

Shalom



Quilters

Tuesday, January 8
1:00 p.m.
Lower Level
Knotters welcome!

DEACON FOR JANUARY

Sharyn McKenszie (664-3160)

Jim Brown (402-430-0410)

Greeters

January:

5 Jerry & Betty Brekhus

13 Skip & Deb Bratton

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February:

3 Shirley Petersen & Becky Tirrell

10 Joann Eder & JeanAnne Bullock

17 Merv & Lynette Coleman

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(If you are unable to greet when listed, please,
trade or find a substitute.)



Sunday, January 20
Following Worship
Lower Level
Annual Meeting & Potluck

**Last names beginning A-M bring salad or
main dish; N-Z, dessert**



Alicia Angell	1/2
Harris Gabrian	1/3
Matthew Martin	1/3
Rusty DeVries	1/4
Tyler Metcalf	1/5
Brent Nearpass	1/5
Jim Hilderman	1/6
Jasper Anderson	1/7
Lola Ashby	1/7
Debbie Tomicich	1/7
Kandace Hopkins	1/10
Ryan Davis	1/12
Peggy Lynn	1/13
Tracy Schwab	1/16
Deb Bratton	1/18
Jeff Noe	1/18
Glenda Lane	1/19
Shirlee Quinn	1/20
Denis Elo	1/25
Samantha Ferguson	1/25
Joyce Miller	1/27
Brianna Lemire	1/30



Don & Jane Stone	1/1
Russ & Jeni Born	1/5
Alan Goldin & Judith Gregory	1/6
Sid & Barbara Herbert	1/14
Jim & Linda Young	1/15

Praying for unity

Every January, the Christian church worldwide marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This ecumenical "octave," or eight-day observance, lasts from January 18 (the Feast of St. Peter) to January 25 (the Feast of St. Paul).



The week is based on Jesus' prayer to his heavenly Father in John 17:21 that his followers "may all be one ... so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (ESV). Jesus knew that if Christians were fiercely divided, people outside the faith wouldn't want to learn more about him.

The theme for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from Deuteronomy 16:20 (NRSV): "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue."

Our sympathies to Jan Hawk and Bill Hawk's family on Bill's passing.

Many remember Bill's time with us as interim pastor, and how we enjoyed his time with us.

If you would like to extend your sympathies to Jan, her address is:

4 Campus Way
Billings, MT 59102

January 2019

Jeremiah 29:11 ¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

It is exciting to wonder, “What will this year hold?” I am not one to make resolutions; rather, I love to see what unfolds all on its own. The last 6 months have been a wonder to behold; and I can’t wait to see how the next 6 months shape up the rest of the year.

Do you ever wonder if Joseph and Mary had these thoughts as they looked into the eyes of their newborn baby? Yes, that is the idea behind the words to the song, “Mary did you know?” But that song is looking at the coming life of Christ. I’m only asking us to think a year in advance. And maybe I’m thinking more of dreaming rather than planning. The difference between a dream and a plan is that a plan has a goal. For right now, let’s just dream together.

No child goes hungry, student loans disappear, relationships are healed, new faces are in the pews and we can once again recycle plastics. How are those for dreams? The homeless have homes, the ice melts, injuries are healed, we start a children’s choir and the Buffalo Bills win the Super Bowl. (Hey, a preacher can dream too!)

I don’t know about you, but I can’t make a list of my dreams without jotting down notes for a plan, and those plans have goals. It is a wonderful feeling to know that the church that I serve already participates in programs to feed hungry children and to create housing for the needy. We pray for relationships and offer support for those who need counseling. We have new faces in the pews every single Sunday and the children are learning new songs.

I’m not sure what we can do about recycling plastic other than reducing our use. We can write letters to our representatives about student loan relief and better street maintenance. As for those Buffalo Bills...well...some things will always remain a dream.

God knows what plans God has for our lives, and it is up to us to create the goals for those plans. As we continue to work into the transition of our church it is important to remember that it may require transitioning our lives. Before you can create a plan with a goal, ask yourself how you can transition from the way you’ve always done things to a new way of doing something. Six months ago this church committed to doing ministry differently by engaging in the intentional work of transition. In the next six months that work will be taking a new form, with goal setting helping the planning see its way to completion. God knows what plans God has for this church...let’s continue to dream, plan and achieve together in the coming year.

Peace,
Pastor Pam



COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Debbie Awes. Pastor Pam opened the meeting with prayer. Those in attendance were Pastor Pam, Debbie Awes, Skip Bratton, Dixie McCampbell, Linda Hanson, and Renee Gabrian.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Skip moved the minutes be approved as written, Dixie seconded and the motion carried.

Pastor: Pastor Pam read her report for the months of November and December which is on file. She plans to meet with the Transitional Ministry Team after the holidays and also take vacation time.

Moderator: Annual reports are being turned into Lynette by Ministry chairpersons as requested. She participated in the Gracious Space workshop and found it to be a wonderful experience. Camp Mimanagish is in need of a temporary paid position from January to June, 2019. She will place the notice on the bulletin board.

Stewardship and Mission: Linda reported the committee met with Dixie from Finance Committee due to the confusion and complicated Memorial Policy. It was proposed memorial funds should be moved to Finance and Stewardship and Mission would take over the mission aspect of the Hazel Chamberlain Funds.

Finance: Dixie reported they are working on a proposal for a Memorial Committee comprised of a member of each Ministry to serve under the umbrella of Finance as well as policy for memorials and gifts to the Church. She hopes to have the finished document to present to Council in January, 2019.

Diaconate: Report on file. Renee reported Deb Bratton has agreed to serve another year. Deacons will now be meeting the last Tuesday of the month. Due to Christmas holiday, the next Deacon meeting is 12-27-18. Dixie reported she will be attending to discuss music fund reserves to be used for shortfall of budget.

Facilities: Skip reported Big Sky Linen has been notified to cancel rug contract and new rugs have been found to purchase. He will be checking on keypad and lockout lock systems as well as security camera systems. He will send out year end thank you cards to several who have provided free or low cost services for the church.

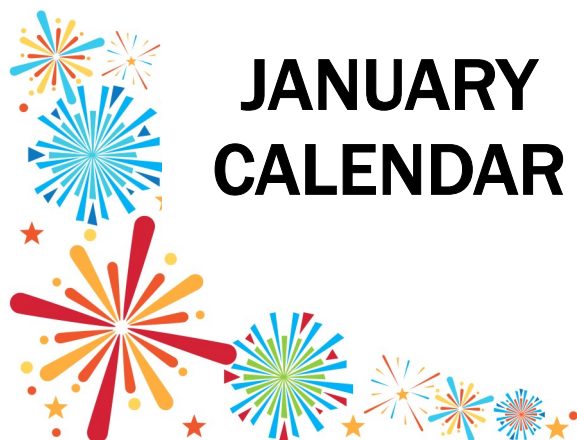
Christian Education: Pastor Pam reported several notes/ideas have been added to the board and Lauri Floyd has agreed to help a new committee when formed.

Old Business: Pam reported a healing/acceptance statement was made at the Gracious Space workshop. She would like to be informed of anyone who expresses these needs in order to assist individuals through our Church transition.

New Business: Pastor Pam reported Janis Williams has turned in books for Membership Clerk. The work on the new Church directory will assist with membership information. Deb will contact Janis regarding this position. Renee will be listed as Clerk on Officers & Ministry. The next meeting will be 1-8-19. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Renee Gabrian





JANUARY CALENDAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2	Wed.	5:30 pm	Bible Study & Dinner
3	Thursday	1:00 pm	Finance Meeting
		4:30 pm	Facilities Management
5	Saturday	9:00 am	Choir
6	Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
7	Monday	9:30 am	Great Books
		Noon	Prayer Group
8	Tuesday	1:00 pm	Quilters
		5:00 pm	Church Council
9	Wed.	5:30 pm	Bible Study & Dinner
12	Saturday	9:00 am	Choir
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		Noon	Prayer Group
29	Tuesday	4:30 pm	Deacons
30	Wed.	5:30 pm	Bible Study & Dinner



EPIPHANY

January 2019						
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“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2019

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm