



Beaumont Presbyterian Church

January 2019

*The stone church . . .
with the caring heart*

Worship Services
Sunday 8:30 AM
and
10:00 AM

Children's
Sunday School
10:00 AM

Adult Bible Study
9:10 AM

Nursery
10:00 AM

Korean Church
12:00 PM

Fellowship Hour
9:30 AM and
11:00 AM
In the Social Hall



**Behold, He
makes all
things new.**

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Our Mission

A Christ-centered family of God's
people, growing in faith,
caring for each other,
bringing others to Christ,
and ministering to the needs of our
changing community and world.

On the cover:

*Behold I will do a new thing,
Now it shall spring forth:
Shall you not know it?
I will even make a road in the
wilderness and rivers in the desert.*
Isaiah 43:19

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A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As I am writing to you, I am fondly remembering our Christmas Eve Service. We had a packed sanctuary for a beautiful service of Scripture Lessons, Christmas Carols and individual lights when the room was darkened for "Silent Night."

We were probably the only church in all of Christendom with our own euphonium (looks like a small tuba) playing Christmas carols just outside the entrance of the church as people came in. We were blessed with the music of the flute and piano. We enjoyed carols and the music of our Korean Church choir and our sanctuary choir. Some of our young people read Scripture. We also enjoyed cookies, cupcakes and gallons of hot chocolate. It was a special celebration of our Savior's birth!



Lately, I have been marveling at the miracle of multiplication. We can't multiply 5 loaves and 2 fish into a meal for 5,000 as Jesus did. But that shouldn't discourage us. Because we have been a part of many miracles of multiplication as we have opened our hearts and hands as a church family.

Recently, we raised the funds to send 185.5 wheelchairs to give dignity and mobility to children and adults who were dragging in the dirt. And those funds were matched to provide 371 wheelchairs! **The miracle of multiplication!**

We gave gift cards for veterans from the church budget and those funds were multiplied by the gifts of individuals. We will get a report on how some of the gift cards were used soon from V.A. Chaplain, Dr. Sam Roberts. Individual church members were moved by the cause and added to it. **The miracle of multiplication!**

We wrote encouraging Christmas card notes for our overseas military. Those notes were multiplied by the cards written by 4th and 5th grade schoolchildren in 2 local schools and several teenagers who heard about what we were doing! Our example was contagious. **The miracle of multiplication!**

We joined with other organizations to provide gifts and groceries for local children and their families for the 29th year of "Winter Wish." We were blessed to hear heartwarming stories of the 29 years from a member of our own church family, Donna Lester, who has been providing leadership since the inception. **(The miracle of multiplication)** as many community partners work together for a common cause!

We have served wonderful meals each week for many years as part of Table of Plenty. The Thanksgiving meal and Christmas meal were especially amazing! Many resources put together have enabled us to serve thousands of meals. And all for free! **The miracle of multiplication** of what can be done when we all work together.

We recently heard from Dr. Kevin Prine, President and C.E.O. of Outreach International. Every Christmas Eve our offering goes entirely to Outreach International either for animals or a water well to be given to a needy community somewhere in the world. I just learned today, that from special gifts, for the first time, our gift will be matched by an anonymous donor! Our gift will be doubled to help twice as many families! **(The miracle of multiplication!)** All because we opened our hearts and hands as willing vessels in service to our Savior!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Scott

A NOTE FROM YOUR ELDERS

The Congregational Meeting last month approved five new Elders for Session. For three-year terms they are: Lori Hazelton, Howard Nelson, Randy Gordon and Richard Sinner (Class of 2021). For a term of one year, Judy Strahan will be joining us (Class of 2019).

On December 18, 2018, Elder orientation was held for new Elders and attended by current Elders to provide helpful information and a warm welcome. Each new Elder brings multiple skills and talents to your Session and will carry on with responsibilities as they become familiar with their role.

The Presbyterian Book of Order states “Elders represent the Congregation and the responsibility for governing and guiding so it is a community of faith, hope, love, and witness” (G-3.02). We all look forward to the coming year and the opportunities it brings as we fill this role.

A summary of committee accomplishments for the 2018 year will be in the Annual Report prepared for the Congregational Meeting in January 2019. Look forward to reading about all the work that is done for the congregation by the Elders. Various committees included are:

Bldg. & Grounds - Chair: Della Condon	Education - Chair: Marilyn Speed
Fellowship - Chair: Carolyn Moreno	Finance - Chair: Neil Torrence
Membership - Chair: Dick Williams	Mission - Rev Mason with Chandra Smith
Nominations - Chair: Melinda McNabb	Personnel - Chair: Bette Rader
Stewardship - Chair: Owen Dean	Treasurer - Della Condon
Worship - Co-Chairs: Kathy Faber & Chandra Smith	

When you see the Elders on Sunday who have faithfully served their term and are leaving the Board please express your appreciation and thanks for a job well-done. They are Owen Dean, Bette Rader, Sheila James, Linda McNabb, Carolyn Moreno, and Dick Williams.

Session will miss all these members who have played a large part in decisions this year. In the coming year we look forward to the changes and challenges along with our new Elders as we serve in 2019.

Beverly Webster
Clerk of Session



IMPORTANT DATES



HAPPY NEW YEAR:

Tuesday, January 1st - ALL DAY!



Beaumont Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting:

Wednesday, January 2nd, 1:00 PM

The
**Presbyterian
DEACON**

Deacons Meeting:

Tuesday, January 8th, 4:00 PM



Session Meeting:

Tuesday, January 15th, 4:00 PM



Annual Congregational Meeting:

Sunday, January 27th, 11:10 AM,
immediately after 2nd Service.

OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER

We had lots of fun and good food at our Christmas Dinner on December 2nd. Here are a few pictures.



A NEW YEARS' RESOLUTION

5 Reasons to Never Miss a Sunday

1. God Deserves Our Worship and Praise

Psalm 95:2 says, “Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.” The book of Psalms, the third-largest in the Bible, is full of songs and prayers to God. This should clue us in to the importance of worshipping Him. Whether it be through singing, clapping, raising our hands, dancing, playing an instrument, or swaying to the beat, God deserves our worship. If our week has been an epic failure or an epic victory, we need to lift our voice and sing praises to Him, the Creator of the universe.

Worship and praise can, and should, be done in an intimate space between you and God, but never underestimate the power of corporate worship. Notice Psalm 95:2 says, “Let us come before him...” Instances of people worshipping together occur again and again in Scripture. Imagine what God sees when He looks at a group of people collectively singing and praising Him on a Sunday.

2. A Worship Service Starts Our Week Out Right

If Sunday messages fulfill their purpose to teach us about Jesus' love and saving grace, then certainly we should be able to use this knowledge to diffuse a situation or shed light in a dark place. Carrying a heart full of knowledge and praise for God into our week can never be a bad thing.

3. It Sets a Pattern and Example for Our Children and Grandchildren to Follow

Proverbs 22:6 encourages, “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.” A similar verse appears in Isaiah 30:21b: “This is the way; walk in it.” Then there's John 14:6 in which Jesus declares, “I am the way, the truth, and the light” These verses confirm that God wants our children and grandchildren to know about Him.

Setting a godly example and teaching your family about Him through His Word at home is critical. Don't fail to see the power of a godly community surrounding and encouraging this. If we place value on our Sunday attendance, it is hoped our children will continue this behavior as adults.

4. God Wants Us to Serve Others

God has gifted everyone with talents and skills which are unique to them. Christ desires us to use these gifts and work together to reach His hurting world and to build up His body.

God may never ask you to teach, but He will ask you to do what you can do. The church needs you. Use your talents and skills to serve Him.

5. It's a Chance to Visit with Our Church Family

For believers, Jesus' life on earth is our example to follow. Luke 4:16 tells us, “He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went to the synagogue, as was his custom.” Did you catch that? As was His custom, His norm. The New Testament is full of stories about Jesus going to synagogues, or the Temple to learn (as a child), teach, and worship God.

His life with the disciples also demonstrates the need for friends with the same goal to tell people about Him. His disciples were far from perfect, but they loved and believed in Him. They followed Him to synagogues and mountainsides. In return, Jesus loved and cherished those friendships.

By design, God's church is a group of people seeking one thing, a relationship with Him, and with His followers. He desired this to be a group effort from the start, and we need to honor Him by not seeking to know Him in isolation, for that is not His example.

Adapted by Ron Camp from a longer article written by Kristen Terrette, a crosswalk contributing writer.

CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

1	Dennis Bertwell	7	Ruth Schoonover	18	Randy Gordon
5	Doloris Arterberry	9	Jake Waters	22	Marilynn Speed
5	Tomas Jones	9	Katherine J. Jones	23	Phyllis Wobken
6	Bonnie Doshier	12	Jodie Welch	26	Larry Estermyer
6	Dalene Tappata	13	Walter Webster	27	Gerry Fawcett
7	Bert Vos	15	Kavya Mason	28	Bill Erickson
7	Carol Bland	16	Susan Guldseth	28	Ron Camp
7	K. Sue Lemon	17	Jack Webb	31	Jerry Schneider
7	Mitzi Meidinger				



ANNIVERSARIES

10	David & Nadine Waters
10	Gerry & Ellie Fawcett
23	Jack & Shirley Webb



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

What a fabulous Christmas Gathering we had December 14, 2018. With approximately 48 in attendance, our pianist Jaci Davis gave a fabulous presentation. If you weren't there, you really missed a lot of fun and a way of getting into the spirit of Christmas. A big **thank you** belongs to Connie Presson for the beautiful decorations and also to all those who helped make the luncheon so special; helping set up on Thursday, putting water out and making coffee before the luncheon, and then cleanup afterwards. And thanks are also due to Thomas Catering for the amazing baked potato bar.

Now that the New Year is upon us, it's time to take a deep breath and reinvigorate ourselves. Here are some suggestions as presented in a previous PW Horizons Magazine that I think is worth repeating:

- Explore an activity that you enjoy that you have laid aside.
- Cook or bake which are both productive and rejuvenating. Enjoy creating something that nourishes your body.
- Keep a journal; it is a helpful way to remember where you have been, honor what you accomplish and celebrate what may come.
- Count time differently. Base success on the things that bring you and others joy, not just on the things you accomplish. See how this shifts each day's value.
- Walk, run or do some kind of exercise a few times a week.
- Add a spiritual discipline to your daily routine as a way to create holy space in the midst of your busyness.
- Play! Remember that Jesus called the little children to him. Imagine how much fun it would be to see the world like children, then do it.

Save the date of Friday, February 15, 2019 for our February Gathering with our guest from Gideon International. Their presentation is always insightful.

Praying we will all be blessed with a healthy, happy and safe New Year.

Cathy Calhoun, Moderator



BIBLE STUDIES



Bible Studies will resume January 3th and 4th, 2019:

Thursday, 10 a.m., contact Liz Linden 951-845-9908.

Friday, 9:30 a.m., contact Betty Mann 951-845-3800.

Friday, 10:30 a.m., contact Pat Calhoun 951-845-2379.

Circles meet once a month: (September through May):

Esther/Lydia will meet January 16th 1 p.m., Rm. 1 of the Church.

Contact: Marge Shearer 951-922-6679

Ruth Circle will meet January 17th, 1 p.m., Rm. 1 of the Church.

Contact: Jerry Schneider 951-845-1014

TABLE OF PLENTY

Through the generosity of the Deacons, church members, the Korean Church, friends and Albertson's we served a delicious ham dinner for our guests at our Christmas party. Volunteers and friends made hand-knit scarves and hats which were given to the adults. Once again Mari and Gordon Hanson donated beautiful toys for the children. Christmas music filled the air adding to the festivity. Although our numbers were down this summer we were able to serve over 11,000 meals this year.

We are happy to see many church members come for lunch and mingle with the guests. We always encourage your visits so that you may witness first-hand what you have been a part of for 20 years!

Happy New year!

Jodie Welch



A WORD FROM YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

As we begin a new year, it's always good to reflect on the year we're leaving behind. We never want to pine for the past - or fret about the future - but, when you're embarking on a journey, it's good to get your bearings. To ensure we safely arrive where we want to go, we should know our starting position.

When I use the GPS on my phone, and ask for directions, it needs to know where I want to start. Thru the magic of satellite technology it determines where I am, and will ask "do you want to start at your current location?" That question is easy to answer - like the song says, "Let's start at the very beginning, a very good place to start".

But as we enter 2019, where do we want go? That question is not always easy to answer. I know I want to be healthier, to learn to live within my means (or find a way to earn more!). I'd like to be the best choir director I can be and commit to leading the choir and congregation in praise and glory to God. I want to be a good pet mama to my dog and cat to help them be healthy and happy. I would especially like to be a little more like Jesus with each and every passing day; learning to be kind and generous, to love and to share the Good News of Jesus to those who need to hear it.

As a choir, we must move on from the Christmas music we prepared to begin working on Easter music (which involves Lenten music, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday). It is truly the High Holy Days for Christians, and we want to use our voices to worship and praise God, glorifying His name! After all, that's what we'll be doing in heaven for eternity. Here on earth, it's just practice, but sometimes I hear the angels singing with us!

I would like to invite anyone who would like to undertake a new journey in 2019 to join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM (starting on January 9th). Just set your GPS for a "tiny taste of heaven", and God will lead you to us. God bless everyone in this new year with exciting opportunities to explore new ways of serving the people of God!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The History of Christmas in America (Part 2)

The American Christmas we celebrate today seems so customary and yet the familiar mix of carols, presents, trees, and Santa Claus that have come to define Dec. 25th in the United States is little more than 100 years old. In the 19th century, the concept of celebrating Christmas began to spread across the states. In 1836 Christmas was declared a holiday in Alabama, in 1838 Louisiana and Arkansas shortly followed suit. The northern and southern states had contrasting views, not only on slavery, but also on Christmas. Many Northerners saw sin in the celebration of Christmas and felt the celebration of Thanksgiving was more appropriate. But in the South, Christmas was an important part of the social season. On June 28, 1870, President Grant signed a bill into law creating the federal holidays of Christmas, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Independence Day, which were the first four federal holidays to be adopted. The Christmas holiday was a response to the social and personal needs in the country, that arose after a time of sectional conflict and civil war, as well as the unsettling processes of urbanization and industrialization in the United States. The holiday's new customs and meanings helped the nation to make sense of the confusions of the era and to secure, if only for a short while each year, a feeling of unity.

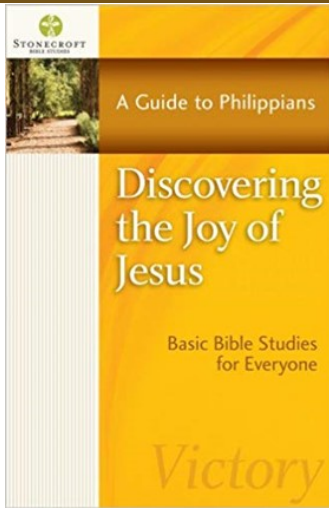
The history of the decorated tree is a complicated one that's still shrouded in mystery today, but people have been decorating trees in the world for centuries. The idea of decorated Christmas trees is believed to have begun in 16th-century Germany. The famed Protestant reformer Martin Luther is said to have first decorated a tree with candles in order to recreate the beauty he saw from stars twinkling between the branches of fir trees. The tradition came to America in the 1700s with Germans who settled in Pennsylvania. The practices of having a Christmas tree, as well as decorating for the holidays, was considered pagan by the Puritans until the mid-19th century. Eventually, the number of German and Irish immigrants coming to the U.S. overwhelmed the Puritanical rule and tree decorating became part of the Christmas tradition.

Much like Christmas itself, Santa Claus is a symbol of all things sacred and secular related to Christmas. While Christmas in America predates the Revolutionary period, Santa did not make a splash in America until 1810. He arrived, as many Americans did in New York City. John Pintard, a local merchant and leader of the historical society, objected to the roughness of Christmas as it was celebrated in the early 19th century and proposed a solution. Drawing on New York's Dutch origins, he promoted Saint Nicholas as the city's patron saint. He had a pamphlet printed that's the earliest known American image of Santa and suggested that celebrations should be family-oriented rather than public and brawling. **Clement Moore**, put his own spin on Santa Claus through his oft-repeated poem, "*A Visit from St. Nicholas*." ("Twas the night before Christmas") It became the first traditional poem of Christmas replayed season after season in America. Inspired by Moore's poem, Thomas Nast, a political cartoonist of the 1850s, gave Santa a shape and a look that became instantly recognizable to Americans, a portray of the jolly fat fellow.

By the last quarter of the 19th century, America's eagerly decorated trees, caroled, baked, and shopped for the Christmas season. Since that time, materialism, media, advertising, and mass marketing has made Christmas what it is today, for better or for worse. But the traditions that we enjoy at Christmas today were invented by blending together customs from many different countries into what's considered by many to be our great national holiday, "**Christmas**."

Have a wonderful and Christ filled New Year's, Marty Mangan

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ELDER NOTES

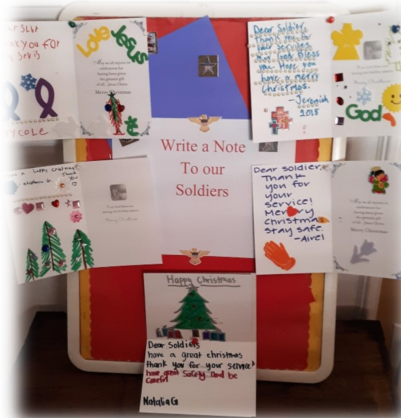


**Adult Bible Study to begin January 6
at 9:10 AM in room 5
Books are \$5.00.
Order books from Marilyn Speed**



We welcome the Buring brothers, Austin, Cole and Jaxon to our Sunday School class.

On November 25th our youth and the congregation wrote Christmas greetings to our soldiers and additional school classrooms and our dance group pitched in with even more cards. Thanks to Marty Mangan and the Solera veterans group for furnishing the cards and getting the cards sent to the soldiers.





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