

Heavenly Touch January 2018 Newsletter



**FLUVANNA COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

On December 5, 2017, President Donald Trump announced that our United States Government will move the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. If you haven't been following this news, you have missed the firestorm of negative rhetoric and violent anti-Semitic demonstrations erupting from most Nations of the world. This is a bold step for our nation that has had Presidents Clinton, Bush, Obama and now Trump calling for that to happen! Why the uproar? Up until now, it was all talk and no do. As long as the US Government talked about it and did nothing, the world governments were satisfied, but this is no longer the case.

So, why the uproar? Simply put, the establishment of Israel as a Nation in 1948 set the world on fire; particularly the Islamic world. This anti-Jewish sentiment is rooted in the battle between the heritage of Abraham's two sons Ishmael and Isaac. Recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel cements Israel's role on the world stage as a legitimate government and the centerpiece of the Jewish faith. The mosque of Omar is the 3rd most holy shrine of Islam, yet Mohammed never even set foot there except by some vision he said he had.

The significance of the move is secured by the promise of God spoken in Jeremiah 30:16-17. (NIV)

16 "But all who devour you will be devoured; all your enemies will go into exile. Those who plunder you will be plundered; all who make spoil of you I will despoil."

17 "But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord, because you are called an outcast, Zion for whom no one cares."

The formation and fulfillment of end time prophecies continues to mount. As we occupy God's kingdom on this earth, we also await the soon coming of the Kingdom of Christ upon earth.

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MISSION STATEMENT

*Reaching Our Community
with a Viable, Believable,
Dynamic Gospel Witness
Characterized by (Christ-
like) Love and Energized by
the
Power of the Holy Spirit.*

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Schedule of Weekly Services:

Sunday

8:30 AM Blended Service

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Contemporary Service

Tuesday

7 PM Corporate Prayer Meeting

Wednesday

6:45 PM Children and Teens Ministry in FC

Thursday

9:30 AM "Sippin" Seniors

Don't forget to purchase your

Fluvanna Community Church
Coffee Mugs

for \$8.00/each.

Buying the coffee mugs,
allows us to offer a free mug
to our visitors.

Thank You!!!



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www.fluvannacc.com**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jack Signorino	1/03	Marlene Lundgren	1/11	Stella Rose Goodwill	1/31
Oakley Wilson	1/03	Linda Baglia	1/12		
Christian Anderson	1/04	Todd Cordner	1/12		
Matthew Ribbing	1/05	Cindy McNallie	1/12		
Terry Caldwell	1/07	Charles Blakeslee	1/13		
Andy Tanner	1/07	Harriet Fralick	1/16		
Dennis Goodwill	1/09	Linda Potter	1/23		
Wendy Howig	1/09	Steve Ribbing	1/26		
Judy Holton	1/10	Barbara Camp	1/29		
Victoria Lai	1/11	Jon Tellinghuisen	1/29		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jack & Rose Marie Rizzo 1/18
Bob & Lorraine Tanner 1/26



FEATURED RECIPE MEATY THREE-BEAN CHILI

Ingredients

3/4 lb Italian sausage links, cut into
1/2 in chunks
3/4 lb ground beef
1 lg onion, chopped
1 medium green pepper, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 c beef broth
1/2 c Worcestershire sauce
1 1/2 teas chili powder
1 teas pepper
1 teas dry mustard
1/2 teas celery salt
6 c chopped fresh plum tomatoes

(about 2 pounds)
6 bacon strips, cooked and
crumbled
1 can (15 1/2 oz) kidney beans,
rinsed and drained
1 can (15 oz) pinto, beans, rinsed
and drained
1 can (15 oz) garbanzo beans, rinsed
and drained

Directions

1. in a 4 qt kettle or Dutch oven,
medium heat, brown the
sausage and beef; drain,
discarding all but 1 tbls dripping.
Set meat aside.

2. Saute onion, peppers and garlic in the drippings for 3 minutes. Add the broth, Worcestershire sauce and seasonings; bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10 minutes.
3. Add tomatoes, bacon and browned sausage and beef; return to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 30 minutes.
4. Add all of the beans. Simmer for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Garnish with chopped onion if desired.

HEAVENLY TOUCH

PRAYER CONFERENCE

JANUARY 19,20, 21, 2018

**THEME: "NOT BY MIGHT, NOT BY POWER BUT BY MY SPIRIT.....SAYS THE LORD".
(Zechariah 4:6)**

FRIDAY: 7:00 PM Worship and Prayer

SATURDAY SESSIONS: 8:30 AM Coffee and Donuts

#1 9:00 AM "Standing on God's Promises" JoAnn Micek

#2 10:30 AM "Heaven is a War Room, A Court Room and a Dining Room" Aaron Bjork, Pastor, Fellowship of the Cross, Jamestown, NY

LIGHT LUNCH 12:00 PM Soup and Sandwich

#3 12:30 PM "Praying With Anticipation Rather than Praying With Expectation". Andy Frudd, Pastor, Lakeview Community Church, Lakeview, NY

SUNDAY: Chuck Nelson, Pastor, Church of the Cross, Erie, PA

(Please sign the sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you will be here for lunch on Saturday)



Giving Envelopes for 2018 are in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like 2018 giving envelopes please contact the church office at 484-0553.

UPDATING

PHONE DIRECTORY FOR 2018

A directory information card is in the bulletin. (A directory card is also available in the church office). If you would like your name added to the 2018 church directory please fill out the card and place it in the box in the back of the sanctuary.

**If your name is in the directory already and all information is correct
you do not have to fill out a new card.**

The new directory will be available in February.

Any questions? Please call the church office at 484-0553.

A WELL-BALANCED CHURCH

The owner of a new puppy got a good laugh when the little dog, out for a walk, had an itch. The trouble was that the itchy spot was accessible only to a hind leg. So, while still walking, the pup tried to scratch and tumbled over, rolling a couple of times before coming to rest.

In several places throughout Scripture, the apostle Paul writes about the church as a body of Christ, and of the importance of each member. Just as the dog needed each leg to stay balanced while walking, so the church needs all the different God-given gifts of its members; preachers and teachers, friendly visitors, generous givers, musicians and singers, wise parents and imaginative children, people to produce and distribute meals, newsletters, lesson materials and on and on

When we start thinking that some part of Christ's body isn't necessary, we risk taking quite a tumble!

RESOLVE TO LISTEN

Christian philosopher Paul Tillich said, "The first responsibility of love is to listen." yet in our fast-paced culture, truly listening to someone has become a lost art.

The intricate Chinese written character for the verb to listen offers wise insight about how to listen offers wise insight about how to listen to people so they feel heard. The symbol is



actually a combination of characters for ears, eyes and an open heart. Basically it reads, "I give you my ears, my eyes and my undivided attention." What a great image of being fully engaged during the act of communication!

James 1:19 offers two wise resolutions for the year ahead:

Be "quick to listen" and "slow to speak" (NRSV)

Practicing the skill of active listening is a much-needed way to minister to other people, serving as Jesus' "ears" in a hurting world.

Mission Moment

BRAZIL INLAND MISSION

ALICE'S UPDATE:

The highlight of 2017 was my trip to northern, central, and southern Brazil in June. I received encouragement and prayers from God's people all over, and decided that God, indeed, was leading me to return to my beloved Brazil. It was a trip of a lifetime! I was accompanied by family members wherever I went, and very well taken care of. Seeing loved ones in Brazil was a blessing! Another joy arrived in the form of Sovereign Nicholas Otte, born to Lillian and Nicholas, making him my seventh great-grandchild! Praise the Lord for his precious life! Beginning in March, I was diagnosed with severe "Dry Eye Syndrome" and this has hindered me in many areas, including preparing the bi-monthly prayer calendars. I am slowly improving, and ask prayer for health issues related to my kidneys, as well. Thanks to many beloved friends who have been a joy in my life. My sixth great-grandchild was born on May 2, 2017 to Andrew and Amy Thompson in Belton, MO. On September 25, Elijah underwent open heart surgery to repair three holes and two valves in his little heart. Praise God Elijah is recovering well! I am grateful that David, Debbie and Jonathan were able to spend 6 weeks with them during the surgery and recovery, and that I was able to see them in Belton, MO as well. JoAnna visited later, and also surprised me with a visit with her maternal grandmother, Joan Nichols.

DAVID AND DEBBIE THOMPSON UPDATE:

We returned to Conquista in January of this year for another 2 1/2 year term! In August, we began our 10th term in Brazil, praise God! Soon after, I (David) began teaching classes again at the Thompson Seminary and the annual church retreat was April 21-23. On May 20th, our first grandchild, Elijah, was born. In June, Mom (Alice Thompson) spent two weeks with us in Conquista and we celebrated Mom's birthday on June 16 as well as the Christian Grade School's Inauguration! The convention was also held while she was here. During the summer months, we began to remodel the Urbis I Church—Jonathan was a great help in this process. FEMOC—our youth conference—was held November 18 and 19, and now we are in full swing with Christmas activities! Ramon continues to do well at our church, and will be ordained soon and installed as pastor. We will direct our efforts to the Vivenda da Serra church plant in 2018 and ask for your prayers in this new endeavor; we are very excited! While stateside during September, we enjoyed seeing family and friends, including our home church in Belton, MO. Their prayers, and that of our supporters, and fellow brethren around the world, was a real encouragement to us during that time. We also saw both our Moms, Joan Nichols and Alice Thompson. John 14:1 & Proverbs 14:26 helped us through this time as well. We wish to thank you for helping us throughout this year. God knew we needed your prayers, financial support, and encouragement to make it through it all for His glory. Thank You!

JOANNA THOMPSON UPDATE:

In January, I helped and organized Vacation Bible School at my church, Vila América. February saw the church celebrating ten years since its first meeting! What a blessing to see the fruit of labor at this church and community! There have been four people following the Lord in baptism by immersion. What joy! The annual retreat was held and churches from all over the state of Bahia participated. To this day we are experiencing the blessings that originated at this year's retreat! I was delighted to see Mailda and Samuel get married; since Mailda's conversion in 2014, I have been praying this couple would get married. Please continue to pray for their son, Samuel's salvation. This year we saw a blend of joy and sorrow. Vila América had its first funeral, and many other deaths occurred which affected all the church family.

I became an Aunt this year! Elijah Luke Thompson was born on May 20. His need for open-heart surgery caught us all by surprise, but the Lord was so good and he came though it well and is doing great. Recently, I have been more intentional about praying with people; I've started praying each evening with my dear friend, Liene. These have been wonderful times of spiritual growth, perseverance, and as a result, intense spiritual warfare. But we know who is the Victor (Jesus Christ) and don't plan on stopping. A morning prayer time at church was also started this year, every Friday morning. I also found the Lord teaching me a lot about myself through some difficult counseling situations. There were some really tough moments this year, but I see my Father's loving hand of care, teaching me valuable lessons through all that I experience. Without your participation in my ministry through the outpouring of prayers, support and many forms of encouragement, what I do there could never be done! I am blessed beyond measure by the many ways that my stateside team shows me God's love. Thank you!

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 PM All-Church Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6 PM Light Dinner (Minimal Charge) 6:45 PM Children's Program 6:45 PM Teens FC</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 AM "Sippin" Seniors</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9 AM "Men of Valor" 10 AM Deaconess Meeting</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:30 AM Blended Service 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Contemporary Service</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7 PM Official Board Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 PM All-Church Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6 PM Light Dinner (Minimal Charge) 6:45 PM Children's Program 6:45 PM Teens FC</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 AM "Sippin" Seniors</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9 AM "Men of Valor"</p>
<p>14</p> <p>8:30 AM Blended Service 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Contemporary Service</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7 PM All-Church Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6 PM Light Dinner (Minimal Charge) 6:45 PM Children's Program 6:45 PM Teens FC</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 AM "Sippin" Seniors</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7 PM Prayer Conference</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 AM Prayer Conference Continues</p>
<p>21</p> <p>8:30 AM Blended Service 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Contemporary Service</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7 PM All-Church Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6 PM Light Dinner (Minimal Charge) 6:45 PM Children's Program 6:45 PM Teens FC</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30 AM "Sippin" Seniors</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9 AM "Men of Valor"</p>
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