



"THE CALL"

NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAVERTON
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
January, 2018

PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS Keeping the Joy in 2018!

In I Peter 1:8 Peter writes, "***Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory...***"

Keep the joy inexpressible and full of glory in 2018!!

Sometimes it seems that joy is like a handful of sand: the harder you squeeze to hold it, the more it leaks out! I have six quick tips that if followed closely, can help you hold on to joy in 2018.

First, stand firm! **(Philippians 4:1)** For this to be successful you must be standing firm on the right things. As the hymn says, "Standing on the Promises I can not fall..." The assumption, of course, is that you know the promises. Read, study, and stand on the promises given in God's Word. You've heard it many times: Focus on the promise, not the problem. There will always be a problem of one kind or another, and there will always be a promise that is greater than the problem. Know the promises and stand firm on them, and the joy will follow!

Second, settle your differences...the moment they occur. **(Philippians 4:2)** Oh yes, they will occur. Some may be little, others large, however unsettled they will all become large! You will have a lot of burdens to carry in 2018, don't allow the unnecessary burden of differences to add to your load. They will come-so settle them immediately and keep the joy!

Third, resolve to rejoice! **(Philippians 4:4)** The command to "rejoice" is given twice because we can tend to forget this when we're dealing with difficult people or the other problems of life. Paul wrote this while he was in prison with no hope of release. In spite of it all, Paul had reason to rejoice, and we do, as well, no matter the

circumstances-we just have to resolve to do it!

Fourth, ask God for a gentle spirit. **(Philippians 4:5) "Let your gentleness be known to all..."** The word "gentleness" is a hard one to translate precisely into English. It can be "moderation," "mildness," "fairmindedness." It has been translated "inner calmness." In the world today "gentleness," "calmness," is something that is very difficult to maintain. There is only one way. to achieve it-ask God for a gentle spirit- and accept it when He offers it!

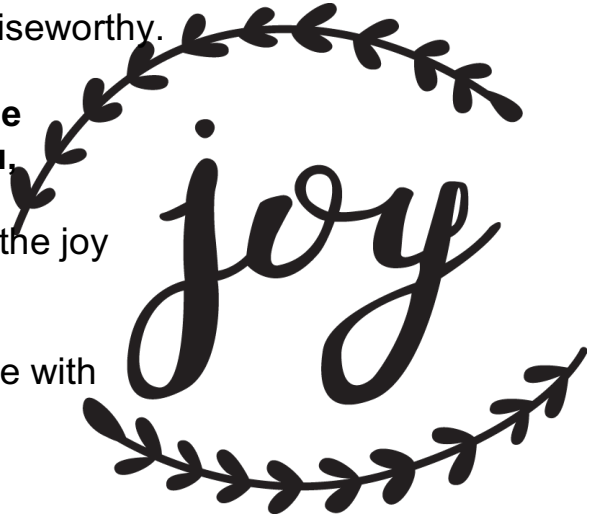
Fifth, pray about everything!!! **(Philippians 4:6-7)** Pray about the big things-and the little things! **"Be anxious for nothing..."** Prayer and worry are opposites! There will be struggles waiting for you in 2018 and all the worry in the world won't change a one of them-however prayer can!! Remember to pray with thanksgiving, and a little praise, because it will keep you focused on the grace and love of God and not the problem. And then **"the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your heart and mind through Christ Jesus!"**

Finally, sixth, think holy thoughts! **(Philippians 4:8)** Paul knows that sin begins in the mind and so does holiness. It's really difficult to think about two things at the same time. Find the pure things and think on them. Find the lovely things and think on them. Find the things that are of a good report and think on them. Meditate on the things that are virtuous and praiseworthy.

Philippians 4:9 says if you do these things the God of peace will be with you, and you can keep the joy for all of 2018! I guess I better reword that: You can have the joy for all of 2018-but don't keep it-share it!!!

I pray God's blessing of joy and peace to be with you in 2018!

Pastor Bill



BIRTHDAY DINNER

January 21st

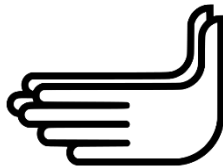


Potluck following church

A "birthday dinner" will be held on Sunday, January 21st. We will celebrate all our 2018 birthdays at the same time with cake and decorations. Bring a dish to pass—the potluck will be held immediately following worship service. Birthday cakes will be provided so there's no need to bring dessert. Enjoy fellowship with those who have a birthday in the same month as you. If you can provide a cake or decorate a table, please let Peggy1 or Peggy2 know. No presents, just your presence.

~~~~~"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."  
Mark Twain~~~~~

***What are your prayer requests?***



***gathering of friends***

***time for instruction***

**Join Us**

***prayer for each other***

**Sunday**

**January 7**

**7:00 p.m.**



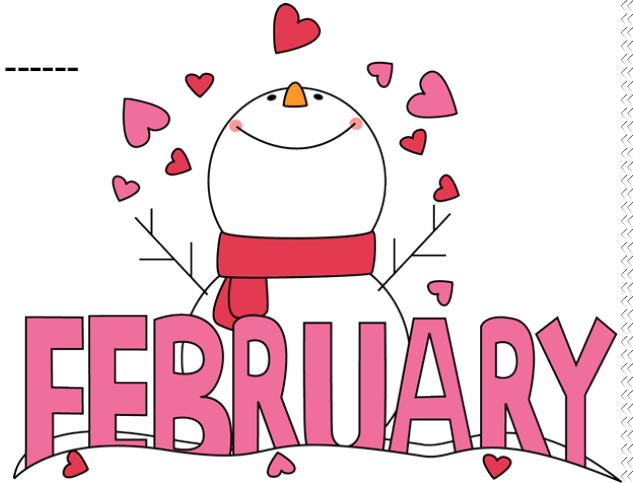
## SLEDDING PARTY IN THE PLANNING STAGES ----

A sledding party is in the planning stages -----

*Keep Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> open*

*2:00 p.m. at Sugar Springs*

*More details to follow-----*



*A note of inspiration about joy from Mother Teresa: "Joy is prayer – Joy is strength –  
Joy is love – Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls."*

### ***Women's Fellowship***

The Women's group has successfully completed the "underwear and socks" Christmas drive. Supplies will be replenished for elementary students who need new replacement clothing. The school nurse, Joann Clagg, will be using the clothing as needs arise throughout the year. Thanks to all who participated. Also, thanks to all who participated in the sweatshirt fund raiser. Approximately 150 sweatshirts were sent to school for gift giving. Our appreciation goes out to Kara Pahl at "Create It" for her donation and the help we received from Haley Prager at "Kay's Embroidery." (News: the Ministerial Association has provided a check for the full amount of the Kay's Embroidery bill---\$678. Praise God!)



KIDS' KOLLECTION:

"The Youth Hangouts"

*The Youth are presenting a short play in church on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.*

~~~~~*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* ~~~~~  
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

ITEMS OF INTEREST: *****

*******Outreach cup offerings for January, February, March**
designated for Walk for Warmth

*******Women travel to Pepper Mill for lunch,** January 3 after meeting

*******Birthday Sunday,** January 7, worship service

*******Prayer gathering,** Sunday, January 7, 7:00 p.m.

*******Board Meeting,** Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 Commissions, 7:30 Board

*******Birthday dinner,** January 21, Potluck following church

*******Vet's dinner,** Sunday, January 21, 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN VISION STATEMENT

Through scripture, Jesus calls us to live as courageous disciples by word and action: To surrender ourselves to God, to embrace one another, to express God's love for all creation.

Adopted by the 2012 Annual Conference

The 2018 Church Board has been reorganized. New members are in place.
Meeting dates are below:

BOARD MEETINGS 2018
2nd Tuesday of the month
Commissions 7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

January 9

May 8

September 11

February 13

June 12

October 9

March 13

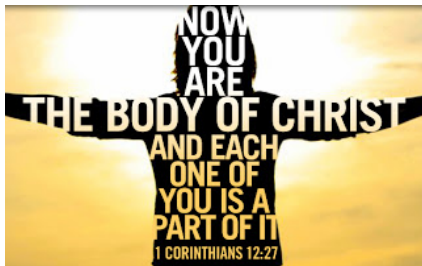
July 10

November 13

April 10

August 14

December 11



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Worship Leadership
January

Date: January 7

Worship Leader: Matt McKimmy
Music Leader: Glen Blades
Special Gifts: Children's play
Nursery Care:
Greeters: Eric & Peg Hillman
Deacons: Amy Burns & Sherm Fassett
Closer: Dan Bergman

Date: January 21

Worship Leader: Dan Whitmer
Music Leader: Becky Phillips
Special Gifts: Puppets
Nursery Care:
Greeters: Don Shaffer
Deacons: Candy Schnepf & Lee Hannahs
Closer: Dan Bergman

Date: January 14

Worship Leader: Rick Painter
Music Leader: Amy Burns
Special Gifts: Choir
Nursery Care:
Greeters: Jane Raymor
Deacons: Joanne Fassett & Dan Whitmer
Closer: Dan Bergman

Date: January 28

Worship Leader: Candy Schnepf
Music Leader: Bob Schnepf
Special Gifts: Dan Bergman
Nursery Care:
Greeters: Ward Simpson
Deacons: Lila Hannahs & Rick Painter
Closer: Dan Bergman