



**Save the date: Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 6-7 p.m.  
It's the 2021 Care Net Virtual Banquet.**

*Registration information will be in February BPC Bulletins and the March Press.*



## Here's Your DIY Banquet Plan!

By Ellyn Roe, Care Net Liaison

### How to Do It Yourself – Some Ideas to Create a Special Meal

Plan a sumptuous (or simple) dinner for your household. I suggest salmon on the grill, chicken in your oven, or pasta on the stove. Add a Caesar salad or steamed vegetables. Serve some crunchy French bread or some squishy rolls and make a favorite dessert (AKA Anything Chocolate.) OR support a local restaurant or two and splurge on all your favorite take-out items.

Set a pretty table. If you can make yourself iron (ugh), lay a pretty tablecloth with fabric napkins. Or keep the iron in the closet and hide the tablecloth wrinkles with your best dinnerware and paper napkins. Consider fresh flowers or even just greens from your early spring shrubs. Light candles.

Dress up. Or not. You probably have not dressed up much since the pandemic began, so it might be fun to glam it up, but—there could be a great memory made by attending a fancy banquet in sweats and slippers.

Time your meal to be done by 6 p.m. on March 13, so you can enjoy it while listening online to Keynote Speaker Rebekah Hagan who will share her experience of abortion pill reversal, a story that will move and encourage you.

You will not be on camera, just experiencing the unique fun of feasting safely in your own home “with” hundreds of others. Prepare to be motivated to make a small or large special donation (electronically or through the mail) to support the ministry of Care Net of Puget Sound. Of course, making a contribution is optional, but...what a great way to take action in support of your life affirming values.

Invite family, friends, and co-workers to participate from their own homes. After the banquet, you could zoom call each other to talk about what you heard (and ate).

### Pray for this event.

Care Net of Puget Sound needs your prayers, enthusiasm, and support. And do take pictures of YOUR Banquet experience. Email them to me for possible inclusion in the April Press (ellynroe@comcast.net).



This monthly PAGE 2 column reminds us that a partnership takes two. We should all be active, on-going SENDERS partnering with the SENT.

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## PAGE 2: YOU AND YOUR GLOBAL WORKERS Twosomes Partnering with God around the World



Photo Credit: Church Pastor SS

Thumbs up for the camera from Zaporozhye Bible Seminary students on lecture break.

### THUMBS UP!

By Mark and Joanne Mackey

Studies continue for Zaporozhye Bible Seminary students. We have our largest enrollment in several years! Please pray for truth to take hold in the hearts and lives of many. Thank you!



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### Living on M

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### Sorrow and Hope in Chad

By K.D.\*

On the morning of Christmas Eve, I learned that a young man in my Chadian church tragically had died. He had recently been in a coma from a motorcycle accident and we had been praying for his recovery. Though I didn't know him personally, I know his mother and aunt, and his father is a church leader. This led to quite a different Christmas than I expected, as I spent many hours between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at the gathering at the family's house, along with hundreds of others (relatives, church family, etc.). All the planned Christmas activities at church were combined with the death gathering and were moved to the family's home/street. Though there was sadness, it also gave me fresh appreciation that God in Jesus became man and dwelt among us, experiencing the reality and suffering in our world... and dying and rising to give us ultimate hope.

Below: A few of the many trays prepared to serve a meal to the hundreds of people who gathered at the family's home.



Photo Credit: K.D.\*

# One Degree Off Course

By Pastor Bud

An Air Force pilot once told me that for every single degree you fly off course, you will miss your target landing spot by ninety-two feet for every mile you fly. That equals roughly one mile for every sixty miles flown. If you decided to fly around the earth, and you were just one degree off course at the beginning of your journey, you would be more than 400 miles off course when you finished.

At no time in history is it more critical that we stay on course theologically than in 2021. Just one degree off theologically can result in a host of troubling beliefs that end in disastrous behaviors. Here is one example of an “off course” belief system: the word of faith movement. Sadly, millions of contemporary Christians are floundering off course because they have been captivated by the message of prosperity, which is a thinly disguised form of Christianized egocentric hedonism.

False teachers are peddling their message with alarming success. While it would be nice if there were no false teachers, it will not happen. Note Paul’s warning to Timothy, *“evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived”* (2 Tim. 3:13). When you refute one group of false teachers, another group will emerge to take their place. So what is the answer? We must always check our course headings and recalibrate our theological thinking to come in line with biblical truth. Here are three biblical warnings that will help us stay on course.

### 1. Be aware of the weakness of the flesh.

Jesus said, *“Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions”* (Lk. 12:15). The words of Agur are also instructive, *“Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is my portion, that I not be full and deny You and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ Or that I not be in want and steal, and profane the name of my God”* (Prov. 30:8-9). Our flesh wants immediate satisfaction. When we suffer any discomfort,

we search for the strongest and quickest relief possible. We are prone to want more, better, bigger, newer. These are fleshly lusts that wage war in our members (1 Pet. 2:11). Being aware of this tendency will help us think twice before sticking our hand in the hole.

### 2. Be alert to the characteristics of false teachers.

The presence of a false teacher should be a warning sign that a trap is near. The Bible clearly describes false teachers. In almost every description, one of the signature characteristics is greed. The unrighteous shepherds of Israel fed themselves rather than the flock (Ezk. 34:2). Peter says of false teachers, *“in their greed they will exploit you with false words...having a heart trained in greed”* (2 Pet. 2:3, 14). Jude echoes Peter’s description, *“and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam”* (Jude 11).

### 3. Be attentive to the curse of greed.

Paul minces no words about the dangers of greed. In Colossians 3:5 Paul concludes that greed amounts to idolatry. That is to say, greed supplants God’s rightful place of authority and rule in a person’s life. Maybe that is why Jude says that false teachers *“deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ”* (Jude 4). Nothing is more clear than 1 Timothy 6:9-10, *“But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”*

Be aware, alert, and attentive. Know the propensity of your own flesh, be alert to the inherent traps of false teachers, and stay attentive to the snare and curse associated with the pursuit of greed. Always stand closely to the word of God as His provision of a reliable life navigation chart, and don’t ignore the dangers of being even one degree off course.

## Milestones

### Births

**Isabella Anne Siedenburg**

January 7, 2021

Parents: Trent and Ali Siedenburg

Grandparents: David and Kelly Siedenburg

Great-grandparents: Harvey and Diane Siedenburg

### Deaths

**Theresa Schmeichel**

January 5, 2021

daughter of Joan Dehn Whidden

## Church Leadership

# Your Boulevard Park Church Officers

Elected church officers serve for terms of three years, starting in January. Below is the complete list of officers along with a brief description of each office as outlined in the Boulevard Park Church Bylaws (October 20, 2019). Terms end at the end of the year listed.

### Installation and Ordination

New officers who were voted on in October, 2020, were installed on Sunday, January 24, 2021.

#### Trustees

Paul Clements  
Donna Lightfoot  
Todd Neumann  
Anthony Rice  
Bob Steiner  
Dave Will

#### Deaconesses

Peg Frederick  
Ginny Olson  
Jo Ann Peterson  
Sue Vercammen  
Dina Vogel

#### Deacons

Larry Bretz  
Luke Diener  
Bruce Lindquist  
John McGill

#### Church Treasurer

Pete Wagner

### Ordination of Church Officers

Those officers who have not served previously were ordained by Pastor Bud on Sunday, January 24, 2021:

John Siedenburg, Elder  
Ginny Olson, Deaconess  
Luke Denier, Deacon  
John McGill, Deacon

### Elders

#### Class of 2022

Doug Barton  
George Graham  
Dave Siedenburg  
Steve Roe  
Ken Carter

#### Class of 2023

John Siedenburg  
Bud Diener

**The Board of Elders is composed of the Senior Pastor and the Elders currently serving on the Board. The overall responsibilities of an Elder are to shepherd the Church and to exercise oversight of the Church.**

Membership on the Board of Elders is limited to men who are members of the Church, who have completed or are in the process of completing the "Elder Orientation" course, and who possess the qualities in these references: 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-3.

In addition, an Elder must be in full accord with the Statement of Faith, doctrine and practices, and must be willing to work within the organizational structure set forth within the Constitution and Bylaws of the Church.

### Trustees

#### Class of 2021

Bob Burton  
Bill Turner  
Tim Harder

#### Class of 2022

Randy Sneesby  
Allen Bowen  
Darrell Storvick  
Marty Bennett  
Sarah Struble

#### Class of 2023

Paul Clements  
Donna Lightfoot  
Todd Neumann  
Anthony Rice  
Bob Steiner  
Dave Will

**The Board of Trustees is composed of men and women responsible for the management, care, and maintenance of the physical property of the Church.**

Membership on the Board of Trustees is limited to men and women who are members of the Church, who are willing to serve, and who exhibit the qualities in these references: Mark 10:42-45, Philippians 2:1-4, 1 Peter 5:5-6.

### Deacons

#### Class of 2021

Barry Dubnow  
Russ Parr  
Don Hale

#### Class of 2022

Don Bowie  
Dick Frederick  
Greg Brown  
Tom Cross  
Phil Schaefer

#### Class of 2023

Larry Bretz  
Luke Diener  
Bruce Lindquist  
John McGill

**The Board of Deacons is composed of men who are set aside for the ministry of compassion to members of the congregation and community and for special service in areas of fellowship and worship.**

Membership on the Board of Deacons is limited to men who are members of the Church, who are willing to serve, and who exhibit the qualities in these references: 1 Timothy 3:8-13, Acts 6:3, Mark 10:42-45, Philippians 2:1-4, 1 Peter 5:5-6.

### Deaconesses

#### Class of 2021

Alice Hammond  
Sherri Henry  
Maria Carter

#### Class of 2022

Karen Cross

#### Class of 2023

Peg Frederick  
Ginny Olson  
Jo Ann Peterson  
Sue Vercammen  
Dina Vogel

**The Board of Deaconesses is composed of women who are set aside for the ministry of compassion to the congregation and for special service in the areas of fellowship and worship.**

Membership on the Board of Deaconesses is limited to women who are members of the Church, who are willing to serve, and who exhibit the qualities in these references: 1 Timothy 3:8-13, Acts 6:3, Mark 10:42-45, Philippians 2:1-4, 1 Peter 5:5-6.

# What Does this Verse Mean to Me?

By Steve Roe, Elder

“What Does this Verse Mean to Me?”...is an often, and sincerely, suggested way to apply Holy Scripture.

But do we truly understand God’s intended meaning, and is there a risk when our go-to thought is “What does it mean to me?”

The answer is “not necessarily,” and “possibly.”

A favorite Bible teacher, David Reid, observed: “Most of the Bible is easy to interpret” – “Aim for one, right interpretation. (There may be many applications.)” And there is a secret sauce.

### Secret Sauce

The secret sauce is contained partially in the first of Dr. Reid’s hermeneutical principles: “Meditate. Pray. Obey. Be Open.” Let’s break it down:

- Meditate – spend time on the passage. Read it several times, including the surrounding verses and/or chapter(s). Think about it. Maybe take a few notes. Determine the context, the author, the audience, the purpose and occasion of the book, i.e., the context. Really? All that? Yes, all that! Remember, STUDY/Be Diligent to present yourselves approved...
- Pray – ask God to reveal what the Divine Author intended to communicate through the pen of the human author.
- Obey – is there a direct command or a guiding principle to be understood, valued and followed?
- Be Open – It may be that in a new or a very familiar passage you will discover that the actual meaning may be different, deeper and more significant than what you grew up understanding.

### Try the Sauce!

Let’s look at a random example from Ezekiel 36:2 “*The everlasting heights have become our possession.*”

Was this statement the emotionally-charged, triumphant cry of well-placed hope? Does this Old Testament verse convey a promise we can cling to in 2021 to emotionally bolster us through tough times? Does this give us unwavering hope during the tension-laden challenges of Covid? Or better yet, does this verse describe our response to

the transcendent and majestic glory of our Creator and Redeemer when we approach Him in heartfelt worship, when our sin is confessed and our motives refined?

From the surrounding passages we learn that Ezekiel had prophesied for the Lord against Mount Seir during a time of the Edomites’ arrogance. The mountain itself would become desolate, marked by the ravages of the slain. Bloodshed would follow. God said: “*Then they will know that I am the Lord.*” But the Edomites had boasted: “We are ‘King of the mountain.’” “The ever-lasting heights have become our possession!”

Yet, God wouldn’t leave the mountain that way. In 36:8-38, through Ezekiel’s prophecy, God promised full restoration to Mount Seir. The land would produce crops once again to nourish Israel. Did Israel deserve redemption? No! God said: “...*It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name...*” You can go back and read this incredible account!

So, the best interpretation would reveal that this passage is not about hope during trials.

### Confident Interpretation

So what can we say with confidence about our passage?

- God judges the arrogant, the proud.
- God is jealous for His Name.
- God is merciful to those who do not deserve His favor.
- God is love.

As we move through 2021 may we all read the Bible as a consistent, critical and wonderful spiritual discipline. How?

Start with: “Meditate, Pray, Obey and Be Open.”

Be deliberate, set aside some time. Perhaps begin with a favorite Bible verse. Read the surrounding verses - maybe even the whole chapter to understand the context. Pray. Ask God to help you understand its meaning - His message. Ask yourself: how does the passage instruct or inform you? Your favorite verse may have new meaning. Your understanding, joy and confidence in God’s Word will certainly increase.

May God bless you richly as you spend intentional time in His Book this year.

## Be Diligent in Study

Our journey of faith is encouraged with study on both a corporate (in church) and a personal level; we are instructed to be students of God’s Word, the Bible. Paul instructed Timothy, a young preacher, to be “*Be diligent [study!] to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth*” 2 Timothy 2:15. In Ephesians 6:17, Paul reminds believers to live out their faith on the strength of God’s Word: *And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

(You can go to Pastor Bud’s sermon series on Ephesians to learn more! – <https://www.bpcburien.com/sermons/>)

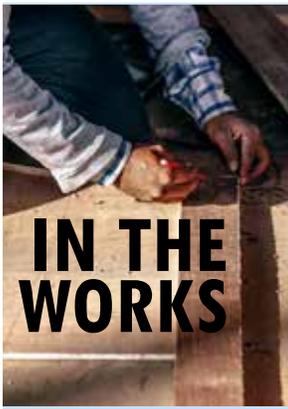
# Phase 1 MPR Restroom Progress Report

By Todd Neumann, BPC Phase 1 Liaison

Progress in January with the MPR restroom renovation was slower than expected due to focus spent on designing a repair to an overhead floor truss. The damage was discovered when routing pipes and conduits up through the ceiling to the hot water tank's new location. Design for the repair has been approved by a structural engineering company, parts are on order, and work has begun to move conduits and pipes out of the way to make room for structural support pieces. January also focused on tile install in the showers, painting and wall-tile preparation in the men's and ADA family restrooms, and painting of the MPR's east wall. The restroom and MPR east wall paint colors are a part of our new "Material and Finishes Master Plan," developed for all of our current and future renovation projects.

This month we hope to see completion of the project, which will include:

- Truss repair
- Floor and wall tile installation in all three restrooms
- Doors and countertops
- Toilet partitions, fixtures and accessories
- Light fixtures



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Photo Credit: Todd Neumann

(above) Location of a new post and structural hardware needed to support a damaged overhead floor truss.



(at left) Preparation underway for wall tile. All 3 bathrooms will have 4x8-foot wall tile from floor to about door height, with a contrasting vertical stripe of mixed tile for interest.

## Youth Ministry Update

# Gradually Building Back to “Normal”

By Nate Kowallis

The Lord is good! He tells us to make plans, but He will direct our paths (Proverbs 16:9). Whatever comes and whatever happens this year, we can trust that everything submits to Him and that He is leading us to Himself. It is the season for making plans, and I trust that whether or not our ideas function or flop, God favors us and will help us to do His will.

After taking a break from Wednesday night in-person gatherings in December, the youth are gradually building back up to a “normal” order of service. In January, we alternated between in-person and virtual gatherings. In February we will be strictly in-person, but we will keep our Ring Central meeting online so virtual participants can still regularly be present. In March, we will stretch our services to their previous two-hour length, meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with the return of “low intensity” games.

It is my hope that the time change in March and the increase in sunlight will provide greater opportunity to be outdoors

during services by April. Additionally, we started serving a meal during the youth service in the fall; it would do some of our families well to return to that practice.

On Sunday mornings, the Youth and Children will separate beginning on February 21. While youth have been welcome to participate with younger siblings in the 10-10:30 a.m. class in the MPR, we will have our own distinct connection in the Youth Room.

These things, however, restore good things of the past. The weight of preparation in the Youth Group right now is the unknown future: What norms will society have in a few months? What expectations will we be required to fulfill? How will we be present and winsome in our community?

I would be greatly blessed if you would join me in praying for our planning. We need renewed energy, insight, wisdom, and courage to continue to walk into the unknown and make new efforts to connect with one another and our neighborhood.



(above) **Three doors?** Men’s restroom on the left, Women’s restroom on the right, and our NEW ADA FAMILY RESTROOM in the middle. Doors will be installed after the interior wall tile is complete.”

## Celebrations!

### February Birthdays

- 1 Anita Coffman  
Donald Ellefson
- 3 Aidan Conroy
- 4 Debbie Bryce
- 5 Scott Boone  
Jim Buck
- 6 Ethan Arnold  
Stefanie Arnold  
Susan Rose  
Karen Shickley
- 7 Sherry Clemons
- 8 Ezekiel Jones  
Elijah Wagner
- 9 Paul Gray  
Micaiah Jones
- 10 Marie Thorne
- 11 Sue Verammen
- 12 Donna Lightfoot
- 15 Daphne McBreen  
Anthony Rice
- 16 Emmelita Moore  
Carol Roenicke
- 17 Kathy Erdahl
- 19 Mara Oldroyd
- 21 Wilder Faulkner
- 24 Stan Noble
- 25 Phillip Schaefer  
Bonnie Schwatke
- 26 Sharon Brown

### Early March Birthdays

- 1 Robert Turner
- 2 Kinsley Carvo  
Don Jones  
Kathi Nagy
- 6 Michelle Harder
- 8 Joanne Mackey
- 10 Sean Kent  
Lisa Martinez
- 11 Roger Gillihan

If your birthday is not listed, please contact the church office.



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## How Is BPC Doing?

By Pastor Bud

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken its toll on everyone in the world. Isolation is difficult. I think it is hardest for those going through health issues or who have lost a loved one. But, through it all, Boulevard Park Church is proving to be strong and resilient. It is encouraging to hear reports of people maintaining contact with others. Whether formally or informally, we are trying to ensure that everyone feels connected. We know that needs ebb and flow, so if you need assistance or need to talk with someone, please let us know.

### Pray for One Another



- Please call the church office with your request or you can email it to [Kathy.Rainey@bppc.org](mailto:Kathy.Rainey@bppc.org)
- Go to [www.bpcburien.org](http://www.bpcburien.org) and send a prayer request via the contact page.

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