



December 2017

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE IN CHRIST

STEEPLE TALK

A Christmas Favor

“friendly regard shown toward another especially by a superior”

That’s what the Merriam Webster dictionary provides as the first definition of the word ‘favor.’ It’s a word and idea that we’re going to explore as we move through the coming Advent season. And that’s because in studying the Christmas story through the gospel of Luke, we’ve realized that in each passage for the next five Sundays, the favor of God figures prominently.

What does God’s favor mean to Elizabeth, Zechariah, John the Baptist, Mary, Joseph, those shepherds, the Christ child, the world, and us? Join us each Sunday as we enter into the wonder and the joy of this Advent season. I invite you to read along in the gospel of Luke with an eye on the favor of God. Here’s a roadmap of scripture and sermons/meditations across the month of December.

Dec. 3rd “Rescued by Favor”

Luke 1: 5-25 Elizabeth was old and barren, her husband Zechariah was feeble as well. And yet, after she conceives, she says the Lord “looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.” A Christmas favor can save us from despair and hopelessness.

Dec. 10th “Greetings, Favored One”

Luke 1:26-38. The angel Gabriel appears to Mary and utters those famous words, “Greetings, favored one. The Lord is with you.” A Christmas favor means in the midst of all we face, God walks with us.

Dec. 17th “Lowly Favor” Luke 1:39-56.

On this Cantata Sunday, I’ll share a brief meditation about just how low God reaches with this Christmas favor.



Dec. 24th “Favor & Redemption”

Luke 1:57-80 The birth of John the Baptist heralds a new age to come. This Christmas favor is meant to save the world.

Christmas Eve “Favor of Peace”

Luke 2:1-20 On Christmas Eve at our 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. services, we’ll huddle with the shepherds and receive the favor from a chorus of angels. Is there a greater favor we need in our world or in our own lives today?

Dec. 31st “The Favor of God was Upon Him” Luke 2:21-40

The last verse of our last passage, fittingly, concludes with this statement of God’s favor upon the Christ child. It is because of this favor upon a babe that Christmas literally changes the world.

So travel with us this Advent season to discover God’s favor for your own life! Along the way, share in the Advent joys of the **Advent Dinner** (Dec. 3rd), the **Christmas Pageant** (Dec. 10th), the **Cantata** (Dec. 17th) followed by **Christmas Caroling** right after worship that day. The full BRPC Advent calendar is on page 6 in this Steeple Talk issue.

Merriam Webster’s provides an alternate definition for favor: “a gracious kindness.” Welcome to this season of divine favor.

Peace and grace,
Pastor Pat

Session at Work

By now we have been blessed with a beautiful Thanksgiving celebration and most have started, if not completed, their Christmas shopping. Here at church, we are preparing for the Advent season. Our parlor and sanctuary are festive with our decorations.

At our congregational meeting on November 19 we elected deacons and elders for the class of 2020. Most of our "new" officers have previously served as either deacon or elder. We do have some new blood, to lead us for the next few years. We have good reason to be optimistic the direction the leadership will take us.

Also on the 19th, those of us present received our copy of the photo directory. It was a greater undertaking than anyone thought it



would be. However, in my opinion, the results are worth the wait. We supplement the times between photo directories with simple paper directories. If you have not picked up yours, please see the office. Directories are \$12.

The Finance Committee has been working with the 2018 budget. As usual, we have more ways to spend money than we have money available. At our December Session Meeting, we will have to make the hard decisions to balance the budget. If by chance you haven't submitted a pledge for 2018, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge forms are in the office.

The Property Committee has noted a challenge we have with walkers. In an emergency, some members need

to have their walker handy. But we also need to keep the aisles open. Presently we have only two pews which were shortened to accommodate wheelchairs or large walkers. While the smaller walkers may be folded up and placed in the pew, it is too cumbersome to do this with the larger walkers.

The committee is suggesting shortening 6 additional pews. It is important to balance the appearance of the sanctuary with the versatility, comfort and safety of all involved. Prior to any work being done, you will have a drawing and know which pews would be shortened.

Our Advent season here at church and at home will be busy. I pray you will make time to enjoy the spirit of the Christmas season.

*Peace to all,
Avis Odenbaugh, Clerk of Session*

Deacon Corner

The holiday season is the perfect time to reflect our blessings and seek out ways to bring joy and the spirit of the season to our flocks, our friends, and our Congregation. In doing this our Deacons try to represent the five candles of the advent season: HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE and of course the center candle represents the LIGHT OF CHRIST.



Our thanks to all of you for allowing us as Deacons to serve you. May the spirit of the season and the love of God give you peace through the coming year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CONNIE OLIVER





Christian Education

Sunday School –

breakfast treats are available at 9:15 AM. There are classes for children, youth and adults beginning at 9:30 AM. Come join us as we grow in our faith together.

K-4th grades – will be joining the older youth the first two weeks of December as they practice, fit costumes and participate in the Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 10th. After the pageant Sunday, they will have a two week Christmas Story lesson celebrating the birth of Christ. On December 31st they will play a review game about Creation and Noah to see how much they can remember of the stories they've heard thus far.

5th-8th grades will be practicing for the Christmas pageant the first two weeks of December. After the pageant they will explore the lesson *I'm So Sorry – Really!* On the 24th they will have a Christmas lesson and the last Sunday they will explore *I (Gulp) Forgive You*.

9th-12th graders will practice the first two weeks for the Christmas pageant. On the third Sunday, they will explore *Here is What Love is Not*, the fourth Sunday will be a Christmas lesson and the last Sunday they will explore *Battling Temptation*.



Adults Class will continue its biblical study of the Feasting of the Word December classes include: Living In The Meantime; Prepare The Way, What Do We Do Now; Rejoicing In God; and Growing In Wisdom. Come help "lead" the discussions as we explore which directions these titles might take us.

Be sure to come starting in January as we learn the "Top Ten List for Christian – Priorities for Faithful Living".

Adult Bible Study class led by Charlie Chick continues to meet at 9:00 – 9:30 AM each Sunday morning in the Finance Office.



THE NURSERY IS OPEN

**Sunday mornings,
9:15 AM - 12:15 PM)**

Nursery ages: Infants - 2nd grade

**Nursery Supervisor: Kerri McCorkle
along with BRPC volunteers**





LOST AND FOUND

A new youth experience to be held on the first Sunday of most months!

DECEMBER 3 at 6 PM

BRING YOUR FRIENDS for a time of praise, sharing, prayer, support, contemporary music, and inspiration.

CHILDREN & YOUTH PAGEANT

All children and youth are encouraged to participate in the annual BRPC pageant. Rehearsals will be held on the following dates:

Saturday, December 2	9-11 AM
Sunday, December 3	9:30 AM
Saturday, December 9	9-11 AM
Sunday, December 10	9:30 AM

The pageant will be presented during the worship service on Sunday, December 10 beginning at 10:45.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT SALES

Please plan to **pick up your custom gift boxes and bulk fruit orders after worship on December 10**. A few extra gift boxes and baskets may be available for purchase. Thank you for supporting this 2018 youth mission trip fundraiser!

SUB SANDWICHES

We will again offer submarine sandwich meals to be ready for pick up after worship on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4. Sales will begin on January 14 through January 28. Our final order will be placed on January 31. You will also have the opportunity to purchase extra meals for those less fortunate. These meals will be delivered to the homeless community of Kansas City in the afternoon on February 4. Thank you in advance for helping support the 2018 mission trip and those hungry in our midst.

TOBY MAC HITS DEEP TOUR

Toby Mac will be on tour with Mandisa, Danny Gokey, Ryan Stevenson, and Finding Favour on **Friday, February 23**. If you are interested, please **let Christi know by December 10**. Youth Group cost is \$15 each. Tickets are selling fast, but we can still get a discount rate at this time.

WINTER JAM

Christian music's largest annual tour is coming again to Kansas City. Winter Jam has been moved to a new day and month this next year – **Friday, March 16**. Check out **jamtour.com** or download the free Winter Jam app at **jamtour.com/app**. Cost is only \$15 donation per person, and tickets are received at the door. More details on the many bands and our departure time and details will be in the next two newsletters.

TIPPIN'S PIES

Thank you to everyone who helped support our mission trip fundraiser. We were so blessed to be able to offer 14 varieties of Tippin's Pies this year. With grateful hearts, we announce that we have raised **at least \$608** toward our 2018 summer trip.

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 1	<i>Christmas in the Park</i>
Dec. 2	9-11AM <i>Pageant Rehearsal</i>
Dec. 3	9:30 AM <i>Pageant Rehearsal</i> 6 PM <i>Lost and Found</i>
Dec. 9	9-11 AM <i>Pageant rehearsal</i> 11:30 <i>Youth Group packs fruit</i>
Dec. 10	9:30 AM <i>Pageant Rehearsal</i> 10:45 AM <i>BRPC Pageant</i>
Dec. 17	12:30 <i>BRPC Christmas caroling</i>
Jan. 7	6 PM <i>Lost and Found</i>
Jan. 14	<i>Sub sales begin</i> 4 PM <i>MLK Celebration</i>
Jan. 15	<i>Heartland Snow Tubing</i>
Jan. 28	<i>Last Sunday to order subs</i>
Feb. 4	<i>Deliver meals to homeless</i>
Feb. 23	<i>Toby Mac Hits Deep Tour</i>
Mar. 16	<i>Winter Jam</i>

*Christi Neal,
Children & Youth Ministry Coordinator*



Advent Most Wonderful Time of Year!

For a number of years, the Christmas season at our household began with one cymbal-crashing orchestral introduction and the joyous sounds of Andy Williams and his brothers, bursting forth with "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!"

We put on that record (remember them?) the day after Thanksgiving, or the day we cut our evergreen at Christmas Tree Lane, or whenever the weather changed or the Advent feeling came upon us – sometimes before Thanksgiving (but certainly not when the stores still sold Halloween goods). Later, we discovered the marvelous group *Singers Unlimited*, and the first notes of our season were "Silent Night" from their cassette tape. In recent years, the choice has been the harmony of barbershop quartet champs *Gas House Gang* and their pulsing CD rendition of "Caroling, Caroling."

But the thought remains the same: this IS the most wonderful time of the year. It's the Advent season, as we await once more the coming of our Lord, with all the attendant excitement, glorious music, gatherings, giving, candles and carols – the joy!

Our sanctuary once more looks the part, thanks to members of the Worship Committee and other volunteers who turned spritely decorating elves after church Nov. 26. Annual fruit and pie sales are complete. The poinsettias will soon be on display and available for you to take home on Christmas Eve; have you ordered yours yet? They cost a little more than you'd spend at a grocery or box store, but they come from our old friends at Farrand Farms, and bear the quality of that brand.

Speaking of Dec. 24, this year it falls on Sunday, so you have an opportunity for morning worship and then our inspiring, traditional candlelight service in the late afternoon or evening (don't forget to take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve service and worship).

Fun spoiler alert: don't expect the Blaney Sanctuary to look the same when you return for the Christmas Eve celebration and worship.

Before then, it's the **Advent Dinner** in the BRPC Fellowship Hall on **Dec. 3rd** (following worship). Our Fellowship Committee assures that's always a highlight of the season. Then there's the **Christmas Pageant** featuring our youth during the 10:45 service on Dec. 10. Our growing, big-voice Chancel Choir is the worship focus, Dec. 17 under Grace Cox-Johnson, presenting the annual **Christmas Cantata**, Vivaldi's stirring "Gloria." Later that same afternoon you are invited to lend your voice as we go **caroling to our BRPC shut-in's**. It's an outing not necessarily of great singing, but a wonderful sharing of the holiday spirit. Everyone qualifies as a vocalist, and everyone benefits!

Looking further ahead, Pastor Pat has set in motion a new group to be called "Creating Worship." It will coordinate with, but be a separate entity from, the Worship Committee, charged with looking at ways to bring creative thought and energy to the worship service and process. Better definition of this special group's aims will appear soon, but it is important to note that members of the congregation are invited to join in. See Pat if you're interested or wish more information. A core group already has held an exciting first meeting.

As I sign off the Session and four years as moderator of the Worship Committee, please acknowledge the other committee members who oversee the nuts and bolts of the worship life of the church, beginning with my predecessor and mentor, Gary Oberlander; Mike Schumacher, Avis Odenbaugh, Christi Neal, Grace Cox-Johnson, Debbie Jones, Karen Clevenger, Sandy Moore, Margaret and Gordon Neal and of course, Pastor Pat.

*Thanks to all,
Jim Bagby*

BRPC Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study (finance office)

9:15 AM - 12:15 PM - Nursery available for children up through 2nd grade

9:15 AM - Breakfast snacks

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



Advent 2017



First Week Of Advent

Sunday, December 3 **Communion Sunday**

9:00 AM - Adult Bible Study **9:30 AM** - Pageant Rehearsal
9:30 AM - Adult Sun. School **9:30 AM - 12:00 PM** - Nursery
10:45 AM - Worship
12:00 PM - Advent Pot Luck dinner - everyone is invited
(no coffee fellowship)
6:00 PM - Lost and Found youth gathering

Thursday, December 7

Poinsettia pick-up



Friday, December 8

6:00 PM - Deacon & Elder Dinner at BRPC

Saturday, December 9

9:00 - 11:00 AM Pageant Rehearsal
11:00 AM - Youth sort and box fruit

Second Week Of Advent

Sunday, December 10

9:00 AM - Adult Bible Study **9:30 AM** - Pageant Rehearsal
9:30 AM - Adult Sun. School **9:30 AM - 12:00 PM** - Nursery
10:45 AM - **Worship with Children & Youth Pageant**
12:00 Noon - Christmas fruit order pick up
1:30 PM - Worship at Elliott Place

Wednesday, December 13

10:30 AM - Hidden Lake Worship Service

Third Week of Advent

Sunday, December 17

9:00 AM - Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM - Adult & Youth Sunday School
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Nursery
10:45 AM - **Worship with Christmas Cantata**
12:30 PM - Christmas Caroling



Tuesday, December 19

11:30 AM - Staff Christmas Luncheon (off site)

Fourth Week of Advent

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

9:00 AM - Adult Bible Studies
9:30 AM - Adult & Youth Sunday School
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Nursery
4:00 PM - Candlelight Worship Service
8:00 PM - Candlelight Worship Service



Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

All day: hope, joy, peace & love



Sunday, December 31

9:00 AM - Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM - Youth & Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Nursery
10:45 AM - **Worship**
7:00 - 11:00 PM - **New Year's Eve party**

New Year's Eve Party at church! Join us for games and refreshments as we celebrate the close of 2017 and ring in 2018!

Monday, January 1

2018
Happy New Year!

BRPC office closed

Praying for You



Barbara Gregory Gordon Neal
Bob Fray Bob Johannesen
John Martin Bev Woody
Betty Schroeffer & Cathy Wright (Betty's daughter)
Max McDonald Ann TeKolste
Marion Martin with Hospice Care
Sue Luce in the hospital in Mexico
M.K. family, friends of the Manns
David Keoah, son-in-law of Marleen Merrill
Sandy MacMorran, brother of Marsha Elbasani & his wife, Ellen
Diane Thede, friend of the Ziegenhorns
Danny Baker, friend of the Schumachers
Todd Radenbaugh, nephew of Mary Lou & Gary Oberlander
Liz Grey, friend of Sandy Moore

Missions & Outreach



We are thankful for our church and your caring year round support of our local charities REAP, and Micah Ministries, and our international efforts. This Christmas, Micah Ministries is adopting more than 250 children for gifts. Many thanks to the BRPC members who have adopted a child through this effort. If you would like to adopt a child but have not yet done so, please let Marsha Elbasani know by December 5th.

Please remember those in need during the cold weather and during this Christmas season.

Micah will be closed on Monday, December 25th.

Christmas Joy Offering

Traditionally received during the Advent Season, by giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges

Book Club starts anew on Wednesday January 25 - join us

To quote Tiny Tim

"A Merry Christmas to us all; God bless us, everyone!"

*Marsha Elbasani,
Missions & Outreach Committee Moderator*



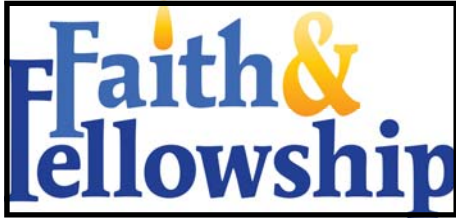
From the Office

December 18th will be the LAST DAY for checks to be issued for 2017.

If you need to be reimbursed for a church expense or if you have charged on BRPC credit cards, please have completed vouchers to the office for payment **no later than 9:00 AM, Monday, December 18th. Thanks!**



The office will be closed Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st. Sharon will be away from the office Dec. 20th and Dec. 26-27th. Volunteers will be taking care of office needs as their schedules allow. Please call before coming if you need entry access to the building.



December 3rd is the Advent dinner following worship.

Please bring vegetable, salads, or desserts to serve 12, and bring recipes!

Everyone is invited!



Finance Committee

Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income \$163,183.36	\$150,441.96
Expense \$168,183.30	\$159,994.46

As noted above, we are under in both Income & Expenses. We are near the end of the year so if you have not made a pledge or paid your Per Capita (\$41.96) it would be very helpful to the Finance Committee if you would consider doing so before the end of the year. Thanks to all who have already done so.

Sandy Moore,
Finance Committee Moderator

Property

Recommendations/Requests

Our committee presented three recommendations and two requests to Session at the November meeting. First, we will be sharing information with the congregation in upcoming weeks about shortening some pews to accommodate walkers and wheelchairs. Secondly, BRPC will begin developing a church-wide safety plan for fire, tornado, and intruder alert. Lastly, we asked Session to help communicate the urgency and importance of building security. **All committees, groups, and individuals using BRPC should check not only lights and thermostats but also that all doors have been locked and closed securely.** Please double check that the front north doors close securely and the kitchen door downstairs is locked (it has a doorknob that can be manually unlocked).

Property Committee also requests everyone (committees and individuals) planning to use the church for an event that is not regularly scheduled **please submit a building request form.** This helps ensure that all parties have equal opportunity for facility use without a conflict.

Also, please read the Waste Management flyers posted around the church, as the list of items allowed has changed slightly. We can now accept glass in recycling, but we still are unable to accept trash, Styrofoam, or plastic bags. Specific requests for anyone placing items in the recycling or trash bins include that we **must not exceed the fill lines, and the lids must close securely.**

Additionally, **items cannot be placed outside the bins.** BRPC incurs a hefty penalty each time we are in violation of these guidelines, so we ask that everyone try to break down boxes for cardboard recycling and help ensure that lids can close securely. Trash gets picked up every two weeks, and recycling gets removed each Wednesday. If you see that the recycling bin is full, please wait to add your items until after it has been emptied. Thank you for helping us be fiscally responsible as we strive to take care of BRPC.

Roof Repair

We continue to be in dialogue with Clean Capital concerning solar panel removal as well as our insurance adjustor so that we can address necessary roof repairs. We hope to begin roof repair soon.

Bobby Neal,
Property Committee Moderator

Grace Notes



OWLS

What a delightful time of year to be at Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church. The vocal and bell choirs are preparing beautiful music for the season and will warm our hearts and souls especially as we prepare a place for Christ to be born this Advent. The Children and Youth Advent Pageant will guide us on the journey as the angel, Gabriel, visits the unsuspecting soon-to-be mother of Jesus the Christ. The angel proclaims Mary to be favored and to be the host of Emmanuel, God with us. The scriptures tell us what Mary did to prepare for the coming child. What will we do for Christ's coming?



The Advent Cantata offering from the Chancel Choir will take a look at the visit by Mary to her cousin Elizabeth the mother of John the Baptist. Both women holding in their bodies creation and redemption.

There has never been a time in history when Emmanuel has been needed more. We cry with the ancient hymns, "O come, O come Emmanuel..." As the psalmist says, "Just like the deer longs for water so we long for [God in us.]" We thirst and yearn for the living God to enter our lives and be with us. As we gather this Advent/Christmas season we can find God among us in the reading of scripture, the singing of hymns and carols as well as the prayers for the needs of others and ourselves. God is in our midst and continues to call us closer in thought, word, and deed. Join us in worship this Advent and hear and see the goodness of God.

*Grace Cox-Johnson,
Director of Music*

November 15th, we stuffed ourselves on turkey with all the trimmings and then feasted on beautiful music provided by BRPC Director of Music, Grace Cox-Johnson. Grace's uplifting song selection reminded us of how grateful we are that God is in the midst of everything! Grace's voice and piano playing was both soothing and inspiring at the same time. We are grateful for Grace and all of her many gifts!

December 20th we will have another holiday feast followed by a fun **gift exchange**. Please bring a WRAPPED gift - value not to exceed \$10.00. But, you do not need to spend money at all. Feel free to re-gift something you already have that is new or gently used. Sign up in the narthex, please.




January 17, 2018. We will ring in the new year as we have for many years now with **BINGO!** Please bring an item to add to our prize table. Again, this item does not need to be new...just nice enough that someone might like to have it.

Linda Schumacher

December 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 Audio Camera</u>	<u>Guest Book</u>
3	P: Pastor Pat Jackson L: Barry Holmes	Christi Neal	9:30 Donna Vance 10:30 Joann Bagby	S Mary Ziegenhorn A Bobby Neal C Mike Schumacher	Carol McCoy
10	P: Pastor Pat Jackson L: Janet T. Jackson	Dot Mitchell	9:30 Karen Clevenger 10:30 Linda Lockwood	S Linda Schumacher A Mary Ziegenhorn C Bill Melewski	Kellie Wentz
17	P: Pastor Pat Jackson L: Bobby Neal	Pat Jackson	9:30 Sally Ingram 10:30 Bob Jones	S Michelle Miller A Erica Donaldson C Don Young	Woody Webb
24	P: Pastor Pat Jackson L: Christi Neal 	Christi Neal	9:30 Angela McCorkle 10:30 Debbie Cardona	S 10:45 Bobby Neal 4 PM Carol S. 8 PM Jana H. A 10:45 Bryland Flowers 4 PM Joe B. 8 PM Amy B. C 10:45 John Starcke 4 PM Bobby N. 8 PM Mike S.	Ken Clevenger
31	P: Pastor Pat Jackson L: Gary Oberlander	Gary Oberlander	9:30 Edgar Urriola 10:30 Misty Urriola	S Mary Ziegenhorn A Bobby Neal C Bill Melewski	Paul Vance




December Coffee Fellowship

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Helpers</u> 
3	Advent Dinner	No Coffee Fellowship, everyone is invited to the Advent Dinner!
10	Linda Schumacher 358-5537	Schroer, all Schumachers, Shelton, Sinden
17	Donna Vance 356-0404	Starcke, Thompson, Urriola, Vance, Wasco
24	Don Young 246-0809	Webb, Welch, all Wentzs, Willeners, Withers, Young
31	Joann Bagby 304-3024	Ziegenhorn, Atekem, Bagby, Banks, Barton

December



<p>26 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 AM - 12:15 PM Nursery</p> <p>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Youth & Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Worship</p> <p>12:15 PM Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>12:30 PM Deacon's mtg</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4:30 PM Micah Ministry</p> <p>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Crochet</p> <p>7:00 PM Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>29 1:00 PM Book Club</p> <p>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Connect with Pastor Pat (Pastor's Study)</p> <p>5:45 PM - 6:15 PM Five x Five Ringers</p> <p>6:15 PM - 7:00 PM Chancel Chimes</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>BRPC Business Office Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Advent Pageant Rehearsal (Children and Youth)</p> <p>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Gentle YOGA rms 2 & 3</p>
<p>3 1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Communion Sunday</p> <p>9:00 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 AM - 12:15 PM Nursery</p> <p>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Youth & Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Worship</p> <p>12:00 PM Advent Dinner</p> <p>6:00 PM Lost and Found youth gathering</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 PM Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Garden Club Mtg (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10:00 AM All Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scout High Trail District Mtg. (Church-wide usage)</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Connect with Pastor Pat (Pastor's Study)</p> <p>5:45 PM - 6:15 PM Five x Five Ringers</p> <p>6:15 PM - 7:00 PM Chancel Chimes</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:30 AM RCIFA at Breakfast & Lunch Lovers Restaurant</p> <p>6:00 PM Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship Cmtee Mtg</p>	<p>8</p> <p>BRPC Business Office Closed</p> <p>6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Elder & Deacon Dinner</p>	<p>9 Youth Group fruit delivery; sort, box fruit 11 AM</p> <p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Advent Pageant Rehearsal (Children and Youth)</p> <p>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Gentle YOGA rms 2 & 3</p>
<p>10 2nd Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Fruit pick up - parlor, Rms. 2-3</p> <p>9:00 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 AM - 12:15 PM Nursery</p> <p>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Youth & Adult Sunday School (Advent pageant rehearsal)</p> <p>10:30 AM Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Children and Youth Advent Pageant</p> <p>10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Worship</p> <p>12:15 PM Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>1:30 - 2:00 PM Worship at Elliott Pl.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Crochet</p> <p>6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00 PM Property Cmtee Mtg</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:30 AM Hidden Lake Worship Service</p> <p>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Connect with Pastor Pat (Pastor's Study)</p> <p>5:45 PM - 6:15 PM Five x Five Ringers</p> <p>6:15 PM - 7:00 PM Chancel Chimes</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:00 AM Grief Support Group</p> <p>7:00 PM Christian Education Cmtee Mtg</p>	<p>15</p> <p>BRPC Business Office Closed</p> <p>6:00 PM Bridge meal</p> <p>7:00 PM Bridge</p> <p>BOY SCOUTS LOCK-IN</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Gentle YOGA rms 2 & 3</p> <p>12:00 PM BOY SCOUTS LOCK-IN Concludes</p>
<p>17 3rd Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:00 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 AM - 12:15 PM Nursery</p> <p>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Youth & Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Worship with Christmas Cantata</p> <p>12:15 PM Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>12:30 PM Christmas Caroling</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 PM Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:30 PM Staff Christmas Luncheon (off site)</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Newsltr Deadline</p> <p>11:30 AM OWLS</p> <p>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Connect with Pastor Pat (Pastor's Study)</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00 PM Session</p> <p>6:00 PM Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>BRPC Business Office Closed</p>	<p>23</p> <p>No Yoga</p>
<p>24 4th Sunday of Advent</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE</p> <p>9:00 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 AM - 12:15 PM Nursery</p> <p>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Youth & Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Worship</p> <p>12:15 PM Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>4:00 PM Candlelight Worship Service</p> <p>8:00 PM Candlelight Worship Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Connect with Pastor Pat (Pastor's Study)</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>BRPC Business Office Closed</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Gentle YOGA rms 2 & 3</p>
<p>31 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 AM - 12:15 PM Nursery</p> <p>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Youth & Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Worship</p> <p>12:15 PM Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>7:00 PM - 11:00 PM New Year's Eve Party</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Happy New Year! Office Closed</p> <p>2018</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p>	<p>2 11:00 AM All Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scout High Trail District Mtg. (Church-wide usage)</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Connect with Pastor Pat (Pastor's Study)</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:30 AM RCIFA at REAP</p> <p>6:00 PM Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship Cmtee Mtg</p>	<p>5</p> <p>BRPC Business Office Closed</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Gentle YOGA rms 2 & 3</p>



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- ❖ **Proclaim** the Good News of Jesus Christ;
- ❖ **Worship God** with reverence, warmth and joy;
- ❖ **Nourish faith and discipleship** through prayer, fellowship, giving, study and service;
- ❖ **Work** for justice and peace; and
- ❖ **Share the love of Christ** with the community and the world.

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