



The Falling Waters Messenger

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Billy Graham's Prayer for the New Year

This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant this year.

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year, we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end." (Psalm 119:33)

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Psalm 33:12)

As we look back over this past year, we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank you for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

Amen



Pray Without Ceasing

Bill and Billy Berg
Joan Chambers
Jimmy Cloud
Kenny Cushwa
Susie Cushwa
Mary Hodges
Irvin Horst
The Lantz Family
Ted Largent
Pastor Debra
Tink Manor
Pete Mekkelson
Virginia Snyder
Carolyn Weidman
Bill Zombro



January Greeters

John Fleagle - Head Greeter

1 (11:00 am) John and Fawn Fleagle, Brenda Carper
8 John Fleagle, Becky and Larry Brown
15 John Fleagle, Dorothy Hurley, Shelly McFillan
22 John Fleagle, Archie and Heather Locke
29 John Fleagle, Denny and Darla Grove

Communion Schedule for 2017

January 29
February 26- Transfiguration of the Lord
March 19
April 13 - Maundy Thursday
April 23
May 21 - Presbyterian Heritage
June 4 - Pentecost
July 16
August 20
September 10
October 12 - World Communion Sunday
November 26 - Christ the King/Reign of Christ
December 17

Nursery Attendants

January 1	No Nursery
January 8	Heather and Archie Locke
January 15	Ruth Berg, Marge Chamblin
January 22	Anna and Adam Collis
January 29	Beth and Tiffany Henry

Birthdays

January 1	Sue Pinto
3	Kate Lewis Brown
5	Kameri Smoot
7	John Fleagle
7	Katie Peach
17	Maxine Taylor
20	Beth Fleagle
21	Audrey MacDonald
24	Jacob Hylton
26	Ruth Berg
27	Nancy Spangler
29	Buddy Brown



Movie Night



Please join the fun as the Fellowship and Recreation Committee presents **Dinner & A Movie Night** on January 21. The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at Kitzi's at Spring Mills, followed by the movie, at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

Guest Minister

While Pastor Debra is on vacation, **Rev. Carl Howard** will be our guest minister on January 1 and 8. He will also be providing pastoral care. If you need to get in touch with him, his phone # is: 304-754-3814.

Maintenance Committee Needs Your Help

To avoid a fire hazard everyone needs to help make sure that all materials are kept clear of the **electric heaters** in the Sunday School rooms, Fellowship Hall and church offices.

Volunteers are needed for **snow shoveling** this winter. The parking lots and driveways are professionally plowed by Tink Manor but the sidewalks will need to be cleared for the church office hours and Sunday worship. If you can help, please sign the sheet posted in Fellowship Hall.

Snow cancellation policy: if school is canceled due to snow, the church office will be closed and all church activities will be canceled. Worship cancellations will be announced via e-mail by 8:00 a.m.

There will be only one **burn pile** located at the rock break at the end of the paved parking lot. It is for vegetative matter only, not for household trash, plastic or wire.

Flock Notes

Get well wishes go out to **Susie Cushwa, Tink Manor and Carolyn Weidman**, all of whom had surgery in December. Susie and Tink had knee replacements and Carolyn had a valve repair. Our prayers are with all of you as you recover.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of **Skip Lantz**, whose father passed away in December.

Congratulations to **Jon and Kelsey Blaine**, who are expecting their first baby in June.

Warm the Children Thanks You

On behalf of the Journal and **Warm the Children Fund**, Patty Runkles would like to thank the congregation for its generous support of this program to provide warm clothing to the children of Berkeley County at Christmas. Our congregation's donation of \$660.00 was greatly appreciated.

Thank You from The Amazing Grace Fund

The **Amazing Grace Fund** wants to express its appreciation for your generosity in helping families in the Marlowe/Sportsman's Paradise area this holiday season. Your personal commitment and gracious support of money, paper goods and turkeys was incredibly helpful and allowed us to provide Christmas for 20 families including 32 children and 10 senior citizens. Each family received a turkey, roasting pan and a large bag of paper goods, toiletries and cleaning products. Tuscarora PC assisted with boxes of food and some type of Christmas gift for each child. The true meaning of Christmas giving was accomplished through your acts of kindness.

Annual Reports to be Received



Please join us for a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on February 5th to receive the **Annual Sessional Reports for 2016**.

Favorite Hymns

Please fill out a form located on the small table in back of the sanctuary if you have any favorite hymns you wish to sing in the New Year.

We Remember

The poinsettias adorning our sanctuary
are in honor and memory of:

Richard and Larre Adams
Jack G. Baumbaugh
William and Lena Berg
Jordy Carper
Gary Carper
The Parents of Marge and Richard Chamblin
Donald and Katherine Cushwa
Wayne Cushwa
Ellis and Virginia Donaldson
Rog and Lucille Fleagle
Edmund Goodell
Karen Grove
James "Nick" Hawthorne
Louis and Reva Hilliard
John and Valeria Horner
Madalyn Horst
Geraldine Aikens Keesecker
Jack and Glenna Laing
Doc Linton
Richard McKinley
LeRoy and Ruth McWayne
Melissa Burke Moran
Louise Mullenax
Leo and Irene O'Niell
Anna Osbourne
Richard Pill, Sr.
Thelma and Paul Pittsnogle
Noah and Deronda Rickman
Sam and Margaret Ruble
Herbert and Ethel Runkles
George and Sally Tobin
Paula Diane Tobin
George and Pauline Webber
Lee and Florence Weidman
Laura Mae and Arthur Wydner
Jean Zombro

*...and many more not specifically
named.*



Congregational Meeting Called

January 15, immediately following worship
to elect:

Elders for the Class of 2019
Trustees for the Class of 2019
Congregation's Nominating Committee for 2017

Thank You!

The **Fellowship and Recreation Committee** would like to thank all who contributed for the coffee hour in 2016 and to those who helped with receptions. There are many serving dishes in the church kitchen. Please stop in and pick up yours.

The Worship Committee thanks **Susie Cushwa, Crystal Mason** for decorating our sanctuary so beautifully for the Christmas holidays. Susie and Crystal dedicated the decorations to the memory of their dear friend, Paula Tobin.

Fawn thanks the congregation for the Christmas gift card. It is her pleasure and privilege to serve as secretary.

Let's Celebrate!

Weather permitting, you are invited to a casual open house at the home of the Goodells on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 2:00-5:00 to help Kathy celebrate her 70th birthday.

No gifts please, but you may bring a check (or money) for Hedgesville Loaves and Fishes if you wish. Please RSVP to Kathy at 304-754-3607 or kgoodell47@comcast.net. If weather is bad, please call Kathy first.



Thank You Volunteers!

FWPC's outreach program could not happen without people from the congregation who volunteer their time. When thanking volunteers, I always worry that I'll neglect to include someone and I hope I'm not doing so now!

November Kidz Power Pac Packing

Fawn Fleagle
Becky Hawthorne
Diana McKinley

Stoney Creek Bluegrass Concert

Bea Taynton	John Brown
Brenda Carper	Kathy Goodell
Carl Howard	Marge Chamblin
Helen Brown	Renee Campbell

Christmas Music Concert

Ruth Berg	Fawn Fleagle
Helen Brown	Kathy Goodell
John Brown	Carl Howard
Marge Chamblin	Bea Taynton
Brenda Carper	

Hospitality Hosts

Brenda Carper	Lyn Hansen
John McKune	Margy McKune
John E. McKune	Ron Hansen
Kathy Goodell	

I would also like to thank the members of the congregation who attend the concerts. We need more people who will attend and act as unofficial hosts to our visiting patrons.

We are very much in need of more volunteers for the Hospitality Host program. Two of our hosts sing in the choir and can only host when the choir doesn't sing. Please consider helping out in this important program.

Kate Lewis Brown
Chair, Outreach

Saying Goodbye to an Old Friend

We lost an Old Friend. A giant century-old maple lived its last day. For generations we walked by, as its large imposing size quietly guarded our church and cemetery, providing warmth and shade, and in the fall spectacular beauty.

Ron Hansen