



Welcome to the March 1, 2018 edition of the Bayshore Gardens Community Church Beacon! We are pleased to continue to provide updates on the life and ministry of the church. Also, we invite you to join us in worship this Sunday! Finally, we encourage you to personally bring a friend to experience God!

During the past month (February) we prayed for these folks who had particular concerns: Debbie Fahey, Ray Gordon (please see note below), Adria Hughes, Mae Luderman, Earl Shoemaker, Jeffrey Williams and our Shut-Ins: Fred Geldmaker, Muriel Johnson, Pat Palmer, Ken and Marcia Russell and Evelyn Tolsma.



We wish to extend our love and sympathy to Joan Gordon upon the death of her husband, Ray Gordon. Ray went home to his Lord and Savior on Friday, February 23, 2018. Cards may be sent to Joan at 603 63rd Ave. W.; Lot T-18; Bradenton, FL 34207-4956. Joan your church family prays that you may feel the comfort of God during this time of loss.

The Beginning Off March Is An Exciting and Busy Time For Us Here At BGCC.



On Friday, March 2nd Ginger Sandhoff and her wonderful volunteers will set up for our Annual Trash N Treasure Sale which will be held Saturday, March 3rd from 8 AM to 1 PM. Bake goods will be available along with our “burnt” hotdogs which everyone seems to love. We hope you will come join us for this fundraiser to update the men’s restroom.

Also, when dusk falls on Friday evening, March 3rd, we will be presenting our very first movie night out on the front lawn with FREE popcorn. Donna Brown is keeping the title of the movie a secret for now but she assures us that we will all have an enjoyable evening. Make sure you bring a friend and a couple of chairs for yourselves.



**COMMUNION
SUNDAY
MARCH 4, 2018
9:00 AM**



**SUNDAY
MARCH 11, 2018
HYMN SING
6:30 PM**



Join us as we
Celebrate Our “Second Hymn Sing” at
Bayshore Windmill Village Clubhouse
603 63rd Ave. W. (Holland Street Entrance)

March 2018 newsletter

Dear friends of Bayshore Gardens Community Church-

Greeting and blessings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I pray that this March 2018 edition of our newsletter finds you growing in the knowledge and love of God as we endeavor to grow in the ways we love God and love others! We are enjoying a wonderful "season" at church and how great it has been to open up the back wing of the sanctuary to accommodate our growing congregation!

Here are more than a few highlights from our upcoming church calendar:

-Friday, March 2. Free movie and Free popcorn near the front lawn of the church at dusk. See you then!

-Saturday, March 3, 8AM-1PM. Our Annual "Trash and Treasure" Sale! Come for the treasures, stay for the baked goodies and hotdogs! Spread the word too!

-BRING A FRIEND! As we move towards Easter, invite your friends to church. We will be letting you know about the time and details of our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter service, as well as the time of our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

-Church Bells! So many donations have come in for church bells. Thank you all for your generosity! We received from you more than we anticipated or even hoped for--Thank you!

-Sunday, March 11 at 11AM. **New Members Class**, we also invite and welcome our seasonal people. We will meet in the education building to discuss what membership is, why it matters and this is also an opportunity for you to ask questions about the church.

-Sunday, March 11 at 6:30 PM. **Hymn Sing** at Windmill Village. What a great time it was last month to hear the saints singing praises! We will gather again on March 11th.

With so much going on, one could easily make the case that Bayshore Gardens Community Church is a healthy church. But being busy is not necessarily a sign of being healthy. This goes for churches, just as it is true for families, just as it is true for individuals. Just because we are busy does not mean that we are healthy or growing spiritually. Well then, what do we have to do to be healthy and growing in our faith? I am glad that you asked! Signs of someone (and a church) being healthy and growing is when we are growing in the ways and capacity that we love God and love others, which is the purpose and vision for Bayshore Gardens Community Church. As we travel through this Lenten season, I encourage each of us to ask (and answer reflectively) these two questions:

-Am I growing more in my love for God?

-Am I growing more in my love for others?

To dig a little bit deeper even, a good follow up question to chew on would be to ask in what ways are you doing those things? Perhaps come to Coffee with the pastor each Wednesday morning as we talk through this and other discussions each week!

It remains an honor and privilege to serve alongside you as your pastor. Thank you.

See you on Sunday!

***Justabranch,
Pastor Dustin***

Amount Needed for February's Monthly Budget	Amount Received for February's Monthly Budget
\$ 3,648.68 x 4 Sundays = \$ 14,594.72	\$ 13,135.50 General Budget + \$ 3,403.19 Total Received For Anniversary Project + \$ 11,615.00 Total Received For Bells + \$ 3,000.00 Total Received For Special Project

Please remember that our expenses continue even when you cannot be here.

To save mounting postage costs, we would prefer to send the newsletter to you via email if you have email access. If not, we would be happy to continue sending the newsletter via postal mail. You may let the office know at belltower3@verizon.net or by calling the church office at (941) 755-3503. Thanks!