

# Bedford Lutheran

church with a heart

God's Vision for Us: To celebrate Christ, grow in faith, and share God's Love with all! February 2018

## A Message from Pastor Floyd Addison

Dear Friends,

The new year is well under way. Several new things are happening in our church that will have a significant impact on us all.

The Task Force, at its Jan. 9th meeting, decided to change its governing model from that of a task force to that of a Church Council.

Since we are a church and not simply a task group, our title should reflect that. The Church Council is the elected governing body of our congregation. Its members serve on several committees, e.g. Worship, Hospitality, Property, Finance, etc. and these committees do their work and report to the Church Council. Its leader is a president elected annually by the members of the Church Council. Gary Snyder is this year's President, Bob Hage is Vice President and Robin Wood is Secretary-Treasurer.

Members of the Church Council are reading and will be discussing the book "From Surviving to Thriving", which will help us in our plans to "facilitate growth in our church and its spirituality".

In other actions, the Church Council approved delaying the 2018 Stewardship appeal until the fall and extending the current stewardship cycle for another six months to accommodate this change. Gary Snyder will be explaining this in March, when the new campaign would have begun.

Robin Wood reported that 2017 was a successful year for our church financially, with income exceeding expenses by over \$16,000. She also noted that average attendance for 2017 was 31.

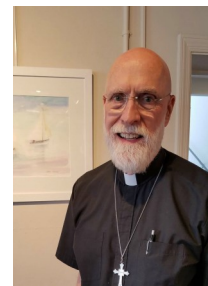
In a first step toward revitalizing our congregation, the Church Council reviewed a list of all of our members, active and inactive, to determine those we need to reach out to and welcome back, while encouraging all to be more regular in the participation in the worship life and fellowship of our church.

And finally, the season of Lent will begin with a 7:00 PM Wednesday, February 14th observance of Ash Wednesday. Members of Bedford Christian Church will join us and their pastor, Jim Compton and I will lead the service which will include the imposition of ashes and the celebration of Holy Communion.

Lots of good things are happening and we look forward to having you join in.

Yours in Christ,

Floyd Addison



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## Our Mission Partners

St. Michael, Blacksburg  
St. Mark, Charlottesville;

St. Paul's, Hampton

Trinity-Keezletown

Holy Trinity, Lynchburg;

Mt. Sidney, Salem;

Hebron, Madison;

Trinity Ecumenical Parish, Moneta;

Trinity, Pulaski;

St. Philip, Roanoke, and St. Peter's, Stafford

VA Synod, ELCA

## Annual Children's Souper Bowl Day of Caring-This Sunday- February 4th

The children will be collecting cans of soup, dollars and loose change this Sunday, February 4th (Super Bowl Sunday for football). All proceeds from this event will go to Bedford Christian Ministries. Children in the ELCA churches all over the country participate in this event to fight poverty and hunger. Let's help our Bedford Lutheran children in their support of Bedford Christian Ministries. Thank you!

## Church Council Meeting- Monday-February 5th

The Church Council will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 5th at 5:30 p.m. at the Parish House.



## Shrove Pancake Brunch- Sunday, February 11th

Please join us after worship for our annual meal of pancakes and sausage as we celebrate Mardi Gras and head into the Lenten season. The men will again be cooking. Always a treat!

## Adult Forum Class-Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

The Adult Forum Class meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. The group has just begun studying a 10-part DVD series entitled "The American Protestant Experience". All are invited. Please contact Fred Duis or the church office for more information.

## Sunday + 1 Bible Study- Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday + 1 Bible Study meets on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Kinzler, 1827 Vista Circle, Bedford unless otherwise posted. The group studies the books of the Bible. All are invited. Please contact Jay Johnson or the church office for further information.

## Women's Small Group- Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

The Women's Small Group meets on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. at the Snyder house, 1505 Wellington Drive, Bedford VA. Please contact Florayne Snyder at 540-583-5034. All women are invited.

## Monday Sewing Group

If you like to sew, please join the Monday Sewing Group. The group meets on Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at our Parish House at 728 Burks Hill Road, Bedford VA. The group sews a wide variety of items for our outreach projects. All are invited. Please contact Charlotte Duis or the church office for further information.



## Music Notes from Charlotte Farley

The **Third Sunday Singers** will present special music on **Sunday, February 18th**. Please plan to rehearse at **9:50 a.m.** Gentlemen and ladies, young or seasoned-all who enjoy singing are welcome in this group.

## Worship Arts Committee Meeting-Mon.-Feb. 26th

The Worship Arts Committee will meet on Monday, February 26th at 11:30 a.m. at the Parish House.



## Ash Wednesday Service- Wednesday- Feb. 14th

Please make plans to join us at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14th at the Bower Center for our Ash Wednesday Service. Members of Bedford Christian Church will be joining us. Pastor Floyd Addison and Pastor Jim Compton will be leading the service.



## Thank you from Loretta McKinney

"Loretta McKinney is very thankful for all the magnitude and specialness of the work of members of the congregation for Larry McKinney's memorial service. It was lovely with special refreshments afterwards. Very much appreciated!"



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# Worship Schedule

	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
<b>Greeters</b>	Bob Hage	Darlene Dyess	Ann Sites	Shela Wolford
<b>Reading</b>	Brenda Wolhfert	Anita Braun	Robin Wood	Shela Wolford
<b>Ushers</b>	Fred Duis Ron Wolhfert	Darlene Dyess John Dyess	Matthew Farley Robin Wood	Jay Johnson Gary Snyder
<b>Communion</b>	Gary Snyder	Florayne Snyder	Jay Johnson	John Dyess
<b>Altar Care</b>	Charlotte Duis Set up-Duis	Florayne Snyder Set up-Snyder	Ann Sites Set up- Johnson/Hagerman	Brenda Wolhfert Set up-Wolhfert

## Worship Attendance

- Dec. 31: 26 people; Jan, 7: 21 people; Jan, 14: 27 people; Jan. 21: 29 people; Jan. 28: 36 people
- Please submit items for the March Newsletter to Robin Wood by Friday, Mar. 23, 2018 or earlier if possible.

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## Pastoral Needs

Pastor Floyd Addison is serving as Interim Pastor. Please call him at 540-774-4165 (home) or 540-354-2921 (cell) for any needs. For Visitation, please call Gary Snyder at 540-583-5034 (home) or 434-203-9996 (cell) or Lyn Coppedge at 540-874-4098. For prayer requests to be shared with our community through email, please send request to [bedfordlutheranva@gmail.com](mailto:bedfordlutheranva@gmail.com) or call Robin Wood.

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