BETTENDORF
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2026

LOVE ALL – SERVE ALL

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The Message of Jesus

A Lenten Worship and Small Group Series

More than three billion people claim to follow Jesus. But aside from a few verses, how many of us actually know what he taught?

Join us in a six week sermon and small group series based upon Adam Hamilton's book *The Message of Jesus*. We will be exploring some of the most important themes in Jesus' teachings – why they mattered and how they speak to us today.

Lenten Worship Schedule

March 1 Second Sunday of Lent – Holy Communion
The Kingdom of God Has Come Near
Ps. 99:1-4, Mk. 1: 14-15, Mt. 13: 31-33
To understand Jesus' mission and ministry we need to understand what he meant by the "kingdom of God."

March 8 Third Sunday of Lent
The World's Most Important Sermon
Matthew 5: 1-16, 7: 21-23
The Sermon on the Mount teaches us how to live in God's Kingdom – but it's not easy!

March 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jesus Spoke to Them in Parables
Mt. 25: 31-46, Lk. 10: 29-37, 15: 11-32
Jesus' parables teach us insightful, profound truths about God's Kingdom.

March 22 Fifth Sunday of Lent
Who Do You Say that I Am?
Jn. 6:35, 8:12, 10:7-10, 11:21-27, 14:5-7, 15:1-5
Jesus' "I Am" statements help us see different aspects of Jesus' identity and mission.

March 29 Palm Sunday
Final Words
Jn. 13:34-35, Lk. 22:24-27, 1Cor. 11:23-26, Jn. 19: 26-30
In his final words, we discover some of Jesus' most important lessons.

THE MESSAGE OF JESUS

small groups

connect | grow | serve

Join us for a Lenten Small Group! A small group is a wonderful way to connect with others and build your relationship with Jesus.

In this six-week study, we will explore six of the most important themes in Jesus' teachings, why they matter and how they speak to us today. Jesus's message is not only life-changing, but world-changing!

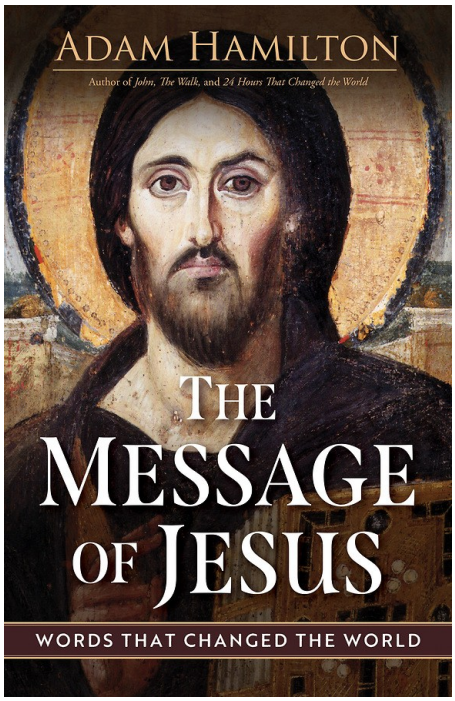
Groups will begin the week of March 1 and run until the week after Easter.

Group A: Sundays at 10am (Adult Sunday School)
Leader: *Frank Mitvalsky*
Location: Fellowship Hall Classroom

Group B: Tuesdays at 2pm
Leader: *Alison McCrary*
Location: Fellowship Hall Classroom

Group C: Tuesdays at 6pm
Leader: *Chris Werner*
Location: Werner Home

Group D: Thursdays at 6pm
Leader: *Pastor Troy*
Location: Fellowship Hall Classroom



Sign up by using the form in the pew folders (putting the letter of the Small Group you want to join in the box at the right) or online at bettpres.org/smallgroups

Easter Lilies

The Worship Committee would like to give you an opportunity to provide Easter Lilies and other Spring Flowers to decorate the sanctuary for the Easter services. Your gift of $15.00 will be used to purchase lilies for the sanctuary, bedding plants for the church gardens or palms for Palm Sunday. The Easter bulletin will list the persons who donate and the name of the loved ones in whose memory or honor the donation was made.

Please complete this form and return it with your check (payable to Bettendorf Presbyterian Church) to the church office no later than Sunday, March 29.

I/we _____

have enclosed our gift for flowers for the sanctuary, the church gardens or palms.

In memory of_____

Or

In honor of _____

The Deacons will deliver the donated lilies to the home bound.

Should you wish to pick up your lily, please check here : ☐

Please include in your prayers for Healing :

Jackie Anderson, Jo Bates, Ryan Behnke, Kathy Blodig, Brad Campbell, Megan Daniels, Jeffrey Davies, Dyan, Jane Fox, Stephanie Gainey, Caryn Gauss, Kay Getting, Ben Hedlund, Chris Hitchings, Stephanie Hitchings, Mike Hoenig, Marlys Johnson, Jim Kaderbek, Todd Kaderbek, Katie, Callan Knowles, Helen Lensch, Carl Melton, Janie Mitchell, Darlene Neff, Peggy Nelson, Michelle Newton, Melody Oltmann, Mike Oltmann, Kay Penn, William Ray Penn, Adam Pope, Sarah Qualls, Lee Rasmussen, Martie Reynolds, Mary Lou Sanders, Laura Sanders, Jim Saul, Amy Schnauber, Paul Schnyder, Brandy Schroeder, Kathy Schroeder, Sharon Shope, June Siefker, Carol Spencer, Liz Stoffer, Mary Thul, Evelyn Thurston, Betty Tucker, Molly Van Horn, Arlene Vincent, Barry Waldron.

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

Tapestry Farms Ministry to Refugees:

Most, if not all of us at BPC have little understanding of what it would be like to leave nearly everything we own and move far, far away. Most refugees move to another place or another country because they must; they have no other option; it is the only way to keep their family safe. Some refugees move several times before they find a safe place to live. Some refugees are lucky enough to be able to move to the United States - to the Quad Cities, but they arrive with little to a place with different language, different customs and different possibilities.

Tapestry Farms helps refugees find their way in the Quad Cities. We are partnering with them from March 8 to April 12 by collecting items on the Giving Tree. These items will help improve their everyday lives. Let us continue to lift Tapestry Farms and refugees up in prayer.

TAPESTRY farms

Giving Tree - March 8th to April 12th

Recipient: Tapestry Farms (refugee ministry)

Items needed:

Pistachios or Walnuts
Olive Oil or Vegetable Oil
Nutella
Lotion (baby/adult)
Body Soap/Shower Gel
Feminine hygiene pads (maxi)
Sugar
Sardines
Baby wipes
Deodorant
Granola Bars
Raisins
Mouthwash

Take a tag from the Giving Tree in the Narthex and **return your item by April 12th**.

The next Churches United meal site serving date is March 5th, 2026

To volunteer to serve the meal, please contact Chuck Weaver at (563)210-5170 or cweaver111@yahoo.com.

We need Ham, Cookies and Mandarin Oranges! Take a tag from the **Giving Tree** and bring your item to the church by **Wednesday, March 4th**.

Wanted: Drivers!

We need some folks with the time and talent to provide transportation for some of our members who can't drive. We're compiling a list of folks to call if someone needs a ride to church or to a doctor's appointment.

If you'd like to participate in this important ministry, just contact the church office at 563-355-6494 or bettpresoffice@gmail.com

SERVE OUT OPPORTUNITY
RIVER BEND FOOD BANK
Monday March 2nd 1:00-3:45pm

Volunteers will assist guests by restocking shelves, working check-in, shopping and/or maintaining cleanliness at the Food Bank located at Northpark Mall (on the NE side of the mall, near the Von Maur entrance).

Anyone ages 10 and older is welcome to volunteer.

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

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

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 addresses, 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

	ATTENDANCE				OFFERING
DATE	9am	10:45am	online		
4-Jan	84	40	16	$	4,811.00
11-Jan	87	56	24	$	14,530.00
18-Jan	86	45	20	$	13,228.50
25-Jan	113		20	$	20,961.93

other offerings		$	1,301.30
Total Month Offering		$	54,832.73
Other Month Income		$	4,319.72
Total Month Income		**$**	**59,152.45**
TOTAL expenses for Month	% of Budget	**$**	**29,988.50**
Year to Date Total Income	13.34%	$	59,152.45
Year to Date Total Expenses	6.76%	$	29,988.50
Annual Income budget 2026		$	443,355.00
Annual Expense budget 2026		$	443,354.63

Notes from the February Session Meeting

- Small Groups begin the week of March 1, 2026.
- Welcome to BPC's new Administrative Assistant Sarah Hauri!
- The Deacons, Elders and staff retreat is scheduled for May 2 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at St. Mary Monastery in Rock Island. Please RSVP to Alison McCrary by April 1, 2026.
- The Christian Education committee and youth thank all who participated in the Soup Cookoff, the Super Bowl of Caring collection and the Super Bowl sub purchase.
- The Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for March 29 – Palm Sunday. The kids will also be singing that morning at the 9:00 service.
- CE will be collecting individually wrapped candy donations at the end of February along with egg cartons.

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!

Special Offering…

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

The prophet Micah asks, “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” This Easter, we will have the opportunity to play a part in doing justice. The first week of our small group program this Lent looks at the Kingdom of God and our role as followers of Jesus in bringing that Kingdom here on earth. Through OGHS, we can put our dollars to work to bring justice in the form of helping those affected by disasters, hunger and poverty.

OGHS started immediately after WWII in response to the acute international need following the conflict. It was then and continues to be an ecumenical effort. In the Presbyterian Church USA (PC (USA)), we work through PC(USA) agencies like Presbyterian Disaster Relief, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development of People ministry, among other mission pursuits.

The beauty of OGHS is the ability to reach around the world with our monetary support – from assisting with immediate disaster relief for the Southern California fires to a project providing clean water in Panama to missions training women and girls in South Sudan to be self-sufficient by learning tailoring and bread making.

Quoting the OGHS resource guide for 2026: “One Great Hour of Sharing is centered in the call to do our part to create justice so every person can truly live. Because we believe that all people are created and loved by God, our faith compels us to work toward justice for all in the way of Christ Jesus. This is what the Lord requires of us. To do justice, but also to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. This Easter, may we do our part to be the Church together by supporting One Great Hour of Sharing and the justice ministries it supports.”

Look for offering envelopes and flyers starting on March 15th! - and check out the Mission Concerns Bulletin Board in the restroom hallway!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Adult Birthdays

Ashton Wisneski	2
Judy Hahm	3
Linda Beck	5
Duane Oltmann	6
Kristin McKissick	7
Kate Lindaman	9
Michael Bertroche	10
Errica Donohoo	10
Chuck Keibler	11
John Rice	12
Ann Collett	13
Kathy Blodig	14
Jeanne Kimler	16
Nicolaas Van Horn	18
Becca Kuhel	18
Philomena Jacox	19
Nathaniel Johnson	21
Kay Downing	22
Robert McKissick	24
James Karr	27
Gary Kimler	27
Jamie Childe	27
Carol Schnyder	28
Melody Oltmann	28
Nicholas Novak	30
Cooper Harrison	30

Youth Birthdays

Bradyn Kolar	13
Jocelyn Hank	17

Anniversaries

Roger & Kathy Crooks	6
Brian & Anne Phipps	10
Jamie & Cameron Tucker	11
Austin & Cassie Kimler	14
Andrew & Debbie Keenan	30

A big Thank You to all who sent a card or came to my birthday party. I appreciate all the warm wishes and love I received. It was a fun, happy occasion. I feel so blessed to be a part of this caring church.

Post Note: Yes, I guess I am now officially OLD. However, as our beloved Ken Harden used to say, I hope to " Keep on keeping on."

Ginny Tudeen

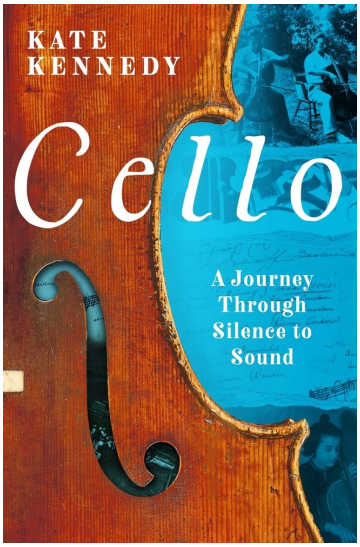
New address for Arlene Vincent!
1580 E River Road Unit 407
Tucson, AZ 85718

A BIG thank you to our church deacons! After surgery, I decided to take up Bob Cassatt's offer of a homemade meal brought to our house. I thought that might be one meal. Before we figured out what was going on, five deacons each brought a delicious meal to us over the next few days. The food was amazing and it was so much help, freeing Duane's time so he could take better care of me and himself. Everyone was so cheerful when they brought their meal. It was a breath of fresh air. And their service reminded me of our Oklahoma pastor who said, "When we ask for help, we are helping others to do God's work. Service is a blessing both ways!" Thank you Deacons!

Melody Oltmann

Gilded Pages

1 pm - March 23



Oners March Event

Oners will meet Sunday, March 22, 11:15 am

Valley Country Café
24487 Valley Drive
RSVP to Dianne Moore (563) 332--5299

Who: All Men
Where: Bettendorf Presbyterian Church
When: Saturday, March 14th
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 2026:

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

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 - March 12th

Circle of Joy - Meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00am - March 24th

Deborah Circle - Meeting the second Sunday of the month at 12:00pm - March 8th, Lesson 7 by Marie

Friendship Circle - Meeting the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm - March 19th

Mary/Martha - Meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm - March 24th

NOTE: PW Board meets at 9am, the first Saturday of the month - March 7th

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.

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS

We are looking for donations of small candy, toys, stickers, and prizes that can fit inside easter eggs, as well as small prizes - jump ropes, stuffed animals, etc.

Please return all items to the narthex before March 22nd. Thank you!

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY** **COMMUNION SUNDAY** 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship/Small Group A 10:45 Holy Communion 11:45 Parenting Small Group 4:00 Youth Group	*2* 1:00 Heart to Hand 1:00 Serve Out Food Bank	*3* 9:00 Exercise 2:00 Small Group B 6:00 Small Group C 6:30 BSA Troop 89	*4* 5:30 Journey 7:00 Choir	*5* 9:00 Exercise 2:00 Churches United Meal Site Prep 4:30 Churches United Meal Site Service 6:00 Small Group D 6:30 Praise Band	*6*	*7* 9:00 PW Board 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
8 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship/CE/Small Group A 10:45 Modern Worship 11:45 Parenting Small Group 12:00 Deborah Circle 4:00 Youth Group	*9*	*10* 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Happy Stampers 1:00 Property 2:00 Small Group B 6:00 Small Group C 6:30 BSA Troop 89	*11* 5:30 Journey 6:00 Session 7:00 Choir	*12* 9:00 Exercise 1:00 Charis Circle 6:00 Small Group D 6:30 Praise Band	*13*	*14* 8:00 Men's Prayer Group 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
15 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship/**NO CE**/Small Group A 10:45 Modern Worship	*16*	*17* 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Outreach 2:00 Small Group B 6:00 Small Group C 6:30 BSA Troop 89	*18* **5:30 NO Journey** 7:00 Choir	*19* 9:00 Exercise 1:00 Friendship Circle 6:00 Board of Deacons 6:00 Small Group D 6:30 Praise Band	*20* **Newsletter Deadline**	*21* 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
22 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship/CE/Small Group A 10:45 Modern Worship 11:15 Oners 4:00 Youth Group	*23* 1:00 Gilded Pages	*24* 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Circle of Joy 2:00 Small Group B 6:00 Small Group C 6:30 BSA Troop 89 7:00 Mary Martha Circle	*25* 5:30 Journey 7:00 Choir	*26* 9:00 Exercise 6:00 Small Group D 6:30 Praise Band	*27* 7:00 Illowa Folk Dance	*28* 9:30-11 Lower Level in use
29 **Palm Sunday** 9:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Fellowship/CE/Small Group A 10:45 Modern Worship 11:45 Parenting Small Group 12:00 Confirmation 2:00 Easter Egg Hunt	*30*	*31* 9:00 Exercise 2:00 Small Group B 6:00 Small Group C 6:30 BSA Troop 89				

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
EASTER EGG HUNT
SUNDAY MARCH 29TH [AT] 2PM
BETTENDORF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Carnival Games with Hunt to Follow
Easter story, prizes, snacks, and more!
1200 MIDDLE RD. BETTENDORF, IA

Children & Youth Ministry

DONATIONS NEEDED
EASTER EGG HUNT

We are looking for donations of small candy, toys, stickers, and prizes that can fit inside easter eggs. We are also in need of small toys for larger prizes - jump ropes, stuffed animals, etc.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/1 - SS & YG Hockey Game
3/4 - Funky Sock Night
3/8 - SS & Youth Group
3/11 - School Spirit Night
3/15 - NO SS, NO YOUTH GROUP
3/18- NO JOURNEY
3/22 - SS & YG Service Project
3/25 - Neon Night
3/27-3/29 - Ignite Conference (HS only)
3/29 - SS & Egg Hunt!

New Kids Series: Clue

This series kicks off with the greatest news ever—Jesus is alive! But even his closest friends were surprised by what they discovered. Each week, kids will follow the clues in the Bible, looking at the stories leading up to Easter and connecting them to other moments in Jesus' life and ministry. Along the way, they'll see that the Bible isn't just full of clues about who Jesus is—it's the complete story of God's love.

Youth Series: More Life

The Easter story is something we celebrate every year, but when was the last time you really thought about what it means for you today? Before Easter morning, there was darkness, grief, and emptiness as Jesus' followers watched him die. But then, Jesus came back to life, and everything changed for good! In this series we will discover the resurrection didn't end on Easter Sunday - Jesus is still bringing us more life every day.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED