



BETTENDORF

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 2025

LOVE ALL – SERVE ALL

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*Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith.
2 Corinthians 13:5a*

The new year has long been a time of making resolutions to better oneself and over the years I've discovered that some resolutions are more successful than others. To that end, I'd like to suggest five simple and powerful New Year's Resolutions inspired by St. Francis of Assisi that could make all our lives better.

First: Live Your Full Purpose in Life with Passion. "We should seek not so much to pray, but to become a prayer." If we choose to pray and live out our prayers, being mindful of those around us and how we interact, the world around us will be changed. May we not act with judgment or condemnation, but with love, joy and gratitude in all circumstances.

Second. Start by Doing What is Necessary. "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible." Gain momentum for yourself by acting. Start at the beginning and manage each step along the way to gain traction. The more forward movement you achieve, the things you once found so difficult start becoming easier and can be found within your reach.

Third: Be a Light in the Darkness. "All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle." In times of darkness, be the hope and encouragement to those in need. Let your kindness and compassion be a light to others. Look for new ways to give of yourself to foster light, beauty, peace and goodness.

Fourth: Always Do your Best. "The deeds you do may be the only sermon some people will hear today." Doing our best simply means living each moment to the fullest. It's not about success or failure, it's just about doing the best we can in every situation. See new opportunities in life as an adventure and realize that you can do anything you put your heart and mind to. Your actions may leave a positive lasting impression on someone today.

Finally: Love is Always the Answer. "Blessed is the servant who loves his brother as much when he is sick and useless as when he is well and can be of service to him. And blessed is he who loves his brother as well when he is far off as when he is by his side, and who would say nothing behind his back he might not, in love, say before his face." While loving one another is not always easy or our first response, let this concept be a challenge for you to focus on being more attuned to others. Recognize the value of people and strive to respond with love even in the face of hurt. Redefine your intent to love one another as showing kindness, compassion, healing and forgiveness. If everyone does their part to love one another, this world will become a better place. Choose love today.

I hope you'll be inspired to live better, fuller lives of faith in 2025!
Grace & Peace!
Pastor Troy

January Worship

January 5 Holy Communion
Ephesians 1:3-14
“Following Our Moral Compass”

January 19
John 2:1-11
“Jesus’ First Sign”

**January 12 Baptism of the Lord
Sunday**
Isaiah 43:1-7
“Baptism”

**January 26 Annual Meeting
One Service at 10am**
John 4:14-21
“Sabbath Spirit”

Annual Meeting of the Congregation and “Town Hall Meeting”

We will have the **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation and potluck celebration on **January 26th following the worship service at 10 am**. The church will provide soup and drink and we are asking you to bring a salad or dessert to share.

In addition to reviewing and receiving the annual report, we will also be hosting a “Town Hall” meeting to discuss a proposed renovation to our building. In light of our mission to “Love All and Serve All,” we’ve been exploring how to make our building more handicapped accessible - especially regarding restrooms. The session is excited to share with you a couple of different plans that could help us fulfill this goal.

Please plan on joining us as we celebrate what God has accomplished through us in the past year as well as looking forward to better serving all of God’s children in the future.





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 January 2, 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** - we need: Ham, Bottled Water, Mandarin oranges, cookies



Deliver food to the church by 1 January 2025

The Giving Tree has blossomed!

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:

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

Cleaning supplies needed:

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



Small Group Offering for January/February...

Calling all parents of teens!

Small Group Offering for January/February...

Parenting with Hope: Raising Teens for Christ

Are you navigating the joys and challenges of raising teens in today's world? Join our Parenting with Hope small group, a supportive community for parents seeking to guide their teenagers in faith, love and hope.



What to expect:

- **Practical Advice:** Faith-based strategies to navigate real-life parenting challenges.
- **Encouragement:** Stories and wisdom from parents walking the same path.
- **Connection:** Build meaningful relationships with other parents.
- **Faith Growth:** Equip yourself and your teens to grow in Christ together.



When: Sundays at 4 pm - **January 19, 26, February 2, 16, 23**



Where: BPC



Who: Parents of teens

Participants should purchase the book Parenting with Hope: Raising Teens for Christ by Melissa B. Kruger.

Parenting with hope is possible! Let's raise the next generation for Christ together.



Sign Up Today: email Chris Werner at worship@bettpres.org or sign up at www.bettpres.org/smallgroups



Adult Birthdays

Steve Clough	3
Allison VanHorn	3
Laurie Harrison	4
Derek Vincent	4
Bill Pipe	5
Mary Riepe	6
Ron Owen	7
Bob Cassatt	11
Mackenzie Wisneski	11
William Hitchings	11
Jane Burris	14
Margie Froeschle	15
Cameron Tucker	15
Emily Marriott	16
Joseph Gustafson	17
Sharon Getty	19
Tami Thurston	19
Evelyn Thurston	19
Lauren Wilson	20
Gary Barsness	21
Katie Kuhel	21
Peggy Fox	23
Christi Davis	23
Jeneane Marshall	25
Gregg Thurston	26
Daniel French	26
Brad Campbell	28
Jamie Tucker	30
Cheri Marriott	30
Susan Houseman	31

Youth Birthdays

Carter French	5
Alexander Batt	9
Josephine Langfeldt	12
Landon French	30

Anniversaries

Mark & Brietta Collier	8
Doris & Gary Ross	14
Amanda & Nathan Tindall	21



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, 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, Nic Schluensen, 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.

Attendance & Offering

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

NOVEMBER 2024

DATE	ATTENDANCE				OFFERING	
	9am	10:45am	online			
3-Nov	120	55	16	\$	5,060.00	
10-Nov	139		13	\$	17,402.63	
17-Nov	107	67	14	\$	3,009.00	
24-Nov	103	50	13	\$	2,065.00	
other offerings					\$	650.55
Total Month Offering					\$	28,187.18
Other Month Income					\$	24,320.60
Total Month Income					\$	52,507.78
TOTAL expenses for Month			<u>% of Budget</u>	\$	33,033.09	
Year to Date Total Income			100.48%	\$	424,147.63	
Year to Date Total Expenses			87.67%	\$	378,889.91	
Annual Income budget 2024				\$	422,135.00	
Annual Expense budget 2024				\$	432,164.29	

Oners January Event Sunday Lunch January 19th

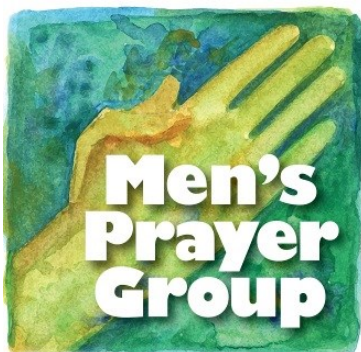
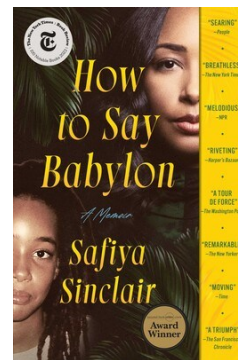
Lunch 11:15 am - Duck Creek
Pancake House
4405 State Street
Riverdale



Gilded Pages

1:00 pm January 27

How to Say Babylon
by Safiya Sinclair



Who: All Men

Where: Bettendorf Presbyterian Church

When: Saturday, January 11th

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)



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.

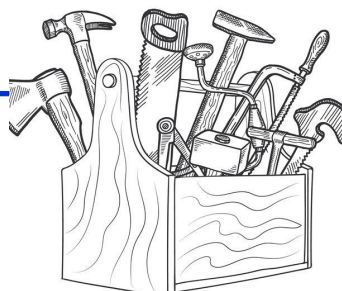
Like all of our mission partners, Family Resources exemplifies for us the love of Jesus reaching out to those in need.



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
or 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 - January 9, 2025

Friendship Circle - Meeting the third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm - January 16, 2025

Circle of Joy - Meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00am - January 28, 2025

Mary/Martha - Meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm - January 28, 2025

Deborah Circle - Meeting the second Sunday of the month at 12:00pm - January 12, 2025 (Lesson 5 Sue)

NOTE: PW Board usually meets at 9 am, the first Saturday of the month - January 4 (Mary Hasty has devotions)

Thank you! ...

to all who contributed to making the **Snowflake Cookie Walk** a big success, whether it was by baking, buying or working the sale (or all three)!

You are an amazing congregation!



Thank You



The Winder family would once again like to extend our thanks to the entire church family for all the wonderful gifts and cards that we received over the holidays!

We are truly blessed to be part of such a loving and caring community of faith!

Help restock the
BPC Nursery!

TOYS FOR OUR NURSERY



Questions?
Contact Christi Davis:
cdavis0427@gmail.com
(563) 210-0887

We are looking for new toys for the nursery - for children ages 3-5.
Used toys welcome if they are in good condition.

If you want to order new toys, we've set up a registry on Amazon:

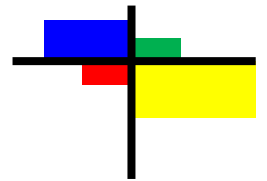
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17JNKFVI69B5?ref=wl_share

Leave toys for donation in the far right end of Fellowship Hall

Notes from the December Session Meeting

Thank you to all who purchased gifts for the Angel Tree!

- Welcome to new members Sam and Christine Walker!
- Be sure to check out the Small Group option for January
- The Sunday morning worship teams have been reorganized. You will receive your team information soon.
- Please let Deb Steele know if you would be interested in serving on Session.



Illowa Folk Contra Dance

Dance Schedule 2025:

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!

24 January
28 February
28 March
25 April

23 May
27 June
25 July
22 August

26 September
24 October
28 November
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





January



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NO CHOIR	2 9:00 Exercise 2:00 Churches United Meal Site Prep 4:30 Churches United Meal Site Serving 6:30 Praise Band	3	4 9:00 PW Board 9:30-11 Lower Level in use 12-4 Keller Birthday Party
			5 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Fellowship/Small Group D/NO Sunday School 10:45 Communion Worship 4:00 Youth Group	6	7 9:00 Exercise 6:30 BSA Troop 89	8 5:30 Journey - Family Night 6:00 Session 7:00 Choir
12 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship/Christian Educ./Small Grp D\ 10:45 Modern Worship 12:00 Deborah Circle 4:00 Youth Group	13	14 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Happy Stampers 6:30 BSA Troop 89	15 2:00 Heart to Hand 5:30 Journey 7:00 Choir	16 9:00 Exercise 1:00 Friendship Circle 6:30 Praise Band 7:00 Board of Deacons	17	18 9:30-11 Lower Level in use 1-4 Sharon Getty Birthday Reception 5:30-10 Walter Henry Fellowship Hall
19 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship/Christian Educ./Small Group D 10:45 Modern Worship 11:15 Oners 2-4 Friendship Force 4:00 Youth Group	20 4:30 Mission Concerns	21 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Outreach Committee 6:30 BSA Troop 89	22 5:30 Journey 7:00 Choir	23 9:00 Exercise 6:30 Praise Band	24 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Illowa Folk Dance	25 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
26 10:00 ONE WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 Annual Meeting/ Luncheon 4:00 Youth Group	27 1:00 Gilded Pages	28 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Circle of Joy 6:30 BSA Troop 89 7:00 Mary Martha Circle	29 5:30 Journey 7:00 Choir	30 9:00 Exercise 6:30 Praise Band	31 	

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

SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER MISSION TRIPS



Middle School Trip: July 6th - 11th

High School Trip: July 19th-26th

Registration Opens Soon!



New Kids Series: Big Picture

Every great movie tells a great story. When we see those stories played out on the big screen, we can learn a little more about ourselves and the world around us. Jesus knew how powerful stories could be, and he made them a big part of how he taught his followers. Kids will hear some of the stories Jesus shared that can help them see the big picture of a life spent following God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/1 - No Journey
- 1/5 - No SS or Youth Group
- 1/8 - Family Movie Night
- 1/12 - SS & Youth Group
- 1/15 - Goals/Enchiladas
- 1/19 - SS & Youth Group
- 1/22 - Let it Snow (White)
- 1/26 - NO Sunday School
- 1/26 - Youth Group
- 1/29 - Backwards Night



Super Bowl Subs!



THE YOUTH GROUP WILL ONCE AGAIN BE SELLING SUBS FOR THE SUPER BOWL WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIPS. ORDER YOURS ONLINE OR AT CHURCH BEFORE FEBRUARY 5, SO THAT WE CAN PREPARE YOUR SANDWICH AND HAVE IT READY FOR YOU TO TAKE HOME FOLLOWING CHURCH ON THE DAY OF THE BIG GAME (2/9) ORDERING OPENS JANUARY 15TH

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. In this series, we will see how godly friendships make a difference when we are in the hot seat. We will learn how faith can help our friendships grow, how our friends can help our faith grow, and how God can help us choose friends wisely.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED