



Teays Valley Presbyterian Church

The Valley Viewer



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Pastor's Point of View



Greetings Dear Friends!

It's kind of hard to figure out what season we are in, isn't it? We have recently been going from a balmy 50+ degrees to 2 degrees and back up to 50, seemingly experiencing three seasons in one or two days!

I recently saw a headline online which read: **"Doomsday Clock Has World at Two Minutes From Armageddon."** The article went on to explain, "Humanity is just two minutes from Armageddon, unchanged from last year's unveiling of the Doomsday clock and remaining the closest it has inched to symbolic doom since 1953 in the height of the Cold War.

That was the bleak outlook from The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, a nonprofit organization that oversees the clock — a symbolic timepiece that represents humanity's perceived proximity to a human-caused apocalypse.

Citing nuclear arms races, threats of a cyberattack and the ongoing climate change, the clock's minute hand was not moved from 2018, the organization announced Thursday morning saying we are living in a "new abnormal."

Ever feel like you are living in a "new abnormal"? Ever feel like things are out of control, the world is moving too fast and you want to get off? Does it seem like things are changing too fast and you feel so helpless and small when the problems around you seem to loom so large?

Tripp Prince says, "The heart of the Christian Faith is found at the intersection of our brokenness, mercy and love."

In Revelation 3:8, Jesus says, "I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name."

Jesus said these words to the Church in Philadelphia, the Church of Brotherly Love. He went on to say, "Since you

have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the world to test those who live on the earth."

Whenever I am feeling small and helpless, I take great comfort that I serve a Sovereign God Who is in control of everything, and that Sovereign God even knows my name and cares for me. With that knowledge, I can step back and let God be God.

The same is true for Teays Valley Presbyterian Church. I believe God has set before us an "open door that no one can shut", but sometimes I look around and the problems seem so large and I feel so small, then I am reminded by Jesus in Matthew 6, not to worry. It doesn't do any good, rather, have faith and: "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matt. 6:33)

I believe that God is calling us to walk by faith through the door He has opened for us. I believe He is calling us to seek Him above all else, take up our crosses, and follow Him into the future He is calling us. Taking up our crosses daily means the way won't be easy. It will require some sacrifices. It will cost us something, but there is nothing more important in this life than obediently following Jesus, and the rewards are "out of this world"!

Some may call it Doomsday, I would rather say, "Greater is He Who is in us than he who is in the world." The victory belongs to the One Who has overcome the grave. Jesus has called us by name to follow Him and become "Fishers of Men."

Are you ready to roll up your sleeves and get to work? We have good news to share! There are a lot of people who need to hear this good news. Remember, we can do all things, through Christ who strengthens us! (Phil 4:13)

Why don't you begin by bringing someone to church with you on Sunday!

Your Pastor and Friend, *Kyle*

FEBRUARY

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27 9:00 AM <u>Sunday School</u> 10:00 AM <u>Worship Service</u>	28 6:30 PM <u>Boy Scouts</u>	29	30 6:30 PM <u>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</u>	31 6:30 PM <u>Girl Scouts</u>	1 8:00 AM <u>Putnam County Schools Developmental Screening</u> 9:30 AM <u>Van to Cupboard</u>	2
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Christian Community Cupboard: Macaroni & Cheese

The Christian Community Cupboard would like donations of **Macaroni and Cheese** during February.

The Cupboard really needs our support, so please add it to your shopping list!

Thank you, Barb Davis

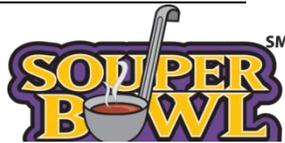
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Church News

SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON

It is bitter cold outside, and the thought of a long table filled with crock pots of hot soup sure sounds good...so mark your calendar now! The Mission Outreach Ministry Team is planning their annual **SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON** for Sunday, February 3. The meal and time for fellowship will follow the 10:00 am Worship service. The serving tables will have the crock pots of soup, trays of sandwiches, and a variety of desserts for your choosing.



There are sign-up sheets on the round table in the Narthex for bringing a crock pot of soup, a tray of sandwiches, or a dessert. If you have not had an opportunity to sign up, please plan on preparing your favorite food and bringing it that morning. Most important...please plan to stay after worship and enjoy the good food and fellowship, whether you are able to prepare food or not!

The bright yellow buckets will be on each table to collect everyone's "lunch money". Donations offered for your lunch will be given to our Christian Community Cupboard. If you have any questions, please speak with

Dianne Harrah or any member of the Mission Outreach Ministry Team.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 3, immediately following Morning Worship before the Souper Bowl Luncheon. This meeting is for reviewing and voting on the Pastor's Terms of Call. Please try to attend.



The Building and Grounds Team is organizing a **special cleaning day** at TVPC on Thursday, February 13, starting at 9:00 am. We will be concentrating on some inside cleaning tasks, such as the sanctuary pews, the closet near the Gathering Room, the counters, cabinets and drawers in the Narthex, etc. Please consider helping with this important task and bring your favorite cleaning supplies. For any questions, please speak with Bruce Davis or David Brown.

HAITI MISSIONS

Family Health Ministries has recently announced dates for two **medical mission trips to Haiti**. June 8-15, medical teams are going to see patients at the Blanchard Clinic and visit Leogane. The October 12-19 trip will work out of the Tom Gato Clinic and stay at the Palms Inn Hotel in Port-au-Prince and the FHM Leogane guesthouse.

TVPC members have participated with these medical mission trips in the past and have found the experience to be quite rewarding. You are part of a team running a clinic and performing medical exams for four days. If you are not medically trained, you would be working in triage (gathering information about why they need to see the doctor), getting their vitals, or working in the pharmacy. Each team has medical doctors and nurses (also needed). Kathy Walmer, Executive Director of Family Health Ministries, will be leading both teams, and she is seeking volunteers. She notes that

the facilities where the teams will be staying have hot water, air conditioning, and good food.

Laura Lees and Linda Hansen are considering the June medical trip. If anyone is interested in learning more about this mission in Haiti and possibly joining them, please let them know.

LOCAL MISSION PROJECTS

The Mission Outreach Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who has donated boxes of oatmeal packets for our school support mission for students at George Washington Elementary School. We give them 170 packets of oatmeal each month for their weekend backpack food buddies program. We should be close to having enough packets for this semester of school.

Thanks for the oatmeal!

After seeing a Facebook post about needed items at Recovery Point WV, Mission Outreach team members decided at the January MOMT meeting to inquire about how we could help them with their needs. Recovery Point WV is a nonprofit organization offering addiction recovery services at no cost to clients across the state. TVPC has supported the women's site in Charleston and the men's program in Huntington. A call to Rachel Thaxton, development specialist and former director of the Charleston site, determined that an ongoing need is for **feminine hygiene products** for the women in Charleston.

The Mission Outreach Ministry Team will collect feminine hygiene products through the month of February. Please consider purchasing some of these items and placing them in the basket in the Narthex. If there are any questions, please speak with chairperson Dianne Harrah or Linda Hansen.

FEAST before you FAST

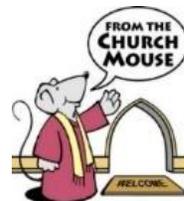
That's what we'll do on Sunday, March 3rd right after worship service. Come and join all for

pancakes, sausage, bacon, and drinks. I'll be there, will you? In the meantime, stay sweet.

TVPC has a new sign.



After discussion in a recent Evangelism Ministry Team meeting, Bruce Davis designed and purchased the 4' x 6' banner that is presently hanging on the wall of the steps going downstairs. Bruce and team members have found that there are times that we could use the extra signage, such as for our service and picnic at Valley Park and during the Fall Festival. Also, we have groups such as the Scouts, Weight Watchers, Putnam County Schools, and various neighborhood homeowner groups who use our building and would see our message to "join us on Sundays at 10 am". **Thank you** to Bruce for providing the banner for our many possible uses.



Brrrr ... happy February to all you great folks, stay in and warm - To warm you up I have been checking February's almanac so we can get our garden vegetables on the way ... it is time to start onions from seeds and start your parsley indoors .. and Groundhog Day always falls on February 2 ... if the groundhog sees his shadow on February 2, we will have 6 more weeks of bad weather, but if not, we can celebrate and get ready for warmer weather coming. The weather has sure been "bone-chilling" as far as I am concerned, but it wont be as long as it has been (hopefully) ... Here is a puzzle for you ... What's that in the fire, and not in the flame? What's that in the master and not in the dame? What's that in the

courtier, and not in the clown? What's that in the country and not in the town? What am I? (the answer is up beside the "Church mouse" I better close for now, stay warm and nice ... An act of kindness always pays off... Luv CM

P.S. I was at lunch at Applebee's the other day and saw the servers serenade Charlie Davis for his 91st birthday! Happy Birthday Charlie, and I hope you had a wonderful one!

O.W.L.S.



All are welcome to attend OWLS functions, you don't have to be retired or old to enjoy the fellowship of Older, Wiser, Livelier, Sexier people.

On the third Tuesday in January, 14 OWLS met at the Appalachian Cafe for lunch and fellowship. The Appalachian Cafe is a unique place. They have one meal on the menu and you can have it in large or small .We had an unusual taco, refried beans, a salad, soup and pineapple upside down cake. The Appalachian Cafe is a non profit restaurant and provides employment and meals for formerly addicted women. It is located in a former church on "D" street in South Charleston. There was a lot of talking going on and a lot of cards to sign and write remarks. It turned out to be an enjoyable experience. Stay sweet.



Hannah Circle



All women are invited to join us for an evening of Bible Study, refreshments and fellowship. Our next meeting is February 5th at 7pm.

Member Spotlight...



If you know someone who is looking for a church, recently moved, or would just like to come to sing a few songs with us, please feel free to invite them! We are always looking for more smiling faces to join us at TVPC and you never know, they could be the next Meet Our Members Shout Out

Recent Prayer



RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS

ALICE BROYLES —healing
LINDA CHAFIN – Health concerns
BEN & TINA COBB
CAROLYN DAVIS – Health Concerns
NANCY HILL – recovery
CATHERINE KING – manor resident – various health problems
TONEY MARSHALL – Dad/In-law to Toni & Danny Harris
MARK NEWMAN
MARY SATTERFIELD – complications from diabetes
ELIZABETH SCHUSTER – asking for strength
STU SCHWALM – recovery from surgery – Marci Ingram's dad
SHARON SHREVE – asking for strength and guidance
PAYTON SOWARDS
RAY and BARB STRINGER
RISHEL AND SANDY WALKER
DORIS WALL – cancer (Sandy Walker's Sister)
MARTHA WILLIAMS – health issues (Ben Vest's sister)
PRAY for our nation and our military
PRAY for Missionaries and Christian Refugees
If you have a prayer request please contact:
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



-  02/06 Sam Ingram
-  02/11 Stephan Serfontein
-  02/13 Don Farmer
-  02/15 Tony Harrah
-  02/22 Lauren Lilly
-  02/22 William Lilly
-  02/23 Lisa Schuster
-  02/24 Elijah Jarvis
-  02/25 Jeffrey Conaway
-  02/28 Anita Yeager Smith

Hurricane Library - Secret Valentine Week

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Feb 4, 2019

Spread the love this Valentine's Day! Stop by the Hurricane Library during the week of February 4 - 8 to make a special "secret" Valentine which will be sent to residents of a local nursing home. All ages can participate in this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2262880973949272/>



Bruce & Barbara Davis 02/08



How to receive your newsletter in the future:

Contact Sara if you would like to get on the mailing list for a printed copy, even if you also receive a digital copy. Currently, the printed newsletter will be in black and white. The digital copy which will go out to everyone on our email list. It will be as a Portable Document Format (PDF). We recommend either Foxit Reader or Adobe Reader to open these documents. These readers are both available at no cost. Many people may already have the Adobe Reader installed.

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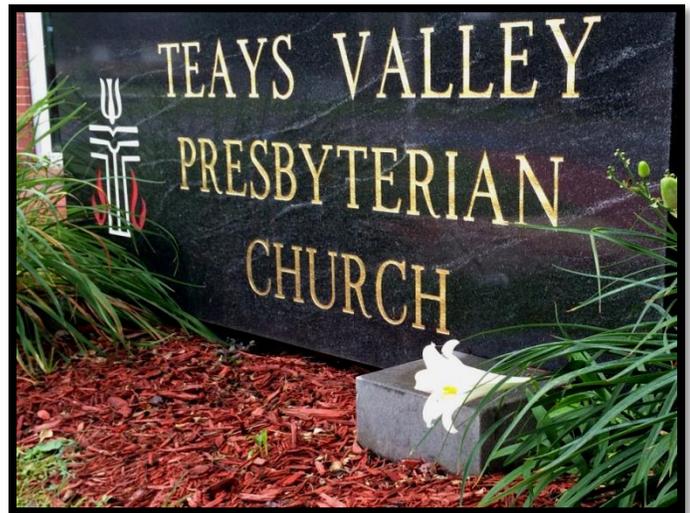
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Mondays at 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays at 9:00 am

Girl Scouts
Thursdays at 6:30 pm

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