



February

General Board meeting will be on the 8th at 6:00 PM.



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A Word from Reverend Randal...

I think our household is different from many. In the same space are two theologians. Sounds lofty right? Not so much. We, like the old joke*, have at least three opinions about almost everything.

We also seem to get ahead of ourselves with the seasons of the church year. So, for a good while discussions have been about Lent and Easter. Most are planning and “work” related but, some are more personal.

This year we began to discuss what we ought to give up for Lent. It is customary so to do every year as a helpful way to understand or participate in a small way with the suffering and anticipatory grief that Jesus must have experienced.

Some ideas for this practice are way too tame. Such as the following spoken by a pre-teen from a previous congregation, “I am going to give up liquorish ice cream sodas for lent.” The truth to be told, is that young person did not like Liquorish or any ice cream but chocolate.

Some ideas seem to be asking for failure by being too tough or ambiguous. I am going to give up everything that has sugar in it might be such an item. Is this all sugar or just added sugar? Are all carbohydrates included or other thing that act as sugar? It may be

that just fasting throughout Lent would be easier.

Some people add something to do as a discipline. This might be praying for others daily. It might specifically be praying for those that have hurt or damaged us. This might be an ex- of some sort.

My problem with all of this is sometimes we get so into the giving up or doing more that we forget what the “Why” we are doing them.

I suggest we listen to the Spirit for inspiring ways to help us experience the path to Jerusalem and all that follows. Then by following through with these ideas, we will experience the grief, loss, compassion and suffering of our Lord Jesus. By doing so the glory and majesty of Easter will be magnified.

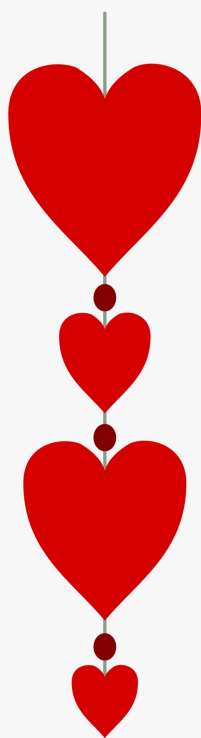
May the Lenten journey be a blessing to you,

Rev Randal



*Question: What do you have if you have three pastors in the same room? Answer: At least five different correct truths.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries



BIRTHDAY

- 3- Greg Schultz
Shirley Schultz
- 4- Sidney Ehrhardt
- 8- Chloe Venable
- 10- Jarid Wise
- 11- Barb Utlaut
- 13- Shala Smith
- 14- BaileeAnn Merchant
Michelle Porter
Taylor Scarff
- 15- Trish Fletcher
Bennett Kueker
- 16- Jordan Bishop
- 18- Mary Anderson
- 19- Grace Miles

- 22- Alexander VanDyke
- 23- Maggie Hoffelmeyer
Jillian Pointer
Melisa Shannon
- 25- Crete Coslet
Garrett Green
- 26- Kirby Rugen
- 27- Zach Crews
- 28- Eric Arnett



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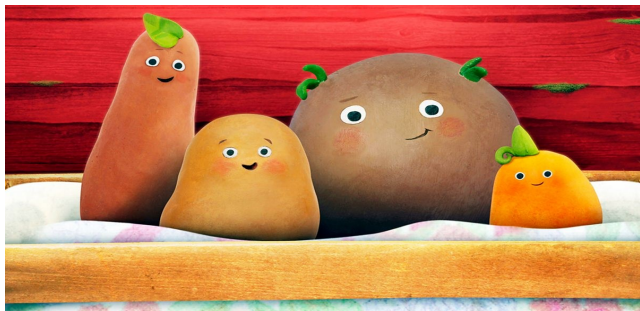


February Birthdays List

Helping the Community is no small potatoes!

Are you able to help?

Please sign up on the posters in the parlor to bring desserts and to work at our Potato Bar Lunch on Sunday, March 5. We will be serving before and after the Cereal Box Domino Run.



Psalms 23

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Z J L Y E L L A V A S N I P O O E
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| comfort | mercy | still |
| death | oil | table |
| dwelt | pasture | valley |
| enemies | path | water |
| evil | restore | |
| forever | righteousness | |
| goodness | rod | |
| house | shadow | |
| lead | Shepherd | |



Church closings due to inclement weather will be announced on KMMO and a One-Call will be sent with As much notice as possible.



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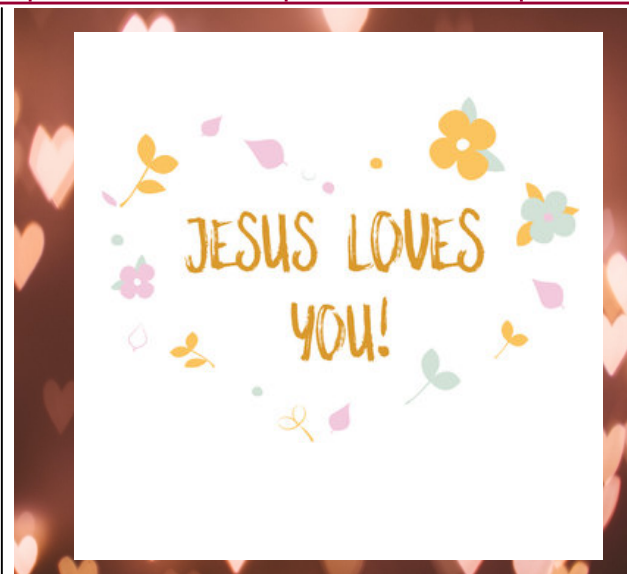
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Band re-bearsal at 7	2 Church Ladies Luncheon— Mazzio's at 11:00	3	4
5 Boy Scout Sunday	6	7	8 General Board meeting @ 6:00	9 Praise Band rehearsal @ 7:00	10	11
12 Fellowship Dinner after service	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Praise Band rehearsal @ 7:00	24	25
26	27	28				

Is there a love story in the Bible?

The whole Bible is a love story! It begins with God, and God is love. Before anything else existed, love flowed between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus says to the Father, "You loved me before the foundation of the world" (John 17:24)



The February CWF Women's Group will meet on the 21st in the Church Parlor at 1:30.





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Church Staff

Minister– Rev. Randal DeMasters

Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp

Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant

Office Admin.– Hope Richards

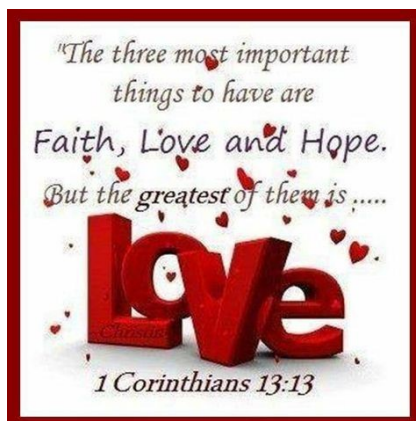
Music Director– Hope Richards

Pianists–Kay Wise

Hope Richards

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