**Sunday, February 18, 2018**

**Prelude** Bob Cook

**\*Gathering Hymn** *We Bow Down* #154

**\*Worship Litany**  Sue Winton

Leader: Sing with joy! **People: Rejoice with gladness!**

Leader: The glory of God is here!

**Unison: Come, let us worship the Lord!**

\***Invocation**Sue Winton

**Children’s Story** Julianne Thomas

**Scripture Reflection** Pastor Janet

 Mark 9:2-9 “Transfiguration”

**\*Hymn**  *Heaven Came Down* vs 1, 3#510

**Worship Prayer** Pastor Janet

**\*Worship Litany** Sue Winton

Leader: A rainstorm, a flood, a boat, and a promise from

God.

**People: A rainbow, a dove, a sign of God’s promise.**

Leader: A river, a cousin, a baptism, and a promise from

God.

**People: A revelation, a journey, a ministry, a sign of**

**God’s promise.**

Leader: On this day, we remember signs of the past, and we

also remember promises for the future.

**People: Today, we are on a journey as ancient as the**

**earth and as refreshing as spring rain.**

Leader: On this day, we move closer to the cross, closer to

death, closer to resurrection, closer to Christ.

**Unison: All are part of our journey of living,**

**experiencing, and being the promises of God.**

**Children exit to Children’s Worship**

 ***\*Please stand if you are able****.**CCLI # 1631733*

**Scripture Reflection** Pastor Janet

 Genesis 9:8-17 “Lent? Huh?”

**\*Hymn** *Standing on the Promises* vs 1, 2, 5 #410

 **Discipleship Opportunities** Sue Winton

Giving of Tithes and Offering **s** Ushers

\*Doxology  **#**815

 \*Prayer and Lord’s Prayer *(using sins)*Sue Winton

**Benediction** Pastor Janet

**Postlude** Bob Cook

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**Welcome and Thanks!**

We welcome and thank Bob Cook for filling in this week as our pianist. Enjoy his beautiful music while we worship in God’s house.

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**Prayer Chain**

Jennifer Alvarez (see Greg West); Phyllis Baird family, John Caffrey (see Lisa Caffrey); John Ellison (see Greg West); Marilyn Gleason family; John Huddleston; the Sandy Huddleston family; Adrianne Hunter; Bob Hunter; Delores Jones (see Sherry Hiner); Tom McAvoy family; Joe McCurdy; Barbara and Charles Purtlebaugh; Cathy Rush (see Doug Hiner); Linda Schmidt (see Janet Smith); Sue Stockwell; Sherry Sunderman (see Kevin Winton); Autumn Wallace family (see Kevin Winton); Kevin Winton; victims and families of violence.

Remember our shut-ins and care facility residents: Virginia Compton; Ethel Humphrey; Dick and Betty Morgan; Betty Rabourn; Helen Walker; Billie Whittle; and Delcia Windsor.

Our Military:1st Lt. Matt Knox and Captain Robert Shoemaker

**Calendar**

Today NBBC and Zion Youth Group today

21 10 a.m., Bible Study, Romans

11:30 a.m., Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall

1-3 p.m., Euchre in Fellowship Hall

 6-7 p.m., God’s Bounty open to receive donations

22 1-6:30 p.m., God’s Bounty open to clients

24 8:15 a.m., Men’s Fellowship Breakfast at Wheatley’s

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**Looking Ahead**

March 18 Footsteps of Hope will join us for worship

25 Palm Sunday

30 Good Friday Community Choir practice (see article

in bulletin)

 7 p.m., Good Friday Community Service at Zion

UCC

April 1 Easter Sunday

7 a.m., Sunrise Worship at Zion UCC with youth

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*Truly wonderful, the mind of a child is.*

 — Yoda

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New Bethel Baptist Church

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Tuesday-Friday, 9:30-noon, 1-3 p.m.

Rev. Janet Hoover, Senior Pastor

Jan Nagle, Church Secretary

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**Welcome to New Bethel Baptist Church**

**We are blessed by your presence!**

February 18, 2018

Guests and Members: Please sign the attendance register in your pew. Remember to include your address, e-mail, and telephone number. Please leave the signed sheet in the register.

If you have questions or would like more information about New Bethel, please contact the church office.

Thanks!

**Calling all Women! Save the Date!**

Do you want to become closer to God and your sisters in Christ, relax and be rejuvenated? Then the 2018 Women’s Retreat is for you. The retreat is April 21st-22nd at the Benedict Inn and Retreat Center in Beech Grove. Put these dates on your calendar. More information will be coming soon.

 Barbara Fengya, Deacon

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**From the Church Office**

* I will give you a copy of the Annual Report if you need one.
* I need any address changes, email updates, phone numbers etc. for the new directory. It would help me if you would check the old directory first, then email me any changes to the church office at newbethelbapt@att.net.
* If you move equipment from its original spot, please tell me. I want to be able to help people find what they are looking for, and I can’t do that unless I know where things have

gone.

Thank you,

Jan Nagle, Church Secretary

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**Year-to-Date Finances and Attendance**

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| **2018 Finances and Attendance** | **Month of** **January** | **Year-to-Date** |
| Tithes/Offerings |  $ 8,931.13 |  $ 8,931.13 |
| Expenses Paid |  8,371.80 |  8,371.80 |
| Budget Needs |  13,145.00 |  13,145.00 |
| Average Weekly  | 58 |  58 |

**Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering**

Your generous offerings to the RMMO will be gratefully appreciated when they receive their checks later this year. They would say a hearty “Thank You!!” and probably add a hug.

This year we gave $735 towards the RMMO.

 Dick Juday, Board of Missions

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**Chair Yoga**

At Chair Yoga, we stretch and get stronger and more flexible. Come join the class on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Thisexercise is designed for those who have difficulty standing ormoving easily from one position to another. Sessions are thirty minutes, and you will feel better. Wear comfortable clothing!

 Barb Fengya, Deacon

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*Treat every day as it were the day before your last.*

 *—* John Ortberg

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**Lenten Bible Study – *Embracing the Uncertain***

A special Lenten Bible Study will start February 18th at 9:15 a.m. in the Discussion classroom. The name of the book is *Embracing the Uncertain* by Magrey R. deVega.

Just turning on the news lets us know we are living in uncertain times. This study will help us learn to follow Jesus with courage, hope, and obedience.

 Come join us for coffee, fellowship, and study starting February 18th. All are welcome. See Barbara Fengya for more information.

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

You all know what a Plan B is. Plan B is what you do when your Plan A doesn’t come together as you thought it would. We have all had to do a Plan B in response to some situations or events. And so it is with the church.

You were recently offered a Plan A with respect to sessions on Leadership and Leadership Development with Jay Kennedy and Jan Goodyear. That Plan A didn’t come together as we thought. That means that we are moving on to Plan B, and of course, you are still invited!

Plan B will go as follows: Monday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. on February 26th, March 5th, and March 12th with me as your teacher, general facilitator, drive-you-crazy person.

This switch to Plan B with respect to Leadership and Leadership Development came about at the most recent Church Council meeting. The hope is that more of you will be able to participate in Plan B. If this is true and you plan to attend, please RSVP to this invitation ASAP by contacting me at 317-862-4381, e-mail revjfhoover@gmail.com or text (317-670-6103).

I have invited the Council to provide me with specific topics and/or questions about Leadership that they would like to have addressed. I offer the same invitation to you.

I’d also gently remind you that your Christian Leadership extends beyond the church walls. Leadership by people of integrity and faith is needed in homes, families, schools, and all types of businesses and organizations near and far. I encourage you to prayerfully consider joining your brothers and sisters in Christ for this 2018 Lenten Study.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Janet

P.S. I love it when a plan comes together!

**From the Deacons**

The Deacons are beginning a new program to encourage and invite our young people to periodically participate in worship as Junior Lay Leaders. They will assist the adult Lay Leaders with the worship service.

Additionally, you are invited and encouraged to pick up a copy of the Lenten devotional booklets that are placed in a holder that is located on the table as you enter Fellowship Hall. Written by Kenneth Boa and John Allen Turner, *40 Days to Easter* provides scripture, thoughts for meditation, and a prayer for each scripture. As John Turner writes in day 14, “Easter begins at Christmas. Joy to the world!”

Sue Winton, Deacon Chair

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There are two moments that matter.

One is when you know that your one and only life

is absolutely valuable and alive.

The other is when you know your life, as presently lived,

is entirely pointless and empty.

Lent is about both.

The first such moment gives you energy and joy by

connecting you with your ultimate Source and Ground.

The second gives you limits and boundaries,

and a proper humility, so you keep seeking

the Source and Ground and not just your small self.

 — Richard Rohr, Wondrous Encounters

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**Update for the Directory**

Please update your directory to include Jaci Greig’s e-mail address, jakala.greig75@gmail.com and phone number, 317-431-1985.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As the Music, Drama, and Worship Team works on finding our next musician, we would like some input from you. We ask that you take some time and fill out the survey below and then turn it in to any of the members of our team by Sunday February 25th, or you can place your completed survey in an offering bag.

The information we collect will help us with some of the responsibilities we may be adding to the musician’s job description. It will also aid us as we plan our worship services. Thank you for your time.

Blessings,

 Julianne Thomas, Chair

Janie Bryant

John Huddleston

Adrianne Hunter

David Langham

Lyn Langham

***Scale for survey: 1 = not very much; 10 = very much***

1. On a scale of 1-10, how important to your personal worship experience is it that the choir, an individual, or a group provide special music each week?

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2. On a scale of 1-10, how interested would you be in joining the choir? (This is solely gauging interest in participating, not about the outside influences that might hinder actual participation.)

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 3. What are the hindrances that keep or have kept you from joining the choir? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. If the choir were to practice on Sundays after worship, would you be willing to stay for practice?

(circle) YES NO Other

Day/Time? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM

 5. What other talents (musical or other) would you like to see shared during worship? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 6. Do you have a talent you would like to share during worship? (We will ask those interested to sign up at another time.)

 (circle) YES NO

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**Volunteer Needs at ABC-GI Office**

General Cleaning – once or twice a month dusting, cleaning counters, microwave, refrigerator, etc. (The building staff vacuums weekly and empties trash daily.) One-two hour task.

Office projects – help with church mailings, filing, organizing materials, etc. This is particularly needed in January and late April and May to prepare for the Annual Gathering. One-two hours as needed.

Computer projects – help to maintain data bases, do updates, etc. One-two hours as needed.

Interested persons need to be available during office hours. Please call 317-484-9327 or email office@abcgi.org if you are willing to help our ministry.



* Thank you to Joe McCurdy for donating land to NBBC.
* Thank you to Kevin Winton for contacting all TV stations to report our closing last Sunday.
* Thank you to all of you for your generous giving.
* Thank you to Liz Ballard and Pat Darland for agreeing to co-chair the Mission Board for 2018.
* Thank you to Julianne Thomas and the Worship Team for the music survey.
* Thank you to Dick Juday for the RMMO information.
* Thank you to Bob Cook for being our pianist for our Ash Wednesday worship and for worship today.
* Thank you to Andrew Clark for being the first Junior Lay Leader.
* Thank you to Phil Nagle for lowering the hook in Pastor Janet’s office so that she may reach it easily.
* Thank you to those who attended Ash Wednesday worship.

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**Hearing Assistance Headsets**

Hearing assistance headsets are available for use during worship. Please see a Deacon if you would like to use one.

**Community Good Friday Worship and Choir**

Greetings Pastors and Music Directors,

I am Martha Main, choir director and organist at Zion UCC, and I am excited to invite all of your choir members and musicians to join in providing anthems for the Franklin Township Ministerial Association Community Good Friday service at Zion United Church of Christ (8916 E. Troy Avenue).

Bob Cook, who has served with you many times, will be conducting one anthem, and I will be conducting a second. The Bell/Chime choirs from various member churches will be playing in the service as well. We will be using chimes to help set the mood of the service.

Please join us for the following rehearsals or contact me at 317-459-6584 to receive copies of anthems if you cannot attend rehearsals. As long as you come forty-five minutes early Good Friday evening, feel free to sing with us.

* Rehearsals are at Zion UCC (8916 E. Troy Avenue, corner of Post Road and Troy Avenue) in our sanctuary (northwest corner).
* Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons, March 18th and 25th from approximately 3-3:45 p.m. and on Good Friday evening, March 30th at 6:45 p.m.

We hope you will join us for this Good Friday’s service honoring the gift of life that Jesus died to give us.

 Martha Main

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**Updated Mailboxes**

The mailboxes outside the church office have been updated. They

are in alphabetical order by Board or Committee name.

Jan Nagle, Church Secretary