



### Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

#### February 4th

Elders:

Buddy Hannaford  
Wayne Buck

Deacons:

Butch Ash  
Nancy Jackson  
Ginger McGraw  
John McGraw  
Jeff Wise

#### February 11th & 18th

Elders:

Paul Crews  
Wayne McReynolds

Deacons:

Carla Fricke  
Missie Kreisel  
Ron Schupp  
Katie Shannon  
Leroy Wise

#### February 25th & March 4th

Elders:

Ken Bryant  
Virginia Bryant

Deacons:

Tyler Clemens  
Jean Dowell  
Hope Richards  
Shirley Schultz  
Makenzie Thomason

#### *Outside Communion:*

#### February 11th

Paul Crews  
Wayne McReynolds

#### February 25th

Ken Bryant  
Virginia Bryant

#### February Worship Leaders:

4th- Ken Bryant  
11th- Wayne McReynolds  
18th- Dan Brandt  
25th- Ken Bryant

### “Listening for What’s Important”

A Native American, named Tom, and his friend, Al, were in downtown New York City, walking near Times Square in Manhattan. It was during the noon lunch hour and the streets were filled with people. Cars were honking their horns, taxis were squealing around corners, sirens were wailing, and the sounds of the city were almost deafening. Suddenly, Tom said, "I hear a cricket." Al said, "What? You must be crazy. You couldn't possibly hear a cricket in all of this noise!" "No, I'm sure of it," Tom said, "I heard a cricket."

"That's crazy," said Al. Tom listened carefully for a moment, and then walked across the street to a big cement planter where some shrubs were growing. He looked into the bushes, beneath the branches, and sure enough, he located a small cricket. Al was amazed. "That's incredible," he said. "You must have superhuman ears!" "No," said Tom, "My ears are no different from yours. It all depends on what you're listening for." "But that can't be!" said Al. "I could never hear a cricket in this noise." Yes, you could," Tom replied. "It just depends on what's important to you. Let me show you."

He reached into his pocket, pulled out a few coins, and discreetly dropped them on the sidewalk. And then, with the noise of the crowded street still blaring in their ears, they noticed every head within twenty feet turn and look to see if the money that tinkled on the pavement was theirs. "See what I mean?" asked Tom. "It all depends on what's important to you."

When was the last time you heard a call from God? The world is

filled with so much noise today. It surrounds us. It engulfs us. It makes it hard to hear the soft but very distinct voice of God in our ears when they are so busy trying to filter out all the background noise and determine what is worth listening to and what is not.



The best way to hear anything is to specifically listen for it. The hunter hears the snap of a twig in the forest because he trains his ears for it. The mother can hear the cry of her child above the noises of the dryer and the television and the vacuum cleaner because she is constantly on alert for it. As we close in on the days of the Lenten season, let's intentionally listen for God's words to us. Perhaps God has yet another call for us, and that should be important to us.

In God's Grip,  
Loy

### Ash Wednesday Service on February 14



An Ash Wednesday service will be held on February 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel to help us welcome the Lenten season. This service will be designed to help prepare us for the journey through Lent through the sharing of scripture, songs, prayer, and the imposition of ashes.

**Until further notice, the only doors unlocked on Sunday mornings will be the East and South doors.**

## February Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 3– Greg Schultz  
    Shirley Schultz
- 4– Sidney Ehrhardt
- 7– Dorothy LaRue
- 8– Chloe Venable
- 10– Jarid Wise
- 11– Barb Utlaut
- 14– Bailey Ann Merchant  
    Michelle Porter  
    Taylor Scarff
- 15– Trish Fletcher  
    Bennett Kueker
- 16– Mona Baker  
    Jordan Bishop
- 18– Mary Anderson
- 19– Grace Miles
- 21– Sue Bailey  
    Roger Payne
- 22– Alexandra VanDyke
- 23– Maggie Hoffelmeyer  
    Jillian Pointer

- 23– Melissa Shannon
- 25– Garrett Green
- 26– Kirby Rugen
- 27– Zach Crews
- 28– Eric Arnett  
    Loretta Green

### Anniversaries



## Lenten Devotionals Available

This year's Lenten devotionals, "Walking in Newness of Life" from the Society of St. Andrew, will be available to help guide you through each day of the season of Lent. They include a daily scripture reading, meditation, and prayer. There are enough for each family to take one.

### Baptism Class/Commissioning Course

Classes will soon be held for anyone interested in joining the church or being baptized to learn about the process and what it all means. Class meetings will be in the Youth Room on Wednesday afternoons, 2:30-3:45, February 14 – March 28 (except the week of spring break). While designed for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders, the classes are open to all. Contact the office to let us know if you are interested in attending or Pastor Loy if you have any questions.

## Service Outside the Sanctuary Sunday

Plans are being made for our next S.O.S. Sunday on April 22 (Earth Day). Please contact the office if you know of anyone we could assist on that day. Sign-up sheets will soon be up for volunteers. That Sunday we will begin with a combined, short worship service for everyone at 9:00 a.m., then we will go out into the community to provide services to various individuals and organizations. Following that, we'll meet back at the church for a light fellowship meal.



The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Church dinner on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Menu is Loin baked Potatoes, green beans, corn and rolls. Member are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share.



### February Board Meeting...

In observance of Ash Wednesday, this month's board meeting will be on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. The Executive Board, General Board and Elder's will meet at 5:45, 6:30 and 7:15 p.m. respectively.



### Sunday School Class

Several comments coming out of the Membership Committee calling campaign concerned building a Sunday School. Sunday School has always been available. It meets every Sunday from 9:00 until 9:45am in the Chapel. It is open to everyone...teens through adults. Give it a try! Come join us Sunday for this Bible-focused study.

*Thank you family and friends for the beautiful cards, visits, calls and flowers these past weeks during my recovery. I thank you. To my family, thank you for the time and visits you spent daily with me in the hospital. I love and appreciate each and every one of you.*

~Priscilla McReynolds~

## Youth News...

Thirty-five adults and high school youth from across the Mid-America Region converged at Jo-Ota Retreat Center over MLK, Jr. weekend for a Winter Retreat. The weekend consisted of presentations, simulations, games, fellowship, worship and discussion groups, all centered around the topic of social justice.

Rev. Loy Hoskins presented an eye-opening account of white privilege. Rev. Sally Robinson and Lisa Conner-Collier from the DOC Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism team shared history, videos, stories and conversation about awareness and their works towards reconciliation. Rev. Jeff Moore helped participants dig into the Bible and reflect upon scriptural accounts and Jesus' instructions regarding social justice. William Jackson finished off the presentations with discussion on our personal privileges and categories of oppressed groups. All of the presenters shared vital information, both from their personal stories to historical data. Participants engaged in honest and open conversation, sharing their privilege or lack thereof, hopes, fears and dreams for a just society.

The group participated in simulations and exercises demonstrating the effects of discrimination and oppression. An activity on economic disparity resulted in a small elite ruling class, countered by a majority lower class and even an impoverished group of angry protesters demanding fair treatment.

Tomorrow's world looks more just and hopeful through the eyes of youth who are WOKE to white privilege, systemic racism, discrimination and oppression, and are passionate about creating equality and justice for ALL of God's children.

A few dreams shared by the youth during our 12 hour Night of Silence:

"I have a dream that one day wars won't exist because people will be happy with what they have and not crave more."

"I have a dream where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers."

"I have a dream that one day people won't be judged by their race, intelligence, social class, gender or culture and that everyone will be treated equally."

"I dream that employers will hire the most qualified person, not just the person most like them."

"I dream that one day everyone sees each other as God sees us."

"I have a dream that one day those who are poor would really be able to move up in the world."

"I have a dream that one day we will not have to dream. That one day we won't have to be afraid. That one day we won't need to cry out for justice. That one day, freedom and liberty really will be for all."

"I have a dream that my family will still come to my wedding, even if I marry a woman."

"I have a dream that we acknowledge each other's differences and love each other for it."

"I have a dream that my race will not hold me back."

"I have a dream that things will change for the better, for everyone."

"I have a dream...to have the bravery to act and the voice to speak."

"I have a dream of understanding, compassion, communication, caring, empathy, fairness and love."

"I dream of change, and for people to realize what is really going on and make it stop."

"I have MLK's dream now, and I will fight with all I've got to make a difference. This person is going to fight for the voiceless and oppressed and make this country an equal land."

"I have a dream that this country will learn the process of grief, healing, closure, acceptance and the strength to move forward. I dream that people everywhere would learn from, accept, teach and even love those around them rather than point guns."

Grateful, Kris Milliron

### Upcoming Sermons

Feb. 4	"Where Are the Prophets?" ( <i>Scout Sunday</i> )	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Feb. 11	"A Simple Touch of God" ( <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i> )	Psalms 50:1-6
Feb. 18	"The Deeper Meaning of the Rainbow" ( <i>Week of Compassion Sunday</i> )	Genesis 9:8-17
Feb. 25	"Abraham's Walk of Faith" ( <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> )	Romans 4:13-25

# February, the month of Love!

This month we will observe Valentine's day, and if this Valentine's Days is like those in the past, over \$1 billion will be spent on chocolate, \$1 billion on cards, and 218 million roses will be sold in the pursuit of or in an attempt to demonstrate love.

The Bible tells us that God sent the first Valentine. He showed what true love is. He demonstrated His love for you and me over 2000 years ago when He sent His One and Only Son to pay the price for your sins and mine.

Listen, God didn't just love you enough to tell you about it. He didn't just love you

enough that He settled for having it written in the clouds by angels in flaming chariots. He didn't love you enough that He stopped at sending you a love note, or a card, or calling you. He loved you enough that He sent His Son Jesus Christ.

You see, when it came to demonstrating love, FTD was not fragrant enough, Russel Stover was not sweet enough, and Hallmark couldn't find words eloquent enough to show you.

That's Gods' love for you. What about your love for others?

## Scout Sunday

February 4th will be Scout Sunday at our Church. After the 10:00 service cakes and desserts will be offered, for a donation, as a fundraiser.



## February Youth Calendar Events



Saturday, 2/3

Sunday, 2/4

Wednesday, 2/7

Friday, 2/9

Sunday, 2/11

Monday, 2/12

Wednesday, 2/14

Sunday, 2/18

Wednesday, 2/21

Sunday, 2/25

Wednesday, 2/28

Souperbowl of Caring collection @ Wal-Mart, 11a-4p

Sr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm at FCC

Elementary youth group, 5-6:30pm at Covenant

Jr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm at Covenant

Night to Shine Prom in Sedalia, 5-10p

Sr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm at FCC

Valentine's Activity @ HOOT House

Elementary youth group, 5-6:30pm at Covenant

Jr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm at Covenant

Sr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm at FCC

Elementary youth group, 5-6:30pm at Covenant

Jr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm at Covenant

Youth Sunday @ Covenant, 10am

Chili/Soup Cookoff @ Covenant (youth fundraiser), 11:30am

Sr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm at FCC

Elementary youth group, 5-6:30pm at Covenant

Jr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm at Covenant

## Will You Be Mine?...

*Valentine's Day is fast approaching! Go to any candy aisle in any store and there is evidence of this galore! One of the "traditional" candies you will always find this time of year is the **Conversation Hearts**. When I was a kid, I hated the thought of anyone not receiving a small token of love on this special day. So, I would stop at the candy aisle and gather as many boxes of these hearts that my money would allow. When you are 10 or 11, the money doesn't allow for too many! Instead of being able to pass out an entire box to each person, I would go home and sort through the hearts and separate them into baggies that would all contain the same sayings. When I went to school the next day I would pass them out. Of course, the cute boys HAD to get the ones that said "kiss me", the close friends got the "best friends forever", teachers got "hug me", and people I really didn't know were given "you are nice", Ah... I had expressed my love to everyone! Now that I am older, and per-*



*haps a little wiser, I realize that to show someone you love him or her cannot be achieved on just one day of work. Love takes effort, time, strength, and forgiveness. We have to learn to love others for their strong points as well as their weaknesses. If someone we love hurts us, we need to be willing to say, "I forgive you". God's love is like that for us. As his children, we falter and make mistakes. He doesn't make a choice between hate, love, disappointment, or anger, because there is no choice; He loves us no matter what! Isn't it wonderful to know that when God passes out his "Conversation Hearts" they have but one message... I Love You!"*

*Learning and Leaning,*

*Hope*



**From the Library:  
Did you know??  
For Valentine's Day the  
Church Library has the  
following...**

- With All My Heart  
By Christian Growth
- A Time to Laugh  
by Wanda Burstetter
- Red Velvet Cupcake Murder  
by Joanne Fluke
- Chocolate to Die For  
by Joanne Carl
- The Trouble with Valentine's Day  
by Rachel Gibson
- Hearts Divided  
by Debbie Macomber
- Special Delivery  
By Danielle Steel

### **Yummy Recipes!**

#### **Recipes:**

- Chocolate Hearts  
pg. 27 Keeping Good Company
- Molted Lava Cakes  
pg. 40 Paula Deen Celebrates!
- Red Velvet Cake  
pg. 137 Get together with  
Gooseberry Patch
- Chocolate Bundles w/ Chocolate Sauce  
pg. 41 Paula Deen Celebrates!
- Valentine's Cookies  
pg. 130 Heart of the Home
- Stuffed Beef Tenderloin  
pg. 37 Paula Deen Celebrates!

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**Music Director–Hope Richards**

**Youth Director– Kris Milliron**

**Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,**

**Larry Smith**

**Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant**

**Secretary– Hope Richards**

**Pianists– Donna Smith, Kay Wise,**

**Judy Morris**