



## BRYSON CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b> (Office closed)  Steve & Patti Griffith  Dave Conklin	<b>2</b>  Cathy Benoit	<b>3</b>  Tim Kurr	<b>4</b>  Griffin Donaldson	<b>5</b>  Rachel Lackey & Jim Strickland	<b>6</b>  Ruthie McGowan Ann Lloyd Carden Oetting
<b>7</b> Epiphany & Communion  Derek Oetting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11 am Bible Study (The Hut)	<b>11</b>  8 am Men's Breakfast  1:00 pm - <i>PW</i> <b>Lois Circle</b> – (The Hut)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Linda Mitchell
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> OFFICE CLOSED- MLK, Jr. Birthday  Paul Butler  6:00 p.m. Session Retreat & Dinner (Fellowship Hall)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 11 am Bible Study (The Hut)  Julia Burrows  Mike & Dawn Letterman	<b>18</b>  8:00 am Men's Breakfast	<b>19</b>  Marilyn Monateri	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 11 am Bible Study (The Hut)	<b>25</b>  8:00 am Men's Breakfast	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Boyd Donaldson
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>BCPC's turn</b> in Food Pantry (6-8 pm)	<b>31</b> 11 am Bible Study (The Hut)			

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## **From My Heart to Yours...**

Greetings,

This time last year I was writing to encourage you after a year (2016) of ruts and forks along the road. We faced a lot of challenges and changes here at BCPC. And in the year 2017 we were still on that roller coaster ride, even though we were moving forward in a good direction.

In the past year we finished many building projects, as we worshiped in our new sanctuary. In the past year we had another Duke Intern, Katie Waltar, and were involved in ministries like The Restoration House and the Food Pantry. In the past year we enjoyed our first Youth Adventure Camp and our tradition of going to Montreat for our family retreat. In the past year we welcomed some new people into our house and began a spiritual growth group on Thursday evenings. In this past year one of our children, Carden Oetting, wrote our Christmas Children's play. We had an amazing Advent with song, story tellers, cantatas, flutes, violins and The Celtic Trio. And we had the largest crowd ever on Christmas Eve as we raised our candles high into the night in HOPE!

As we travel into 2018, we have a new staff with Tracy Folger on board managing the office and the Rev. Rachel Lackey as our new Minister of Music. We are fortunate to still have Josie Parker, who takes care of our children, and Renee Mercer who keeps our building clean. In 2018 we have a new session, with Collin Caldwell, Drew Campbell, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evens, Bob Jordan and Terry Palmatier, who are looking forward to connecting, creating and equipping us to form new small groups for prayer and spiritual growth, for community outreach and mission, and for fellowship, connection and care of one another.

I want to thank you. I thank you for supporting this church with your time and your generous gifts. According to our Finance Committee, we are in better shape financially than we have been in awhile, thanks to you! And since we didn't have an official Stewardship Campaign this year, the Finance Committee is asking that you remember to give in this new year, whether you would like to make a pledge, or just give regularly to the offering plate or in special gifts. A special need is the Building Fund, so we can fix the Bell Tower.

So, as always, going into a new year- *"I thank my God for you."* Grace and peace in this new year-

***Pastor Terry***