



# BETTENDORF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## February 2025

LOVE ALL – SERVE ALL

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*“And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you...”*

*Leviticus 25: 10*

“Jubilee” is the name given to a particular year. The name comes from the instrument used to mark its launch. In this case, the instrument in question is the yobel, the ram’s horn, used to proclaim the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). This (Jewish) holiday occurs every year, but it takes on special significance when it marks the beginning of a Jubilee year. We can find an early indication of it in the Bible: a Jubilee year was to be marked every 50 years, since this would be an “extra” year, one which would happen every seven weeks of seven years, i.e. every 49 years (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13). Even though it wasn’t easy to organize, it was intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land and a fallow period for the fields.

Quoting the prophet Isaiah, the Gospel of Luke describes Jesus’ mission in this way: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord [the Year of Jubilee],” (Luke 4:18-19; cf. Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus lives out these words in his daily life, in his encounters with others and in his relationships, all of which bring about liberation and conversion.

This year is a Jubilee Year and today many followers of Christ use the Jubilee as a year of forgiveness, reconciliation and renewal of faith. It’s a time to re-establish relationships with God, others and creation. How will you live out your call to celebrate the Jubilee this year?

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Troy

### February Worship

#### February 2 Holy Communion

Jeremiah 1: 4-10  
“When God Calls”

#### February 9

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11  
“Misinformation and Truth”

#### February 16

Jeremiah 17: 5-10  
“What’s Truly in Our Hearts?”

#### February 23

Luke 6: 27-38  
“Paying it Forward”

# Looking ahead to Lent...

**Surprised By Hope:**  
*Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection,  
and the Mission of the Church*  
A Church-wide Lenten Study

Christians normally think of the future in terms of “heaven,” but the promised reality is far greater: a new heaven and a new earth, a whole new creation. Once you grasp this biblical vision of God’s future, it will transform your understanding of life in the present.

In six transforming, faith-inspiring sessions, premier biblical scholar N.T. Wright opens our eyes to the amazing scope of what God’s Word has to say about the world to come and the world that is.

Join Pastor Troy on Sunday mornings, beginning March 2, as he preaches on the six themes suggested by Dr. Wright and then join one of our small groups throughout the week as we explore in-depth: the Hope for the World, the Hope for the Resurrection, the Hope of Heaven, the Hope of Salvation and the Hope of the Church.

## Small group options

**All start the week of March 2nd and finish the week before Palm Sunday**

Group A - Tuesdays at 2 pm, location: BPC, leader: Alison McCrary

Group B - Tuesdays at 6 pm, location: Werner home, leader: Chris Werner

Group C - Sundays at 10 am, location: BPC (Fellowship Hall Classroom), leader:  
Frank Mitvalsky

### How do I sign up??

- ⇒ Put the letter of the small group you want in the ‘small group’ box in the pew folder, or...
- ⇒ Sign up online at: <https://www.bettpres.org/smallgroups> or...
- ⇒ Let the church office know





Donate your empty, clean pill bottles to the Bell Animal Hospital. Just bring your containers to the church office and place them in the box!

**The next Churches United meal site serving date is March 3, 2025**

- To volunteer to serve the meals, please contact Chuck Weaver at (563)210-5170 or cweaver111@yahoo.com
- To help with providing food, **take a tag from the Giving Tree (after February 16th)** - we need:

Ham, Bottled Water, Mandarin oranges, cookies



**Deliver food to the church by March 2, 2025**

**The Giving Tree is still blooming!**

The Giving Tree in the Narthex has blossomed with items needed for Christian Care, a homeless shelter for men, and for Martha’s House, a shelter for homeless women and their children.



**Personal Items needed:**

- |           |            |         |               |
|-----------|------------|---------|---------------|
| Deodorant | Toothpaste | Shampoo | Conditioner   |
| Lotion    | Socks      | Gloves  | Stocking caps |

**Cleaning supplies needed:**

- |                      |                           |              |         |
|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------|
| All-purpose cleaners | Toilet bowl cleaner       | Laundry soap | Bleach  |
| Hand Soap            | 33 & 39 gal. garbage bags | Toilet Paper | Napkins |
| Kitchen trash bags   |                           |              |         |

Take a tag from the Giving Tree in the Narthex and **return your item to the Giving Tree in the Narthex by February 16th.**



**Please include in your prayers for Healing :**

Jackie Anderson, Bill Bates, Ryan Behnke, Kathy Blodig, Brad Campbell, Lynn Clement, Megan Daniels, Jeffrey Davies, Jane Fox, Jim Fox, Kay Getting, Marjorie Harden, Ben Hedlund, Joan Hovey, Stephanie Hitchings, Mike Hoenig, Joan Hovey, Jim Kaderbek, Micki Kaderbek, Shawn LaCarte, Helen Lensch, Carl Melton, Janie Mitchell, Darlene Neff, Michelle Newton, Jim Orr, Adam Pope, Sarah Qualls, Lee Rasmussen, Martie Reynolds, Kevin Ross, Mary Lou Sanders, Jo Bates' granddaughter: Laura Sanders, Jim Saul, Carol Schnyder, Brandy Schroeder, Kathy Schroeder, Erin Shaulis, James Shaulis, Michelle Shelbourn, Sharon Shope, Liz Stoffer, Dick Stotlar, Gene Stromquist, Mary Thul, Evelyn Thurston, Katie.

**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.



**Who:** All Men

**Where:** Bettendorf Presbyterian Church

**When:** Saturday, February 8th

**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)





## Adult Birthdays

Carrie Wooldridge	1
Emilee Alesi	1
Jerry Froeschle	2
Ginny Tudeen	6
Sue Rector	8
Kim Lindaman	8
Amy Kuhel	8
Janna Werner	9
Lynn Stotlar	12
Dan Benson	14
Rachel Luedtke	14
Teresa Noble	16
Tim Downing	16
Beverly Clifton	17
Marjorie Harden <b>100!</b>	18
Loren Lybeck	19
Abbie Keibler	19
Alison Donohoo	19
Brock Harrison	22
Jim Orr	23
Joshua Knowles	23
Megan Gropel	23
Jenn Kost	24
Katie Gropel	24
Doris Grimes	25
Sharon Shope	27
Mary Thul	27
Nancy Duvall	27
Daniel Johnson	28
Amanda French	28

## Youth Birthdays

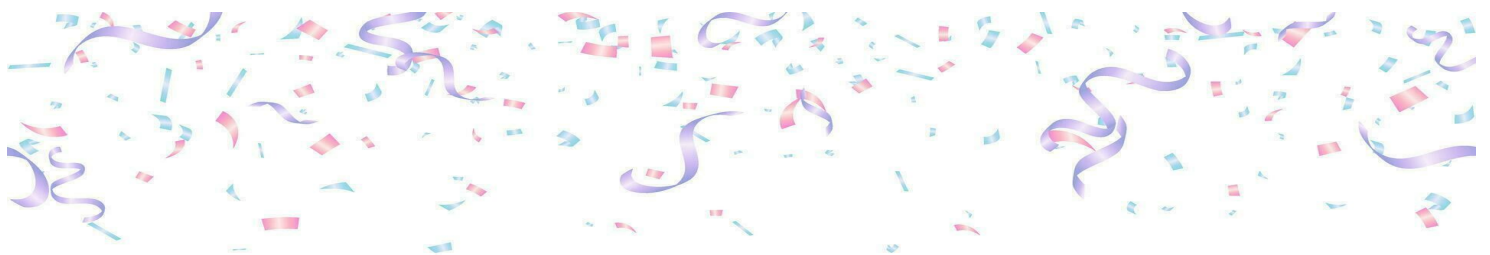
Kru Williams	4
Elijah Werner	12
Campbell Keibler	25
Emma Erickson	25
Shelby Lybeck	26

## Anniversaries

Gene & Arlene Vincent	12
Barry & Susan Gallagher	13
Gary & Tana Barsness	18
Randy & Teresa Noble	20
Dean & Judy Hiles	25

### Happy Birthday, Marjorie!

Marjorie Harden is turning 100 on February 18th, so let's shower her with birthday cards! Bring you cards in to Alison in the church office by February 16th and we'll deliver the cards to Marjorie on her birthday.



# Attendance & Offering

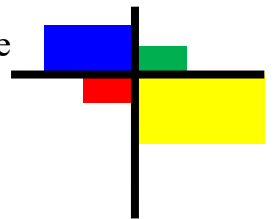
*I will be loyal to our Lord through the Church and be supportive  
with my Prayers, Presence, Gifts and Service*

## DECEMBER 2024

ATTENDANCE				OFFERING	
DATE	9am	10:45am	online	\$	
1-Dec	103	44	12	\$	3,945.00
8-Dec	100	37	16	\$	6,235.00
15-Dec	153	85	21	\$	13,804.00
22-Dec	96	24	12	\$	16,451.91
29-Dec	99	One Svc	11	\$	2,162.00
other offerings				\$	<u>548.86</u>
Total Month Offering				\$	43,146.77
Other Month Income				\$	2,121.69
<b>Total Month Income</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>45,268.46</b>
<b>TOTAL expenses for Month</b>			<u>% of Budget</u>	<b>\$</b>	<b>33,233.64</b>
Year to Date Total Income			111.20%	\$	469,416.09
Year to Date Total Expenses			95.36%	\$	412,123.55
Annual Income budget 2024				\$	422,135.00
Annual Expense budget 2024				\$	432,164.29

## Notes from the January Session Meeting

- Thank you to Jeff Lindaman, Kurt Matzen, Linda Beck and Montie Gauss for their service as Elders.
- We welcome Duane Oltmann, Chuck Keibler, Jane Garrett and Lauren Wilson as new Elders – Class of 2027.
- Welcome to new BPC members Gerry and Jenisa Roark, Robert Grove and Kathleen Gillen!
- The per cap apportionment is \$45.34 per person this year. That money is used to support the missions of our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. For those who are able, please prayerfully consider paying your apportionment and thank you in advance!!





## Mission Partner: Family Resources, Inc.

Our mission partner, Family Resources, Inc., is a social services organization that provides several levels of outreach and care to community members in crisis. It has recently relocated from the Annie Wittenmeyer complex to a new location on Lombard Street that allows for expanded access as well as increased focus on building partnerships with other organizations.

One of its most active programs is its Survivor program targeting those who are victims of abuse, violent crime/homicide, human trafficking, etc. It offers emergency crisis assistance, shelter, counseling and therapy, support groups, and safety planning, among other support. This year, its crisis line has taken 17,980 calls. Other programs include Mental Health - offering help for stress, grief, anxiety and depression, Child and Youth services - offering help to children, youth and parents for behavior health, follow-up guidance, and support for those aging out of the foster system, and Licensing/Support for those who want to become foster parents or create adoptive families.

Each year, Family Resources offers the opportunity for you to adopt a family to provide holiday gifts as well as connect with the family to share the spirit of the season. The kindness of those who participate helps remind a struggling family that they are part of a supportive and compassionate community.

Like all of our mission partners, Family Resources exemplifies for us the love of Jesus reaching out to those in need.

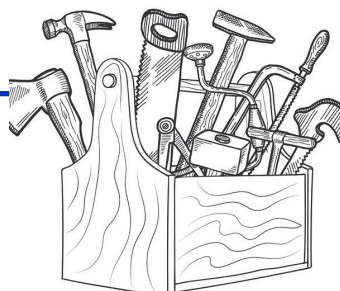


**Family**  
**RESOURCES**

## Mission Trip Opportunity!

There will be a return Mission trip to Rolling Fork, Mississippi to help finish the work of recovery from a devastating tornado. Dates Feb 2-8.

For more info contact Duane or Melody Oltmann: [iaoltmann@gmail.com](mailto:iaoltmann@gmail.com)  
or [a.praise.song@gmail.com](mailto:a.praise.song@gmail.com)



# 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 learning more.



**Charis Circle** - Meeting the second Thursday of the month at 1:00pm - February 13, 2025

**Friendship Circle** - Meeting the third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm - February 20, 2025

**Circle of Joy** - Meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00am - February 25, 2025

**Mary/Martha** - Meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm - February 25, 2025

**Deborah Circle** - Meeting the second Sunday of the month at 12:00pm - February 12, 2025  
(Lesson 6 Marie)

**NOTE: PW Board usually meets at 9 am, the first Saturday of the month - February 1**

## PW Honorary Life Membership



Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women at the national (PCUSA) level is the highest award a woman in PW can receive. Conferred annually, it recognizes a woman for faithful service and dedication in our church's ministry. Whether this is a woman who is behind the scenes or in front of everyone - we want your nomination.

To nominate someone, pick up a form on the bulletin board across from the women's restroom or in the office and leave it in the PW box in the office by March 15th.

⇒ **Join PW on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall to pack the toiletries from the Giving Tree into kits for Christian Care !**

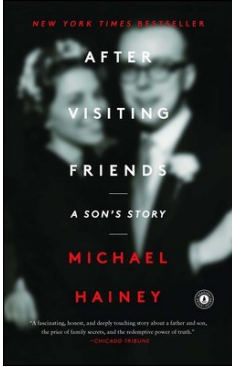


## Gilded Pages

1:00 pm  
February 24

### After Visiting Friends

by Michael Hailey



**Saturday**

**February 8 6:00 pm**

Get your team of 8 together!  
Bring snacks to share with your table.

Soda will be for sale by our youth

Cost: \$15 per person  
(includes double down)

Sponsored by:

**Presbyterian Women**

**Raffle baskets**

in the Narthex  
January 19/26

**6 baskets:**

Game Night

Warmth and Comfort

Dog fun and treats

A Night out

Cat fun and treats

Love, Hope & Joy

Raffle ticket: \$5 each, five  
for \$20

## Oners February Events

Yes, two events!

### Sunday Sub Sandwich Lunch

February 9th, 11:15am

Fellowship Hall

Support our Youth! Order a sub sandwich to be picked up Sunday February 9th - then stay for games afterward.

### Sunday Lunch

February 23rd, 11:15am

Duck Creek Pancake House  
4405 State Street  
Riverdale



## 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 2025:

28 February	23 May	26 September
28 March	27 June	24 October
25 April	25 July	28 November
	22 August	26 December

Watch for announcements on Facebook:

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

Sign up for the email mailing list - send email to: [illowafolkdance@gmail.com](mailto:illowafolkdance@gmail.com)







# February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 9:00 PW Board 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
<b>2</b> <b>FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</b> 9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Fellowship/Christian Education/Small Group D 10:45 Communion Worship 4:00 Youth Group 4:00 Parenting Small Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 Exercise <b>11:00 Outreach (note time and date change)</b> 6:30 BSA Troop 89	<b>5</b> 5:30 Journey 7:00 Choir	<b>6</b> 9:00 Exercise 6:30 Praise Band	<b>7</b>  ← <b>YOUTH LOCK-IN</b> →	<b>8</b> 8:00 Men's Prayer Group 9:30 PW packaging toiletries for Christian Care 9:30-11 Lower Level in use 9-12 Kitchen in use <b>6:00 TRIVIA NIGHT</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship/Christian Educ./Small Grp D 10:45 Modern Worship 11:15 Oners 12:00 Deborah Circle <b>4:00 NO Youth Group</b> <b>4:00 NO Parenting Small Group</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Happy Stampers 6:30 BSA Troop 89	<b>12</b> 5:30 Journey 6:00 Session 7:00 Choir	<b>13</b> 9:00 Exercise 1:00 Charis Circle 3-9 Friendship Force 5:45 GS Troop 1886 6:30 Praise Band	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> 9:30-11 Lower Level in use 5:30-10 Walter Henry Fellowship Hall
<b>16</b> 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship/Christian Educ./Small Group D 10:45 Modern Worship <b>3:00 Youth Group (note time change)</b> <b>3:00 Parenting Small Group (note time change)</b>	<b>17</b> 4:30 Mission Concerns	<b>18</b> 9:00 Exercise 6:30 BSA Troop 89	<b>19</b> 2:00 Heart to Hand 5:30 Journey 7:00 Choir	<b>20</b> 9:00 Exercise 1:00 Friendship Circle 6:30 Praise Band 7:00 Board of Deacons  <b>PASTOR TROY AT CAMP BEAR CREEK</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 12-10 Kindercare Valentine Dance	<b>22</b> 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
<b>23</b> 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship/Christian Educ./Small Group D 10:45 Modern Worship 11:15 Pizza and Painting 11:15 Oners 4:00 Youth Group 4:00 Parenting Small Group	<b>24</b> 1:00 Gilded Pages	<b>25</b> 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Circle of Joy 6:30 BSA Troop 89 7:00 Mary Martha Circle	<b>26</b> 5:30 Journey 7:00 Choir	<b>27</b> 9:00 Exercise 6:30 Praise Band	<b>31</b> 7:00 Illowa Folk Dance	

# Children & Youth Ministry

## Winter Family Event:



WINTER FAMILY EVENT  
**Pizza & Painting**  
All families welcomed to join! Enjoy lunch & be guided through creating a winter themed work of art.

Free Will Donation

Pizza provided - please fill out the survey so we know how much pizza to order!

**Sunday, February 23rd**  
**Following 2nd Service 11:45/12:00pm**

## Register for Summer Camp!

# BEAR CREEK

Camps are filling fast. Contact Jake with any questions and to find a camp for you! BPC offers scholarships for all kids who attend Camp Bear Creek this summer. Register today for a week of fun!

## New Kids Series: Camp Believe It

People love camping, and for good reason! You can take in nature, practice special skills, or just take time to relax in a new environment. And when it comes to camping, no one loved it as much as John the Baptist. In this 4-week series, kids will hear about John the Baptist's special role in preparing the way for Jesus and his ministry.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/2 - SS & YG Service Project
- 2/5 - Superbowl Night
- 2/7-2/8 Youth Group Lock-In
- 2/9 - SS & No Youth Group
- 2/12 - Valentines Night
- 2/16 - SS & YG Game Night
- 2/19- Twin Night
- 2/23 - SS & YG Floor is Lava
- 2/26 - Summer Camp Night



**Bring your change & food pantry items on Sunday, February 9th!**

## New Youth Series: On Your Own

Game shows can reveal the real strength behind friendships. Whether we're asking for help, solving puzzles, or overcoming challenges, quality friendships can help us move on to the next round of competition. So, what does it look like to develop game-winning friendships? In this 4-week series we'll explore how godly friendships can make a difference when we're in the hot seat.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

An advertisement for "BPC Youth Super Subs" is set against a dark blue background with bright stadium lights. The text "BPC YOUTH SUPER SUBS" is prominently displayed in white, bold letters. Below it, the pricing "4" for \$3, 6" for \$5, 12" for \$8" is shown. A call to action reads "Place your order today and take it home with you after worship on February 9." At the bottom, two large submarine sandwiches are shown, filled with meat, cheese, tomatoes, and lettuce, resting on a green football field with yard lines.

**BPC YOUTH SUPER SUBS**

4" for \$3, 6" for \$5, 12" for \$8

Place your order today and take it home with you after worship on February 9.