

## 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.

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### 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

“Love Your Neighbor”

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?!?

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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.

### Save the Date

Save the Date! Bedford Presbyterian Church cordially invites you to our annual New Friends/Old Friends Dinner celebration! This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to connect with each other as a church community and have a chance to catch up with old friends and introduce new friends to the church. The date is **March 23, 2019 from 6 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

If you are interested in hosting this event for approximately 40-50 people at your home please contact Don Dupont @ [briananddon143@gmail.com](mailto:briananddon143@gmail.com).

### Welcome Aboard!

We are pleased to announce that Jessica DeAlto has joined us as our new Office Manager. Jessica lives in Katonah and has many ties in the community. She can be reached in the church office Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from **9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. Welcome Jessica!

### 2019 Pledges & Pledge Envelopes

Pledge payments may be made online or directly to the church. For anyone who prefers a weekly pledge envelope, the **2019 envelopes** are available by the front and back doors to the sanctuary as well as in the office.

### This Week – January 20

#### Today

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

#### Tuesday – January 22

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

#### Thursday – January 24

9:45 AM Senior Exercise (Fellowship Hall)

#### Friday – January 25

9:00 AM Yoga (Chapel Room)

