

Teays Valley Presbyterian Church

The Valley Viewer



JANUARY

2019

Pastor's Point of View

But forget all that – it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do a brand-new thing. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness for my people to come home. I will create rivers for them in the desert!”
Isaiah 43:18-19

Greetings Dear Friends!

I hope you enjoyed the Holiday Season as much as I did! I really enjoyed our Christmas Family Gatherings and all our Advent activities. I want to thank the many people who worked so hard to make them possible! We changed the time for our Christmas Eve Service to hopefully make it more convenient and available to others. It seemed to work with a much better attendance than last year. It will be good to get some feedback about how it worked out as opposed to our previously 7:00 or 7:30 times. Hopefully, we will see many of those who attended our Christmas Eve Service regularly on Sunday mornings!

On a more personal note, I want to thank you for your thoughtful cards and gifts! Each and every one was special and meaningful to Chris and me! Thank you! It was also a blessing to have our children, Sarah and her husband, Riley, Josh and Jonathan all home for a few days! We had a good time being together. I hope you were able to enjoy some time with your out of town family members as well!

As we look forward to a New Year, I always love this time of year! While I sometimes find myself a little sad after the Christmas Season, I love turning the page and looking ahead and thinking about the opportunities that lie before us. We never know what the future will bring us, but we always know that God will be with us no matter what comes our way.

I started a new devotional for this year. It is entitled, “Jesus Always” by Sarah Young. She also wrote the wonderful, “Jesus Calling” devotional. Her devotionals are written as though Jesus is speaking to us in the first person. As we begin a New Year, I would like to share with you, her “Jesus Always” devotion for January 1:

“Do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! As you begin a fresh year, rejoice that I am continually working newness into your life. Don't let recent disappointments and failures define you or dampen your expectations. This is the time to make a fresh start! I am a God of unlimited creativity; expect Me to do surprising things in this year that stretches out before you.

Today is a precious gift. The present moment is where I meet with you, beloved. So, seek My Face throughout this day that I have made. I have carefully prepared it for you – with tender attention to every detail. I want you to rejoice and be glad in it.

Search for signs of My loving Presence as you journey along the path of Life. Look for the little pleasures I have strewn alongside your pathway – sometimes in surprising places – and thank Me for each one. Your thankfulness will keep you close to Me and help you find Joy in your journey.”

Sounds like pretty good advice as we start this New Year! May it be a year of growth and blessings for each of you, and for the Teays Valley Presbyterian Church!

Hope to see you in church and bring a friend!

Happy New Year!

Kyle



The Church Mouse has been a little under the weather lately and has not caught up on the latest news. However, she has not been too ill to celebrate the birth of her new great-granddaughter: Casey & Carrie Sowards are the proud parents of a baby girl, Jessie Elizabeth, born on New Year's Day. Little Jessie weighed 6 lbs. 1oz and was 19 inches long.

Congratulations, Sara, and we hope you feel better soon.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	31 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	1	2 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3 1:00 PM Member Care Ministry Team 6:30 PM Discipleship Ministry 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Shawnee District Committee Meeting (Scouts)	4 8:00 AM Putnam County Schools Developmental Screening 9:30 AM Van to Cupboard	5
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A Letter to TVPC from a church member:

To my friends and family at TVPC,

Christmas is a time to rejoice and celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It also can be a time to reflect upon the past year. As I was thinking about the past couple months, I have been marveling at our congregation and the love and spirit they have shown. I am certain that God has witnessed this, but perhaps some of us have not.

In the last days of this year, our church membership (though it is small) has completed six significant activities to the Glory of God, extending love and fellowship to each other and our local community.

Our church hosted three Sunday evening Christmas Family Nights, with many people enjoying a light supper together, time for making crafts, hearing Christmas stories and singing beloved Christmas carols. The last Sunday evening, everyone worked together and assembled 41 plastic shoe-box sized containers filled with personal items and Christmas goodies for the residents of Teays Valley Manor. A very special part of the Christmas experience was everyone carrying a couple of the boxes and walking down to the Manor and joining the residents in song and fellowship and then giving them the Christmas presents.

Also, during the busy holidays, TVPC hosted a Parents' Night Out on a Friday evening, enabling parents to have some time to relax and shop. Twelve children had fun making some crafts, decorating t-shirts, and watching a movie with popcorn. The parents, and especially several grandparents now caring for their grandchildren, were very appreciative of the free time given to them.

Though we did not host a Sharing Christmas party this year (but chose to do the Christmas Family Nights) we did "adopt" thirty local children and filled their gift bags with their needed and wished for items.

Everyone also very much enjoyed the annual Men's Christmas Breakfast on December 16...a fun way to start a cold winter morning with a good hot breakfast and fellowship with those seated around us.

All of these activities and then a beautiful Christmas Eve Service, and it truly seems that the "light" is shining at Teays Valley Presbyterian Church. Christ is alive among us! Heartfelt thanks to the many of our flock who stepped forward during this Christmas season, it has been special, and I admire and thank all of you.



We will be collecting **Toothpaste** during January for the Christian Community Cupboard. Any size and any brand will be appreciated. We served a lot of families over the holidays and now we need to restock our shelves!

Thank you so much to those who volunteered to staff the Cupboard in December. The people we served are always very grateful for the food and personal items they are given. It was a busy two weeks and well worth our time.

Teays Valley Presbyterian Church will provide volunteers for the Christian Community Cupboard the second two weeks in July 2019. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Thank you again for continuing to support this very worthy Mission Outreach program, and Happy New Year to you all!

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Recent Prayer Requests



ALICE BROYLES —healing
 LINDA CHAFIN – Health concerns
 BEN & TINA COBB and Family
 CAROLYN DAVIS – Health Concerns
 NANCY HILL – recovery
 CATHERINE KING – manor resident – various health problems
 ELIZABETH SCHUSTER – asking for strength
 STU SCHWALM – recovery from surgery – Marci Ingram’s dad
 SHARON SHREVE – asking for strength
 DEBBIE SOWARDS
 RAY and BARB STRINGER
 JACK VAN DYKE, III – health issues
 RISHEL AND SANDY WALKER
 DORIS WALL – cancer (Sandy Walker’s Sister)
 BETTY WHITE
 MARTHA WILLIAMS – (Ben Vest’s sister)
 ANITA YEAGER – recovery
 PRAY for our nation and our military
 PRAY for Missionaries and Christian Refugees
 CONDOLENCES to Steve Allison and family on the death of his father on December 22. Please keep them in your prayers.

If you have a prayer request please contact: Pastor Kyle – 540-40-1042; Bill Hensley – 304-757-8599; Or Dianne Harrah – 304-549-0026



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.*

Thirteen OWLS attended the luncheon at Shonet's in Milton on Tuesday, December 18th. The food was good and inexpensive, the service was great and the fellowship even greater. Dianne Harrah hosted the event and brought everyone a Santa Claus treat. Nancy Hill brought many cards to be signed and sent. Next month, the Vests will host the luncheon. Where will we go? Who knows. Stay sweet and enjoy a great 2019.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

-  1/8 Luke Ingram
-  1/8 Mary Smith
-  1/10 Barbara Cope
-  1/10 Reggie Lowe
-  1/12 Linda Hansen
-  1/14 Laura Lees
-  1/16 Martha Buchanan
-  1/19 Jeffrey Boggess
-  1/19 Mason Burchett
-  1/22 Teddy Boggess
-  1/22 Izabella Burchett
-  1/23 Savannah Cobb
-  1/23 Charles Davis
-  1/23 Peyton Sims

- 1/11 Ray & Barb Stringer
- 1/12 Steve & Janet Allison
- 1/15 Richard & Nancy Alker



Here are some scenes from our Family Christmas Nights held on Sunday nights in December.



THANKS TO ALL who helped make these nights possible!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Teays Valley Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone to come as you are. We strive to strengthen the Biblical Faith of individuals and families on the move. We seek to build community through Christ-centered worship, intergenerational ministries, and compassionate outreach.

Together - learning to live God's love

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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