

# THE CARILLON



January 2018

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

January 7, 2018 Psalm 86:1-12  
"Teach Me Your Way"

January 14, 2018 Ezra 3:10-13  
"How to Begin Again"

January 21, 2018 Isaiah 43:16-21  
"Created for God's Praise"

January 28, 2018 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
"In Christ a New Creation"

- 7 Communion Worship 10am
- 10 Deacons and Trustees meeting 7pm
- 14 Worship 10am
- 17 Claridon Community Helps Dinner 5-6:30pm
- 21 Worship 10am
- 28 Worship 10am

Mondays: 7pm Grief Support Group

Thursday: 6:30pm Bible Study  
7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

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## DEACONS CORNER

### *Daily Devotionals*

Discussion to continue Daily Devotionals through all of 2018 was held. It is noted that for the 1+ year of Daily Devotionals it has been a great amount of work. Significant positive feedback particularly from those who participated in contributions. Their generous time and Godly words have been received with appreciation and heartfelt thanks. Many find these moments of reflection and contemplation to provide direction and peace as they start each day. More volunteer writers are welcomed to maintain a fresh and vibrant devotional series. Potential future recording of Daily Devotionals to be accessible was discussed.

Devotionals have been the church's most ambitious and successful community outreach program. Interested in sending Daily Devotionals to a family member or friend? Simply forward email or request they be added to the distribution list (send name and e-mail address to the Pastor or a Deacon)

### *Dinner and Concert Saturday January 13th*

***A Dinner at 5:30 pm in Social Hall (donations) and Concert at 7:00pm in Sanctuary (donations) on Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup>***. Helpers are needed for the dinner. The meal will be fully prepared, but help is needed to serve, (buffet style), help with beverages, clean up, and provide desserts. Please contact Carane Ladd if you are willing and available to help.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education had a busy December with Advent workshop and the Christmas Pageant and now we are on to our winter and spring sessions for Sunday School. We look ahead to some winter activities and projects, as well as our annual Easter egg hunt and celebration right around the corner in March! Our nursery continues to have children in attendance during the church hour and our Sunday school class can range from 4-12 kids on any given Sunday. It is so nice to see us growing in God's love! If you would be interested in helping either with the nursery or Sunday school classes, please let Jill Kellogg, Leslie Smetana or Pam Plott know and we would be happy to put you on the schedule. If you aren't sure that you are ready to take it on all on your own, we would be happy to assist you! Thank you for considering to volunteer your time with our children! It is truly a blessing to be a part of their spiritual growth!

### PRAY FOR:

Phylis and Orrin Valentine  
Sadie Stanley  
Bill Angstrom  
family of Phyllis Little  
Betty Peck  
Anna May Pollock