
BEARGRASS NEWS



Worship Regularly **Grow** Intentionally **Serve** Generously

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FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES: FOLLOW

The theme for worship during the rest of the Season of Epiphany will be "Follow." As we hear Luke's stories about the beginning of Jesus' ministry, we will be invited to follow him to a variety of places - to his hometown, to the synagogue, to the lake, to the plain and up the mountain. We will be challenged to pursue new paths during the New Year - choosing the roads less traveled or walking the demanding road of discipleship.

Feb. 3/4	Follow Me to the Cliff
Feb. 9/10	Follow Me to the Lake
Feb. 16/17	Follow Me to the City
Feb. 23/24	Follow Me to Forgiveness

WELL DONE BEAGRASS! 2019 BUDGET READY FOR APPROVAL

By Leigh Bond

We have wonderful news from the Finance Team. Not only did we finish 2018 "in the black" (pledged giving came in over 100%), we have prepared an excellent plan for funding the mission and ministry of the church in 2019. We give thanks again to our veteran stewardship educator, Rex Cox, who urged us to "See to It!" that we answer the call to become more generous. Over 100 members/households increased their pledge and we received 30 new pledges for 2019. The proposed budget of \$1,327,691 has been approved by the Finance Team and Ministry Leadership Team. It will be presented to the congregation on February 9 and 10.

THE NEXT NEWCOMERS CLASS

By Leigh Bond

The next Newcomers Class will begin Sunday, March 17, at 10:00 am. The class offers an introduction to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the mission and ministries of Beargrass Christian Church. Childcare is available. Please register by calling the church office at 896-1161 or emailing me at leigh@beargrass.org.



GRATITUDE FROM LEXINGTON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

By Mark Blankenship, Vice President for Advancement

The Lexington Seminary community is blessed by your generosity and kindness. When students reflect upon their opportunity to attend LTS, words cannot describe how enthusiastic and appreciative they feel. If they could speak to you face-to-face, they would thank you for helping to make their seminary education possible. On their behalf, thanks for your partnership and gift of \$10,000.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

By Mike Puckett, Nominating Team Chair

There is still time for members of our church family to nominate people from the congregation to serve as elders, deacons, youth elders and youth deacons. Those who serve in these important servant-leader roles are vital to the ministries and mission of the church. They are expected to live out our mission statement—to Worship Regularly, Grow Intentionally, and Serve Generously—in an exemplary way. Nomination forms are due in the church office by Sunday, February 3. Nominations can also be made by calling the office at 896-1161 or by emailing me at mike.t.puckett@gmail.com or John Hull at john@beargrass.org.

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GIFTS TO BEARGRASS
By Marikeith Mercke

The Beargrass Christian Church Memorial Fund has received the following donations:

- In memory of Robert Williams: Art and Suzy Grunewald, Courtney Burford.
- In memory of Barbara Knight: Teresa McGuire.
- In memory of Michael Karem: Stephen and Judy Baylor, Alan & Judy Lyons, Tammy & Vic Lyons.
- In honor of Genny Morgan: Susan Phillips
- In memory of Carol Jean Smith: Charles and Nancy Hazelton, Donna Smith Goodin, Teresa Selin, Beth Devine.
- In honor of Carroll Lee Senior: Yvonne Schmidt
- In memory of Evelyn Waits: Jean Korfhage, Daniel and Martha Oates, Tom and Lisa Slade, Ann Northcutt, Connie Hatfield, Miles and Dorothy Snowden, the Friendship Class.
- In memory of William Bruce Hamilton: The Caroline Christian Foundation, Inc.
- In memory of Diana Stogner: the Fellowship Class

The Beargrass Christian Church Handbell Choir received the following donation:

- In memory of Kathy Willinger: David and Sarah Yoder, Lucille Ford, Libbie Martin.

The Beargrass Christian Church Mary Beth Guy Helping Hands Fund received the following donation:

- In memory of Lib Bickett: the Friendship Class.

BOOK CLUBS - Thursday, February 21

- The Library Book Club will meet at 1:30 pm to discuss *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro.
- DWM will meet at 6:30 pm in the Youth Space.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM CHANGES

The property team has received bids to install new mechanical systems in the elevator. The team plans to have the work finished by April. The following classes have temporary locations:

- CNN (113)
- Fellowship (Chapel)
- Genesis (Conference Room)

A COMPASSIONATE GOD IN A COLLAPSING WORLD - THE BOOK OF HOSEA.

Join this Wednesday morning Bible Study to learn more about Hosea's message of God's compassion, spoken to the collapsing nation of Israel, and how it continues to have relevance today. Led by John Hull at 10:30 am in room 202.

JESUS, LOVE BEYOND MEASURE

This engaging study explores who Jesus is, where he came from, what he is like, what he has done, is doing, and will do. Together, we examine the benefits and responsibilities we have as Disciples of Christ because we know we are in relationship with Jesus. Led by Daniel Spurlock, classes meet February 7 and continue every other Thursday through May 23 in Fellowship Hall. A light supper begins at 6:30, class is from 7:00-8:15. Make supper reservations via the church office.

THE CHALICE GROUP, FEBRUARY 12

The group will meet at 6:30 to discuss "Why Christian?" posed by Rachel Held Evans and Nadia Bolz-Weber at the annual Why Christian Conference <https://whychristian.net/>. We will use a passage from Evans book *Inspired* for context, ponder her answer and formulate our own response. "Why, with all the atrocities past and present committed in God's name...in spite of your doubts and frustrations and fears about faith, are you still a follower of Jesus?" All are welcome. Group contact is Melissa Draut meldraut@bellsouth.net

Habitat for Humanity Project

Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 8:00 am.



We are looking for 12 semi-skilled volunteers to help Raise the Roof on a new Habitat home build. We will be assembling the pre-built wall sections and roof trusses. As part of a team, you will need to be able to climb a ladder, lift and drag wall sections. We will meet at the worksite at 8am for our sign-in and a safety briefing.

Contact Keith Aultman: kjaultman@gmail.com for more information.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING February 2 & 3

Pro football's Super Bowl is fast approaching. That means Souper Bowl will soon be here at Beargrass. On the weekend of February 2 and 3, our Junior Youth Fellowship (grades 3-5) will collect money to help alleviate hunger in our community. One in seven households in America—including more than 16 million children—are "food insecure." Please consider giving at least \$1 per person when you attend worship. JYF will be collecting as you leave worship. Just look for the pots outside the sanctuary and chapel. Your cash or checks (payable to Beargrass) will help feed the hungry in our community.

Based on a request from St. Matthews Area Ministries, we will also be collecting food items they need for their pantry. Please consider bringing cans of soup or small bags of rice to church on February 2 or 3. Special containers will be marked for these Souper Bowl donations.

SCOUT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Beargrass will celebrate Scout Sunday, and both Pack and Troop 115 will be present in worship that day. The Scouts will help lead worship as well as share some of their activities from the recent year. Several Scouts will have their religious awards presented to them in worship.

PACK 115 TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 6:30-9:30 pm. The cost is a \$10 per person suggested donation (includes dinner and desert). Childcare is available. Questions? Contact Steven Straub



Junior Camp June 24-28

For those who have completed 4th or 5th grade.

Mini Camp June 7-9

For those who have completed 3rd grade.

Camp 101 June 28-30 or July 26-28

For those who have completed 1st or 2nd grade; parent/guardian attends with children who have completed 3rd through 5th grade.

Mission Day Camp July 2019 TBD

For those children who have completed 3rd through 5th grade.

Chi Rho Camp July 8-13

For youth who have completed grades 6-8.

Eighters' Camp June 16-22

For youth who have completed 8th grade.

CYF Camp July 1-6

For youth who have completed grades 9-12.



PARENT AND ME DRIVE-IN FEBRUARY 8, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Children ages 2 through Kindergarten are invited to a special event in Chalice Hall! A Parent and Me Drive-In will be held on Friday evening, February 8 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Children will have the opportunity to pick out their car, customize their car's features, and take their car to a car wash. At the end of the night, the children will have the opportunity to enjoy some snacks while watching a Veggie Tales movie on the big screen.

The night promises to be an event little children will not want to miss! Please **RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, February 6** so enough supplies can be purchased. Contact Steven Straub (steven@beargrass.org) with any questions.

Discipleship Class: Preparing for Baptism
A Class for Children (and Parents)
Sundays at 12:15 pm beginning February 3

By John Hull & Steven Straub

The Beargrass Discipleship Class for fifth grade children is led by John Hull and Steven Straub. The class covers important topics that help children understand what it means to be a follower of Christ: the Bible, Baptism, Communion, and the Disciples of Christ.

The class meets four Sundays in February (3, 10, 17, 24), beginning at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Classes end at 2:15 pm except for February 17 which ends at 5:00 pm. The class eats lunch at the beginning of each session. Although schedules occasionally interfere, it is important for children and families to commit to attending all sessions. **Students will read the Gospel of Mark** and complete other assignments.

A required one-hour session for parents will be held on February 17 at 5:00 pm. John and Steve will discuss faith development in children, including the appropriate time for baptism and communion. February 17 is also **bread-baking day**. Students learn about Communion while baking bread. The class will last all afternoon. JYF will then have a special outing at 5:00 pm while the parents are meeting.

Members of the Disciples of Christ are baptized when they can express as a personal choice their desire to become part of the Body of Christ. We view baptism as one step in a lifelong faith journey rather than as a 'conversion experience.' In consultation with their parents, class members will decide if they are ready for baptism. Some choose to delay baptism.

The class is designed for fifth grade children and we strongly encourage parents to consider this. Contact Steven or John with any questions. **Enroll your child by February 2** with Steven Straub (steven@beargrass.org).

ATTENTION MEN!

3rd Anniversary Celebration February 24

It is hard to believe that it has been three years since we began our Men's Group. We have brought together a committed core group of around a dozen men and we look forward to another great year and adding more members to the group. We have decided to celebrate by sharing a meal at Rafferty's restaurant on Sunday, February 24.



BEARGRASS MEN'S GROUP DISCUSSION SERIES: "JESUS, FAITH & SPORTS"

FEB 3 - No Meeting / Super Bowl LIII

FEB 10

FEB 17

FEB 24 - Men's Group 3rd Anniversary Celebration

*Rafferty's, 988 Breckinridge Lane, Louisville 40207
 (Reservation and meal cost required)*

NEW COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

By John Hull

Beargrass is pleased to welcome Dee Decker as our Communications Coordinator. Dee will oversee, coordinate and produce Beargrass communication to both members and the public. She will have charge of digital and print communications including bulletins, newsletters, social media and the website.

Dee holds a BA in Communication from the University of Louisville and a MDiv from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She served in the areas of communications and ministry at St. Marks United Church of Christ (New Albany, Indiana), Knox Presbyterian (Cincinnati), Highland Baptist (Louisville) and Revolution Church (Louisville). Dee also served in the US Air Force as an Air Surveillance Technician.

We are very excited about Dee's skills and her vision of congregational communication. She views communication as ministry and will enable Beargrass to move to the next level as we implement our current strategic planning process. Please welcome Dee (dee@beargrass.org) to Beargrass when you have the opportunity.