



## “THE CALL”

NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAVERTON  
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
JANUARY, 2019

### ***PASTOR’S RAMBLINGS***

Time moves along at its own pace and now a brand New year is before us! This isn't our first New Year, we have been at the beginning of a New Year before. Beginning a New Year means we are also at the close of an "old" year. In reality it is the seamless passing of time.

Many people see it as a new beginning, however, it is a continuing of the life we had last year. The only real potential for a new beginning began a long, long time ago with the birth of a Baby who changed the course of the world. Through Him, Jesus Christ, a new beginning became possible.

The Words of Jesus in a very familiar verse of Scripture tells: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* Believing in Jesus Christ gives one a new beginning! II Corinthians 5:17 tells us: *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*

It's not a New Year; not a continuing of the seamless passing of time. It is a brand new beginning! It's being free from the power of Satan and enabled to be all that God intended you to be. Forgiven of all the sin and error of the past and made new! The past is still there and many things from the past must still be dealt with, however a new power, a new power to forgive (and forget) is now there to enable one to deal with the past. It is truly a new beginning!

However...we are still human beings with free will and just as

the calendar runs out and a new one needs to begin, so our new beginning sometimes needs to be refreshed. God is very much aware that as human beings we are going to need "renewing" sometimes.

Writing under the guidance the Apostle John wrote in I John 1:9: *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* John doesn't say: "If we sin..." It's a given that we will fall short of the mark, and provision is made to restore us, to renew our new beginning. We need only recognize our error and seek forgiveness. It is a three step process. Recognize and confess our sin, repent, and ask for forgiveness.

As you begin this New Year, 2019, review your life and seek any cleansing needed and you can truly have a "new beginning!"

I pray that God will richly bless you in the coming year, so that individually and collectively, we may be a blessing to our community and beyond!

Shalom,  
Pastor Bill

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



Join Us

Sunday

*gathering of friends*

*time for instruction*

*prayer for each other*

January 6

7:00 p.m.

“We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties.”

Oswald Chambers

***Everyone has one.....***



***a birthday, that is***

***We'll all celebrate at the same time!***

***Sunday, January 27  
after worship service***

***It'll be homemade soup and xtras. More details to come***

LOOKING AHEAD TO a sledding party and a Valentine dinner.  
Coming soon to a location near you!!!!



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

The women held their monthly fellowship meeting on Wednesday December 7th. The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2, at 10:30. On December 12<sup>th</sup> the women held their annual Christmas potluck. It was a great time with friends, good food, carols and listening to the Christmas story. Please join us for Bible study at 9:00 each Wednesday and the monthly Fellowship meetings and outings. All women are welcome.....a good time to connect, study, pray.....and laugh!

***Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together***



Helping Hands Mission



## Hand-in-Hand The Church of the Brethren

As many of you are aware, the Beaverton Church of the Brethren is very much involved in the ministry of the Helping Hands Mission in Beaverton. Becky Cook is the Executive Director and five members of our fellowship serve on the Mission Board. Many other members serve, and have served in the past, as volunteers.

At the annual Mission Christmas Dinner, Becky shared a summary of the Mission activities for the first eleven months of 2018. I felt it would be good information for the fellowship.

From the Food Pantry inside the Mission;

(1) 8,740 boxes, serving 25,915 individuals (keep in mind that a family may only receive one box a month)

(2) From Outdoor (Food Bank of Eastern Michigan), every other Wednesday:  
4,003 boxes, 10,920 individuals.

(3) Blessing Bags-Personal Hygiene products, for men and women:  
397 bags.

(4) Laundry Baskets: 9 baskets

(5) Kitchen Baskets: 7 baskets

(6) Other sharing:

The warehouse which stores the furniture and other goods is run by 11 stalwart men.

The Mission worked with 11 homeless individuals

Importance of the fresh vegetables and fruit and breads and sweets available to customers coming into the Thrift Shop-helps people who otherwise may be dealing with "food deserts."

Thinking ahead:

End of January-First of February-complete new floor throughout the Mission, new restroom, install new lockers for personal items of the volunteers.

Needs: Plastic shopping bags and newspapers.

Please remember to pray for the many volunteers that make the service of Helping Hands Mission available to those in need in our community and beyond. Volunteers are always accepted!

Shalom, Pastor Bill

PRAYING TOGETHER



The prayer chain is in a constant state of change. Many people wish to receive prayer requests as a text message. If you would like a text instead of a phone call, you may contact Lana Blades to be added to the text list. This is instantaneous, keeps the message intact, and is convenient for those who can't always come to the phone.

**BOARD MEETINGS 2019**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month**  
**Commissions 7:00 p.m.**  
**Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.**

**January 8**

**May 14**

**September 10**

**February 12**

**June 11**

**October 8**

**March 12**

**July 9**

**November 12**

**April 9**

**August 13**

**December 10**

**ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

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\*\*\*\*\* **Outreach cup offerings for Jan., Feb., Mar. and April** are designated for Walk for Warmth

\*\*\*\*\* **Birthday Sunday**, January 6, worship service

\*\*\*\*\* **Prayer meeting**, Sunday, January 6, 7:00 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\* **Board Meeting**, January 8, 7:00 & 7:30 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\* **Vet's dinner**, Sunday, January 20, 6:00 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\* **Birthday dinner**, Sunday, January 27, following worship service

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**BEAVERTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

## HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Current checking account balance is \$9,934.32 Heifer International Ark \$4,050.00. A check was sent to Growing Hope Globally (Foods Resource Bank) for \$2,000.

**STEWARDS COMMISSION:** Door stops are being installed.

**NURTURE COMMISSION:**

Birthday Party for Jesus, Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, cake and ice cream provided

A cross and manger may be installed in the yard before Christmas

The Christmas Eve service will be at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Bill is in charge.

January 27<sup>th</sup> birthday dinner with soup and birthday cake and ice cream

Valentine Day celebration, Sunday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. Potluck with pulled pork provided.

Sledding party planning in the works, Saturday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.

**MINISTERIAL COMMISSION:** Scott will be leaving at the end of December because of family obligations.

**PERSONNEL COMMISSION:** LuAnn Onweller has been asked to join the Nurture Commission.

**ENDOWMENT BOARD:** Stewards are looking at long term investments. Questions were raised about the Dow stock.

**DEACONS:** Deacons continue studying Deacon duties. The "Text" prayer chain seems to be working.

**CAMP REPORT:** \$350 was raised at the mystery dinner. In addition, there was almost \$1000 profit from pie sales.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE:** The Committee is meeting Thursday night.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE:** Building expansion fund is \$2,426.38

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Flower fund is going well.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

New hymnals will be ordered after the first of the year.

*The Church Board meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 8th. Everyone is welcome to attend. A complete set of the minutes can be obtained from Peggy McKimmy.*

### CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN 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.

**FUNERAL DINNERS**—a ministry of this church.



*Any one of these ladies or Pastor Bill may be contacted when there is a need.*

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