

# **The Bacon Visitor January 2026**



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## **Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church**

[www.baconmemorial.org](http://www.baconmemorial.org)

### **Worship & Sunday School Sundays at 10:30 am**

Worship is streamed live on Facebook and posted  
on our YouTube channel.

Weekly bulletin and sermon are available on our website.  
Web page: [www.baconmemorial.org](http://www.baconmemorial.org)

If you would like a copy of the sermon sent to you weekly, please call the  
church office 716-283-5744 to be added to our email or mailing list.

### **Office Hours**

Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

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# **Welcome to Chapel Church at Bacon Memorial!**

*Pastor Lisa and the Worship Committee*

Over the years, our congregation has seen a shift in how people join us for Sunday worship. While in-person attendance has become smaller, we are grateful to see a growing number of individuals participating through our live Facebook services. It is a blessing to be able to include our homebound members and others who might not otherwise be able to worship with us, allowing our fellowship to extend beyond our walls.

With this change, we recognized an opportunity to be good stewards of our resources during the colder months. From January through Palm Sunday, we will gather in our beautifully remodeled chapel, a warm and welcoming space that will allow us to conserve energy while also creating a more intimate worship experience. We believe this setting will open the door to renewed spiritual connection and growth.

The chapel offers comfortable seating, and our children will have a dedicated area just outside the worship space—close enough to remain part of our shared experience. We look forward to beginning this new worship arrangement on the first Sunday of January and continuing through Palm Sunday.

While 2025 brought some financial challenges, our session remains committed to exploring thoughtful ways to strengthen both our ministry and our mission. Our church continues to be an important presence in the LaSalle neighborhood, and we remain devoted to serving in the spirit and love of Jesus Christ.

We welcome your ideas—whether for growing our membership, expanding our outreach, or supporting our financial needs. Together, and with trust in the guiding work of the Holy Spirit, we look forward to the opportunities ahead.

## **Pastor's Corner**

### **Looking to the New Year with Renewed Strength of Spirit**

As we step into a new year, many of us carry with us the weight of confusing and troubling times. The world feels uncertain in ways that can test even the strongest of hearts. Yet it is precisely in seasons like these that the people of God have always discovered fresh strength, deeper faith, and renewed purpose.

Scripture reminds us that God's light shines brightest when the path ahead seems dim. The challenges we face—whether personal, national, or global—do not diminish God's presence among us. Instead, they invite us to lean more fully into the promises that have sustained believers for generations: that God is faithful, that Christ walks with us, and that the Holy Spirit continues to breathe courage and hope into weary souls.

As a church family, we have the opportunity to enter the new year not with fear, but with expectation. This is a time to recommit ourselves to prayer, to worship, and to acts of compassion that reflect Christ's love in a hurting world. It is a time to encourage one another, to listen deeply, and to trust that God is still at work—often in ways we cannot yet see.

Renewed strength of spirit does not come from ignoring the difficulties around us. It comes from remembering who we are and whose we are. When we gather—whether in person or online—we remind one another that we are part of something larger than the moment we are living through. We are part of God's ongoing story of redemption, hope, and new beginnings.

As we move forward into the year ahead, may we do so with hearts open to God's leading, eyes attentive to signs of grace, and spirits strengthened by the knowledge that we do not walk this journey alone. The world may be uncertain, but our foundation remains firm. And with God's help, we can face the days ahead with courage, compassion, and renewed joy.

We invite you to join us each Sunday as we gather for worship, fellowship, and the joy of being together in Christ's presence. There is something truly meaningful about sharing face-to-face time as a church family, and we would love to see you with us. If you need a ride, simply call the church office at 716-283-5744—our members are always willing to help make in-person worship possible. And to those who worship with us online, we are grateful for your presence as well. Your comments, prayers, and willingness to share our services help spread Christ's love into a world that deeply needs hope. Together, whether in person or online, we shine a light that helps push back the darkness.

### **Unsolicited Advice from the church mouse.**

Our world is not divided by Race, Color, Gender, or Religion.  
Our world is divided into Wise people and Fools.  
And Fools divide themselves by Race, Color, Gender, or Religion.  
Nelson Mandela

## **LITURGISTS for January 2026**

January 4 – Jim Cobia

January 11 –

January 18 –

January 25 – Bill Springer

We need Liturgists for January. Everything is written out for you.

Call the church office 716-283-5744.

**January 7 - NAP Dinner** (*Niagara Area Presbyterians*) – 5 pm at Lewiston. Come and enjoy dinner with our friends from the Niagara Area Presbyterians.

**January 11 – Election of Officers** – immediately following the worship service.

**The Crochet, knitting, tatting, quilting, craft group** meets most Sundays at 2 pm at the church. If you are a beginner, come and learn. You can work on your own project or learn a new stitch or technique.

The **Lion's Club** is collecting your used eyeglasses, eyeglass cases and old hearing aids. There is a collection box on the table in the Narthex.

### **Pay Pal QR code**

The church now has a scannable QR code for our PayPal. If you'd like to support the mission of Bacon Memorial, please consider making a donation!

If you would like to **order flowers for the re table**, please call Ron Clements at 716-283-9411. You may want to honor someone's memory with flowers in remembrance of a birthday or place a rose when a child is born.

### **Third Sunday Lunch**

Bacon's Third Sunday Lunches will be held in the odd months of the year due to a smaller congregation and those physically unable to help. We can always use help with coffee hours and lunches. ***The next Third Sunday Lunch will be January 18***, hosted by Presbyterian Men.

**Coffee Hours** – We need help with the coffee hours. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet for coffee hours on the bulletin board in the hallway.

**Are you interested in becoming a member at Bacon?** Please let Pastor Lisa 716-816-9503 know. We would love to have you be a part of our church family!

**Like us on Facebook!** Please like and follow the Bacon Memorial Facebook page. Pastor Lisa will be posting regularly including parts of the sermon each week. We also include information on events taking place at or through Bacon, so please join us today! Also invite your family members, friends and neighbors as well. Thank you!

**Bacon Memorial Food Cupboard:** any non-perishable food you would like to donate is always welcome. Most needed are protein-rich foods such as tuna, canned chicken, beans or peanut butter. The food cupboard is located at the back of the sanctuary. Please check the expiration dates of donated food.

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### **Operation Christmas Child**

In 2025 we filled 179 shoeboxes for children around the world. We will track 22 of the boxes to see where they will be delivered. We collect year-round so start looking for after-holiday sales. Targeted items for January are hats, gloves, scarves, and socks.

Bacon Memorial's Mission & Outreach committee and Presbyterian Women gave a donation to ***Presbyterian Giving catalog***. If you would like to help by donating, here is the web site.  
<https://www.pcusa.org/giving/giving-catalog/gifts>

### **Country Meat Sticks for Sale**

The Fall Festival committee has meat sticks for sale at 2 for \$3. Flavors include Sweet Annie Brown, Bold Teriyaki, Hot Cajun, Sweet Maple Bacon, and other flavors. See Sandy Quinn, Cheryl McInerney, or Bill Springer to buy your favorites!

## January Birthdays

01-03	Harold Cooper
01-05	Kim Mayes
01-05	Shawn Zimmerman
01-06	Zakary Pembleton
01-07	Grace Snyder
01-08	Jim Kwiatkowski
01-10	Carol Beiter
01-12	Dwight Spenser III
01-13	Carol Ortt
01-16	Michael Fland
01-19	Agnes Dombrowski
01-19	Mary Ewing
01-21	Crystal Bauerlein
01-22	Jackie Martinez
01-24	Alan Piaskowski
01-24	Evelyn DeFranco
01-28	Tracy Kammerdeiner
01-30	Frank Faltisco



## January Anniversaries

01-19-74	Boyd & Chris Clark
01-30-71	Mary & Harold Ewing



### **Please Pray for:**

- *For those who are tired, lonely, homebound, addicted or have mental health issues.*
- *For our church members who can't get to church but want to stay connected.*
- *For those struggling with their relationships.*
- *People with stress in their lives.*
- *All Veterans who are struggling.*

### **SERVING OUR CONTRY**

James Bak	Joseph Bak
Cameron Gee	Andrew LaFave
Mathew Springer	Ryan Young
Andrew Wilson	Emily LaFave

### **HOMEBOUND**

Harold and Billie Coooper  
Carol Ortt  
Larry and Janet Downs  
Graham Luskin – Northgate, room 34W



### **Prayers needed for:**

**Dean Harms** – hip replacement surgery (son of Cheryl McInerney)

**Lori Caldwell** – slipped on wet leaves, shattered her shoulder, broke some ribs  
(friend of Cheryl McInerney)

**Max Gee** – brain surgery – (grandson of Danielle and Chris MacKenzie)

**Dave Straw** – Stage 1 cancer, has good days and not good days (friend of Cheryl McInerney)

**Baby Lenox** – Had surgery – is home (Pastor Lisa)

**Donna** – healing (cousin to Bill Springer)

**Michael** – needs healing (nephew of Bill Springer)

**Adam James** – preemie – weighing in at 3.2 pounds, in the NICU (friends of Clements)

**Brett Wass** and family – in Palliative Care (Sandy Quinn)

**Linda Wassell** - receiving chemo & radiation for stage four cancer (friend of Martha Baker)

**Chelsea Ellis** – in ICU (friend of Elizabeth Springer)

See latest Prayer List

## Scripture Lessons for January 2026

### **Jan. 4**                      **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

Jer. 31:7-14 *and Ps. 147:12-20*

Eph. 1:3-14

John 1:(1-9) 10-18

### **Jan. 6**                      **Epiphany of the Lord**

Isa. 60:1-6 *and Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14*

Eph. 3:1-12

Matt. 2:1-12

### **Jan 11**                    **Baptism of the Lord**

Isa. 42:1-9 *and Ps. 29*

Acts 10:34-43

Matt. 3:13-17

### **Jan. 18**                    **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Isa. 49:1-7 *and Ps. 40:1-11*

1 Cor. 1:1-9

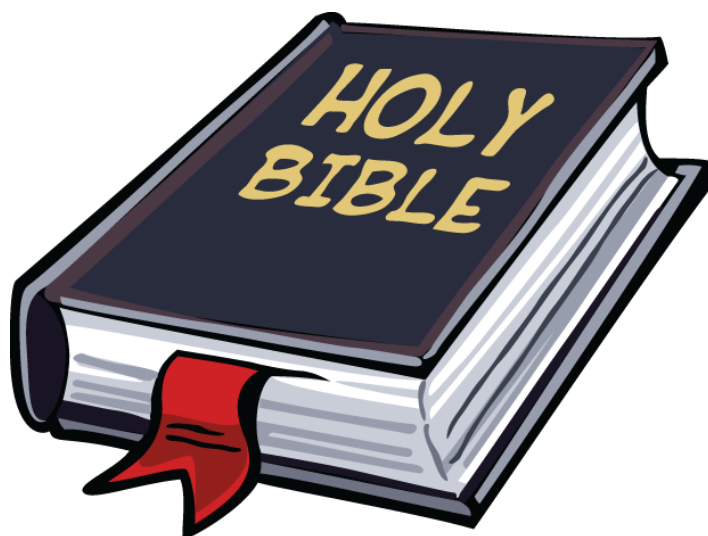
John 1:29-42

### **Jan. 25**                    **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Isa. 9:1-4 *and Ps. 27:1, 4-9*

1 Cor. 1:10-18

Matt. 4:12-23





# What's Happening at Bacon

## January 2026

**Jan. 1 New Year's Day – Church Closed**

**Jan. 2 Monthly** and Annual committee reports due

**Jan. 4 Worship, Communion, Sunday School.....10:30 am**  
Mission meeting  
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm  
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

**Jan. 7 NAP** (Niagara Area Presbyterians) **Dinner** - 5 pm at Lewiston  
All are welcome

**Jan. 11 Worship, Sunday School.....10:30 am**  
Election of officers following worship  
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm – 5 pm  
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

**Jan. 14 Session meeting - Zoom.....7 pm**

**Jan. 17 Presbyterian Men** meet at Jetport.....9 am

**Jan 18 Worship, Sunday School.....10:30 am**  
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm  
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

**Jan. 18 – Third Sunday Lunch** – hosted by Presbyterian Men

**Jan. 19 – church closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday**

**Jan. 20** Deadline for February Bacon Visitor announcements.

**Jan. 24 Tapestry** – 1 pm *Join us for a discussion on purposeful rest.*

**Jan. 25 Worship, Sunday School.....10:30 am**  
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm – 5:00 pm  
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

**Jan. 28 Worship & Music** meeting – by Zoom.....7:00 pm



## **“Tapestry”: Weaving Fellowship, Mission, and Joy in Christ**

At Bacon Memorial, we believe that every person is a unique thread in God’s greater design. **Tapestry** is dedicated to building meaningful relationships, serving with purpose, and celebrating the vibrant life we share in Christ.

Whether you're seeking deeper friendships, a place to serve, or simply a space to belong, Tapestry welcomes you. Come be part of something beautifully woven—where every thread matters. Please bring a neighbor or friend! All are welcome!



## **The Gift of Stopping – Rediscovering Sabbath Rest**

*Join us for a discussion on purposeful rest. We will explore different restful experiences including a guided visualization, a chocolate meditation, breath practices and more! Discover your natural doorway into rest.*

*Led by Jessie Mancuso – Reiki Master, Meditation and Yoga Instructor*

**Saturday, January 24, 2026 – 1:00 pm**

**Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church – Multi-Purpose Room**  
166 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, NY

Please **RSVP** - [lisagiacomazza@gmail.com](mailto:lisagiacomazza@gmail.com) or text 716-816-9503