



BETTENDORF

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2025

LOVE ALL – SERVE ALL

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Do Justice, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly

“You have been told, O mortal, what is good and what YHWH requires of you: to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

This quote from Micah is the call of the prophets in a nutshell, the meat at the heart of their very existence. And it is our call as well! The words used are significant.

The first demand is to “Do justice” - the Hebrew word *mishpat* means more than specific acts of justice. It defines God’s order in the world; it is the covenant guide for living in community - and it is the memory of God’s words and deeds past and present and the people’s response in gratitude toward one another. To “do justice” means to be faithful as God is faithful, holy as God is holy, to set those in bondage free, to hear compassionately the cries of those in slavery, to do for one’s neighbor what God has so graciously done for you. It is the teaching of the Torah, the source of abundant life. These two words – Do justice – point to the way of God and simply say: walk in it! Whatever the concept of justice might be, it is only by doing acts of justice, by solidly standing with those in need of justice, and by resisting injustice that justice can become a reality.

The second demand is to “Love mercy” (or “Love tenderly”). The Hebrew word *hesed*, compassion, means coming to the rescue of the poor, the outcast, the alien, the slave, the powerless, hearing the cries of those in misery, giving love that is faithful, sustaining, enduring. It is the way God loves God’s people and God’s people are to return that love by loving one another. This urgent command shoots right to the heart of every individual and to the community.

Howard Thurman (1899–1981) asks what it means to walk humbly with God, the third of God’s requirements to Micah:

How do you walk humbly with God? How do you? How do you walk humbly with anybody?... By coming to grips with who I am, what I am as accurately and as fully as possible: a clear-eyed appraisal of myself. And in the light of the dignity of my own sense of being I walk with God step by step as God walks with me. This is I, with my weaknesses and my strength, with my abilities and my liabilities; this is I, a human being myself! And it is that that God salutes. So that the more I walk with God and God walks with me, the more I come into the full-orbed significance of who I am and what I am. That is to walk humbly with God.

Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God and with God’s good creation – this is my prayer for us all!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Troy

April Worship

April 6 Holy Communion
The Hope of the Church
John 14: 8-13, 25-27

April 13 Palm Sunday
The King Has Come
1 Samuel 8: 4-9, John 12: 12-19

April 17 Maundy Thursday
Communion 7 pm
Modeling Christ
John 13: 1-17, 31b-35
Colossians 3: 12-17



April 18 Good Friday
Tenebrae 8 pm



April 20 Easter Resurrection Celebration

Jesus Christ: Our Living Hope

John 20: 1-18



April 17
The Second Act
John 20: 19-23



EASTER
Brunch

ASSORTED CASSEROLES, PASTRIES,
FRUIT CUPS, COFFEE, MILK, JUICE AND
OTHER DELICIOUS ITEMS!

SUNDAY 20 APRIL, 2025

FROM 10 TO 11 AM FELLOWSHIP HALL
SERVED BY BETTENDORF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BOARD OF DEACONS

A FREEWILL OFFERING
BENEFITS THE WORK OF THE
BOARD OF DEACONS

**SERVE OUT OPPORTUNITY
RIVER BEND FOOD BANK
Monday April 7th 3:30-6:30pm**

Volunteers will help stock food while clients shop at the Food Bank at Northpark Mall (on the NE side of the mall, near the Von Maur entrance).

Anyone age 10 and older is welcome to volunteer.

Must wear closed-toed shoes. Some lifting and standing involved.



Sign up at www.bettpres.org/serve or on the Serve Out board in the Narthex.

**GIVING TREE – Edison Education Center
(Bettendorf Alternative High School)**

Edison serves students from Bettendorf, Pleasant Valley and North Scott.

The Giving Tree will be collecting items for students. Many of these students are getting themselves to and from school with no adult helping them.



Items Needed:

Pop-tarts, apple sauce, granola bars and juice boxes. A lot of our students use fidgets in and out of the classroom. We also have students who enjoy adult coloring books and word search books.

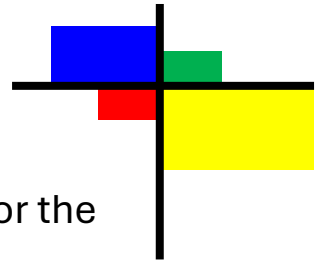
Take a tag from the Giving Tree and return your items by April 13.

Mark your calendars...

Coming soon: the Blood Drive will be May 22, from 2:30 to 6:00



Notes from the March Session Meeting



- Session is moving forward with plans for handicap accessible bathrooms on the main level.
- Outreach reminds everyone to sign up for their photos for the Church Directory. Photos will be taken on May 1, 2 and 3.
- Christian Education announces the Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2025. Rain Date is April 19.
- 50 people are participating in the Lenten Bible study.
- Maundy Thursday service is April 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service will be Friday, April 18, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. Easter Sunday services will be at our regular times – 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

The next Churches United meal site serving date is May 1st, 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 (starting April 13th)** - we need:
Ham, Bottled Water, Mandarin oranges, cookies

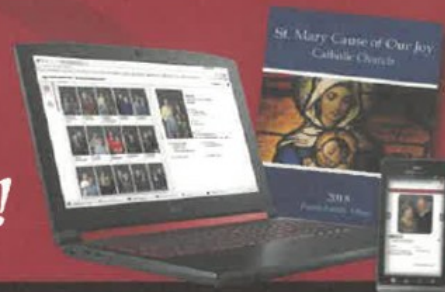


Deliver food to the church by April 29, 2025



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!

Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



To schedule your photography appointment online, go to **www.ucdir.com** (or use the QR Code above), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **ia324** in the Church Code field and enter **"photos"** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. We also have a sign-up table in the narthex after worship. Photographs will be taken May 1st, 2nd and 3rd.



Adult Birthdays

Brent Biggs	1
Jared Wilson	4
Mark Collier	8
Brian Phipps	9
John Luedtke	12
Dean Hiles	13
Noah Mitvalsky	14
Matthew Marriott	16
Chad Gainey	17
Debra Alvarado	20
Lindsay Williams	20
Jane Garrett	25
Greg Keefe	26
Amanda Tindall	26
Sam Walker	27
Dianne Moore	28
Andrew Lehman	28
Jacob Mitvalsky	28
Barbara Pitz	30
Matthew Erickson	30
Austin Kimler	30

Youth Birthdays

Addison Werner	1
Mara Kost	7
Renna Demijan	15
Lincoln Kimler	17

Anniversaries

Bill & Jeanne Kimler	3
Sara & Keith Lehman	14

Calling all lawn mowers (the human kind)!
It's ALMOST that time of year again...



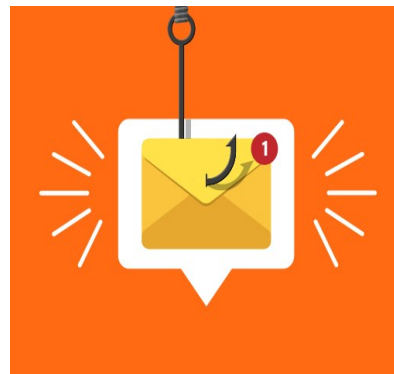
Sign up now to help mow the church lawns! Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board next to the men's restroom - pick your dates from April through September.

Many thanks to all of you folks who help make our property look so great!



Phishing alert!

Phishing is “the fraudulent practice of sending emails or other messages purporting to be from reputable companies (or persons) in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers.”



If you receive an email from anyone on the church staff asking for money, gift cards, “a discreet meeting,” or anything like this, do not even open the email – delete it immediately! No one on staff would send such a note. This is good practice with any email that seems ‘phishy’ – and NEVER open attachments unless you are absolutely sure they are safe.



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.

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, Stephanie Hitchings, Mike Hoenig, Joan Hovey, Jim Kaderbek, Micki Kaderbek, Katie, Shawn LaCarte, Helen Lensch, Carl Melton, Janie Mitchell, Darlene Neff, Michelle Newton, 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, Michelle Shelbourn, Sharon Shope, Liz Stoffer, Dick Stotlar, Gene Stromquist, Mary Thul, Evelyn Thurston, Molly Van Horn, Cel Weaver.

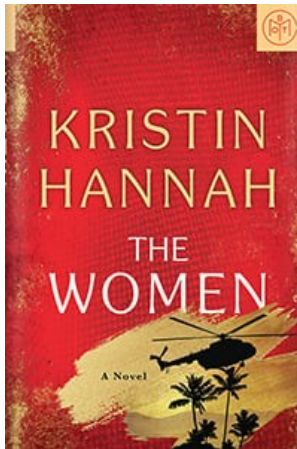


Please share with the church office when your prayers have been answered and/or you wish to be removed from the list.

Gilded Pages

1:00 pm
April 28

The Women
by Kristin Hannah



Oners April Event

Sunday Lunch
April 27th, 11:15am

Tony's Pizza & Breakfast
2297 Falcon Ave
Bettendorf

Reply to Doris Brinning-Ross if you can
attend: 563-370-7060
dorronbrinning@aol.com



Who: All Men

Where: Bettendorf Presbyterian Church

When: Saturday, April 12th

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)

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!

Watch for announcements on Facebook:

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

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

Dance Schedule 2025:

25 April
23 May
27 June

25 July
22 August
26 September

28 November
26 December
24 October



Attendance & Offering

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

February 2025

DATE	ATTENDANCE			OFFERING	
	9am	10:45am	online		
2-Feb	102	48	15	\$	12,563.00
9-Feb	87	56	13	\$	8,765.00
16-Feb	79	35	22	\$	8,572.00
23-Feb	70	22	5	\$	4,755.00
other offerings				\$	735.87
Total Month Offering				\$	35,390.87
Other Month Income				\$	3,696.62
Total Month Income				\$	39,087.49
TOTAL expenses for Month			<u>% of Budget</u>	\$	53,388.24
Year to Date Total Income			16.37%	\$	74,135.68
Year to Date Total Expenses			19.97%	\$	80,629.23
Annual Income budget 2025				\$	453,003.00
Annual Expense budget 2025				\$	403,660.00



One Great Hour of Sharing

Our mission goal for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering during Lent is to end hunger (Presbyterian Hunger Program), to repair communities after disasters (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) and to promote self-development (Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People). These three programs together provide our brothers and sisters all over the world with safety, sustenance and hope. For us, it is a way to live out the Christian values of com-

passion and service. It reflects the call to love and support our neighbors, both locally and globally, without any discrimination, in line with Jesus' teachings. Isaiah 58 calls us to be repairers of the breach, and showing and sharing our love through this offering helps us recognize people on the margins, the hungry and afflicted, as those for whom God holds great care. We support programs that work for civil and human rights, putting the "human" back in human rights. We also support people with disabilities, low-income families and front-line service workers. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote "Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love." As we consider giving to this mission, may we open our hearts to making the choice to implement love and justice, the only currencies in God's economy.



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 1:00pm - April 10, 2025

Friendship Circle - Meeting the third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm - April 17, 2025

Circle of Joy - Meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00am - April 22, 2025

Mary/Martha - Meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm - April 22, 2025

Deborah Circle - Meeting the second Sunday of the month at 12:00pm - April 13, 2025
(Lesson 8 Megan)

NOTE: PW Board usually meets at 9 am, the first Saturday of the month - April 5

Donations welcome from anyone!
Make your check to "BPC PW,"
note: "Bikes for Tykes"

BPC PW Spring Social

Saturday, May 3rd, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Benefiting Bikes for Tykes

Sign up starting April 6th at the information table in the Narthex



Join us for light refreshments and
Presentation by Katie Powers from
Bikes for Tykes!

For information, contact Jane Garrett
(jane.garrett56@gmail.com/ (563) 370-2979) or
Debbie Alvarado (dsatree@yahoo.com/
(563) 508-1578)

Sanctuary Clean-up Day by the Women of BPC

Saturday, April 5th - 10:00am

Join other BPC Women in using Murphy Oil Soap to clean the wood in the sanctuary pews. We will also use Swiffer mops to dust and mop under the pews.

Any rags or cleaners, along with Swiffers are welcome!



Each garden area around the church is cared for by a volunteer . They weed and cut back and nourish their area. We are so very blessed by these people. From the arborvitae down by the Labyrinth to the back area full of colorful Iris and the mulch underneath the trees.

THANK YOU!

Janet Coogan, Dea Saul, Nancy & Dennis Duvall, Alison McCrary, Jeff Lindaman, Chris Hart, Tana Barsness, Errica & Bob Donohoo, Julia Benson, Marie Winder and Bill Fuhr.







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 Exercise 2:00 Small Group A 6:00 Small Group B 6:30 BSA Troop 89	2 5:30 Journey 7:00 Choir	3 9:00 Exercise 6:30 Praise Band	4 10:00 Jim Orr Funeral 1:30 Morningstar Academy Fellowship Hall	5 9:00 PW Board 9-2 GS 1886 Fellowship Hall 9:30-11 Lower Level in use 10:00 PW Cleaning Sanctuary
6 9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Fellowship/Christian Educ./Small Grp D 10:45 Communion Worship 4:00 Youth Group	7 3:30 Serve Out River Bend Food Bank	8 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Happy Stampers 2:00 Small Group A 6:00 Small Group B 6:30 BSA Troop 89	9 5:30 Journey 6:00 Session 7:00 Choir	10 9:00 Exercise 1:00 Charis Circle 5:45 GS Troop 1886 6:30 Praise Band	11 Pastor Troy out of the office	12 8:00 Men's Prayer Group 9:30-11 Lower Level in use 2:00 Easter Egg Hunt
13 Palm Sunday 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship/Christian Educ./Small Group D 10:45 Modern Worship 12:00 Deborah Circle 4:00 Youth Group 	14	15 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Outreach 6:30 BSA Troop 89	16 2:00 Heart to Hand 5:30 Journey 7:00 Choir	17 Maundy Thursday 9:00 Exercise 1:00 Friendship Circle 6:30 Praise Band 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service Fellowship Hall 	18 Good Friday 8:00 Good Friday Tenebrae 	19 9:30-11 Lower Level in use <i>Easter Egg Hunt Rain Date</i>
20 Easter Sunday 9:00 Easter Worship 10:00 Deacon's Brunch 10:45 Easter Worship 	21 4:30 Mission Concerns 6:00 CROP Walk Meeting	22 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Circle of Joy 6:30 BSA Troop 89 7:00 Mary Martha Circle	23 2:00 Friendship Force 5:30 Journey 7:00 Choir	24 9:00 Exercise 5:45 GS Troop 1886 6:30 Praise Band	25 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Illowa Folk Dance	26 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
27 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship/Christian Educ./Small Group D 10:45 Modern Worship 11:15 Oners 4:00 Youth Group	28 1:00 Gilded Pages	29 9:00 Exercise 1:30 Friendship Force 6:30 BSA Troop 89	30 5:30 Journey 7:00 Choir			

Children & Youth Ministry

Save the VBS
Date!
June 22-26th



Kids!: Registration is now open for our week of ocean fun! All kids preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us 6/22-6/26 from 5:30-8:30pm.

<https://sites.google.com/view/bpcvbs/home>

Adults!: We are looking for lots of kind volunteers to join us in making this a great experience for the kids! Register at the same link as above or reach out to Dawn!

New Youth Series: Invited

If we stopped and looked around, we would find we have so many reasons to celebrate what's happening in our lives that the parties would never stop. In this series, we are celebrating all that God has done through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/2 - Dress Like A Mess
- 4/6 - SS & YG Egg Stuffing
- 4/9 - Cooking Night
- 4/12 - Egg Hunt @ 2pm!
- 4/13 - SS & Youth Group: Easter Party
- 4/16 - Tie-Dye Night
- 4/20 - NO SS, NO YOUTH GROUP
- 4/23- Hat Night
- 4/27 - SS & Youth Group: Service Project
- 4/30 - End of Year Celebration!

Stock Sales!

We are starting our stock sales again! Each share of stock is \$30 and will get you an invited to the Stockholders Dinner to get a delicious meal and hear all about the youth mission trips. Purchase your stock from Jake this month!



We are accepting Easter candy & prize donations until April 9th.
Thank you!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

HOLY WEEK AT BPC

MAUNDAY THURSDAY 7 PM APRIL 17TH COMMUNION FELLOWSHIP HALL	EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20TH
GOOD FRIDAY 8 PM APRIL 18TH TENEBRAE	9:00 AM WORSHIP 10 - 11 AM EASTER BRUNCH 10:45 AM WORSHIP