



BETTENDORF

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 2025

LOVE ALL – SERVE ALL

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*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
Psalm 136:1*

We have entered our annual season of thanksgiving and I know, for me at least, that it's sometimes difficult to conjure up a spirit of thankfulness. When we are confronted daily with "wars and rumors of wars," when we are fed a constant diet of vitriol and hatred from the people we elected to serve us in government, when we see the incredible abuse of power and wealth in our society, it's easy to spiral down into a sort of malaise – if not full-blown depression. Add to this any personal difficulties we may be going through, and it's hard sometimes to be thankful.

At times like these it is very important to take a step away from the craziness in our world and try to refocus on a bigger picture – the overwhelming love of God. This, more than anything else, is what is required of those of us who proclaim to be followers of Jesus of Nazareth. Above all else, ours is a God of love and, as Paul tells us, there is absolutely nothing that "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39).

So here's what I challenge us to do so that we might regain a sense of perspective and thankfulness:

First, turn off the cacophony of voices constantly crying wolf! Limit your news intake and stop the doom-scrolling.

Secondly, begin and end your day by reading the entirety of Psalm 136 – giving thanks and praise to our God whose steadfast love endures forever!

Third, start keeping track of those things in your life that you are thankful for. Actually write them down and keep adding to the list as you remember them and find creative ways to celebrate those things.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Troy



Consecration Sunday is November 9, 2025

As I have said before, the life and witness of BPC is healthy and strong. I invite you to join in giving thanks to God for that reality and in choosing not to take it for granted. God has blessed all of us who consider BPC home. That blessing from God has a past in the ministry that has been entrusted to us. It has a future as we commit to and continue to live out God's mission within our congregation and with the outside world.

We have heard from Humility Homes, One Eighty, and Christian Care over the past weeks on how our support is changing lives. These are just a few areas that we support serving outside our congregation. Your support makes a difference in our church, our community and our world.

We have many blessings here at BPC. One is our youth program that is growing and enriching the lives of our youth. So many of you are involved in the many active BPC groups - small groups, adult Sunday school, women's circles, men's prayer groups, the many walks we participate in to raise money and awareness and many others.

On November 2nd we will have a Moment for Stewardship and Troy's sermon will be on Stewardship. We hope you will attend one of our worship services at 9:00 or 10:45.

Please reserve **November 9, 2025, for Consecration Sunday**. We will have a slightly different schedule on that Sunday. There will be a combined worship service at 10:00am with no Sunday School classes planned. At that service, we will consecrate our time and talents and our tithes and offerings to the Lord for the coming year. (You can fill out your Time and Talent on-line on the church website as well). We hope that everyone will turn in their Pledges by Consecration Sunday so that the Session can finalize the budget over the following couple weeks. Immediately after the service, we will enjoy a celebration luncheon. The main dish, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

I want to mention one more time that we have many blessings here at BPC. Over the next couple weeks, let's all pray about how we can reinvest those blessings in God's ministry. Not only are our lives changed but many others inside and outside our church family are changed by your support. Your generosity makes all of that possible!

Please plan on attending November 9th. Don't miss this fellowship and worship experience.

Chuck Keibler – Stewardship and Finance Committee



“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity”
II Corinthians 9:11

November Worship

November 2
Holy Communion,
Food Pantry and Jazz Worship
Sunday

God's Investment Advice
Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15

November 16
Situational Awareness
Luke 21: 5-19



November 30
First Sunday of Advent
An Unexpected Plan
Luke 1: 26-38

November 9
Consecration Sunday
One Worship Service at 10:00am
Golden Illusions
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

November 23
Christ the King Sunday
Benedictus
Luke 1: 68-79



Please include in your prayers for Healing :

Jackie Anderson, Jo Bates, Ryan Behnke, Kathy Blodig, Brad Campbell, Roger Carlson, Megan Daniels, Jeffrey Davies, Dyan, Jane Fox, Jim Fox, Kay Getting, Ben Hedlund, Chris Hitchings, Stephanie Hitchings, Mike Hoenig, Marlys Johnson, Jim Kaderbek, Todd Kaderbek, Katie, Bill Kimler, Helen Lensch, Carl Melton, Janie Mitchell, Darlene Neff, Peggy Nelson, Michelle Newton, Teresa Noble, Mike Oltmann, Adam Pope, Sarah Qualls, Lee Rasmussen, Martie Reynolds, Kevin Ross, Mary Lou Sanders, Laura Sanders, Jim Saul, Paul Schnyder, Brandy Schroeder, Kathy Schroeder, Sharon Shope, June Siefker, Liz Stoffer, Dick Stotlar, Mary Thul, Evelyn Thurston, Molly Van Horn, Arlene Vincent, Gene Vincent.



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.



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 November 6, 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, Mandarin oranges, bottled water, cookies



Deliver food to the church by November 4, 2025

Attendance & Offering

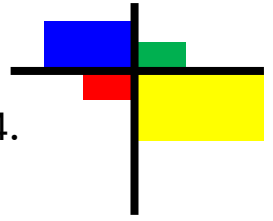
I will be loyal to our Lord through the Church and be supportive with my Prayers, Presence, Gifts and Service

September 2025

ATTENDANCE				OFFERING	
DATE	9am	10:45am	online		
7-Sep	88	48	9	\$	12,065.00
14-Sep	75	48	12	\$	6,841.00
21-Sep	86	47	13	\$	5,465.00
28-Sep	89	38	19	\$	1,225.00
other offerings				\$	491.55
Total Month Offering				\$	26,087.55
Other Month Income				\$	973.17
Total Month Income				\$	27,060.72
TOTAL expenses for Month				% of Budget \$	51,833.30
Year to Date Total Income				70.45% \$	319,153.58
Year to Date Total Expenses				85.75% \$	346,154.03
Annual Income budget 2025				\$	453,003.00
Annual Expense budget 2025				\$	403,660.00

Notes from the October Session Meeting

- The Music department will present special Jazz music on Sunday, November 2 and Christmas music on December 14.
- The Christmas Happening will be Sunday, December 7.
- Consecration Sunday is November 9.
- Property will be replacing 2 smaller furnaces.
- Encouragement Cards will be placed in the Pew pockets for your use in encouraging others.



The Giving Tree is blooming again for: Bettendorf Middle School Giving Closet

Some Bettendorf Community School Middle School students do not have access to hygiene items and food needed to feel confident and ready to learn. Often staff members are purchasing items themselves. The Bettendorf Middle School Giving Closet was created for this purpose. We are currently accepting only new, unused items.

Personal Care Items:

Men's Deodorant	Soap/Body wash	Body Lotion
Feminine hygiene products	Full size laundry detergent	

Non-perishable food that does not require additional ingredients, has easy-open tab (no can opener needed) is Microwavable and will not expire within the school year (Examples: Easy Mac, Spaghettios, Fruit Cups, Soups and Chef Boyardee with tab top, Cup Noodles/Ramen Cups, Granola Bars)

Take a tag from the Giving Tree and return the item to the base of the tree by Thanksgiving.





COMING SOON! PLEASE READ

Angel Tree Tags and Gifts

The Outreach Committee will be hanging tags on the bulletin board in the Narthex for the annual Angel Tree. We partner with the Bettendorf Community Outreach Department who receives applications from those in the community in need of extra help to provide for their family. We are in need of shoppers.

Once you take a tag, please put your name/phone number on the bottom section, tear it off, and drop it in the nearby envelope on the board. This lets our committee know who took the tag so we can follow up, if necessary. The rest of the tag must be secured to your gift when you return it to church. The UNWRAPPED gifts must be returned to the church by December 2 so Bettendorf's Outreach volunteers can distribute the gifts to the families. \$50 is the recommended amount to spend on the recipient. The gifts can be returned to the church in the far back classroom in Fellowship Hall (storage area) starting November 2. We need that area clear before that for the Vendor/Craft Fair. Your contribution will show the recipients that they are valued and loved by others.

If you have any questions, see Linda Beck or text/call 563-370-1803 or email at elbbideel@aol.com.

Thank you for giving generously to others so there will be gifts under their Christmas tree.

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the walks this fall! We will be able to provide numbers for money raised in the next few weeks.





Calling all BPC talent (or just willing performers)! ***The Happening* needs you!**

Share a song, a poem, a reading - play your favorite instrument...

We also need your baking talent (or shopping talent!)
to bring treats for the event

Contact Alison McCrary if you would like to participate at
563-340-6984 or alimac8@mchsi.com



Adult Birthdays

Julie McCreary	2
Sue Noth	5
Brad Thurston	5
Noah Martenson	5
Ron Dalton	6
Karen Collins	8
Paul Kuhel	9
Ron Hahm	10
Tana Barsness	13
Carol Clough	13
Graeme Childe	13
Scott McKissick	15
James Fox	21
Dorothy Blythe	23
Liz Stoffer	23
Teri Bertroche	23
Connor Gillen	24
Janet Barker	26
John Lindaman	26
Walter Henry	27

Youth Birthdays

Callahan Keibler	8
Elia Kimler	9
Abigail Davis	10
Emily Haslinger	13
Addyson Zumwalt	20
Soren Kost	20
William Fuhr	26
Dakota Cook	27
Aliese Wilson	30
Sadie O'Connor	30



Anniversaries

Deb & Larry Wells	2
Emily & Tristan Lechelt	6
Tom & Penny D'Auben	14
John & Philomena Jacox	17
Robert & Errica Donohoo	20
Richard & Sue Rector	23
Dennis & Nancy Duvall	29



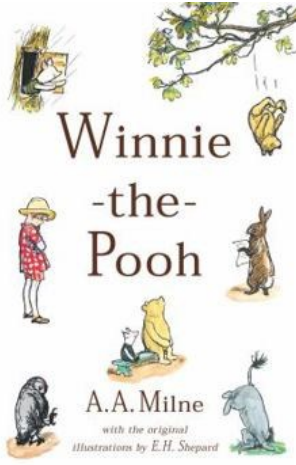
Gilded Pages

1:00 pm

November 24

Winnie The Pooh

by A.A. Milne



Oners November Event

Oners will meet
Sunday, November 23
11:15am

Lunch/Brunch
Tree House Pub
and Eatery
2239 Kimberly Rd
Bettendorf



RSVP to Jeanine Forsyth
564-340-4388



Who: All Men

Where: Bettendorf Presbyterian Church

When: Saturday, November 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)

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:

28 November
26 December



Presbyterian Women's Circles

Groups meet for Bible Study, mission and fellowship.
Circles are open to any woman. Contact Nancy Duvall (563-449-6015) if you are interested in learning more.



Circles meet September-May on the schedule shown below.

Charis Circle - Meeting the second Thursday of the month at 1:00pm - November 13th

Friendship Circle - Meeting the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm - November 20th

Circle of Joy - Meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00am - November 25th

Mary/Martha - Meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm - November 25th

Deborah Circle - Meeting the second Sunday of the month at 12:00pm - November 9th, Lesson 3 led by Melody

NOTE: PW Board *usually* meets at 9am, the first Saturday of the month - but this month: 9am, November 8th

**PW is re-launching our
Blessing Bags and
Sonshine Boxes
starting in October!**



Look for the display in Fellowship hall for Grab and Go opportunities. We will keep a few bags/boxes filled and ready to go.

Do you know someone who could use an extra reminder that we care and support them? Someone who is struggling or celebrating? Take them a bag or a box. Make sure to record the recipient's name in the binder so that we know who to pray for and that you have provided a bag or box. As always, a nice addition to the bag or box might be a prayer shawl. Take this opportunity to bless someone.

PS: We are always looking for items to include in boxes and bags. Please leave any items that could be used to cheer or celebrate someone in the box by the display. Examples: lotions, trinkets, coloring books, pens and pencils, notecards, paperback books, devotionals, etc.



Dear friends and faithful supporters,

It has been some time since our last update, but by the grace of God, the work in Haiti continues, even in the face of ongoing challenges due to gang activity and instability. While life remains difficult for many across the country, we are overjoyed to share that the 2024–2025 school year ended successfully. This is a remarkable achievement given the circumstances and we are so proud of our students and staff. Currently, our high school students are taking the national state exams and we are praying for their success.

Despite frequent disruptions, including demonstrations that have targeted our school, the light continues to shine brightly in the hearts of our dedicated local staff. These courageous individuals, many of whom have served for nearly a decade, are the reason Starfish continues to press forward with hope and purpose. Because of their faithfulness and resilience, over 400 children have been empowered through education and given the opportunity to pursue a brighter future.

We know that many of you have been faithfully praying and deeply missing Haiti. And I can assure you, the children miss you too. For those of you who have visited, your presence made a lasting impact, and your ongoing prayers and support continue to make a difference every single day.

We cannot do this work alone. Your continued partnership is essential. Please keep praying for the safety of our teachers, nurses, and pastor, for wisdom and courage for Haitian leaders, and for peace and restoration across the nation.

I hope these updates will help you stay connected and encouraged as you see how your love and support are helping transform lives.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for standing with us. Together, we are making a difference, one child, one family, and one day at a time.

Blessings to you and your family,
Silentor Esthil-Henderson



THANK
YOU!

Thank you for your generosity toward the "Empty Belly Fund." We raised over \$1600.00 toward lunch accounts. Our Mark Twain students thank you!!

BPC Mary Martha Circle's mission project is to send Gift cards to our college students to purchase something they need or want for finals week in December. We have done gift cards for several years and find they love being able to purchase their own items. We have sent cards to about 30 college students per year.

**Deadline:
Sunday
November
16th**



*Thank you for your generosity!
Mary Martha Circle*

Eligible: any college student with a BPC connection - relative or friend, home or away!

To participate:

Donate Target \$10 gift cards or cash (We will use cash to purchase gift cards). If you want to write a check, please make it out to Kim Turner.

Place donations in the small box labeled for College Care in the office during the week - on the Welcome Table on Sundays.

IF YOU HAVE A COLLEGE STUDENT, please provide the name and address to Kim Turner at the below email.

Questions? contact Kim at kimturner12@mchsi.com.

College Care Gift Cards

Don't Miss...

**Fall Craft and Vendor and Craft Fair
Saturday, November 1st, 9am - 1pm**

See last page of newsletter for more details!



Snowflake Cookie Walk

BETTENDORF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1200 MIDDLE ROAD
BETTENDORF, IOWA



SATURDAY
DECEMBER 6
9:00 - 11:30AM

Delight your holiday guests with
delicious homemade treats and
goodies, sold by the pound.
Come early for best selection!

Save the Date!

Fellowship Retreat 2026 Camp Bear Creek



President's Weekend, February 13-15, 2026
[Saturday daytime-only option may be available]

Share fellowship, get acquainted, play games, enjoy nature, teach others your craft...endless opportunities

***Commit with payment prior to 12/6/25 & receive a certificate as a Christmas gift for your family.**





November



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

 						1 9:00 Craft and Vendor Fair 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
2 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY JAZZ MUSIC SUNDAY 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship/CE/Small Group F 10:45 Holy Communion 4:00 Youth Group	3 1:00 Heart to Hand	4 9:00 Exercise 1:30 Small Group B 6:30 BSA Troop 89	5 5:30 Journey 7:00 Choir	6 9:00 Exercise 2:00 Churches United Meal Site Prep 4:30 Churches Unites Meal Site Service 6:00 GS Troop 1886 6:30 Praise Band	7	8 8:00 Men's Prayer Group 9:00 PW Board 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
9 CONSECRATION SUNDAY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 Worship 11:00 Luncheon (bring a dish to pass if your are able) 12:00 Deborah Circle 4:00 Youth Group	10	11 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Happy Stampers 1:00 Property 6:30 BSA Troop 89	12 5:30 Journey 6:00 Session 7:00 Choir	13 9:00 Exercise 1:00 Charis Circle 6:30 Praise Band	14	15 9:30-11 Lower Level in use 5:00 Heritage Dinner (kitchen in use all day)
16 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship/CE/Small Group F 10:45 Modern Worship	17 4:30 Mission Concerns	18 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Outreach 6:30 BSA Troop 89 (upper and lower levels)	19 5:30 Journey 7:00 Choir	20 9:00 Exercise 1:00 Friendship Circle 3:00 Friendship Force 6:00 Board of Deacons 6:00 GS Troop 1886 6:30 Praise Band	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
23 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship/CE/Small Group F 10:45 Modern Worship 11:15 Oners 2:30 Symphony Rehearsal 4:00 Youth Group	24 1:00 Gilded Pages	25 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Circle of Joy 6:30 BSA Troop 89 7:00 Mary Martha Circle	26	27  Thanksgiving Day	28 7:00 Illowa Folk Dance	29 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
30 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship//Small Group F 10:45 Modern Worship						



KIDS & YOUTH NEWSLETTER



KIDS EVENTS

2nd: Sunday School
5th: Journey - Twin Night
9th: No Sunday School
12th: Journey - Flannel Night
16th: Sunday School
19th: Journey - Pajama Night
23rd: Sunday School
26th: No Journey
30th: No Sunday School

YOUTH EVENTS

2nd: Leaf Raking
5th: Journey
9th: Archery - Heartshot Ministry
12th: Journey
16th: No Youth Group
16th: HS Only Iowa Volleyball
19th: Journey
23rd: Thanksgiving Youth Group
26th: No Journey
30th: No Youth Group



RSVP FOR THE HERITAGE DINNER ON NOVEMBER 15TH!



NEW SERIES: FOLLOW THE STAR

Many families hit the road during the Christmas season, whether it's to visit loved ones or take a much-needed break. It's a time-honored tradition—one that might even be traced back to the first Christmas when a bright star dropped a pin on a special location to guide people to the birthplace of the savior. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that God gives people to guide us, God gives hope to guide us, God gives a Savior to guide us, and God gives direction to guide us.



Camp Bear Creek



Looking for a Christmas gift for your student that they will never forget? Send them to Winter Camp at Camp Bear Creek. It's a crazy, fun-filled 48-hour retreat for all kids in 2nd-12th grade. There will be Bible studies, worships, bonfires, Broomball, camp games, and if there's snow, TUBING! The dates are December 28-30 and students must be registered by December 8. Early bird deadline is December 1. Contact Jake if you have questions or to receive \$50 off your registration. Use code BETT to get \$50 off. All registrations are online at <https://bearcreek.campbrainregistration.com/>



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

BETTENDORF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FALL CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

CONCESSIONS PROVIDED DOOR PRIZES
RAFFLE BASKETS

Saturday, November 1
9am - 1pm

**28 EXCEPTIONAL CRAFTERS AND
VENDORS READY TO ASSIST YOU
WITH YOUR PRE-HOLIDAY
SHOPPING!**

FREE ENTRY

Sponsored by BPC PW
Concessions provided by Thrivent and
hosted by BPC Youth - proceeds
going to BPC Youth Mission Trips