

Dear friends,

You will miss something very special if you are not in worship this Sunday: we are going to have a renewal of baptism. I hope it will be meaningful for you. This is a great way to reflect on Jesus' baptism and to start the year thinking about promises made on your behalf and your relationship with God.

The deadline for the combined January/February newsletter is next Monday, Jan. 14. PLEASE look over your calendars and get any info on events happening this month and next in to the office or the newsletter editor by that date. It would be a shame to have low attendance at an event because it did not get publicity everywhere that it could.

The Adult Bible Study class will begin looking at the life and faith of Dietrich Bonhoeffer this Sunday, Jan. 13. You are welcome to come any and all weeks that it meets. There is a study book and schedule you may get from me. This theologian's response to events in Germany in the 1930-40s resonates with the church and those of faith in the 21st century.

The congregational survey for the Mission Study will be available to ALL of you next week. Any member or regular attender age 13+ is requested to complete the survey prayerfully and thoughtfully in order to aid the pastoral search process. More details to come.

All officers will be receiving info from this week regarding dates for officer training. In light of the responses to the dates selected, all persons will be assigned ONE date for now, and we will do some follow up in a couple of months as we see where needs and priorities lie.

That's all for now. May we all be faithful in our walk with God in 2019 and seek to do what we can for the good of our church and the world.

Blessings,

Pastor Leigh

Hebrews 10:23 *Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. God always keeps his word. 24 Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, 25 not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching. (The Message Bible)*