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# Worship Notes for February 2019

- 3 **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Frankfort:** Rev. Shannon Borgman (Communion)  
**Marysville:** Rev. Shannon Borgman (Communion)  
**Blue Rapids:** CLP Gary Phillips (Communion)  
**Washington:** CLP Gary Phillips (Communion)
- 10 **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Frankfort:** Rev. Shannon Borgman  
**Marysville:** Rev. Shannon Borgman  
**Blue Rapids:** CLP Gary Phillips  
**Washington:** CLP Gary Phillips
- 17 **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Frankfort:** CLP Gary Phillips  
**Marysville:** CLP Gary Phillips  
**Blue Rapids:** Adam Borgman  
**Washington:** Adam Borgman
- 24 **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Frankfort:** CLP Gary Phillips  
**Marysville:** CLP Gary Phillips  
**Blue Rapids:** Rev. Shannon Borgman  
**Washington:** Rev. Shannon Borgman

**Be sure to check out the new  
OTPM website:  
<https://www.oregontrailmin.org>**

# Birthdays/Anniversaries for February

- |                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 Everett Murk               | 16 Emily Gunn           |
| 3 Scott Keller               | 18 Joyce Feldhausen     |
| 4 Jay Peters                 | 18 Lee Mattingly        |
| 7 Gene Wolfe                 | 20 Dylan Tegethoff      |
| 8 Taylor Thompson            | 21 Kara (King) Friedman |
| 11 Jacob Earhart             | 21 Verneil Stewart      |
| 11 Cooper Keesecker          | 21 Jacob Smith          |
| 12 Doug Allen                | 21 Jena Hubele          |
| 13 Delmar & Regina Seematter | 22 James Keller         |
| 14 Jane Grauer               | 22 Mert Ott             |
| 14 Joe & Peggy Holmes        | 25 Ray Marsteller       |
| 15 Peggy Link                | 26 Jenny Breeding       |
| 15 Pat Breeding              |                         |



May God grant you joy and blessings on your special day!



## Joys and Concerns

- Prayers for Parker Price as he continues to battle cancer.
- Prayers for Wayne Price who is recovering from pneumonia.
- Prayers for Suzanne Whitesell, Melanie Myers and Shelly Bargdill for health concerns.
- Prayers to Bob King, with the passing of his wife Dee.
- Prayers to Skip and Sally McMillen, with the passing Skip's mother
- Prayers to Don Gier and family, with the passing of his brother.
- Prayers to Al Singleton as he settles in at Blue Valley Nursing Home
- Joys that Jean Figge is home and feeling much better!
- Joy of Rev. Shannon's installation on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!
- Joys of another year of Annual meetings in the books!

**WORSHIP HOURS**  
**Blue Rapids 9 a.m.**  
**Frankfort 9 a.m.**  
**Marysville 10:30 a.m.**  
**Washington 11:00 a.m.**

**USHERS**

February

**Blue Rapids**

Larry Claycamp

**USHERS**

February

**Marysville**

**USHERS**

**Frankfort**

**USHERS**

February 3

**Washington**

Dale & Lila Keesecker

February 10

Bill & Chris Pannbacker

February 17

Dale & Lila Keesecker

February 24

Christy Metz

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Frankfort, February 3

Marysville, February 3

Pat Breeding

Blue Rapids, February 3

Connie Edwards

Washington, February 3

**Pastor Shannon's Corner**

*Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

*Hebrews 10:23-25*

*Have you ever had one of those days or months when the best laid plans seem to elude you? Little changes in a day are expected. Most days have at least one meeting that starts late, or project that takes more time than anticipated. But have you ever*

*experienced what I've come to know as a complete overhaul of your day?*

*About mid-January this ever shifting schedule found me, sitting at the Empty cup waiting for Adam to get off work. In the course of one day every meeting that I had planned, project I worked on and gathering I attended failed to go according to schedule. Like most days I had stacked my time with meetings, and plans to do business, and visit others. That plan never happened. Starting with a canceled ministerial association meeting every single scheduled activity for the day either changed time or was canceled all together. It was as though someone was taking the activities on my schedule and playing a game of rearrange the meetings.*

*It's hard to remember that God wants my rest as much as my work. That day I found space to rest. Each change to my schedule made way for something else. I made some unplanned visits, lingered in conversation and found time at the end of the day to simply be.*

*There are so many good ways to serve and to love God. I had a good day of working for God planned out and God things to accomplish. But being a Christian isn't always about doing. Sometimes it's about being. I needed the reminder. I needed the day that I hadn't planned for to just be with rather than do for God.*

*Last month I wrote to you about sharing our stories, and then for the annual report I talked about our unique brand of "provoking" one another towards love. Sometimes love is about finding ways to be rather than stuff to do. Sometimes love is found in those moments when we take time to breath because it's in those moments that we realize who we are meant to be loving. So I encourage you make space to be. Find time to gather together and share the ways that we are drawn together, the ways that we care and the ways that we love. Let us consider the God who loves us and tell the stories that point us to that truth*

## When the weather messes up our plans...

Reading the Hebrews verse again I am amused by Paul's call to meet together. He obviously never had to face the tough call of calling off church in anticipation of a storm, or lived in the reality of an every changing life. January was certainly an unpredictable month of meetings. All of our communities experienced some form of shifting plans. With that in mind here's the plan.

### When church is interrupted by weather:

1. If all congregations are off for a Sunday you can find me on Facebook live at 10am for "Living Room Sermons" with Pastor Shannon like we did in November.
2. If only some of the churches are called off we will pick one that is going and live stream that service. You can find the time for the live stream and info on the church that we are streaming at on Facebook.

To find the **Facebook** Live video by go to the Oregon Trail Presbyterian Ministry page and scroll to the top of the feed. You should see a video playing, which you can **watch** on mobile or desktop. Click the video to enter viewing mode. Engage with the video by leaving a comment or question the same way you would normally comment on a post. If you have a problem getting the video live don't stress. We will post the video to the page for future viewing and to the Oregon Trail website at [www.oregontrailmin.org](http://www.oregontrailmin.org).



## Finding the Pastor...

With four congregations I know it seems like I am always on the move and always busy. I love meeting with people and am always willing to make time to sit with you one on one. If you would like to visit please let me know and we'll make it happen. Sometimes though it's helpful to know when the Pastor will be in town. Although ministry is flexible most of the time I'll be around for the following activities.

**Marysville**– Most Tuesday mornings you will find Gary and I at the Empty Cup working on Sunday's service, and connecting.

**Frankfort**– The second Tuesday of the month the Frankfort pastors meet at the Wildflower Bakery for coffee, prayer and planning.

**Blue Rapids**– Every Wednesday starting at 9 am., I am in Blue Rapids for coffee.

**Washington**– The first Wednesday of the month is the Washington Ministerial Association meeting at Gambinos.

Youth Gatherings are planned for 6<sup>th</sup> graders thru High School. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Blue Rapids church, Pastor Shannon and Adam will provide a bible lesson and games. Breakfast is what's for dinner! Come hungry and bring a friend! Also on March 3<sup>rd</sup> an OTPM Family Snow Tubing event at Atchison has been planned. Watch for a Facebook event invite for more detail.

Pastor Shannon will be gone February 13<sup>th</sup> thru February 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are in need of pastoral care Pastor Gary will be available during that week.

# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Marysville Annual Meeting AND Sunday Children's School program after worship	4	5	6 Blue Rapids coffee at 9:00 a.m, Jr Choir 5 p.m. AND Trustee's meeting at 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9
10 Installation of Officers at Frankfort AND Youth Gathering at Blue Rapids from 5:00 p.m.	11	12 Homestead Bingo in Washington	13 Blue Rapids coffee at 9:00 a.m, Jr Choir 5 p.m.	14 Blue Rapids Session meeting at 10:00 a.m.	15	16
17 Koinonia Supper at Frankfort at 5:30 p.m.	18	19	20 Blue Rapids coffee at 9:00 a.m. Jr Choir 5 p.m.	21	22	23
24 Installation of Elders at Washington	25	26	27 Blue Rapids coffee at 9:00 a.m, Jr Choir 5 p.m.	28		