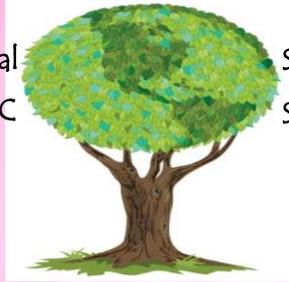


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On Valentine's Day ... A Real Love Connection

By [Ann Marie Chilton](#) From billygraham.org

The word “love” might bring to mind a familiar phrase: *Love is patient, love is kind ...* On one popular TV trivia show, the contestants couldn't name the book of the Bible where these verses are written, but they recognized the words. *Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres ...* Many have heard these verses recited in wedding ceremonies or seen them written on Valentine's Day cards. And they are found in 1 Corinthians 13, often called the “love chapter” of the Bible. *Love never fails ...*

At a certain point, some might say 1 Corinthians 13 has been quoted too much, which can cause words to lose their meaning. People might think, “*Yeah, yeah, ok. 'Faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love.' I know. I've heard it all before.*” Others have heard someone say, “I love you,” but a happy ending didn't follow. For some, the word “love” has been exhausted. That's because if we read or speak beautiful words about love again and again, but do not do it with intention or understanding, then the words begin to sound like empty statements. A better way to say that is, “If I speak in the languages of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal” (1 Corinthians 13:1, NIV). In fact, 1 Corinthians 13 teaches that people must connect to love, specifically the love of God, in order to live meaningful lives. Valentine's Day brings good news because—whether single, married, divorced, separated, or any other sort of status—people can connect to the best kind of love, God's love.

And Valentine's Day recognizes a holiday of taking time to show affection, to bring a little more meaning into everyday actions. Instead of mentioning romance in 1 Corinthians 13, the great love chapter teaches about the love of God: agape love, everlasting love, unconditional love, unselfish love. God's love is wide open. His love is available to any people who will yield their hearts and lives to Him. On one popular reality TV show, a single man meets several single women. As he gets to know them a little better, he eliminates the women he is not interested in. Sounds cruel, right? It is. But it's all done in the name of “love”—and entertainment. As the women on the show are publicly rejected, one by one, they feel awful. One woman expressed her hopelessness, saying, “If I could have opened myself up to him, I think, if he saw the real me, he would definitely reconsider.” Another thought if she were more beautiful or charming, then he would have chosen her. “I tried, and it just wasn't enough,” she said. In romance, many times, heartbreak comes before lasting love. But God does not line people up, inspect them, and then reject the ones He doesn't like because that is not what real love does. Sometimes cultural expressions and ideas about love are so cheap that it's almost impossible to fathom, in contrast, the wonderful extent of God's love. The Bible confirms this, saying, “Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known” (1 Corinthians 13:12).

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If a member of your family or a friend is hospitalized, please contact the parish office (673-5294) as soon as possible. (you can leave a message after office hours) Pastor Jerry and Kathy would like to make a visit, but since hospitals discharge patients so quickly, we need to know as soon as possible when your family member is in the hospital. Also, if you or a member of your family would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please let us know so Pastor Jerry can arrange a visit. No one should go without this important sacrament in their lives.

Pastor's Ponderings

By Jerry Schmidt

Greetings in 2018,

I wish the best for us all as the family of God, following in the footsteps of Christ Jesus, our risen Lord!

2017 is now a memory for us all. I pray that 2018 will hold all that God wants for us. I heard that God will only give you everything you would ask for...if you knew everything that He knows! What a remarkable thought. God knows what we need, what we want, and what those around us want and need.

His perfect will for us is waiting for us to claim. God places us in situations for a reason. What might they be? Are you strong enough to let God work through you in your current situations in life? Paula and I have learned this first-hand lately. As one of the many, who have visited and prepared food, said to us one evening; "God did this. Perhaps He protected us from something severely worse than a broken ankle". Wow, how we needed that at that time!

As Paula and I were awaiting her surgery, we heard some of the stories from the beds around us. From a woman having a double mastectomy and reconstructive surgery, to the woman who was in so much pain that drawing blood from her was excruciatingly painful. It made us realize that there are worse stories than ours. Some of you have pain and illness that you are living through right now. We offer prayers for you and your caregivers, that healing would be something that you feel ever more increasing day by day. (I don't know that I can say that I am joyful that this happened to Paula.) But we can put our situation into proper perspective, and look for ways that God can use us for His glory and good.

This leads to a great big "thank you" to all of you for your kindness, prayers, and love during these last three weeks. The meals have been excellent. The prayers have worked. And we feel the love in your kindness and understanding. If the love you show us is any indication of the support you offer for others, then we live in a truly blessed area. God is doing amazing things through you. You are being the hands and feet of Jesus. I also want to thank Jennifer Jones, Jean O'Connors, and Susan Stull for their willingness to preach while I was caring for Paula. Pray for Jennifer Jones as she readies herself for licensing school this Spring.

As you read this, the Lenten season is in a few weeks. February 14 is Ash Wednesday and Valentine's day. How will we show love for those whom we are close to? And how will we show gratitude to God for the sacrifice that He made through Jesus Christ? We are entering a time of self-reflection and the opportunity to cleanse ourselves of the guilt of our sin. There are 40 days of Lent, (not counting Sundays), to take a good look within our own hearts, and prepare ourselves to be in God's perfect will for us.

Learn to love more deeply in the 40 days of Lent. Learn to truly see the hearts of others during the 40 days of Lent. Learn to look within for the good that is in your hearts, that God wants you to share with a hurting world.

Pray for the Susquehanna conference as they discern what is best for the churches of the conference. Pray for our incoming District Superintendent the Rev. Troy Howell as he leads our district to new heights, and outreach to our neighbors around us. Continue to be a blessing in this world as we prepare for the world to come.

Blessed by you,

Pastor Jerry

Minister's Musings

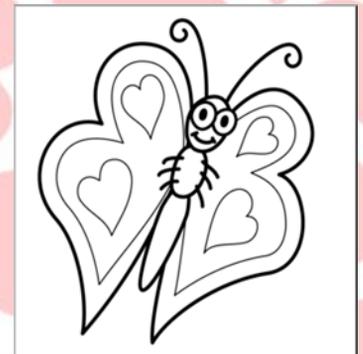
By Kathy Miller

A quick glance at the February calendar shows us two important days sharing the same date. Indeed, this year Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day collide in a day of religious observance and a highly commercialized romantic holiday. Of course, it is possible to observe both with carefully chosen timing. We know the children will be enjoying the fun of sharing valentines with family, neighborhood and school friends, and adults may be enjoying candlelight dinners with a very special person. But, hopefully there will be many who take time for the Ash Wednesday services, too.

This is a time to be reminded of our sinfulness and mortality. Sounds like a downer, right? But while it is a quiet and somber service, we also are reminded that man was created by God from the dust of the earth – out of love! The ashes that are placed upon our foreheads in the form of a cross signify that both sinfulness and mortality have been triumphed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ – the ultimate gift of love!

While this service has not traditionally been a practice of the Methodist Church, the United Methodist Church has embraced it as a humbling and meaningful beginning to the Season of Lent. Prayerfully consider attending.

Happy Valentine's Day to All !!



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God knows people very well, and He loves us. He knows the strengths and weaknesses, the secret sins and personal joys. God desires to save us from ourselves. His love gives us a second chance, and really, more chances than we deserve. Billy Graham says, “No matter what sin you have committed, no matter how dirty, shameful or terrible it may be, God loves you. You may be at the very gate of hell itself, but God loves you with an everlasting love.”

The Bible teaches that God is love. In the language of mathematics, that means *God = love*. In the language of teenagers, it means that *God is, like, totally all about love*. In a philosophical sense, God is so wrapped up in love that He is one with love itself. Unlike a lovesick admirer, God does not simply profess His love in words. God proves His love in action. The Bible says, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Jesus Christ’s sacrifice represents the ultimate act of love because it shows God’s grace. Christ is not just a good person who did good things for people and then was willing to die for His actions. Christ died in order to bring people closer to God. Billy Graham says, “The fact that God is love does not mean that everything is sweet, beautiful and happy and that God’s love could not possibly allow punishment for sin. God’s holiness demands that all sin be punished, but God’s love provided a plan of redemption and salvation for sinful people. God’s love provided the cross of Jesus Christ by which we can have forgiveness and cleansing.” Besides, what good is it to die for someone if the act accomplishes nothing? Or if the motives are impure? The Bible says, “If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing” (1 Corinthians 13:3).

In speaking of love, 1 Corinthians 13 challenges people to do everything out of love, specifically the kind of love that God has shown through Jesus. Love is the motive. That means loving friends, enemies, neighbors, co-workers, spouses, children, parents, and even strangers with the merciful and selfless love that comes from God. What a great challenge! There should be a holiday that celebrates love. Oh, and there is. But while Valentine’s Day focuses, for the most part, on romantic love, people can be sure that there’s so much more to that dreaded four-letter word. There’s a lifetime of days to connect to God, the Source of love, who teaches us, by example, to love with patience, faith, generosity, wisdom, and grace.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

*If I speak in the languages of men and of angels,
but have not love,*

*I am only a resounding gong or a
clanging cymbal.*

*If I have the gift of prophecy
and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have a faith that can move mountains,
but have not love, I am nothing.*

*If I give all I possess to the poor
and surrender my body to the flames,
but have not love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud.*

*It is not rude, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered, it keeps no
record of wrongs.*

*Love does not delight in evil but
rejoices with the truth.*

*It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.*

Love never fails.

It's in the Attitude

By Anne Cetas- From Our Daily Bread Online Edition

Read James 1: 1 – 12

Regina drove home from work discouraged and tired. The day had started with tragic news in a text message from a friend, then spiraled downward in meetings with co-workers who refused to work with any of her ideas. As Regina was talking to the Lord she thought it best to put the stress of the day aside and made a surprise visit to an elderly friend at a care center. Her spirits lifted as Maria shared how good the Lord was to her. She said, “I have my own bed and a chair, three meals a day, and help from the nurses here. And occasionally God send a cardinal to my window just because he knows I love them and He loves me.”

Attitude, perspective. As the saying goes, “Life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we react to it.” The people James wrote to were scattered because of persecution, and he asked them to consider their perspective about difficulties. He challenged them with these words:

“Consider it pure joy...whenever you face trials of many kinds.” James 1:2

We are each on our own journey of learning to trust God with hard circumstances. The kind of joy-filled perspective James talked about comes as we learn to see that God can use struggles to produce maturity in our faith.

Lord, please change my attitude about hard times. Bring about joy, perseverance, and maturity in me. God can bring times of growth out of our times of heartache.

When James says, “Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position” (1:9), he reflects the paradox of Jesus’ words in the Beatitudes. “Blessed are the poor in spirit,” said Jesus, describing those who are spiritually humble, “for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3)

No one wants to suffer, but without testing, there is no perseverance. And without perseverance, there is no spiritual growth and the eternal reward that comes with it.

How might you respond when you find yourself in humble or difficult circumstances?

Canton Ecumenical News

By Paula Schmidt

The Canton Food Pantry item for February is Grape or Strawberry Jelly. Thank you for your faithfulness to this local ministry, helping people in need right here in our community! Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the needy in our town.

Join us for Adult Sunday School Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!



Shunk News

By Suzi Fisher

Sunday School- 10:00 AM. All are welcome ☺

The annual **Baby Bottle Campaign** has begun. All proceeds benefit the Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center's ministry to women in our community. The bottles are to collect "pocket change" and/or checks made out to EMPCC. The bottles are available at the front of the church.

Feb. 4 – Souper Bowl Sunday - Please bring cans of soup for the Food Pantry.

Feb. 11– Mission Sunday...a second collection will be taken.

Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday which is the beginning of Lent. It is also **Valentine's Day**.

February marks the beginning of Lent. There are so many in the world today have so little. We are so very blessed to live in America! God gave us the ultimate gift of His son, Jesus Christ, who paid for our salvation with His own suffering and blood. It seems like we can sacrifice something during the 40 days before Easter.

SPECIAL THANKS to all who helped take the Christmas decorations down especially Ken Quail!

You may or may not know that Ed & I are wintering in Florida. After reading the CR, I had to think about Paula and Pastor Jerry's efforts to get the CR together and out in print for all of us. Paula, I hope every day is a little bit better than the last. I know you can't put weight on your foot for 12 weeks and thankfully a few of those weeks have gone by. Pastor Jerry, you're doing a great job taking care of Paula and the rest of your duties. We pray for each of you every day. To coin my favorite phrase: God is in control! I would ask that the rest of the Parish continue to pray for Pastor Jerry & Paula and help them out any way you can!

St. John's News

By Andrea Sutton

It is a new year and how many resolutions have been broken already. I know I didn't make any, because I don't keep them. But here are several New Year's resolutions you should keep:

Pray more

Visit friends not only when they are ill

Make a meal for someone who just might like knowing you are thinking of them. Better still, invite them over to the house.

Send a card. If they are ill, especially, but how about a thinking of you?

Make that phone call

Read the Bible every day.

Attend church services

Attend Prayer Warriors

Check on neighbors

And if you are able, clean their sidewalks from the snow, I hope we don't have more coming.

The one thing for sure is this month was cold. Church was even cancelled one day. Now we have to deal with the ice on the parking lots and sidewalks. But we still are getting out.

We did have a great speaker during church, January 14 as Jennifer Jones came and spoke. She told us that she is going to take instruction on how to become a lay speaker. She knows it will be hard, but with prayer from all of us, and the blessings from God, she will make it and will make a very, very good one.

A breakfast was held at the home of Don and Anna Mary on January 20. It was well attended, even with the ice. Please remember Don Heller as he did take a fall on the ice. Breakfast once again was served on January 28th. Again very, very good. It is always a good time with great food and fellowship.

Speaking of fellowship. The adult Sunday school class is planning a Welcome to Spring Party. The details are forth coming, but it will be held in March. Anyone is welcome. They usually have a Valentine's party, but thought it is time to do something different.

The special music once again has been marvelous. Sydney Crawford did a great job. Also Don and Denny and Megan.

Speaking of Sydney, she has been accepted to Mansfield University this fall. Congratulations. She is also in the Canton High School production of Cinderella which will be held in late March.

Maybe by Spring our own Church Secretary and friend of all the churches, Paula Schmidt will be getting around a little better. As most know, she broke her ankle but good on New Year's Eve and had to have surgery. Get well wishes go out to her.

Also to any of our Tri-County Church family members who are ill, sorrowing, or just blue during these winter months. Maybe a Tri-County Parish get together is needed? What do you think?

Guess this is all for this month. I probably forgot something.

Saying hello to all those in the not much warmer state of Florida.

Ward News

By Dana Vermilya

There will be a business meeting this month and it will be held at the home of Ruth Morse on February 8, at 7:15pm. We hope to see you there.

I had a plan for what I was writing about this month and then something else popped into my head. With it being February, the month when we celebrate love, I decided to touch on this subject with reference to one of my favorite books. Have you read The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman? If not, I highly recommend it. It is written by a Christian counselor and is a top seller. It has been so popular that he has since written many different versions of this book. I have only read two of them, the original as well as The Five Love Languages of Children. All of the books have the same basic principles but just alter some of the content to the group of interest.

According to Dr. Chapman, there are five different ways by which we may feel loved. You can have one main means of feeling loved, or have more than one that is very important. These ways are: words of affirmation, physical touch, acts of service, quality time, and gifts. The thing about love languages is, you tend to show your love to others by speaking the language that makes you feel loved. Because of this, another person might not feel loved by you at all because they may “prefer” another love language. For example, if your language is acts of service and mine is words of affirmation, I might always tell you, “I love you”. However, you might not feel loved because I never take the time to trim the bushes and you have asked me to do that for two years. Now, I realize I cannot go in depth with this topic here in this newsletter. Even so, isn’t that interesting?

In this world, we see marriages falling apart every day. We see people turn away from their family because of something that happened or because they don’t feel like they are cared about. Do you think that it is because we aren’t speaking the right language? While learning a new language is a difficult task, these languages aren’t so hard to learn. Everyone can take the time to speak a different love language. It is also a good idea to touch on all five languages with a person, especially children. We don’t need just one language spoken all of the time to fill our emotional tank. We need to be shown love in different ways. However, we do need to have a stronger emphasis on that one language. Think about it. If you were able to speak a second language but couldn’t speak it fluently, wouldn’t it be comforting to be able to speak the language you knew best?

One thing we are supposed to do with others is show them love. As we do this, we may need to also think about the ways in which we show love. Are we meeting the needs of the person on the receiving end? If it seems that we are not making the gains needed, we may be inclined to try to show love in a different way. Try it out and see if it makes a difference. I have noticed a difference in my children when we speak their “love language” a bit more. We, of course, still have the normal issues children present, but there have been times when one is struggling, overall. When we end up showing him love in the way he prefers most, there has been a noticeable improvement in his affect. If I had not read these books, I would not have the knowledge to help me understand this about my family. Now, I don’t think about this with other people as often as I should. I could certainly make improvements by trying to understand what might make others feel loved.

How about you, do you know what your love language is? Look at the five I listed earlier and think about it. If you still aren’t sure and want to know, there is a quiz you can take to find out. Either way, I hope you think about the five love languages and do something to show others Christ’s love for them by showing them love in those five different ways. Maybe it’s a pat on the back, maybe it is help with a project. However you do it, lean on God and I believe he will help us see the necessary way.



Dear Clergy and Laity of the Susquehanna Conference, Grace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, Healer of Our Brokenness and Hope of the World!

What a joy and blessing it is to announce the appointment of the Rev. Troy T. Howell as Superintendent of the Williamsport District effective July 1, 2018. Rev. Howell will succeed the Rev. Beth Jones, who will complete her eighth year of District Superintendency on June 30th of this year.

Currently, Rev. Howell is serving as the Senior Pastor of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg, where he has been since 2008. Under his leadership, Aldersgate Church has continued to grow spiritually, as well as numerically, as a highly vital and spirit-filled congregation in mission. During his tenure in his current appointment, the congregation has demonstrated exemplary faithfulness and fruitfulness. Aldersgate Church is one of the strongest and most thriving churches in the Susquehanna Conference. Rev. Howell is a spiritual leader with a pastor's heart who builds up a church that is amazingly effective in fulfilling the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Appointive and Full Cabinet members are very excited by his willingness to respond to God's call to serve as District Superintendent.

Previously, Troy was the pastor at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church for seven years and six years at Messiah Church, Shippensburg. Prior to entering pastoral ministry, he was a public information writer with the PA House of Representatives and a reporter with The-News-Sun. He also once served on the staff of the Pennsylvania House Speaker. His variety of life experiences, along with his superb pastoral gifts and graces, will serve him well in his new responsibility. I firmly believe that God will richly bless our conference, as well as the Williamsport District, in and through him and his ministry as Superintendent.

Troy is the father of three children, Samantha, Justin, and Richelle, and he has eight grandchildren. His home church is Trinity Church, New Cumberland. I am sure that you will join me in prayer for Troy, his family, Aldersgate UMC in Mechanicsburg, and the Williamsport District as they live into this time of transition. Please also join me in expressing gratitude to Troy for being willing to follow God's call upon his life to serve as a District Superintendent for such a time as this.

With You in Christ's Ministry,

Jeremiah J. Park

No Bake Peanut Butter Bars

Recipe Courtesy of Ree Drummond

From foodnetwork.com

Ingredients:

Filling:

2 sticks salted butter, softened, plus more for greasing the pan

1 cup chunky peanut butter

2 cups powdered sugar

One 12-ounce box vanilla wafers

One 12-ounce bag mini semisweet chocolate chips

Frosting:

2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

1/2 cup creamy peanut butter

1/2 cup chopped peanuts



For the filling: Grease a 9-by-13-inch pan with some butter.

Using a stand or electric hand mixer, mix together the butter and chunky peanut butter until smooth. Stir in the sugar a cup at a time.

Add the vanilla wafers to a food processor and process until they are in crumbs. Then add the crumbs and mini chocolate chips to the peanut butter mixture. Spread it evenly into the buttered pan and set aside.

For the frosting: Using a double boiler or a microwave, melt the chocolate chips and creamy peanut butter. Allow to cool for a couple of minutes, then pour over the base. Spread the frosting out evenly and sprinkle over the chopped peanuts. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour, then cut into 20 bars.

Chicken Parmesan Pizza

From allrecipes.com

Ingredients:

- 1 (10-oz.) package frozen garlic bread loaf
- 1/2 cup canned or jarred pizza sauce
- 6 deli fried chicken strips or cooked frozen chicken strips
- 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded Italian three-cheese blend
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil

How to Make It

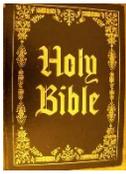
Preheat oven to 400°. Arrange garlic bread, buttered sides up, on a baking sheet.

Bake at 400° for 8 to 9 minutes or until bread is lightly browned. Spread pizza sauce over garlic bread.

Cut chicken strips into 1/2-inch pieces, and arrange over pizza sauce. Sprinkle with cheese and basil.

Bake at 400° for 8 to 10 minutes or until cheese melts. Serve immediately.





February Daily Bible Reading Calendar From the Gideons International

1 Exodus 27, 28 Matt. 21: 23 - 46	2 Exodus 29, 30 Matt. 22: 1 - 22	3 Exodus 31, 33 Matt. 22: 23 - 46	4 Exodus 34, 36 Matt. 23: 1 - 22	5 Exodus 37, 38 Matt. 23: 23 - 39	6 Exodus 39, 40 Matt. 24: 1 - 22	7 Leviticus 1 - 3 Matt. 24: 23 - 51
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15 Leviticus 20,21 Matt.28: 1 - 20	16 Leviticus 22,23 Mark:1:1 - 22	17 Leviticus 24,25 Mark:1:23 - 45	18 Leviticus 26,27 Mark:2	19 Numbers 1,2 Mark:3:1-21	20 Numbers 3,4 Mark:3:22-35	21 Numbers 5,6 Mark:4:1-20
22 Numbers 7 Mark:4:21-41	23 Numbers 8 - 10 Mark:5:1-20	24 Numbers 1 - 13 Mark:5:21-43	25 Numbers 14, 15 Mark:6:1-32	26 Numbers 16, 17 Mark:6:33-56	27 Numbers 18, 20 Mark:7:1-13	28 Numbers 21 - 25 Mark:7:14-37; 8: 1-21



WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US. 1 JOHN 4: 19

Jesus Is My Valentine

Jesus is my Valentine;
I talk to Him each day.
He never, never leaves me;
and always listens when I pray.
Yes He is my Valentine;
there is no love like His.
He is the heart of all that is;
for Him I breathe and live.
He's a Valentine that never lies;
never hurts or breaks.
He always has forgiven me;
for all my past mistakes.
If you only knew my Valentine;
You would love Him too.
For His love is always perfect;
His love is always true.
So if your heart is longing;
for a love that never ends.
for someone that is faithful;
you know you can depend.
call upon my Valentine;
He'll wash away your sin.
He will be your Valentine;
and your dearest, dearest friend.

by: Susan Y Nikitenko
December 2008



**Tri-County Parish
February Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Canton Ecumenical

- 7- Morgan Stone Wilcox
- 13- Eric Riggs
- 15- Lisa Carpenter
- 16- Janie Riggs
- 25- Cindy Clarke, Larry Wright
- 26- Michelle Campbell

Anniversaries:

None

Ward

- 2- Ruth Morse
- 5- Holden Ward
- 6- Korey Morse
- 9- Tonie Hall
- 11- Mark Betzer
- 13- Stanley Strong
- 17- Maggy Machmer, Taci Jane Smith
- 22- Darby Machmer
- 25- Cassidy Bellows

Anniversaries:

None

St. John's

- 4- Ed Smith
- 5- Maria McNett
- 8- Michelle McNett
- 14- Nicole Castle
- 18- Dody Smith
- 21- Celeste Vermilya

Anniversaries:

- 17- John and Diane Deljonavan

Shunk

- 8- Mary Ann Savage
- 14- Lucy Baumunk
- 16- Mark Savage
- 22- John Anderson
- 25- Wayne Quail
- 28- Linda Quail

Anniversaries:

- 14- Mark and Maryann Savage

If you have corrections or additions to this list, contact Pastor Jerry or Paula immediately so we can keep this list as accurate as possible.



Tri- County Parish Events - February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Prayer Warriors 11 am Bible Study 6:30pm	1	2  <i>Ruth Morse</i>	3
4 Confirmation Class 2pm @ CEP <i>Ed Smith</i>	5 CEP Ad Council 1:30pm <i>Maria McNett</i> <i>Holden Ward</i>	6 <i>Korey Morse</i>	7 Prayer Warriors 11 am Bible Study 6:30pm <i>Morgan Stone Wilcox</i>	8 Ward Business Mtg. 7:15pm at Ruth Morse's <i>Michelle McNett</i> <i>Mary Ann Savage</i>	9 <i>Tonie Hall</i>	10
11 Transfiguration Sunday Confirmation Class 2pm @ CEP <i>Mark Betzer</i>	12	13 <i>Eric Riggs</i> <i>Stanley Strong</i>	14 Ash Wednesday Prayer Warriors 11 am Bible Study 6:30pm <i>Lucy Baumunk</i> <i>Nicole Castle</i> <i>Mark & Maryann Savage</i>	15 <i>Lisa Carpenter</i>	16 <i>Mark Savage</i> <i>Janie Riggs</i>	17 <i>Maggy Machmer</i> <i>Taci Jane Smith</i> <i>John & Diane Deljonavan</i>
18 The 1st Sunday in Lent Confirmation Class 2pm @ CEP <i>Dody Smith</i>	19  <i>Clair Pawley</i>	20	21 Prayer Warriors 11 am Bible Study 6:30pm <i>Celeste Vermilya</i>	22 <i>John Anderson</i> <i>Darby Machmer</i>	23	24
25 The 2nd Sunday in Lent Confirmation Class 2pm @ CEP <i>Cindy Clarke</i> <i>Larry Wright</i> <i>Wayne Quail</i> <i>Cassidy Bellows</i>	26 <i>Michelle Campbell</i>	27	28 Prayer Warriors 11 am Bible Study 6:30pm <i>Linda Quail</i>			

All events are subject to change.
Birthdays and Anniversaries are in italics.

Lectionary February 2018

February 4: (The 5th Sunday After the Epiphany)

Isaiah 40: 21 – 31
Psalm 147: 1 – 11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9: 16 – 23
Mark 1: 29 – 39

February 11: (The Last Sunday After the Epiphany)

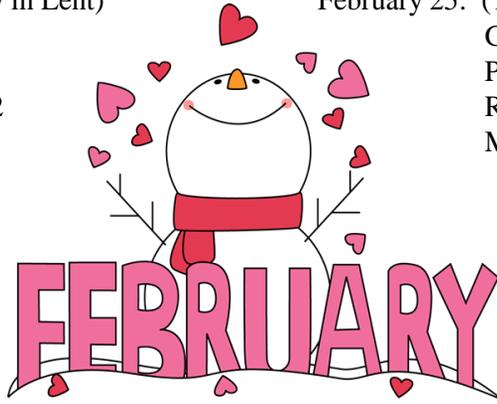
2 Kings 2: 1 – 12
Psalm 50: 1 – 6
2 Corinthians 4: 3 – 6
Mark 9: 2 – 9

February 18: (The First Sunday in Lent)

Genesis 9: 8 – 17
Psalm 25: 1 – 10
1 Peter 3: 18 – 22
Mark 1: 9 – 15

February 25: (The Second Sunday in Lent)

Genesis 17: 1 – 7, 15 – 16
Psalm 22: 23 – 31
Romans 4: 13 – 25
Mark 8: 31 – 38



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