



## Resolutions?



### Food Bank Needs

- Pancake mix
- Jello
- Ketchup
- Jelly/Jam

Please place donations in the grocery cart in the foyer. Thank you!

### Celebrations

#### Birthdays

- 1/2 Sally Slind
- 1/3 Gwen Wakeman
- 1/4 Betty Thunder
- 1/6 Harriet Muhrlein
- 1/8 Hollace Vaughan
- 1/10 Charlie Gehrcke
- 1/13 Jayden Thompson
- 1/20 Steve Bella
- 2/1 David McMullen
- 1/29 Kaiden Hansen

#### Anniversaries

- 1/31 Bill and Judy Ellington

So many people make them, but so many others do not. Typically, and statistically, after 45 days into the new year about 40% of those who promised to do better aren't. I don't know if one of these is "you" or not, but just for fun, why not take a look at the Top 5 New Year's resolutions? According to a Nielson survey, the Top 5 resolutions are:



- 1) Becoming healthier
- 2) Losing weight
- 3) Enjoy life more
- 4) Being more thrifty
- 5) Pursuing better time management

Those are all worthy pursuits. If you have undertaken one or more of them, please let me know so that I can be an encouragement and support to you, particularly on the front end. However, it may be that none of these are your thing, nor are you buying the resolution notion. What then will you aim at in 2017? Why are you hoping to reach this goal? What steps are required to get there? How will you know when you have achieved the goal you set?

While we are still standing on the dock of the new year and if you have not set a target for the next 12 months or have margin for one more endeavor, might I be so bold as to suggest one? How about we read the whole Bible this year? It is something I undertake every year and, of course, the obvious follow-up to that statement is, "Well, you *should* read the whole book every year." I will concede to that, but it is something all Jesus lovers should be committed to, shouldn't they?

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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**9:30 a.m.**

Adult and Youth  
Classes

**10:30 a.m.**

Fellowship Time

**11 a.m.**

Worship Service

## Prime Timers' Lunch Details

Prime Timers will meet at noon on Jan. 3 at the church for a sack luncheon. Shirley Wiley will share pictures and speak about her life. Please come and enjoy the afternoon with us! Would you like to be the special speaker in either February or March? If so, see Carol Moser.

## Handbell Rehearsals

The Bells of North Kitsap will resume its weekly rehearsals on Monday, Jan. 9. Rehearsals are at 3 p.m. at the church.

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I understand reading the entire Bible in a year takes a ton of time and effort, and just the thought of such a thing is enough to scare us away from attempting it. So how about taking on a Bible reading plan for just a month or even just a couple of weeks? Maybe it would be focused on something of interest to you, such as prayer, relationships marriage, fear or anxiety.

One of my favorite free resources for plans like this (and tons of other reading and study plans) is found at [www.bible.com/reading-plans](http://www.bible.com/reading-plans). You will recognize many of the authors, and some of them will be like a breath of fresh air. Whatever you choose, remember there are more people in your corner than you know, and tons of folks are pulling for you in practice and in prayer, hoping with you that this is a habit that will stick. My prayer for you all is that the new year will bring new habits that nourish your mind, body and soul.

## ■ Godspeed, Pastor Andrew



## Quartet to Perform Jan. 8

The Jan. 8 Sunday worship service will feature a special performance by Ginger 'N' Spice, an acapella barbershop-type quartet. All of the singers are members of Sweet Adelines International. The group will be competing in April in Spokane and is trying

to work in as many public appearances in the meantime to prepare. Mark your calendars for Jan. 8 and be sure to greet the group: Lorisa, lead singer; Alaina, tenor; Sandi, baritone; and our own Tammi Thompson, bass.

## Financial Corner

For the month of November 2016, our General Fund contributions were \$11,986.88, and restricted income was \$556.60, for total contributions of \$12,543.48. Our expenses for the month of November were \$9,899.49. Due to generous donations, I will be making two additional payments on the principle of our mortgage. What a great way to start the New Year!

## ■ Paige Lockwood, Treasurer

## Let it Snow! in Paper Products that is...

Redeemer is in need of toilet paper, Kleenex and paper towels. Please put your donations on the kitchen counter—and thank you!

### *We Also Need ...*

We also are in need of cookie donations for fellowship time before Sunday worship service. Thank you for helping us say “Welcome” to one and all with this important—and delicious—ministry.



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## Ad Council Reports

The Dec. 18 Administrative Council meeting concentrated on reviewing progress on various projects. Pastor Andrew introduced a Church Health Audit form that Council members each will review and fill in based on their knowledge and experience. Topics for the audit include Vitals (attendance, membership), Giving and Finances (income, budget, giving, bank balances, debt), Preaching and Teaching (pastor's sermon schedule, teaching calendar), Volunteers (roster of volunteers, volunteer job descriptions, ministry teams), Communications (e-mails, social media, website), Leadership (goals, mission statements, meetings, team building), and Ministries (small groups, classes, outreach events). The information gathered for this audit will feed into the work we will do, starting in January, to develop our Covenant/Vision/Mission team and solicit support/volunteers for our 2017 election of officers and leaders.

Pastor Andrew asked for and was given the O.K. by the Council to clean, update and dispose of extraneous items as he sees fit. You have probably seen some changes for the better in the building already.

■ **Susan Hougham, Ad Council Chair**

## Christmas Eve Service Hits Right Notes

Redeemer's Christmas Eve service was a wonderful and blessed time for the church to herald in the Christ child. The service featured an Advent reading, a trio song performance and special guitar solo, a homily by Pastor Andrew and a candlelight hymn, with the congregation marching out to “Joy to the World!” The service was attended by nearly 160 worshippers.



*Many Blessings  
to You and Yours  
in this New Year!*