

STONE CHURCH NEWS



FEBRUARY 2020

It's February – the shortest month of the year, even with an extra day this Leap Year. Still, we manage to

pack a lot into this shortest month – Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, and Ash Wednesday all in 29 short, 24 hour cycles. Yes, February is the shortest month, but it's dark and it's cold, and it can seem longer than it actually is.

From the Pastor's Desk
Special Edition this month by
Mary Garvey, Minister-in-Training

I admit I frequently get into a little bit of a slump in February. The holidays are well and truly over, and it feels as though I'm just waiting for spring to begin. I understand why so many people decide to go south for the month! I can't do that, so I need to find other ways to battle the long, cold, dark nights of February.

One way I get through February is to think of it as a "reset" time - not a lot is expected in February, except that you have to pay the bills twice in one month. The quiet darkness can be a gift of time to reflect, to read, to catch up with friends – whatever it is you don't have time to do during the busier months.

Growing up Catholic, the question on everyone's lips this time of year was always "What are you giving up for Lent?" This is a question we don't hear a lot in the Brethren church. Perhaps because our heritage is one of simplicity, we should have already given up those extraneous things that hamper our relationship with God. I know however, in this time and place, things that are not from God creep back in to our lives. But "giving up" in Lent doesn't necessarily mean doing without - what we strive to get rid of are the things that crowd God out of lives, whatever that may be. In getting rid of these things, we make room for the Divine to enter more fully into our lives.

Lent is a time of spiritual preparation. Jesus was ready for temptation in the wilderness because of the things that he had given up, yes, but also because of the things that he had done – scriptural study and prayer, to name just two. He had made room for his ministry by getting rid of the things that stood in the way of his calling.

I'm more than halfway through my ministry placement here at Stone Church; and while I'm looking ahead to what comes next, I am also spending some time reflecting on the opportunities for growth over the last five months. I've preached, prayed, helped to plan and lead worship, planned an Advent devotional series, visited with congregation members, studied the Bible, read and discussed books, attended staff meetings, gone to the Forum of Churches meetings, and the ubiquitous "other ministerial duties as assigned." I've learned so much about pastoral ministry, and my experience here has strengthened my belief that this is indeed what God is calling me to.

There are always three or four layers of thought going on in our heads at any one given time, and one of those layers is frequently a song. The words that give me strength and hope during this time are from the hymn *My Life Flows On*: "What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth." Sometimes, it is hard to hear that far off hymn, but if we get rid of all the excess noise, it makes it a little easier.

Stone Church
Leadership Team Report
February 2020



“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”

The January Leadership Team meeting was a meeting of gratitude. Of gratitude and appreciation of the contributions, both large and small, both time and money, that make the life of this church possible.

The meeting began with an appreciation of Earl Kaylor’s life, and reflection on how this single person touched so many lives. It continued as each team reported achievements and activities, and John Wright described a budget deficit that was fortunately much smaller than anticipated. Hospitality Team summed up the feeling as they described, “When we need something done, people show up and do it!”

It was clear from the reporting that we at Stone Church accomplish a lot, and that this is only possible due to the contributions of so many different people. But even so, we can’t do everything. As we faced the realities of the 2020 budget, each team was asked to revise their budget to be as realistic as possible with the knowledge that if a team needed more resources than budgeted, it would be found somewhere. Witness Team was asked to make the largest cuts, with the hope that giving will be sufficient to restore those cuts at the end of the year.

I left the meeting with feelings of awe, gratitude, and determination. I felt in awe of this amazing church community, gratitude of the many, many people that contribute to the life of this church, and determined to be thoughtful about my own contributions. Is Stone Church ready to meet the challenges of 2020? Can we continue to have a vibrant ministry? Will we continue our witness both with our time and money? I believe we will. We will because we are a people who will continue to, “show up and do it!”. —Sharon Yohn, Vice-Chair

SUNDAY EVENING
FEBRUARY 16
6:00 PM
Stone Church Sanctuary



“Be still, and know that I am God.” ~Psalm 46:10

Come and enjoy this quiet and meditative worship service. Taizé is a style of worship using scripture, silence, prayer, and repeated phrases of simple, beautiful music to create a transcendent and peaceful worship experience. Many in the Huntingdon community have been joining the Stone Church community to enjoy this growing gathering of contemplative worshippers.

All are welcome!

2019 Fourth Quarter Finances (October 1 – December 31, 2019)

Income	Actual to 12/31	Projected	% of Projected
Pledged	\$252,180	\$229,148	110%
Not Pledged	\$21,785	\$30,200	72%
Trust Income	\$11,469	\$5,400	212%
Dividends	\$1,231	\$1,200	102%
Interest	\$16		
Endowment	\$1000	\$1,000	100%
Rental Income	\$305	\$1000	30%
Total Income	\$287,986	\$267,948	107%

Expense	Actual to 12/31	Projected	% of Projected
Christian Ed.	\$3,492	\$6,775	51%
Property	\$43,615	\$39,700	110%
Hospitality	\$1,176	\$675	174%
Deacons	\$671	\$1,550	43%
P&A	\$191,967	\$200,268	96%
Witness	\$47,494	\$46,960	101%
Worship	\$4,971	\$6,560	75%
Total Expenses	\$293,386	\$302,488	97%

Income	Actual	Projected
Total Income	\$287,986	\$267,948
Total Expenses	\$293,386	\$302,488
Net Income	-\$5,400	-\$34,540

For detailed financial reports, see the December 2019 folder at
<http://tinyurl.com/stonechurchleadership>

Please seek out a member of the finance team if you have any questions:
 Bob McMinn, Daisy Decker, Jeff Cloz, John Wright, and Jamie White

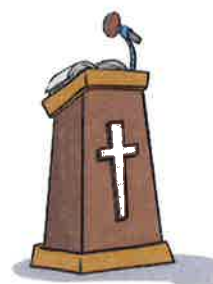
Upcoming Worship Series: *By the Manner of Our Living*



Our worship series, beginning February 9, will be a study of **the Book of James**. Much of this book is concerned with the ways in which our faith is demonstrated by our living: the ways we choose to treat each other, the ways we discern wisdom, and the ways in which we are anchored in prayer. The series will conclude with a focus on prayer and anointing, so we will have a time of anointing as a part of the worship on February 23. We hope it will be an inspiring way to prepare for the season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. You are also welcome to come and be a part of a service of Ashes in the sanctuary on February 26 at 6:30 PM.

Licensing Service for Mary Garvey!

Join us for a light lunch reception February 23rd following the **service of licensing into ministry** for *Mary Garvey*, happening during the morning worship service.



"With us in spirit..."

Below are members of our church family who, though they are not often physically able to join us in worship, remain with us in spirit. Remember them in your prayers, and with cards and visits! Please contact the church office (814-643-3390 or stonechurch@verizon.net) to add others you know.

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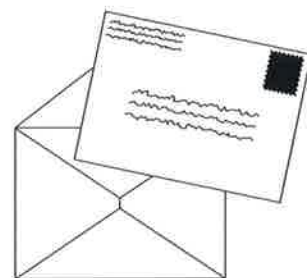
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Yvonne McKensie
Denny Rock



2019 Alternative Christmas Gift Bazaar

I've always been intrigued by numbers. You know, 16 cups make a gallon, 5280 feet make a mile. But, those aren't the numbers that matter to the ACGB Team (well, the 16 cups in a gallon of soup did....) Many calculations go into the plans for the 5 hours of bazaar day, but here are some of the numbers results from your ACGB Team (*Roxann & Jon Yon, Becky Plane, Belle and Jim Tuten, and Emily Elder,*):

- \$17,906.00 was collected at the bazaar, continuing the annual increase we've seen in giving to this event, with 233 separate sales slips (although some of us ended up with several slips!)
- 4 different soups = 212 cups + 5 soup sponsors + 37 loaves of bread + 124 scones =\$992 to the local fuel fund!
- 25 vendors making a global and local impact!
- 23 pints of blood collected, assisting 69 patients at the newly added Blood Drive held the week after the bazaar!
- 75+ volunteers for set up, tear down, and working the day of the bazaar!
- **20+ hours the ACGB team spent in meetings at church to discuss, organize, train, plan, and prepare over the year!**
- 40+ hours worked by ACGB team members individually at home to email, call, plan, type, and coordinate!

As for the prior 10 years, the 2019 Alternative Christmas Gift Bazaar called upon the Stone Church for support and you all proved your commitment to this event once again. Thank you is not enough, but Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

December 5, 2020 - next bazaar - please save the date!

And there'll be another **Red Cross blood drive** in conjunction with the Alternative Christmas Gift Bazaar. On Friday 13, 2019, we collected 23 pints, which, thanks to component therapy, can help up to 69 patients!
Please plan to participate this year on **Friday, December 11!**





A New Year Provides Opportunities to Make Change

I believe it is wise for all of us to periodically take a few moments to prioritize how we will use our time, talents and resources. It seems that the demands on these far from limitless aspects of our lives can become overwhelming otherwise!

Our approved 2020 budget makes serious cuts to several Witness line items; and, chair Andy Murray voiced, this was not an easy decision for Witness Team members to make. Giving to the Middle PA District was on this list. Pennies for Witness, the program we collect change for each year, is a District sponsored idea that is over and above what we pledged to give to the District this year via our Witness Team commitments.

Pennies for Witness is a program I feel strongly about and I would challenge you to be part of raising \$300 for them this year; making changes by bringing your change to church each Sunday!

To help you understand the relevance of this program, and what your change supports, read on! This program supports 4 different local ministries, and each of the next 4 newsletter issues, I will share details of one of the ministries. Starting this month with *Trucker Traveler Ministries!*

Truckers & Travelers: We all share the road with these men and women. Our businesses depend on their efforts. Some of us know folks who do long haul trucking for a living. Many of us have stories to tell about brief encounters with truckers. It can be a lonely job with time off far from home. Trying to handle household and relationship problems by text or phone call can't be easy. Breezewood is a major rest stop for a large number of these drivers, positioned between the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Interstate 70. We have found that having a ministry presence there has great value. And gentle compassionate Bruce Maxwell is the right person to connect with these travelers and let them know someone cares.

But, chances are that without funds from *Pennies for Witness*, the District would have to terminate support of this relevant outreach.

For those of you that find you have coins in your pockets or wallets that don't get used, this is a great way to lighten that load — And make a difference! Look for the bright yellow collection box at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays and on the file cabinet in the office weekdays.

Thank you! Carolyn Lidston



THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE IS HOSTING ANOTHER...



FAMILY PIZZA AND GAME NIGHT

February 21
5:30 - 7:30 pm



Plan now to attend this fun Friday event!

"Make your own pizza" will be provided along with other snacks and drinks.

Older Adult Luncheon

The Older Adult Lunch gathering will meet
Tuesday, **February 18 at 12 noon** in room 102.



If you know someone within Stone Church or a neighbor or friend who might enjoy this time of gathering, invite them!! Reservations are requested in the church office (643-3390 or stonechurch@verizon.net) by the Monday before.
...See you there!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The **Men's Monthly Breakfast** will not meet this month. Donna's Restaurant is closing due to weather concerns.

Stay safe & warm and join us in March!



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

Food Pantry Sunday—February 16

We will ask the children to collect your items as they come for the Young People's time. The February item for the Huntingdon Food Pantry is **BEANS**, but any items may be brought for the cause of helping alleviate hunger in our community. Donations at other times may be placed in the wagon outside the sanctuary doors by the organ. **IN January**, the item was Mac & Cheese and 92 Mac & Cheese, 10 beans, 30 soups, 1 ketchup, 1 BBQ sauce, and \$90 cash were donated to this local ministry!!



Summer Camp 2020 – This Is Our Prayer

Don't miss out on summer camp opportunities for children and youth ranging from 5 years-old to high school seniors, and families too! Regular registration is open through June 1, with *early bird savings* available before February 28. Families should check out the *Multiple Sibling* discount. Don't

forget that Stone Church pays half of the registration fee for our children and youth. If finances stand in the way of a child going to camp, look for scholarship information in the brochure and consider applying.

Brochures are available at the back of the Sanctuary and/or in the Conference Room; online registration at www.campbluediamond.org.

Hiring Summer Staff--Apply Now!

Might you or someone you know be interested in joining the summer staff? Camp is hiring counselors, lifeguard, ropes/tower director, naturalist, crafts director, and maintenance workers. Program Staff must be at least 18 yrs. old, and maintenance workers must be at least 16. Staff members must be committed Christians, enjoy children and youth, and live in harmony with others. Besides being fun, being on camp staff is a great learning experience too. Staff members grow in faith as well as leadership and communication skills. Pay is based on experience and ranges from \$200-\$250/week + room and board. Applications for 2020 summer positions are now available at www.campbluediamond.org.

Jr. High Retreat – Serve One Another

Enjoy a weekend at CBD with your friends and favorite summer camp counselors, **February 7-9**. Together we will look at the many forms of service we can do for one another, and we'll explore the Brethren's long history of service, including BVS. Don't miss this awesome weekend full of your camp favorites: friends, games, singing, worship, group building activities, sledding/tubing and much more! All youth in grades 6-8 are invited. Cost is \$60 (\$65 after Feb. 1). To register, complete a registration form or register online at www.campbluediamond.org.

Junior Retreat – The Fruit of the Spirit

Don't miss out on this amazing retreat, **March 6-7!** There'll be singing, games, a campfire, the Giant Swing, outside fun, arts and crafts, and your favorite summer camp counselors. We will learn about the fruit of the spirit, and how God uses us to be instruments of love! Everyone in grades 3, 4, and 5 are invited. Cost is \$30 (\$35 after Feb. 26). To register, complete a registration form or register online at www.campbluediamond.org.

Upcoming Events

Jr. High Retreat for grades 6-8	February 7-9
Junior Retreat for grades 3-5	March 6-7
Annual Dinners	March 27-28
Spring Cooking Camp for grades 7-8	April 3-5
Spring Work Day	April 4
Quilt & Craft Camp	April 17-19
Father/Son Retreat	May 1-2
Senior Adult Day	June 5
Hoss's Restaurant Fundraiser	June 14
Brethren Open Golf Tournament	August 11
Heritage Fair	September 19

Have questions?

Contact your Camp Representative, David Meadows, at 814-599-6017 or meadowd@juniata.edu.



Gene's Jottings

"Just As I Am"



Charlotte Elliott (1789 – 1871) was a well-known English poet and painter until disease left her disabled. At the age of 45, one day in 1834, feeling useless, she questioned why her God would leave her an invalid. But, after thinking at length about all the Biblical promises she knew, loved and had learned, she wrote them down. As she did, Charlotte started to feel better about herself. Her words became "Just As I Am," the most popular altar-call hymn for church services, crusades and revival meetings:

"Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God I come, I come.

Just as I am Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God I come, I come."

Charlotte remained bedridden until called by her God at age 82.

My son David, who lives in North Carolina, wrote to me during the recent holidays about living in a world of injustice and unhappiness:

"So as you go forward into the new year, it is my hope for all of us that we can hold the joy of the holiday season in our hearts all 365 days. It requires effort, but it is truly a labor of love. And the rewards are infinite."

This year of 2020 is a leap year. February, my birth month, has 29 days. What are you going to do with the extra day?

February Birthdays

3— Doris Comerford *90	14—Meta Meckstroth	18—Phil Paterson
7— Anne Rice	14—Karen Morgan	19—Donna Evans
7— Cheryl Ritchey	15—Monte Furry	21—Norm Navarro
7— Greg Stein	15—Laura White	21—Daniel Santos
7— Joanne Thurston-Griswold	16—Sylvia McDowell	27—Gene Goshorn
8— Robert Oldring	17—Sophie Fisher-Sneath	28—Norman Siems
14—Zachary Cloz	17—John Wright	28—William Meloy

February Anniversaries

3—Bill & Lori Fagan	4—Bob & Virginia Biber	19—Ron & Barbara Detwiler
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We Remember.....



Dr. Earl C. Kaylor, Jr.

September 24, 1926 – January 8, 2020

Noted scholar, author and avid sportsman

Earl Kaylor, my pastor (MANY years ago!), a friend of 61 years, a colleague, and “supervisor” of the building of my home at Westminster Woods! I miss him, as I know many of you do. Grounded in the tenets of the Church of the Brethren and a lover of history, Earl was a storyteller, par excellence, whose students loved him and gained an appreciation of the past of their country. His books on the history of Middle PA District of the Church of the Brethren and Juniata College hold a wealth of information about institutions he cared deeply about, and spent his life serving. We at Stone Church benefited from his life among us, as a member who knew us, served among us, and loved us. We returned that love and our memories of our friend will last as long as each of our lives. — Betty Ann Cherry

Earl Kaylor, 93, was born in Greensburg, Westmoreland County, graduated high school early in 1943 and soon earned his BA in history from Juniata College in 1946. He moved from there to Bethany Theological Seminary in Chicago, becoming an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren (COB) in 1949. Earl also earned an MA in History from the University of Notre Dame in 1951; and completed his educational odyssey by receiving a PhD from the Pennsylvania State University in 1963.

Earl began his ministry at the Westmont COB in Johnstown in 1953, and five years later left to accept a teaching position at his alma mater, where for 33 years he served as professor of religion and history; and at various times, a professor, athletic director, baseball coach, summer school director, faculty marshal and author. He wrote four books chronicling the histories of Juniata College and the COB.

Early in his tenure at Juniata, he was asked to be interim pastor here at Stone Church. His affiliation with our church began during his undergraduate years at Juniata and resumed upon his return to Huntingdon in 1958, lasting the remainder of his life.

Away from work Earl was an outdoorsman, enjoying his yard and gardens; and fishing, hunting, piloting his pontoon boat on Raystown Lake, hiking the trails of central Pennsylvania with his wife and friends, and playing baseball, basketball, handball. He ran two marathons and walked long distances regularly until he was 90. Earl volunteered, was involved the community, and loved to travel with family. Earl and Harriet Anne Beahm were married June 30, 1951 and had three children: Susan, David, and Jonathan. There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Earl here, March 7 at 11:00 a.m., followed by light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.



Worship Center Flower Sign-Up — Commemorate a loved one, special event or season with a floral arrangement or focal piece! Please sign-up on the easel board located in the back of the sanctuary. Most florists in town have a key to the church and will deliver flowers right to the Worship Center for you (some suggestions: Mowers Flowers, Weaver the Florist, Colonial Florist). Or make your own arrangement, bring in a beloved sculpture, piece of pottery, or anything that inspires you!

If you have any questions, contact the Worship Center Committee member listed by the Sunday(s) of your choice.



TRAIL THOUGHTS

TREKKING TOWARD GOD'S ADVENTUROUS FUTURE

A QUARTERLY PASTORAL LETTER FROM PAUL MUNDEY, MODERATOR, CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
WINTER 2020

PRAYER

GREETINGS IN THE STRONG NAME OF JESUS!

It's tempting to think of prayer as tame, but I don't tend to go there anymore.

Last May, our then 22-month-old grandson was accidently burned over 10% of his body. The details are not important, but it was a horrific experience. We felt we were suspended in an emotional bubble as the rest of life appeared to pass us by, unaware of our crying need. The one exception were the persons who reached out encouraging prayer. At first, I skipped over the significance of that initiative; it was nice, appropriate, but we needed more. Practically, we did, as we reached for skilled medical care. But as we reached for God, a marked change came to our inner being. It was as if we were lifted in our despair and transported—albeit slowly—to a window of promise. Our circumstances didn't change—resolving trauma is an extended, wrenching process—but our soul was fed and fortified in unpredicted ways.

Prayer does that. It feeds and fortifies us in trauma as it keeps us connected to God and others. Prayer is not readily quantifiable or dissected, but we dare not skip over it or view it as tame; in fact, prayer is an effective enterprise used by God to advance God's resources, making all things new, even in traumatic circumstance. In his classic, *Prayer*, George Buttrick suggests this as he quotes George S. Stewart.

"No situation remains the same when prayer is made about it. There are influences of many kinds... operating in every cause and in every soul...[having] power...in the battle between good and evil, but the decisive and essential factor...is the loving power of God called forth—or rather *made way for*—by the...prayers of Christian folk. For a time, things may seem to go on much as before—but the *decisive power has entered in*—and even mountains must move. *Prayer always creates a new situation.*"¹ (emphasis added)

Let that last phrase linger: prayer always creates a new situation. For as Stewart notes, when we pray, we call forth God, making a way for God's decisive power.

We need to call forth God. We need to make a way for God's decisive power, for have you noticed trauma is rampant and severe? For starters, we live in one of the most polarized, conflicted times in recent memory. Rather than finding middle ground, we tend to migrate toward the extremes—left or right, progressive, or conservative—driving our "tent stakes" deeper into the turf of our respective camps. In 2018, a national research study, *Hidden Tribes*, confirmed this reality.

"...growing numbers of Americans are segregated into echo chambers where they are exposed to fewer alternative ideas and fed a constant stream of stories that reinforce their tribal narratives. Over time, this environment spawns increasing extremism..."²

Extremism is not God's will; empathy is God's will, as we identify even with our fiercest foe as neighbor (Luke 10:25-37). A neighbor focus is critical, for trauma and conflict often stir among God's people. Just look at Paul's letters to the early churches—the majority were written to address conflict, even division. But Paul encouraged early believers to reach beyond division, to each other and to Jesus, nevertheless. Paul's words in 1 Corinthians are clarion and

convicting: "Some are saying, 'I am a disciple of Paul,' [or Apollos, Peter, Christ]. But let me ask you, is Christ divided up into groups? Did I die on the cross for you?" (1 Corinthians 1:12-13 TPT).

And so, a challenge. Think of a person in your church-life you're at odds with—a person from whom you are divided and distant, perhaps in a different "camp" or "tribe." Then, for the next 90 days, add that person to your prayer list and pray for them by name, in *Jesus Name*. I can't detail outcomes, but I do know, as George S. Stewart affirms, a new situation will be created.

I'm thankful a new situation is being created for my grandson. Over time he is healing in a hopeful way. I'm also thankful a new situation is plausible for each of us individually and corporately as the church. The nature of healing and prayer will vary for each situation—please hear this. But in some new-creation-way, life will be redeemed and restored through God as we pray. The outcomes won't always be identical to past circumstances, but they will reflect God's fruitfulness, sanctuary, and safety.

In *Death Comes for the Archbishop*, Willa Cather recounts the story of the Acoma Indians. Rather than restricting themselves to the Colorado plains, the Acoma Indians lived on mesas, even though accessing mesas required squeezing through narrow rock staircases. It was worth the discipline and effort because outside the mesa, the Acoma Indians were vulnerable to attack and the trauma of life: "...the sand was forever blown in new eddies, the clouds forever drifted..." But on the mesa, the Acoma Indians found fruitfulness, sanctuary and safety: "...earth and sky were in ceaseless change, but the mesa was fixed in the midst of fleeting time..."³ Reflecting on Cather's account of the Acoma Indians, George Buttrick reflected:

"Our generation...with body bruised, longs for sanctuary, for fruitfulness, for an abiding Home. Prayer [leads] to the true Mesa...[For] prayer is the rock staircase to an inviolable sanctuary, a courage to win fruitfulness from [threat and trauma], and a home, even amid earth's challenges, in the Eternity of God."⁴

I encourage us to access the rock staircase of prayer and find fruitfulness, sanctuary, and safety in God's mesa, in Christ. Much threatens us as people and the people of God, but new situations are created as we pray despite trauma. For prayer is not passive, but a calling forth of the Eternal God and God's decisive power.

With expectation,



Paul Munday, Moderator, Church of the Brethren

Discussion Starters / Questions

1. Think of a time when you were in trauma. Did persons offer to pray for you? What difference did you experience—if any—as a result of the prayers of others?
2. George S. Stewart declares that prayer calls forth God, making a way for God's decisive power. God can show up and exercise energy without our prayers—after all, God is Sovereign. Why then is prayer necessary and vital to our communion with the Almighty?
3. One expression of trauma is polarization, as many migrate to the extremes, huddling in "camps" or "tribes," e.g., conservative, liberal. What first steps might we take to move from extremism to empathy, seeing each other as neighbors despite our differences?
4. Through prayer, we connect in fresh ways to God's fruitfulness, sanctuary, and safety, but such outcomes manifest themselves in varied ways. Describe an instance when you had your doubts God would come through, but over time experienced God's faithfulness, nevertheless.

To Dig Deeper

George Buttrick. *Prayer*. New York: Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1942.

Timothy Keller. *Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God*. New York: Penguin Books, 2016.

¹ George Buttrick. *Prayer*. New York: Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1942, p. 106.

² Hidden Tribes, <https://hiddentribes.us>, p. 118.

³ Buttrick, 22.

⁴ Buttrick, 22-23.

February 2020

February 2020							March 2020						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
<p>9:30am Sunday School</p> <p>10:45am Worship Service</p> <p>12:45pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p> <p>4:00pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)</p>		<p>12:00pm Worship Team (Room 201)</p> <p>7:00pm Witness Team (Room 201)</p>		<p>8:45am Christian Ed. Meeting (Room 201)</p> <p>5:30pm B.B.S. (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:16pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:00pm Boy Scout soup prep (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)</p>	<p>8:00am Boy Scouts soup prep (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)</p>
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<p>9:30am Sunday School</p> <p>10:45am Worship Service</p> <p>4:00pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal</p>		<p>5:30pm Habitat for Humanity</p>	<p>7:00pm Leadership Team (Room 201)</p>	<p>5:30pm B.B.S. (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00pm Democratic Comm. Board (Room 102)</p> <p>7:00pm Democratic Committee (Fellowship Committee)</p> <p>7:16pm Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	
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Sunday, February 16

- Taizé Worship at 6pm

Friday, February 21

- Pizza & Game Night at 5:30pm

Wednesday, February 26

- Ash Service at 6:30pm