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From Our Pastor

"Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."
1 John 3:18 NRSV

February! The month which hints of Spring in Tennessee but usually doesn't quite deliver! But, a month devoted to a day of love (romance and commitment) and to two of our best Presidents is still a month to celebrate! What would this month be without Valentine's Day and Presidents Day?

Love and leadership are necessary ingredients for most any social interaction to succeed. Love for each and all should be the motivation for most any society while leadership is necessary to find ways to carry out that love in fair and generous ways.

Of course, this is the ideal talking here. The actual practical day to day work accepts the reality of failures and restarts in love and leadership. That's where another February day and season appears: Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lenten observance. As Christians we acknowledge our sin gets in the way of love and good leadership, we repent, practice change, and receive forgiveness from God. Ash Wednesday arrives Wednesday February 17. The devotional road to Crucifixion and Resurrection begins.

On a lighter note, this month also has days dedicated to Groundhogs, Kites, Chocolate Mints, and Umbrellas!

So, February is a full month for one only filled with 28 days! I hope we will look forward to all these special days and practices. I hope we all will find February fine and full of faith!

Blessings!
Pastor Barry

Happy Birthday to:

Palmer Jennings February 7
Coleman Stacey February 7
Esther Dunbar February 11
Loren Vanderkooi February 25
Jane Rainey February 26
Caden Salem February 27

Happy Anniversary to:

John & Mary Ellen Vance February 22

Bucket Offerings

In February, the bucket collections at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the local food bank.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local food bank on the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the donations on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to the food bank. The suggested item for February is beans.

All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. The need is great.

Resources Available

Resources for various kinds of help/support for you or someone you know that might benefit from counseling and/or spiritual support are listed below.

- Insight Counseling Center, Murfreesboro
615-383-2115 for in person or
Online/phone counseling
- Upper Room Prayer Ministry
615-340-7200
- Talkspace.com
Online/phone counseling


Methodist News Source
www.umnews.org

February Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 7
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday, Feb. 14
Transfiguration Sunday
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday, Feb. 17
Ash Wednesday

Sunday, Feb. 21
1st Sunday in Lent
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. March 2021
newsletter info due
call Fay


Sunday, Feb. 28
2nd Sunday in Lent
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

The Season of Lent

Lent is the 40 days from Ash Wednesday until Easter, not counting Sundays. The symbolism of 40 days parallels the time that the Gospels tell us Jesus spent in the wilderness. Traditionally it was a time for people to prepare for baptism at Easter.

Lent has become a season of self-reflection and repentance for Christians.

Where are these words found?

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.”

-NRSV (hint book of 2 Corinthians)

1 Peter 5:10 was the quotation in the January newsletter.

