In God We Trust

January 2017

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God, nurture wholeness,
and enfold all people in a
spirit of Christ's love.

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