

# Thursday Thoughts – February 7, 2019

*We are a Christian fellowship, who declares and demonstrates God's boundless love for all.*



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In this week's chapter we are reading for "We Make the Road by Walking", Brian talks about Hell and how Jesus subverts the notion of hell in the gospels. No matter what we feel about hell, it reminded me of a joke I once heard, and so I thought I would share it all with you.

**An engineer dies and reports to the Pearly Gates.** Saint Peter checks his dossier and not seeing his name there, accidentally sends him to Hell. It doesn't take long before the engineer becomes rather dissatisfied with the level of comfort in Hell.

He soon begins to design and build improvements. Shortly thereafter, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. Needless to say, the engineer is a pretty popular guy.

One day, God calls Satan and says: "So, how are things in Hell?"

Satan replies: "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators. And there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

"What!" God exclaims: "You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have been sent to Hell. Send him to me."

"Not a chance," Satan replies: "I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him!"

God insists: "Send him back or I'll sue."

Satan laughs uproariously and answers: "Yeah, right. And where are you going to get a lawyer?"

Anyway. Sorry to any lawyers! :D

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Be safe in the snow!

## Health Concerns

- Steve Armstrong's father needs pacemaker, gallbladder surgery. He has an e-coli infection and beginning stages of dementia.
- Steve's sister-in-law for healing cancer of the liver and removal of her gallbladder.
- Victor Neufeld and his family as he suffers with terminal cancer.
- Mary Jo Malia shared concerns for Bob with MS pain, Mike with metastatic cancer and Katherine whose husband passed away after living with dementia.





### Joys & Thanksgivings

- Pastor Justin was happy to see everyone Sunday morning.
- Tammy Fitting's birthday celebrated on Friday, the 1<sup>st</sup>
- Hildegard Stone attended a celebration of life for Elizabeth Bonde at the Unitarian Fellowship. She called her church family beloved. May our community share a similar bond of caring.
- Lesli Leitz was happy to have her son Carl visiting from Alaska and in worship

with us.

- Helene Norman is getting better everyday. May her healing continue.
- Mary Jo Malia is grateful for healing for her granddaughter Alexa.
- Jan McLemore is thankful for science which can our community with the danger of Gypsy Moth infestation.
- Susan was happy to celebrate her birthday and Irene St. Louis's birthday with family on the 5th.
- Thank you for God's love which never fails.
- Thank you for Jesus Christ who shows us how to love.

### Peace & Encouragement

- Judy Paar who is concerned because she needs a new place to live. She'd like to continue to live in Manette where she works.

### **This Week at the Church:**

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| Thursday: | 12:30pm             | Prayer Circle   |
|           | 2pm                 | Brownsville Elementary MAD Club<br>(Music, Art, Drama)                |
| Sunday:   | 11am                | Worship – 5th Sunday After Epiphany                                   |
|           | 12pm                | Fellowship  |
| Thursday: | ~ Valentine's Day ~ |   |
|           | 12:30pm             | Prayer Circle   |
|           | 2pm                 | Brownsville Elementary MAD Club<br>(Music, Art, Drama)                |
|           | 7pm                 | Book Study at <b>Brownsville UMC</b><br>"We Make the Road By Walking" |



**Happy Birthday to:**  
Kathy Childs – 14th



**Happy Anniversary to:**  
No Anniversaries This Week

*If you would like to receive our Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary greetings, please send your dates to our church email address listed above. Thanks...*