



# Bethesda Outlook

January 2016

## Facilities and Grounds

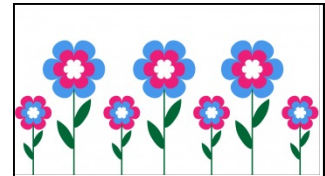
Facilities and grounds Committee requests getting support with work still left to be done in the buildings and on the grounds. The last work party on the Saturday before Rally Sunday was very lightly attended. As a result, so many of the things to do and items on the long list posted on the bulletin board near the exit door of the Fellowship Hall remain undone.

The committee has set up, called and worked at work parties since the start of the year and is now asking for more church member support of the work load. A list of things to be done is printed here for members to see if they can accomplish some of the remaining items. This is not all of the things to do but at the very top of the list and most needed are:

- Weeding and cleaning debris from flower beds and grass areas
- Cleaning of the parking lot of debris especially after windstorms
- Prune bushes and trees (see Cliff or Joan)
- Deep cleaning of the kitchen & behind refrigerators & freezers (see Joy Halladay)
- Clean all building windows
- Paint the shed at the rental house
- Spot cleaning of the Fellowship Hall carpet
- Clean off office roof, gutters and downspouts
- Other items needing doing (see committee members for information and supplies)

The long list will be updated at the next committee meeting on November 2. Meetings are the first Monday evening of each month. The updated list will be on the wall in the Fellowship Hall.

The **sound system** fundraiser will run through January 10th, 2016. You may contribute by placing a check in the offering plate marked "Sound System" or there will be a container on the treat table during coffee time.



It's time to begin planning for the annual plant sale. If you are willing to help please contact Joann Minnis.



- 2 - Derald Porter  
Garry Swierenga
- 8 - Paula Dibble  
Sue Rasmussen

- 11 - Ray Rasmussen  
Tracy Ruzicka
- 13 - Dylan Olson
- 15 - Lillian Cunningham
- 16 - Jeremiah Scott

- 19 - Anny Glebe
- 20 - Laurie Olson  
(Pearson)
- 21 - Audriana Hindman
- 30 - Joan Minnis

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					<b>1</b>  <i>Happy New Year!</i> <i>office closed</i>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Worship 10:15am Comm. Table prep. 4:00pm—7:00pm	<b>4</b> Ruth/Miriam Circle 2:00pm—4:00pm Bethesda Community Table 8:30am—8:00pm Girl Scout Leaders 6:30pm—9:00pm Facilities Committee @ Bldg. 3 6:45pm	<b>5</b> Comm. Table clean up 7:00am—12:00pm	<b>6</b> Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	<b>7</b> Girl Scouts 6:00pm—8:00pm	<b>8</b> Girl Scouts 5:00pm—8:00pm	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Worship 10:15am Comm. Table prep. 4:00pm—7:00pm	<b>11</b> Bethesda Community Table 8:30am—8:00pm Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm—3:30pm Council Meeting 7:00pm—9:00pm	<b>12</b> Comm. Table clean up 7:00am—12:00pm	<b>13</b> Care & Concern Ministry 10:00—Noon Foodie Book Group 6:30pm—8:30pm Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	<b>14</b> Girl Scouts 6:00pm—8:00pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Movie Night 5:00pm—10:00pm
<b>17</b> Worship 10:15am Comm. Table prep. 4:00pm—7:00pm	<b>18</b> Bethesda Community Table 8:30am—8:00pm	<b>19</b> Comm. Table clean up 7:00am—12:00pm Community Table Team meeting 11:00am-1:00pm	<b>20</b> Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	<b>21</b> <u>NEWSLETTER</u> <u>DEADLINE</u> Girl Scouts 6:00pm—8:00pm	<b>22</b> Girl Scouts 5:00pm—8:00pm	<b>23</b> Men's Fellowship 8:00am—10:00am
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## Entering the New Year Well

Kirby Unti, NWWA Bishop  
*The Spirit*, January 2016

What shall you bring with you into the New Year and what shall you leave behind?

I met the cutest couple in their eighties. They lived just down the street from the church. I had been asked by their neighbor if I would be willing to officiate at their wedding. I agreed, as I seldom turned down the opportunity to share the gifts of the church with the people of the community.

They invited me over to their home and graciously shared their story with me. Both of them had lost their spouses whom they deeply loved. I knew this when they invited me to see the family pictures in the hallway. On one side of the hallway were pictures of his family - his former wife, their children and grandchildren. On the opposite wall hung the photos of her former husband, their children and grandchildren.

This couple had accomplished what I have not often experienced. They were able to appropriately hold the memory of their former spouses *and* still fully embrace one another. Neither had met the other's spouse when they were living but each had shared enough about their love and respect that they felt like they knew them. I was thrilled that this couple could celebrate what had gone on before them and begin a new chapter in life with great gratitude for each other's companionship and love.

It sure made it easy for this couple's adult children and grandchildren to be in the home of these newlyweds. They knew that their past was being appropriately honored and they could rejoice in the new beginning for their parents.

It takes wisdom and confidence to know how to carry the bones of those who have gone before us.

*And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for Joseph had solemnly sworn the people of Israel saying, "God will visit you; then you must carry my bones with you from here." -- Exodus 13:19*

How well are you carrying the bones of your past? The New Year gives us the opportunity to be intentional about what we carry forward. For far too many of us, we tend to bring grudges, hurt feelings, jealousies not yet overcome, and anger still clutched. You *do not* have to carry that weight for another year. Letting go of the ugly past can be the best weight loss program there is.

Knowing how to carry the past and enter the future allows to live life in the present to its fullest.

Happy New Year!

