

The Church Mouse

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

BSC Friends and Family,

It's almost Christmas! Can you believe it? Perhaps I feel like this every year, but the season aways seems to sneak up on me anyway. I sincerely hope you have been enjoying the Advent art and devotions. May they help you draw near to God as we draw near to Christmas.

In this season we have been focusing on how to love God with our heart, mind and strength. It got me thinking, how do we love anyone? Perhaps the love languages of quality time, acts of service, giving gifts, and words of affirmation give us a clue. Maybe we can love God well by loving God's children well...Including self! Spoiler alert, that's our focus for the beginning of next year...

Also happening at the beginning of next year, your pastor will be taking some time away. The Session just recently approved a leave of absence for the purposes of the health and well being of me and my family who have had some intensive needs arise in recent months. While I will miss you all dearly, I have asked some dear friends and amazing preachers to sub in, and you are truly in for a treat. For any other needs, your Elders will be at the ready as needed. I am so very grateful for the gift of time to tend to myself and my family well. I will be back with you in time for Lent, and our next focus to love our neighbor.

Please review this Mouse carefully for more information about Advent activities and our special Christmas Eve service with candlelight. It will be a beautiful night of amazing story telling, the gift of music, and honoring the light of the world together. Come and celebrate!

A few last reminders – please email the office if you have not gotten the Advent art and readings emails. You don't want to miss them! And remember, we do not gather in person on the Sunday after Christmas (12/28) as it is our church's tradition to rest and spend time with loved ones on that day. If you're craving some preaching, feel free to utilize our youtube channel to experience any teachings you may have missed.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Katy

THIS MONTH AT BSC-FPC DAYTONA

A Word From The Pastor

Good News First

Upcoming Events

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JOIN US AT CINEMATIQUE!

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Cinematique Theater 242 S. Beach St. Sundays at 10:30 am

Mail To: PO Box 631 Daytona Beach, FL 32115

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GOOD NEWS FIRST















BRIDGE OF HOPE MOBILE DAILY HOT MEAL PROGRAM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~ SCAN THE CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP!



We only have one more opportunity to serve with HUM in 2025!

> December 19th

Scan to sign up!





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Check out these events hosted by our Downtown Daytona Beach Street neighbors!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 12 • 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



Bring the whole family to the "Dashing Through Daytona" Children's Christmas Party at City Island Park, 113 Jackie Robinson Parkway. The event is open to children ages 3 to 12 and will feature hot chocolate, photos with Santa, face painting, music, festive games, books, concessions, and more activities for everyone to enjoy.

MORE INFORMATION

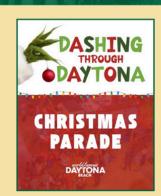
The Riverfront Esplanade will feature a spectacular display of seasonal lights, the Mini Jingle Jam Concert, a Holiday Bazaar, and Santa Sightings as part of their <u>A December to Remember</u> celebration.







neighbors!



Ring in the holidays on Beach Street with the City of Daytona Beach! The "Dashing Through Daytona" Christmas Parade will begin at Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard and travel south on Beach Street to Jackie Robinson Parkway. Enjoy local bands, festive floats, and performances by community organizations.

MORE INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

Saturday, December 20 • Beginning at 6 p.m.



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HOLIDAY COOKIE & WINE WALK

Saturday, December 13 • 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.



Get ready to indulge in the sweetest event of the holiday season! Attendees will enjoy an afternoon of holiday cookies and fine wine while exploring the Riverfront Shops and listening to live music.





Join us this Advent for Caroling, an Advent Art Series, and Christmas Eve



Join Us This Holiday Season

*Caroling in front of Cinematique
@ First Friday Downtown Daytona Nights
Friday, December 5th at 6pm.

"Draw Near" Art for Advent

Join us for an art-filled Advent experience drawing us near to God as we draw near to Christmas.

Sundays in Advent @ Cinematique November 30th - December 21st at 10:30am.

How can you reach us?

Call or text: 386-253-4581

Email: beachstreetchurch@gmail com
Online: www.beachstreetchurch.com

Christmas Eve Service @ Cinematique

Email: beachstreetchurch@gmail.com Wednesday, December 24th at 5pm.



Pick up some info cards on Sunday and invite your family and friends to all the Season has to offer at BSC!





Advent Art Series "Draw Near" ~ Every Sunday in Advent ~ Poetry and Coloring







Please join us for our Christmas Eve Service Wednesday, December 24th @ 5pm at Cinematique



Hi Friend.

A NOTE FROM STEVE HEATH

I felt a curious mixture of sadness and pride reading your email to the congregation regarding yesterday's visiting "evangelists."

I was sad that you and your wonderful congregation had to experience it and sad that they represent an expression of our faith that is all too prevalent in our society. I hate to sound like an old codger, but I remember a time when even narrow-minded people showed respect and basic civility to those with whom they disagreed.

But I felt pride in the way you and the congregation handled this micropersecution and that there are churches like Beach Street that take the Bible very seriously but not simply literally and seek to follow Jesus as the supreme Living Word of God. I thank you that you called on me to play the tiniest of parts in the congregation "coming out" as it were, for I take a measure of pride in that, as well.

I'm enjoying my life back in my home county in Tennessee and the surprising direction my life has taken. You can't exactly go home again, but you can do a lot of reconnecting with people and places that make you feel at home. Unfortunately, finding a like-minded church to attend has proven a near impossible task here in the rural South, as one might expect, but my wife, Patricia, and I are part of a small United Methodist congregation where we are fitting in. The pastor has asked me to fill in for her the First Sunday after Christmas, and I'm enjoying this brief return to the task of study and reflection that are part of sermon preparation. However, I get asked from time to time if I miss Florida, and I realize the thing I miss most is Beach Street Church.

I hope you and your kids are well and that you have a meaningful Thanksgiving, and that Beach Street Church has a rich Advent experience.

Love and Blessings, Steve Heath





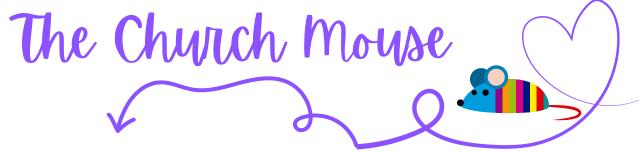
SCHEDULING ALERT

WE WILL NOT GATHER FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO DRAW NEAR TO YOUR LOVED ONES AT THIS TIME. IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOME SPIRITUAL CONNECTION DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO VISIT OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/[AT]FIRSTPRESDAYTONA

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY, OUR "OFFICES" WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 12/25 AND 1/1. WE WILL RESUME REGULAR STAFFING/HOURS AND RETURN CALLS AND EMAILS AFTER 1/1/26.







Mariah Proctor





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Katy Cuthill















Elder Tara Bryan presenting
Videographer Dan Dascoli and
Elder Lucille Abbott with
appreciation quilts handmade
by BSC "Wrapped in Love"
member Connie Bryan





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

JILL JAQUET 12/4
SHEA BRYAN 12/5
DOUG VRIELAND 12/24



If you would like to have your birthday added to our records please email mariahproctordco@gmail.com

If you have a prayer request to add to the Mouse email mariahproctordco@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Aging friends and family members

Those experiencing loss

Those affected by war throughout the world

Adolescents and teens navigating growing up

and their parents

Homeless populations nationwide

Bob Gamble's ministry in Ukraine and the war in

Ukraine and Russia

Food scarcity nation wide

Henry's brother and family in Jamaica

Kim and her wife, Heidi, for Kim's brain upcoming

brain surgery

All those with unspoken prayer requests

Kathy Bond-knee cap

Steve, Martha's friend-kidney issues

Jay Masterson

Sissie Hoch

Margie Schlageter

Vickie Gard

Tom Brown

Jill Jaquet

Morry McGaughey

Mary Martin

Larry Cuthill

Heather, Holly and Rick's daughter

Allison Norton, Helen's friend-colon cancer

Will-broken collarbone

Ricky- in the hospital

Bobby-double lung transplant

Doug Vrieland as he navigates changing

denominations