



Newsletter February 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR: Rev. Larry Hoffmann

As we move closer to Valentine's Day, we start to think about the meaning of love. The happiest people are those who experience love in their lives. A young student wrote a composition on Benjamin Franklin. "Benjamin Franklin was a poor boy. He went to Philadelphia to live. He didn't have many clothes. One day he walked down the street and saw a pretty girl. She smiled at him. He smiled at her. Before long they were married, and he discovered electricity." Love is the "electricity" that brings energy and excitement to life.

Of course, God's love is greatest. God's love is the powerful "electricity" that created us in the beginning and gives life to us each day. Scripture tells us that "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them (1 John 4:16). Abiding in God's love means that we are cared for and strengthened to share this wonderful gift. We are loved into God's future. This is God's intention for us. The promise of the risen Christ is that nothing will ever thwart God's intention.

Peace,

Larry

FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION: Dee Mowry

2024 is 'off and running and in the books' with the first session meeting now history. The first meeting was held on Saturday, January 27, which was a departure of the regular meeting date which is usually the Fourth Sunday. The reason for the departure was because this was also the annual training session for the newly elected elders for the coming year, Rev. Hoffmann conducted the training session which focused on the creeds of the church beginning with the Nicene Creed, (dating to the 3rd century), to the modern creeds. This was very worthwhile and educational.

Following the training session, the first regular session meeting of the 2024 year was held. Your session is organized into four standing committees: Christian Education, Missions, Operations (of the church) and Service. Membership of each committee is as follows:

Christian Education: Carri McCandlish, David E. Mowry*, Corey Riley

Mission: Tracy Embrey, D. Dee Mowry, Judy Turner*

Operations: Sue Henwood*, Gene McCandlish, George Shreyer

Service: Cinda Keller*, Linda Shreyer, Sally Spangler

* = Chair of Committee

Moderator: Rev. Larry Hoffmann

Clerk of Session: D. Dee Mowry

FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION: Dee Mowry (continued)

Technically, by the Book of Order, there are only two 'officers' in the church, the moderator who conducts the meeting and the clerk who takes the minutes. The early founders of the Presbyterian Church said that Presbyterians go to great lengths to avoid 'ostentatious titles'. This is why you have NEVER heard of a Presbyterian Bishop, Cardinal or whatever.

If you have suggestions, questions, concerns, criticisms feel to contact any of the persons listed above.



Feb 11th – Zeta Alpha Meeting at 9:30 am in the church basement

Feb 14th – Ash Wednesday

Feb 14th – Valentine's Day

Feb 18th – New Member's Class after worship service

Feb 25th - Session Meeting after worship service



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Feb 2nd – Gene McCandlish

Feb 7th – Scott & Karen Bergreen

Feb 10th – Susie Seifert

Feb 14th – Bill Nutter

Feb 23rd – Don & Sally Spangler

Feb 24th – Susan Henwood

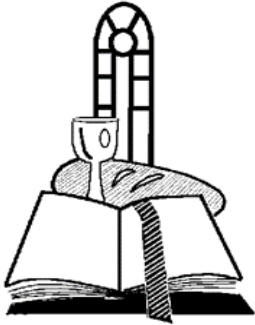
Feb 25th – Ray Schmidt



Anyone wanting to add a birthday or anniversary to the list, please send an email or call the church office.



February Lay Readers, Communion Servers and Ushers:



Feb 4th – Sharon Ankrom: Lay Reader, Communion Server & Usher
Tom Ankrom: Communion Server & Usher

Feb 11th – Cinda Keller: Lay Reader & Usher
Mark & Tracy Embrey: Ushers

Feb 18th – Judy Turner: Lay Reader & Usher
Jane Griffith: Usher

Feb 25th – Scott Bergreen: Lay Reader & Usher
Ila Bergreen: Usher



Kids' Section



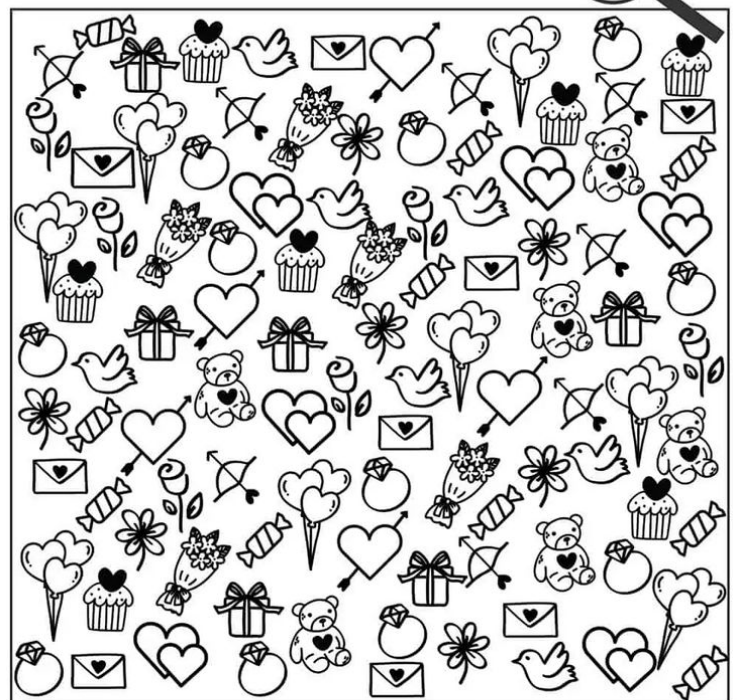
What Is Love?

If you love me, you will obey what I command. John 14:15



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protecting
patient
truthful
faithful

helpful
forgiving
kind
trusting

Love Is Not:
mean rude
angry selfish
evil hateful
proud jealous



Heart Maze

