



BETTENDORF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 2024

LOVE ALL – SERVE ALL

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On September 9th, I board a plane bound for Madrid Spain. When I land on the 10th, I'll take a train to Pamplona and then bus to the picturesque town of St. Jean Pied de Port, France, where I'll begin my pilgrimage on September 12th by walking over the Pyrenees Mountains back into Spain. All the preparation and planning is over and it's time to start my walk!

The great Scottish/American naturalist, John Muir, wrote:

"I don't like either the word [hike] or the thing. People ought to saunter in the mountains - not 'hike!' Do you know the origin of that word saunter? It's a beautiful word. Away back in the middle ages people used to go on pilgrimages to the Holy Land, and when people in the villages through which they passed asked where they were going they would reply, 'A la sainte terre' ('To the Holy Land'). And so they became known as sainte-terre-ers or saunterers. Now these mountains are our Holy Land, and we ought to saunter through them reverently, not 'hike' through them."

I love the image Muir's quote plants in the mind's eye! Sauntering evokes, for me, an active awareness of one's environment as we walk - an interaction with all that is around us - people, places and things. There's a sense of walking prayerfully upon the path that is before us. This is how I hope to journey upon the Camino de Santiago - with not only my eyes open to the sights before me, but my mind and spirit open as well to all that God has instore for me.

Even as I write this at the end of July, I can hardly contain my excitement to begin the journey! And again, I want to thank this congregation for all the support you've given me that has made this pilgrimage a reality!

Buen Camino!
Pastor Troy



September Worship

September 1 Holy Communion

“What is Love?”

Guest preacher Melody Oltmann
1 Corinthians 13

September 8

Baggage: Fears and Anxiety

Guest preacher Chris Werner
Philippians 4:8-9

September 15

Baggage: Unforgiveness

Guest preacher Chris Werner
Matthew 6:12-15

September 22

Baggage: Pride

Guest preacher Chris Werner
Philippians 2:3-8

September 29

ONE SERVICE - 10 AM

“Jesus, All-Sufficient in Suffering”

Guest preacher Nathan Buhl
Colossians 1:15-20



Pastoral Coverage during Pastor Troy's Sabbatical

We have contracted with two wonderful retired pastors to provide emergency pastoral care while Pastor Troy is on sabbatical in August through October:

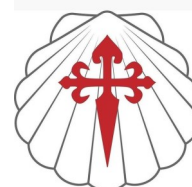
Rev. Pat Halverson is the retired pastor of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, LeClaire, and many of you already know Rev. Melody Oltmann, who is a regular attendee of our second service. Melody is retired from First Presbyterian Church, LeClaire.

These two pastors will be on call for emergencies and the board of Deacons will take care of everyday pastoral needs.

If you have any pastoral need please contact Alison in the church office or your deacon.

Financially Supporting Pastor Troy's Sabbatical

The cost to the church for Pastor Troy's sabbatical will probably be around \$3500 (pulpit supply and pastoral coverage). The personal cost to Pastor Troy will probably be around \$5500. The Session has budgeted money for the church costs and Pastor Troy has budgeted his own costs (don't worry, Pastor Troy isn't in danger of being stranded anywhere!) – but if you feel called to contribute, you can do so by writing a check to BPC with memo line reading either, “Sabbatical support – church expenses,” or “Sabbatical support – pastor's expenses.”



Share the "Pilgrim" experience...

September is a great month to begin to immerse yourself in some 'Passport' opportunities and to begin to share in Pastor Troy's experience of pilgrimage! A few suggestions...

- ☼ Sign up for a Small Group - experience the presence of the Spirit and learn about God and each other together!
- ☼ Explore Bettendorf's parks with friends and/or family
- ☼ Walk the outdoor labyrinth
- ☼ Work in the church yard (there are still slots to sign up for mowing in September!)
- ☼ Have a picnic with your family
- ☼ Fill a need on the Giving Tree
- ☼ Serve in - volunteer to usher, greet or welcome
- ☼ Join the Choir

Or...

Late breaking Passport activity!

*BPC Celebration Belle
Lunch Cruise
Saturday, September 21st*



Board 11:30am, depart 12:00 noon, return 1:30pm

Adults (11+) - \$40.95
Children (3-11) - \$30.95
(under 3 free)

Reserve a spot by contacting the church office at (563)355-6494 or bettpresoffice@gmail.com

Reservations due by September 9th

Welcome
September

BPC Dinner Night Out!

5:00 pm Sunday September 8th
Cracker Barrel
300 Jason Way Ct.
Davenport

RSVP to the church office
563-355-6494
bettpresoffice@gmail.com
by Thursday, September 5th

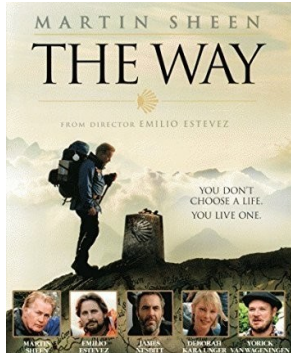
Don't forget to stamp your passport for this!

Let's fill the Cracker Barrel with BPC folks - everyone is invited!

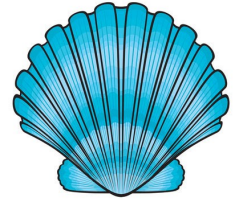


Share in the “Pilgrim” experience...

DVD AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR CHECK OUT!



THE WAY is a PG-13 rated movie that explores the very same trail that Pastor Troy will be taking this Fall while on sabbatical. It is a powerful and inspirational story about family, friends and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world.



Watching the film, you will see the significance of the rock you carry and the seashell emblem.

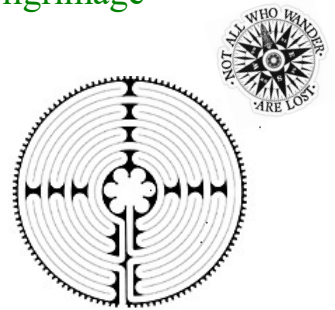
You will also get a feel for what the trail and pilgrimage will be like for Pastor Troy as we pray for his journey.

Make Your Own Pilgrimage... at our Labyrinth!

During the middle ages, many could not go to a pilgrimage site - but they could make it to a local church where walking a labyrinth might substitute in a way for the pilgrimage experience – and we have one here!

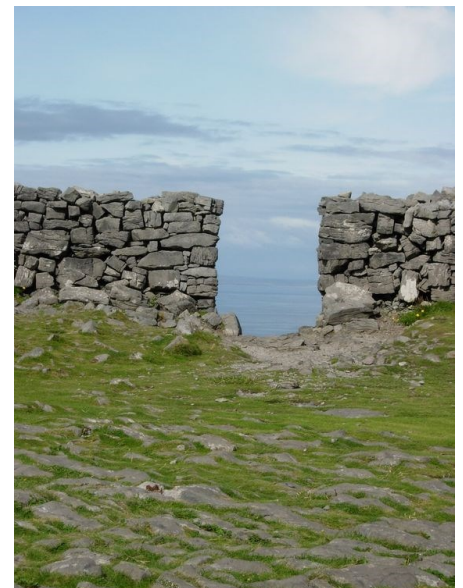
The Labyrinth is on the lower church grounds just west of the lower/rear parking lot. It provides the opportunity to disengage from thoughts that may distract us from focusing on God in prayer. It does this by setting out a path to follow and just concentrate – perhaps reflecting on a scripture passage and letting God open it up for you, perhaps lifting those you love to God in prayer, perhaps just being silent and listening for the movement of the Holy Spirit.

The Labyrinth is NOT a maze – just enter by following the grass between the bricks in front of the benches and follow the path. It will lead you to the center. From there, you just follow the path out. The Labyrinth is an ancient prayer tool used many ways – from imitating the walk of a pilgrimage to just allowing us a time to focus in prayer. There are pamphlets in the Narthex if you want more information – or ask Alison McCrary about it – but you really don't need anything – just walk.



“ The Wide World is all about you: you can fence yourselves in, but you cannot forever fence it out.”

– J.R.R. Tolkien



small groups

connect | grow | serve



We encourage you to register for a small group this Fall. A small group is a wonderful way to connect with others and build your relationship with Jesus. You can sign up by going to www.bettpres.org/smallgroups or by marking the letter of the group you would like to join in the welcome register.

Fall 2024 Small Groups

A A Spiritual Journey - Discovering Ways to Connect With God

Led by Melody Oltmann

When: Tuesdays at 10 am, Seven Weeks starting Sept 3rd

Where: BPC in the Adult Sunday School room

What: 'Pilgrimage' is a spiritual journey, whether performed traveling or in place. Each week, we will learn about and practice a spiritual path and consider how such a path may connect us to Pastor Troy's experience on the Camino.

B If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat

Led by Chris Werner

When: Tuesdays at 6pm, Six weeks starting Sept 10th

Where: The Werner's Home

What: Join us for this study from John Ortberg! Deep within you lies the same faith and longing that sent Peter walking across the wind-swept Sea of Galilee toward Jesus. In what ways is the Lord telling you, as he did Peter, "Come?" Out on the risky waters of faith, Jesus is waiting to meet you in ways that will change you forever, deepening your character and your trust in God. The experience is terrifying. It's thrilling beyond belief. It's everything you'd expect of someone worthy to be called Lord.

C God Is Closer Than You Think

Led by Mary Hasty

When: Wednesdays at 9am, Six weeks starting Sept 11th

Where: BPC in the Adult Sunday School room

What: Intimacy with God can happen right now if you want it. A closeness you can feel, a goodness you can taste, a reality you can experience for yourself. That's what the Bible promises, so why settle for less? God is closer than you think and connecting with him isn't just for monks and ascetics. It's for business people, high school students, busy moms, single men, single women . . . and most importantly, it's for YOU.

D Adult Sunday School

Led by Frank Mitvalsky

When: Sunday mornings following the 9am service, starting Sept 8th

Where: BPC in the Adult Sunday School room

What: Grab your coffee and a treat and join us as we continue Ray VanderLaan's wonderful series "That the World May Know" each Sunday following the 9am service.



Join Our Church Choir!



Do you have a passion for singing? A heart full of worship? Come and be a part of our church choir family!



Why Join?



- **Inspire Others:** Lift spirits and touch hearts through the power of music.
- **Build Community:** Connect with others who share your love for worship.
- **Enhance Your Skills:** Whether you're a seasoned singer or just starting, you'll grow musically and spiritually.
- **Serve with Joy:** Use your voice to glorify God and bless our congregation.

No auditions are required - just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to learn! Rehearsals begin on September 4th at 7pm. We welcome all ages (high school and up) and skill levels.



Make a Joyful Noise!



For more details, contact Chris at worship@bettpres.org. We can't wait to sing with you!

The Giving Tree continues to Bloom... Twice this Month!



First Recipient (tags available now): Churches United Meal Site

Items needed:

Cookies	Mandarin Oranges	Bottled Water
Ham or Turkey Ham	Milk	

Take a tag from the Giving Tree in the Narthex. Return your item and place it under the tree.

Please have items back to the church before September 5th.

The Community Meal is served Thursday, September 5th - to volunteer to serve (meet at the church at 4:30pm, finish by 6:30pm), contact Chuck Weaver at 563-210-5170.

Second Recipient (Starting September 8th): BPC Kids and BPC Youth

Items needed:

Clorox Wipes	Kleenex	Fruit Snacks
Individual Bags of Chips	Small Gatorades	Goldfish Crackers - Individual Small Bags

Take a tag from the Giving Tree in the Narthex. Return your item and place it under the tree.

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Anniversaries

Rick & Ruth Ruchotzke	1
Sam & Tania Gustafson	5
Gary & Tracy Kimler	9
Aubrey & Bryan Keller	19
Bill & Sharon Pipe	22
Amy & Paul Kuhel	26
Frank & Kara Mitvalsky	26

Adult Birthdays

Michael McCreary	2
Deb Wells	2
Carrie Fuhr	10
David Kolar	11
Helen Lensch	11
Debra Keenan	12
Cassie Kimler	13
Peggy Qualls	13
Jacob O'Connor	14
Brian Davis	15
Dea Saul	17
Robert Marriott	18
Brietta Collier	19
Deb Steele	20
Kelly Dollins	21
Emma Vincent	22
Kathy Brown	22
Tyler Kidwell	23
Precious Childe	25
Jeff Lindaman	25
Jay Kidwell	26
Jake Cook	27
Sharon Pipe	28
Jeane Keibler	30

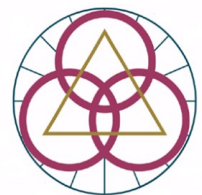
Youth Birthdays

Olive Kost	7
Kullen Hank	9

Please include in your prayers for Healing :

Jackie Anderson, Bill Bates, Jeffrey Davies, Jane Fox, Jim Fox, Brynlee Gauss, Montie Gauss, Marjorie Harden, Ben Hedlund, Joan Hovey, Stephanie Hitchings, Mike Hoenig, Jim Kaderbek, Micki Kaderbek, Helen Lensch, Carl Melton, Janie Mitchell, Darlene Neff, Jim Orr, Jeannie Price, Adam Pope, Sarah Qualls, Lee Rasmussen, Martie Reynolds, Kevin Ross, Mary Lou Sanders, Jo Bates' granddaughter: Laura Sanders, Jim Saul, Carol Schnyder, Brandy Schroeder, Erin Shaulis, James Shaulis, Sharon Shope, Liz Stoffer, Dick Stotlar, Gene Stromquist, Mary Thul, Evelyn Thurston.

Please share with the church office when your prayers have been answered and/or you wish to be removed from the list.



Please Keep the Church Informed!

If you experience a hospitalization or illness and want the church to be aware please contact the church office. Do not assume that the hospital will contact the church.

Likewise, if you move, change phone numbers or email address please let us know.

Attendance & Offering

I will be loyal to our Lord through the Church and be supportive with my Prayers, Presence, Gifts and Service

JULY 2024

DATE	ATTENDANCE			OFFERING
	9am	10:45am	online	
7-Jul	83	38	14	\$ 6,045.00
14-Jul	88	41	17	\$ 6,684.00
21-Jul	68	24	12	\$ 2,094.00
28-Jul	151	ONE SERVICE	10	\$ 2,990.06
other offerings				\$ 1,878.85
Total Month Offering				\$ 19,691.91
Other Month Income				\$ 8,349.43
Total Month Income				\$ 28,041.34
TOTAL expenses for Month		<u>% of Budget</u>	\$ 35,046.51	
Year to Date Total Income		64.70%	\$ 273,128.85	
Year to Date Total Expenses		56.77%	\$ 245,359.54	
Annual Income budget 2024			\$ 422,135.00	
Annual Expense budget 2024			\$ 432,164.29	

Oner's September Event Sunday Lunch September 15th

Lunch 11:00 am - Los Amigos,
2322 Spruce Hills Drive,
Bettendorf

RSVP to Sharon Getty at
sagetty45@gmail.com or
(563)271-2925

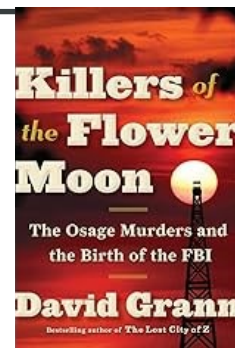


Gilded Pages

1 pm, September 23

Killers of the Flower Moon

By David Grann



Who: All Men

Where: Bettendorf Presbyterian Church

When: Saturday, September 14th

Time: 8:00 AM

We would enjoy your company! If you have any questions call Ron Owen. The Coffee Pot Will Be On!

(Sometimes there are even donuts)



How to Sneak Exercise into Your Day

The old saying “If you don’t use it you will lose it” is something to remember your whole life. Your body is a mass of muscles and connective tissues that keep your skeleton functional. If those muscles and connective tissues are not constantly challenged to be toned and strengthened, then you lose muscle strength and elastic connective tissue will not propel your skeleton throughout the day to do what you want/need to do; such as stand up, sit down, run, jump, etc. You can work a surprisingly substantial amount of exercise into your daily routine instead of waiting until you have a solid 30 minutes per day.

Sweat for Seven: First thing in the morning, do each of the following moves for 45 seconds, resting for 10: jumping jacks, high knees (jog in place lifting knees as high as you can), push-ups, squats and heel lifts (lift out of the squat onto toes). Repeat the circuit. For those with balance challenges, sit in a chair and modify the movements. Push-ups can be done while holding onto a desk or dresser.

Brush and Lift: While brushing your teeth, improve and balance with leg lifts. Standing with your abdominal muscles engaged, lift one leg out to the side and hold for 10 seconds. Repeat, alternating legs. (I can’t do this one as I sit to brush my teeth. Maybe some of you can figure out a way to modify it, I haven’t yet).

Sit Strong: While sitting, you can build strength by doing isometric holds – clenching a muscle then holding it. Contract your abdominals for 3 seconds, then relax. Repeat five times. Do the same with your glutes (this can be done while watching TV or sitting in a meeting).

Go for a Walk: Get out at lunchtime whether you’re at work or home. Go for a brisk walk after eating. Walk briskly around the block. Running errands? Walk as if you’re late to an appointment.

Take a Stand: Mid-afternoon, if you are on a conference call or just talking with friends on the phone, stand with core engaged and lift right knee to waist height. Hold for 30 seconds. Repeat with the left knee. Alternate legs until you hang up. Again, this can be modified by sitting in a chair and doing the same movements.

Cook and Plié: While waiting for water to boil, rest one hand on the counter. Stand with heels together, toes turned out and bend knees, keeping torso upright. Do 10 repetitions. Then do five to 10 push-ups with hands on the edge of the counter.

Stretch for Sleep: At bedtime, while lying on your back on a bed, bring the right knee to your chest. Switch to the left knee. Then, if you can, do a child’s pose: Sitting on your heels, bring your chest down to rest on thighs, forehead touching the bed, arms by your sides. Hold for a count of ten (I used to be able to do this one but no longer). Your child or those who are much younger and more limber than I am will be able to do this.

So there! You now have accumulated at least 30 minutes of exercise in total for the day!

Try out the exercise group that meets at 9am every Tuesday and Thursday for one hour in Fellowship Hall. It combines gentle stretches and activity. You can even sit in a chair and participate - and it’s free!!!

Stay healthy in mind, body and soul.
Judy Hiles, Parish Nurse

Cutting in on the Parish Nurse’s page (sorry, Judy!) ...

Join in thanking Judy Hiles for her many years of service as our Parish Nurse!

September 29th, after worship (one service that Sunday at 10am) in Fellowship Hall

Stewardship and Finance Update

Our church has been richly blessed in oh, so many ways. We have a vibrant congregation and leadership team that shares their time, talent and treasures. We have wonderful grounds and a facility to support our calling and missions. Due to the grace of God and generous members, we have had the financial resources to address unexpected opportunities and unexpected expenses as they arise. For example, most of you know our Pastor Troy has received the opportunity to take his (first ever) Sabbatical break. During that break, he is planning on traveling, going on a hiking pilgrimage and renewing his commitment and drive to pastor and counsel Bettendorf Presbyterian Church. For this, we the members and the Kingdom of God, will be the true beneficiaries. When this opportunity arose, your Session had the means to fund this Sabbatical and was thankful that they could.

Thinking about this reminds me that most of us, especially me, need continual spiritual renewal. But hiking across a swath of Europe is not something I am physically capable of doing. Perhaps you may feel the same way. How can we have our own spiritual renewal? I'm sure it will vary for each one of us. For me, I want to refresh my biblical studies and to renew and increase my financial giving to the church in order to renew my commitment. This is an area that my health and situation will allow. Others may be able to up their time commitment to our missions or increase other areas of offering. Others may be able to increase their prayers. I think whatever we can do will please the Lord!

Malachi 3:10, tells us; "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." From Second Corinthians 9:6-8, we read, "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

On November 10, 2024, our church will celebrate Consecration Sunday. We will formally rededicate our Time and Talent Commitment and our Financial Commitment for the coming year. This is a very important process that allows our church leaders to plan the coming year. Afterwards, we reflect on our blessings by having a wonderful celebration lunch. You will see much more on this topic in the next two months. However, I wanted you to have a bit of time to pray and think about your Time, Talent, and Treasure commitment to the Lord. Prior to then, I would appreciate it if you could use the following prayer to help us prepare for our upcoming Consecration Sunday.

Daily Prayer for Bettendorf Presbyterian Church Stewardship

Glorious and gracious God, we praise you for your power, mercy and grace. We, as attendees of Bettendorf Presbyterian Church, are poor sinners only made worthy by your Son's sacrifice and your amazing grace. We pray that you will send your Spirit to teach, guide, and mold us into the compassionate, caring, generous and devout Christians that you would have us be. We pray that through your Spirit's work in us we can create a church and environment that draws others to You and reflects Your glory. Specifically, we pray for generosity of the financial gifts that You have given us and for generosity of the time and talents You have given us. We pray that You will lead us to use those gifts to further your kingdom and that all the glory would be Yours. May You guide and sustain us in this endeavor. In Jesus' name we pray.

- Montie Gauss and the Stewardship and Finance Committee



Mission Partner: Marion Medical Mission

Marion Medical Mission (MMM) is an ecumenical, Christian, frontline, hands-on, volunteer, nonprofit organization that strives to respond to Christ's call by taking care of God's people. MMM works in central and northern Malawi, southern Tanzania and eastern Zambia. MMM projects are ones that directly impact the African people. Their projects include shallow wells, schools, agriculture and hospitals, stressing self-help and sustainability. MMM's goal is to disburse everything

they receive each year. Volunteers for the various projects pay their own expenses.

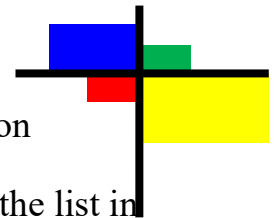
Bettendorf Presbyterian Church specifically contributes mission dollars for the Shallow Well Program. UNICEF reports that 4,000 children worldwide die each day because of unsafe drinking water. The Shallow Well Program provides safe drinking water to remote villages in Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia. This program not only provides safe drinking water but also the necessary knowledge, skills and tools to manage and maintain the protected water source so that the supply of water continues in future years. Where shallow wells have been built, water borne diseases have been virtually eliminated.

Last year's target was for MMM to complete 3500 wells. Our church's contributions have funded the installation of new wells in the villages of Masuwana, Malawi and Isonso, Tanzania. These wells serve a total of 200 people. This is an excellent example of what is right in the world and our mission dollars at work.



Notes from the August Session Meeting

- Thank you to all who helped with Vacation Bible School this summer.
- Sunday School will start on September 8, 2024, and Journey will begin on September 11, 2024.
- Be sure to sign up for one of the Small Groups offered this Fall. Check the list in the Newsletter, Sunday Bulletins, the BPC website or call the church.
- We look forward to seeing you all this fall as many activities begin again!



Illowa Folk Contra Dance

4th Friday of each Month, 7 pm
Bettendorf Presbyterian Church

- All dances taught before dancing
- No partner needed
- Lines, Trios, Groups, Circles etc.
- Danced to live music (whenever possible)
- Fun!



Dance Schedule 2024:

September 27	October 25
November 22	December 27

Watch for announcements on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/IllowaCommunityFolkDance>

Sign up for the email mailing list - send email to: illowafolkdance@gmail.com

Fall Charity Walk Opportunities

Join or support our church teams for four weeks of walks....



#1: Saturday, September 14th is the Walk to End Alzheimer's

Website- www.alz.org/walk and enter zip code to find the walk (team: For Grandma's Sake)

Where? Vibrant Arena @ The Mark-1201 River Dr, Moline, Illinois

Time? Register & Network with Vendors @8 AM Opening Ceremony @ 9:30

Why? To further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association

#2: Saturday, September 21st is the ACS (American Cancer Society) Relay for Life

Website- www.relayforlife.org/QuadCitiesIL (team: Bettendorf Presbyterian Church)

Where? Christ The King Catholic Church - Believers Together Center, 3209 60th St, Moline, Illinois

Time? From 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Why? To support research, free rides to chemo/lodging near hospitals, a 24/7 helpline and to honor those who are bravely battling cancer.

#3: Saturday, September 28th is the NAMI Walk (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

Website- www.namiwalks.org (team: Bettendorf Presbyterian Church)

Where? The Bend XPO Amphitheatre - 922 Mississippi Parkway, East Moline, Illinois

Time? Prerace 8-9 AM. Opening ceremony @ 9 to 9:30. Walk starts @ 9:30

Why? Raising funds to Promote public awareness of mental health to reduce stigma, fund top rated mental health programs, build community and let people know we're in this together.

#4: SUNDAY, October 6st is the Quad Cities CROP Walk

Website- www.crophungerwalk.org/quadcities (team: Bettendorf Presbyterian Church)

Where? Caxton Building/Bethany for Children & Families - 1701 River Drive, Moline Illinois

Time? Check in begins at 1 PM. Walk starts at 2 PM.

Why? To fund Hunger Fighting agencies locally and abroad through Church World Services.

Donations of Peanut butter & Jelly are encouraged for our local food pantries.

P.S. If you wish to contribute to one of these causes by check rather than online, please make your check payable to Bettendorf Presbyterian Church and indicate which walk you want to support in the memo line. This will help checks clear faster for your records.



Presbyterian Women's Circles

Groups meet for Bible Study, mission and fellowship.

Circles are open to any woman. Contact Marie Winder (563-579-7772) if you are interested in learning more.



Charis Circle - Meeting the second Thursday of the month at 2:00pm - September 12, 2024

Friendship Circle - Meeting the third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm - September 19, 2024

Circle of Joy - Meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00am - September 24, 2024

Mary/Martha - Meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm - September 24, 2024

Deborah Circle - Meeting the second Sunday of the month at 12:00pm - September 8, 2024 (Lesson 1 Judy)



Bettendorf Presbyterian Church
1200 Middle Rd, Bettendorf
Presbyterian Women (PW)
2nd Annual Craft and Vendor Fair

Proceeds Support PW mission projects

Saturday, November 2, 2024

9:00 am—1:00 pm

Concessions on site to benefit
Bettendorf Presbyterian Youth Programs



September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:45 Communion Worship</p> <p>FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 Exercise 10:00 Small Group A 6:30 BSA Troop 89</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 Exercise 2:00 Churches United Meal Site Prep 4:30 Meal Site Service 6:30 Praise Band</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:00 Keller Rehearsal Dinner</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 PW Board 9:30-11 Lower Level in use 11:00 Keller Wedding</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Pancake Breakfast/ Christian Educ./Small Group D 10:45 Modern Worship 12:00 Deborah Circle 4:00 Youth Group</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 Exercise 10:00 Happy Stampers 10:00 Small Group A 6:00 Small Group B 6:30 BSA Troop 89</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 Small Group C 5:30 Journey 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 Exercise 2:00 Charis Circle 6:30 Praise Band <i>Pastor Troy begins his pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago</i></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 Men's Prayer Group 9:30-11 Lower Level in use</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>10:00 ONE WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 Judy Hiles Reception 4:00 Youth Group</p>	<p>30</p>					



Help Nurture our Little Ones!

Hi everyone!!

I am asking for you to consider helping out our nursery in one or two ways.

1. We need some new and updated toys - like blocks, dress-up clothes, food/plates for the kitchen, toddler toys - but bring anything you have. Used toys are fine! Please make sure they are in good condition and clean (we do shy away from noise-making toys).
2. Please consider volunteering in the nursery on a regular or even a sporadic basis. I am incredibly flexible! We would love a couple more volunteers for either service.

Thank you for prayerfully considering supporting the youngest kids in our church family! Please email, call or text if you have questions or want to reach out 563-210-0887 or cdavis0427@gmail.com.



Many Thanks,
Christi Davis



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Wednesday Journey Program

Support Our Young People and be part of
something wonderful!



We need volunteers to serve dinner to our
kids and youth, then help with clean-up

Wednesday Nights, 5:30pm

Whether you can help out once, twice or on
a regular basis, your time and efforts will
make a difference.

No prior experience necessary!

If interested, contact the church
office or Walter Henry (563-676-1634)



KIDS & YOUTH NEWSLETTER



KIDS EVENTS

- 8th:** First Grade Bibles
- 8th:** Sunday School Kickoff!
- 11th:** Journey Kickoff!
- 15th:** Sunday School
- 18th:** Journey
- 22nd:** Sunday School
- 25th:** Journey
- 29th:** No Sunday School

YOUTH EVENTS

- 8th:** Youth Group Kickoff
- 8th:** Pancake Breakfast
- 11th:** Journey
- 15th:** Youth Group
- 18th:** Journey
- 22nd:** Youth Group
- 25th:** Journey
- 29th:** Youth Group

Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, September 8th
During Fellowship Hour

Hot Cakes! BPC Youth is serving up a delicious free-will donation pancake and sausage breakfast between services. All proceeds go to the **BPC Camp Scholarship Fund**. This fund allows any BPC camper to attend summer or winter camp at Camp Bear Creek at a cost that works for them.

NEW SERIES: GAME PLAN!

On your mark, get set, go! When a shepherd named David became king, it was a whole new ballgame! He had some big wins and some big losses, too, but he also had a great plan for how to overcome his challenges. In this 4-week series, kids will team up with David and learn that making peace, following God, showing kindness, and forgiveness are all part of God's game plan for us!

Fall Youth Retreat

October 18th - 20th, 2024

All 6th-12th graders and their friends are invited to join us for a weekend away at Camp Bear Creek.

Please register by **September 30th**.
Cost is \$50 per person for the weekend.

NEW SERIES: RESTART

When you feel like a failure, God helps you restart. When you feel overwhelmed, God takes care of you. When you feel stuck, God gives you guidance. When you feel unwanted, God says you belong. In life, it's not easy for us to recover from mistakes or start over when we face challenges, but Jesus gives us a chance to restart - no matter how difficult our circumstances.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Volunteers Needed for the Fall Pizza Ranch Fundraiser for Hope at the BRICK House!

Volunteers can...

- Clear and clean tables
- Serve specialty pizzas
- Seat guests
- Sweep and vacuum

Training is provided! Shifts available:

4:45 - 6:15pm

6:00 - 7:30pm

7:00 - 8:30pm

This is a fun evening and a great opportunity to meet and fellowship with other supporters of Hope at the BRICK House! Volunteers are welcome to eat before or after their shift.

If you are interested, please contact Hope at the BRICK House at either of-
fice2.hbh@gmail.com or (563) 322-0382 to send your first/last name, phone number,
shirt size and what shift you would like to work.