

EMERGENCY SHELTER PARTNERSHIP THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to ensure folks participating in Emergency Shelter Partnership were well cared for during their stay with us.

We appreciate the donations of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes; those who prepared and served dinner; those who prepared breakfast bags and to all those who spent the night, washed towels, cleaned the bathroom and kitchen and for making sure everything ran smoothly.

We really appreciate your help with this wonderful program which provides shelter for homeless men and women in Northern Westchester.

Please Send in Your 2019 Pledge

By now you should have received 2019 pledge cards in the mail.

Please fill them out and return them to the church office, or pledge online by clicking the link below. Your donations contribute not only the maintenance of the church itself, but directly fund our programs and missions throughout the year. Your pledge helps us budget and plan for our activities so that together we can touch lives through our shared faith.

Thank you, as always, for being a part of our community.

SUNDAY SPIRIT

“Jesus Surprises Zacchaeus”

Ages 4 and under, Room 11: Located upstairs in the Christian Education Wing

Grades K-5, Room 9: Located upstairs in the Christian Education Wing

UH...DO WHAT?!?

Have you ever wondered what “born again” actually means? Are you puzzled by Jesus’ outburst of anger that leads him curse and destroy a fig tree? What did the poor tree ever do to him? Or, what about Jesus claiming that he is the way, the truth, and the life? That sounds so harsh and exclusive.

Some of these words and deeds of Jesus leave us confused, and some of them have been so twisted in their interpretation that we feel ill!

If you have ever wondered about these puzzling scenes, we hope you will join us for a six-week sermon series. It begins January 6, 2019. Patrick will preach the first five Sundays, and Heather will wrap up the series on February 10.

- **January 6:** “In The Beginning Was The...Word?” It sounds like nonsense. Besides, what’s this “word” got to do with us?
- **January 13:** “Born Again?” It sounds like a secret code word that gains entry into heaven! But did Jesus actually say “born again?”
- **January 20:** “Jesus and a...Temper Tantrum?” Maybe Jesus was really, really hungry. Maybe figs were his favorite snack. Maybe we want to forget he ever cursed the tree. Or, maybe not!
- **January 27:** “Way, Truth, and Life” Did Jesus say “the way?” Perhaps he actually said, “a way.” No. The text doesn’t let us off the hook that easily, and that’s good news, very good news, indeed.
- **February 3:** “God’s Name is a Verb?” When can a name be a verb? When God has a chat with Moses in the wilderness.
- **February 10:** “Hometown Hero” Jesus returns to Nazareth and preaches a powerful sermon. Instead of Coffee Hour, however, his former neighbors have other plans for Jesus after the service.

Spirituality and Practice

Spirituality and Practice is alive and well at BPC! Join us for our monthly gatherings to learn, discuss, and share the practices that help us grow in faith and nourish our soul's journey!

We meet the third Tuesday evening and the third Wednesday morning each month. Our next groups will be on **Tuesday, January 15 at 7pm, and on Wednesday, January 16 at 9:30 am.**

All are welcome!

In-Touch Ministry:

Did you know that there are some members of our church who are confined to their homes and are unable to attend services on Sunday? At Second Sunday Soup on January 13th we will have a table set up with some blank cards so that attending members can communicate their thoughts to those who cannot be with us. The names of some of our members who are unable to get out and socialize will be available along with cards for you to write your thoughts and news. The cards will then be mailed out over time. If you have any cards you would like to donate, please bring them in.

This Week – January 13

Today

10:00 AM Service led by Rev. Patrick Vaughn
11:30 AM Confirmation Meeting

Tuesday – January 15

9:45 AM Senior Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 AM Bible Study (Conference Room)
4:30 PM Joyful Noise
7:00 PM Spirituality and Practice

Wednesday – January 16

9:30 AM Spirituality and Practice

Thursday – January 17

9:45 AM Senior Exercise (Fellowship Hall)

Friday – January 18

9:00 AM Yoga (Chapel Room)
7:00 PM MSYG (Midnight Run)

Happy New Year!

