

“Growing Spiritually as Individuals and as a Church”

Hi All:

Feedback from last year was great, so we're going to do it again: November 5th is remembrance Sunday, where we'll be remembering family, friends and others who have passed over the last year during the service. Please send a photo -- preferably electronic but we can scan a hard copy -- and a line or two about the person: name, dates of birth and death, perhaps a sentiment and your name to church office by October 27th. The church email address is firstbaptistchurch@firstbaptistbeloit.org

We are trying to reach out to all current and past church members between 18 and 27 years old. We want to make sure they know we're thinking about them no matter where they are, whether in college, trade school, working for a living, in the service, married and raising a family or anything else! So, please send us a current email address (or other electronic way of reaching them like FB messaging). They will receive the Midweek Update and the Monthly Builder. In addition, during the week between Christmas and New Year's I would like to take all of them out for lunch (along with a significant other) at Domenico's, tentatively on the December 28th.

Yesterday, an old friend let me know his daughter and son-in-law lost their home to the fires in California. Many others in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and elsewhere have lost their homes recently. Please join me in a prayer for them, asking for the strength to carry on, for grace and for people they can trust to help see them through.

God be with you,
Pastor Eric

Circle of Caring

Lois Strothman, Sue Strickler, Kathy Mentele, Teresa McLaughlin,
Anne Lundquist, Barry Lockhart, Karen Lancaster, Bev Darrow, & Jackson Arneson

(Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless the office is notified.
This will help the pastor and diaconate receive updates to provide closer care.)

As Christ leads this church through a season of leadership transition, we want to remember to pray for:
- The Congregation's lay leadership, as we listen for whom God is calling to minister in Beloit.
- The Minister God is preparing, even now, to become the next Senior Pastor of this church.

Caritas News: The Annual Empty Bowl fund raiser to benefit Caritas will be held on October 21st from 11:00am – 4:00pm at The Castle, 501 Prospect Ave. Admission is \$10 for adults & \$5 for children under 12. The price includes a chef salad, soup, bread, & a beverage. See Shirley Swanson for tickets or buy them at the door.

The Assemblyman: are coming to perform here at the church on October 22nd at 1:30pm

NUTS, NUTS, NUTS!: BYKOTA's annual fundraiser is here! We'll be excepting orders until October 27th & they'll be here before Thanksgiving. Nuts & candies are great gifts!

Trunk or Treat: will be on Saturday, Oct 28th from noon to 2:00pm. Donations of candy should be dropped off before October 26th if you don't want to decorate your car and hand out candy that day.

Fall Clean Up: The Church needs your help on Saturday, October 28th starting at 9:00 am. We are planning a fall clean-up day and would like everyone to chip in where they are able to. Thank you

Fall Advance Dinner: is Sunday, October 29th. A potluck sign-up sheet is on the island in the Gathering Room. A – E: Hot Dishes, F – M: Desserts, N – Z: Salads.

Doves and Diamonds Gala: will be held on November 4th from 6:30 – 10:30pm. Dinner, silent auction and more to benefit the Beloit Regional Hospice. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at the door. Many of our parishioners have been blessed with the services of this organization, and our own Mark Maxted is a Chaplin there. The brochure and a sign up sheet will be in the Narthex.

Operation Christmas Child-2017: Once again it is time to start thinking about packing shoeboxes. Please use the printed boxes provided for you as they pack uniformly. **Don't** tape boxes shut as the \$9 check made out to **First Baptist Church** for postage, needs to be removed. Toothpaste or candy is NOT allowed this year. Details are printed in the Builder. Boxes available in the Gathering Room.

Sunday Morning Greeter: We need your help welcoming people coming to worship with us on Sunday mornings. Contact Jan Diderich at 815-389-4905 or email: diderichjd@gmail.com to schedule your Sunday! Your time is appreciated!

Youth Group Fundraiser: we are currently collecting aluminum & tins cans as a fundraiser. The first Sunday of every month Janice Egleston will collect the cans after the worship service. Please separate aluminum from tin and remember to rinse and remove the paper. Thank you!

Church Sanctuary Photo Cards: are available for sale in the Gathering Room. They are located by the mugs and are selling for \$4.00 each.

Nursery Volunteers: there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for people to volunteer to sit in the nursery with the little ones ages 0 to 5.

Books: Please donate reading books to the church for our Free Library.

Need a Ride to Church? Janice Egleston can get you here for the Sunday Morning Worship Service! Call her at 608-921-5095 to make arrangements.

2017 Worship Bulletin Recognition: Please sponsor a Sunday bulletin in memory or honor of a loved one or a special occasion. Fill out the white form in the narthex & drop it to off in the office. Include a check for \$15. You will be notified if the date is not available.

Calendar

Wednesday	October 11		Happy Birthday Alyssa!
Thursday	October 12	6:30 pm	Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	October 14		Annual Gathering
Sunday	October 15	9:30 am	Worship Service
		10:45 am	Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Monday	October 16	7:00 pm	Pulpit Committee Meeting