



COMMUNITY  
CHURCH



# CROSSROADS



*"Be Still and know that I am God..."* (Psalm 46:10)

**2017**

Have you ever been troubled in your life? Have you ever been so troubled that you couldn't even get words out of your mouth to pray? I've been here more than once. One such moment found me in the chapel early in the morning at seminary. A seminary professor found me and asked if something was troubling me, I said; where do I start. I told him I was having trouble praying. He said; "Anytime I have trouble praying, I meditate and pray scriptures." This advice has served me very well more times that I can recall.

Here are some scriptures that I've used in the past.

Most often I start with Psalm 46:10; *"Be still and know that I am God..."* Sometimes God doesn't need to hear us speak; He already hears our thoughts and just enjoys our quiet presence with Him. My experience is that these are the times when He can talk to us too! Bottom line, God is thrilled when we stop and just spend time with Him, it doesn't matter whether we are saying anything or not.

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)*

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)*

*"When I am afraid, I will trust in you." (Psalm 56:3)*

*"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken." (Psalm 55:22)*

*"I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live." (Psalm 116:1-2)*

*"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you." (Isaiah 43:2)*

Of course there are many more and perhaps you have some passages you go to in times of uncertainty or when you struggle to pray, please share them with me.

God's Grace and Peace,

Pastor Brett

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## Upcoming Events

### January 2016 Church Statistics

Date	Attendance Count	General Fund Collection
January 1	57	\$2719.65
January 8	57	\$3226.25
January 15	71	\$3322.00
January 22	53	\$1634.15
January 29	n/a	n/a



- FEBRUARY**
- Sock Drive Continues through February
  - Souper Bowl—February 5
  - Hospitality INC - February 11
  - Walk-for-Warmth—February 18
  - Community Table - February 28 - WE SERVE

- MARCH**
- Ash Wednesday—March 1
  - Lenten Dinners and Study March 8, 15, 22 & 29
  - Hospitality INC - March 11
  - Daylight Savings Time Begins—March 12

- APRIL**
- Hospitality INC - April 8
  - Palm Sunday—April 9
  - Easter Sunday—April 16
  - Nursing Home Visits—April 16
  - 5th Sunday Noisy Coin Offering for Adopt-A-Family - April 30

### Council and Committee Meetings—February 2017

<b>Christian Women’s Fellowship</b>	Monday, February 6, 2017, 9:00 a.m., Room 11
<b>Finance and Personnel Committee</b>	Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Room 20a
<b>O.A.K.S. Committee</b>	Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Room 10
<b>Worship Committee</b>	Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Room 20a
<b>Missions Committee</b>	No meeting scheduled at this time
<b>Christian Education Committee</b> <b>Membership/Outreach/Evangelism Committee (M.O.E.)</b> <b>Communications Committee</b>	Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Room 10
<b>Building Use and Maintenance Committee (B.U.M.)</b>	No meeting scheduled at this time
<b>Council of Ministries</b>	Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Room 11
<b>Long Range Planning Committee</b>	No meeting scheduled at this time

<p><b>LECTIONARY READINGS</b> <b>February, 2017</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, February 5, 2016</b> <b>"Jesus Mission: Seek the Lost"</b></p> <p>Psalms 119:169-176 Luke 7:36-50 Luke 19:1-10</p>
<p><b>Sunday, February 12, 2016</b> <b>"Jesus Mission: Restore People"</b></p> <p>Psalms 32 I Corinthians 1:26-39 Luke 4:16-21</p>
<p><b>Sunday, February 19, 2016</b> <b>"Jesus Mission: Equip Disciples"</b></p> <p>Isaiah 61 John 7:60-71 Ephesians 4:7-13</p>
<p><b>Sunday, February 26, 2016</b> <b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b> <b>"Jesus Mission: Send Out Disciples"</b></p> <p>1 Peter 1:10-12 Mark 3:13-19 Matthew 28:18-20</p>

2017 COMMUNION SCHEDULE		
January 8	Baptism of the Lord	Intinction
February 5	1st Sunday of the Month	Pews
March 1	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Intinction
March 5	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
April 2	1st Sunday of the Month	Pews
April 13	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Intinction
April 16	Easter Sunday	Pews
May 7	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
June 4	Pentecost Sunday Also 1st Sunday of the Month	Pews
July 2	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
August 6	1st Sunday of the Month	Pews
September 3	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
October 1	World Communion Sunday	Intinction
November 5	All Saint's Sunday	Pews
November 26	Christ the King Sunday	Pews
December 3	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
December 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	Pews



Deepest sympathy goes out to Lyle Gunderson and the family of **Jeanette Gunderson** who passed away Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

Sympathy also goes out John and Valerie Stapleton on the death of his mother, **Phoebe Goulet**.

Our sympathy is extended to Hilda Parker and the family of **Allan Parker** who passed away January 23, 2017.



BIRTHDAYS	
Jen Kiyak	2/1
Carly Holcomb	2/1
Terry Grams	2/3
Sally Burmeister	2/3
Sherrie Sanders	2/3
Alison Tominski	2/4
Bruce Fletcher	2/4
Stacy Sutton	2/5
Dorothy Boon	2/8
Elaine Brogren	2/8
Drake Fargo	2/11
Harry Laude	2/12
Dick Powell	2/13
Jerry Holton	2/13
Anna Belle Houk	2/13
Evan Fargo	2/14
Lee Schoenherr	2/15
Kim Iteen	2/22
Dave Swathwood	2/22
Janet Miller	2/24
Bruce Pelletier	2/28



ANNIVERSARIES	
Gary and Ann Miller	2/12



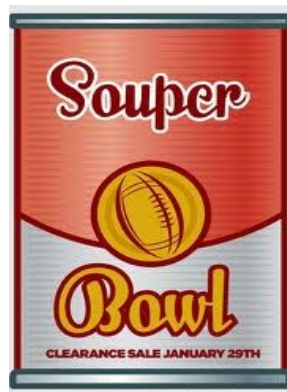
## Community Table

The Community Church will host the Community Table ministry on **Tuesday, February 28, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.** We need volunteers to set-up, cook, serve, and clean up after the dinner. If you are willing to participate in this event, please contact Ed or Donna Hallin at 757-3360.



Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact **Kathy Bromley** if you can help with food, stay overnight, or would like to help with breakfast or snack.

**Hospitality Inc. Dates:**  
 February 11th  
 March 11th  
 April 8th



## FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Let's fill the barrel and the area around the barrel for the Salvation Army Food Bank!



**Crossroad Deadline: February 15, 2017**  
**Crossroad Mailing: February 22, 2017**



Sunday Services are televised on cable TV channel 190. Please note this is the correct cable channel.

Sundays at 11 a.m.,

Sundays at 7 p.m. and

Monday at 7 a.m.

## January 2017 Council of Ministries Report

The Community Church Council of Ministries met on Wednesday, January 18, 2016 at 7 pm in Room 11. Some of the items discussed were:

- \* Pastor Brett Spalding was welcomed to his first meeting of the Council of Ministries. He opened the meeting with a meditation.
- \* Darlene Carpenter and Diane Swathwood were also welcomed to their first Council meeting. Along with Maralyn Gable, Darlene and Diane have been elected to the Council for 3-year terms ending 12/31/2019.
- \* The minutes of the November 16, 2016 meeting were approved as written. There was no quorum present at the December 21, 2016 meeting. The notes from the December meeting were distributed.
- \* The December, 2016 and year-end financial report was approved. Total General Fund receipts for 2016 were \$166,593.01 and total expenses were \$158,934.75. This leaves a positive balance of \$7,658.26 for the year. With the call of our new Pastor and severance payments to our Interim Pastor that could continue through March, 2017, the Council approved increasing the 2017 by \$10,000 to cover these and the anticipated moving expenses for Pastor Brett.
- \* Vacancies for 2017 were discussed. At the present time one 1-year term and one 3-year term are open on the Council of Ministries and one position on the Nominating Committee need to be filled. Council members are asked to pray for discernment as we seek members of the congregation called to fill these positions.
- \* Initial discussion was held on committee assignments for 2017.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm in Room 11. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.



### SOCK DRIVE CONTINUED THROUGH FEBRUARY!

The Christian Women's Fellowship has extended their Sock Drive for the homeless and less fortunate in our area who do not have warmth and protection for their feet during these cold winter months. Donations of socks for men, women, children and babies were placed in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The socks were taken to the Salvation Army for distribution for those in need in our local area.



## PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Gerry Flanery**, illness

**Jeff Maneke**, heart surgery

**Janet VanEpps**, recovering from a fall

**Tim Ryan**, back surgery, Sue Sabin's son

**Mary Carlson**, health issues

**Julee Quinn**, medical issues, friend of Holly & Gerry Flanery

### OUR MISSIONARIES

Daryl and Leshia Beltz

Jim and Yuri Cerminaro

Tony and Connie Johnson

Dean and Debbie Lundberg

### MILITARY

Jacob T. Overway – Deployed

Grandson of Ted & Arlene Wierda

### ON-GOING

**Barbara Peters**, multiple sclerosis, Bob and Lynn Olmstead's Daughter

**Terry and Tim Krystiniak**, health concerns, encouragement and support

**Eric Lund**, lost both arms in Afghanistan, friend of Community Church

**Chuck Oleniczak**, health concerns

**Harold Figgins**, health concerns

**Betty Foorman**, health concerns

**Daniel Williams**, health concerns, Sandi Steckel's cousin

**Sherrie Sanders**, health concerns

**Fred Compos**, Throat Cancer

**Judy d'Anton**, health issues, Dave Swathwood's Sister

**Myah Taylor**, infant, congenital heart defect, daughter of Brooke Ashley  
and Cory Taylor, friends of Kim Iteen, at Mott Children's Hospital

**Fred Fleetwood**, health concerns

**Rainey Lew Evans**, newborn, prayers answered, home & gaining strength  
Pray for family strength, grandparents Steve & Kim Iteen

**John Barber**, health concerns

**Joe Newton**, cancer

**Gavin Morgan**, Scout from Troop 1190 with cancer

### NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

**AUTUMN WINDS** - Marylyn Brown    **WILLOWBROOK** - Thelma Bowden

**OAKVIEW** - Gary Miller, Barbara Johnson, Mary Markov

**LUDINGTON WOODS** - Don Swier

**All persons placed on the prayer list will remain there for a period of two weeks.** After two weeks, the name will be dropped from the list unless Janet VanEpps or the office are notified that the prayer need is on-going. If you have a prayer need that you would like to have the members of the prayer chain pray for, please activate the prayer chain by calling Janet VanEpps at 843-3122.

# FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Worship 9:30am</u></p> <p>Congregational Meeting 10:30am</p>	<p>Cub Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>Ladies Bible 9:30am</p> <p>Quilters 9am-6pm</p> <p>Community Table 4:30-6pm</p> <p>Cub Scouts 4-pm</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p><u>Finance/Personnel 6pm</u> <u>OAKS 6:30pm</u> <u>Worship Committee 7pm</u></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Cub Scouts 6pm</p> <p><b>Bell Choir 6:30pm</b> <b>Chancel Choir 7:30pm</b></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bulletin Folding 10am</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p><u>Worship 9:30 am</u> <u>Communion (P)</u></p> <p><u>Souper Bowl</u></p>	<p>6</p> <p><u>CWF Mtg. 9am</u></p> <p>Cub Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ladies Bible 9:30am</p> <p>Quilters 9am-6pm</p> <p>Community Table 4:30-6pm</p> <p>Cub Scouts 4pm</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Cub Scouts 6pm</p> <p><b>Bell Choir 6:30pm</b> <b>Chancel Choir 7:30pm</b></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bulletin Folding 10am</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Hospitality INC <b>We Host</b></p>
<p>12</p> <p><u>Worship 9:30am</u></p>	<p>13</p> <p>Cub Scouts 7 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ladies Bible 9:30am</p> <p>Quilters 9am-6pm</p> <p>Community Table 4:30-6pm</p> <p><u>CE/MOE/COM 6pm</u></p> <p>Cub Scouts 4pm</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>CROSSROADS DEADLINE</b></p> <p><u>Council Meeting 7pm</u></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Cub Scouts 6pm</p> <p><b>Bell Choir 6:30pm</b> <b>Chancel Choir 7:30pm</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p>Bulletin Folding 10am</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Walk for Warmth</b> <b>8 am—12 noon</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b></p>
<p>19</p> <p><u>Worship 9:30am</u></p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>President's Day</b></p> <p>Cub Scouts 7 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Ladies Bible 9:30am</p> <p>Quilters 9am-6pm</p> <p>Community Table 4:30-6pm</p> <p>Cub Scouts 4pm</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>CROSSROADS MAILING</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Cub Scouts 6pm</p> <p><b>Bell Choir 6:30pm</b> <b>Chancel Choir 7:30pm</b></p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bulletin Folding 10am</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Transfiguration of the Lord <u>Worship 9:30am</u></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Cub Scouts 7 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ladies Bible 9:30am</p> <p>Quilters 9am-6pm</p> <p><u>Community Table 4:30pm-6pm</u> <u>WE SERVE</u></p> <p>Cub Scouts 4pm</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p><u>March 1</u></p> <p><u>Ash Wednesday</u></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Cub Scouts 6pm</p> <p><b>Bell Choir 6:30pm</b> <b>Chancel Choir 7:30pm</b></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bulletin Folding 10am</p>	<p>4</p>

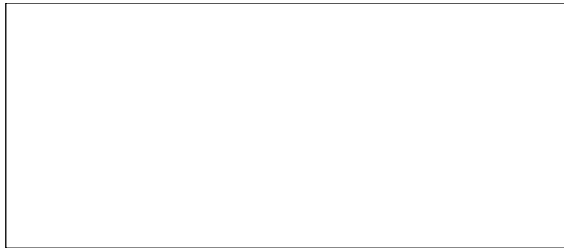


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## FEBRUARY 2017



### CONGREGATIONAL / PRESBYTERIAN

#### CHURCH STAFF

##### Pastor

Rev. Brett Spalding

##### Music Director

W. John Clement

##### Membership/Financial Secretary

Bethany Seymour

##### Custodian

Cheri Welch

Monday through Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### 2017 COUNCIL

#### 3 Year Term Ending 12/31/17

Steve Iteen  
Robert Lanterman  
John Stapleton

#### 3 Year Term Ending 12/31/18

Tonda Cadey  
Ruthann Kyle  
Don McKay  
Janet VanEpps

#### 3 Year Term Ending 12/31/19

Darlene Carpenter  
Maralyn Gable  
Diane Swathwood

#### Moderator

Steven Iteen

#### Vice-Moderator

Robert Lanterman

#### Clerk

Ruthann Kyle

#### Treasurer

Donna Hallin

#### Nominating Committee

Bobbie Maclean  
Stephanie Thomsen

#### Scholarship Committee

Jayne Reed  
Wendy Lanterman  
Betty Orton

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