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AND THE WORD WAS GOD John 1:1

The New Year is upon us. Time to put last year away and make room for 2018. People are busy completing projects, making plans,

preparing budgets, and getting ready for another 12 months until 2019 arrives.

I've never b een one to formally make New Year's Resolutions, although I have waited until January to start a project or two in my lifetime. One plan I have for 2018 is to read through the entire Bible once again. I read the bible quite regularly, but not necessarily with the intention of reading through its entirety as I did as a young Christian – eagerly working to learn all there is to know about God's dealings with God's creation. At times I envy people who possess the ability to read a book quickly while retaining most every word before them. But my own pace allows me to ponder and appreciate each phrase as I work my way through the chapters containing the records of God's workings among us.



This year, I would like to invite you to join me in this venture. Select your favorite translation of the Bible and choose a reading plan designed for completing this task. If you prefer, you could purchase a Bible that is designed specifically for a year's completion like "The One Year Bible" published by Tyndale or similar. Often these Bibles are offered in many translations.

I plan to use an outline I found at this site while surfing the web - <u>https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/</u>. They offer several different plans which I believe would suit the tastes of every curiosity. If you are wanting a newer modern English Bible translation you could check out the New Living Translation or perhaps the English Standard Version. There are many translations available and you can compare them with internet sites like <u>http://www.mardel.com/bibleTranslationGuide</u> which offer brief descriptions of the translations and side by side comparisons of a verse or verses from each book. Or you may want to stick with the version you have always used; it is a personal choice. If you would like a copy of the plan I will be using, send me an email at <u>kenmund@gmail.com</u> and I will reply back with an attached pdf of the plan for you to print and use. I strongly encourage all of us at United Parish to join me in this adventure. Email me and let me know how your Bible reading is <u>*Pastor Ken*</u>

January 2018

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Sat	9	13	20	27	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Wed	3 2 PW 7 Parish Council	10 2 UMW	17	24	31
Tue	2	6	16	23	30
Mon		8 10 Quilters 6 Happy Hearts	15 10 Quilters 6 Happy Hearts	 22 10 Quilters 10 Happy 10 Hearts 	29 10 Quilters 6 Happy Hearts
Sun	9 Sunday School 10 Worship	7 4 Good Sam	14	21 9 UMC & UPC Annual Meeting	28 1:30 St. An- drew's



January Birthdays 04 – Mary Elise McKay 05 – Haylie Moore 08 - Noel Sand 09 – Amy Sand 10 – Trevor Wettlaufer 11 – Lori Witteman 12 – Mark Gregg 19 – Brad Knudson 22 – Marie Faye Sand 25 – David Reinholz



1 – Jim & Linda Berube 26 – Dennis & Evon Gravseth



Thank you so much United Parish of Bottineau the wonderful donation of \$200 it is very much appreciated. We are always in need of "local" funds. This will go toward the funding of the nutrition's meals program for 60 and older adults.

Thank you again from the Tri-county Board members.

Dear United Parish,

Thank you for your gift to Support St. Andrew's Health Center. Your generous spirit is appreciated and will the Center provide works for the glory of God by bringing the word and healing of Jesus Christ to all,.

Best wishes for peace and all that is good.

<u>United Parish Building Fund</u> Kyle Rude - Mary Lou & Del Reamer

United Presbyterian Church

Memorial given in memory of Gordon and Betty Jean Greenwood from their family.



Dear Members of United Parish,

Thank you for your contribution to the Good Samaritan Society-Bottineau. Your donation was used to purchase Christmas gifts for our residents. They will be so excited to know that they were remembered by some very special people.

We are so appreciative of all you do for our residents.

Thank you again and have a very Merry Christmas!

Sue Wintermute, Office Manager

Thank you from Pastor Ken & Rhonda Mund

We wish to thank our family at United Parish for the many cards and gifts we received this Christmas. We were unable to spend time with our children this year and your kindness was greatly appreciated. God Bless You!

Pastor Ken & Rhonda Mund

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Deadline for January Newsletter is December 27

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Special thank you to Zahra Moss, her helpers, and the Sunday School students for their excellent performance for the Sunday School Christmas program. Annual reports are due January 8th . The United Methodist and Presbyterians will meet separately at 9 a.m. on January 21 for their meetings. The annual Meeting will be following church service on January 21.

Christmas tree and decorations will have to be taken down after January 7th worship or during the week.