

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 5th, 2020



Change and being Prepared

Entering the 2020's

I have been asked by the Session to take time this Sunday to speak to the congregation about changes that will be happening on in our congregation.

Did you know that we have a significant number of people living in assisted living and nursing homes now and that the minister conducts a Bible Study at Williston house where he has as many as 8 coming together for Bible Study? Most are own members but there are others.

The Board of Managers has drawn up a form that we will be putting in the vestibule for individuals to fill out when there is something in the church or hall that needs to be done. You are asked to fill it out and then put it on the offering plate and it will be given to the Board to consider. Remember that any significant changes not only need to be considered by the Board, but the congregation at a congregational meeting.

The secretary, Sharon Morrison is on leave till April 9th and we would ask that announcements for the weekly bulletin be in to the office by Wednesday of the week they are to be in the bulletin.

The Session has decided that:

- (1) The Sunday before Communion will be time and place for the congregation to meet for a Preparatory Service. This starts today.
- (2) That Holy Communion will only be served at morning services starting next Sunday. There is less than 15 people at an evening service and most of these are elders or people who have been at the morning service.
- (3) The children of the Sunday School on Communion Sundays will meet in the Sunday School hall when church starts at 10:30 am. The older class will be brought into the sanctuary to take part in the communion service.