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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Life is sometimes a rollercoaster ride. Other times life can seem like a grind, a lot of responsibilities and little fun or me time. Our spiritual lives can be the same. There are times we feel our spirits soar and at other times we are in the dark night of the soul. Still at other times, we feel neither heights nor depths, but a general malaise. It happens to all or at least most of us.

(Rev 1:9-20 NIV) I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. {10} On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, {11} which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea." {12} I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, {13} and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. {14} His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. {15} His feet were like bronze glowing in a

furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. {16} In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. {17} When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. {18} I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. {19} "Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. {20} The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

The apostle John was very old at this point, much, much older than people generally lived in his day and even old in our day. This is long after Jesus called him, he followed Jesus into the halls of Pilate when Jesus was sentenced, the tongues of fire and the day of Pentecost and his ministry and miracles to at least three generations of Christians in the early Church. John had been through a lot and he had done even more. Yet how does Christ appear to him?

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The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:
Invite people to know and glorify God
Grow together as followers of Christ
Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit

Receive your newsletter by email and in color, too. Call the office to find out how!

In power? Yes. In Glory? Yes. Maybe more importantly, he appears to him as “The Living One”, “The First and the Last”.

The “Living One” highlights Jesus’ presence with him always. In every moment, at all times and in all seasons Jesus is with him. “The First and the Last” reminds John Jesus is the “living One” stretching back to the beginning of time and all the way until the end of time. All of this reminds John that his life in this world, his birth until his death, takes place in the much greater time line of Jesus “The Living One”. Jesus reinforces that all John was, is and will be takes place within the larger reality of the Christ’s existence. Indeed, it is impossible for even a single moment of time of John’s existence to be outside the Christ.

After all John had witnessed, experienced and ministered in the Spirit, it was still necessary for Jesus to remind him “Don’t be afraid...I am with you” This is probably a good reminder for us as well.

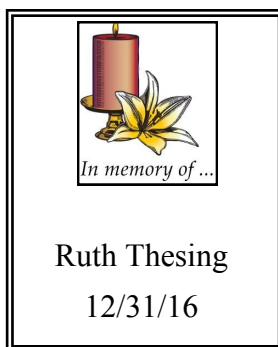
Peace in Christ,
Mark



**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 19TH
200 PM**



Trustees
February 12th



Freighter View Assisted Living
605 West Portage Avenue

Virginia Blair
Audrey Bush
Emily Hamilton
Delores Swick

McKinley Manor
2023 West 4th Avenue

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Jane Kellan
Dorothy Smart
Vera Steffens

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Jeanne Shibley

Deacon



Please
Call

If you or someone you know are in the hospital and would like a visit from the Deacon’s please contact the church office or one of the Deacons



**Our Sunday
Worship Service
starts at 10:00 a.m.
We hope to see you
on Sunday!**



Family of Ruth Thesing, Shane Miller, Jean Smith, Ryan and Mary Frances Meister & Family, Andrea Klier, Dorothy Smart, Kevin Tastor, Pat White, Gina Gough, Tom and Ellen Woodgate, , Jim Schmidt, Jane Kellan, Joyce Cross, Geraldine Carnahan, John Hillock, Wendy (Menard) James, William Kellan, Lilly Donaldson, Margaret Vonderwerth & her family, and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.
Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.



Presbyterian Church Members,
Thank you very much for your generous donation of mittens, gloves, and hats for use by the children at local Sault Area Schools. They will be put to good use, keeping children warm during the cold winter months
Your generosity is much appreciated.
**Sincerely,
The Deacons**

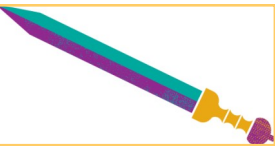


**Deacon's
Lenten Potluck**

**The Deacon's
to host Lenten Potluck**
on Ash Wednesday,
March 1st at 6:00 pm
Bring a dish to pass.



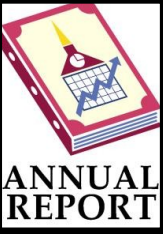
The Deacons would like to thank everyone that donated winter clothing for the Winter Clothing Drive that began in November 2016 and continued through January 2017. The clothing is being distributed to those attending the weekly soup kitchen. Thank You for helping those in need!



**Bible
Quiz**

What unique characteristic of the judge Ehud enabled him to outsmart King Eglon of Moab, who had been oppressing ancient Israel?

- A. He was left-handed.
- B. He was blind.
- C. He was very fat.
- D. He was exceedingly strong.



The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, January 29, and the Annual Report of church finances and activities were presented to the congregation..

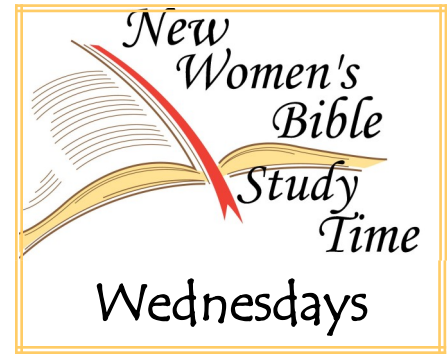
Extra copies of the Annual Report are available in the church office. If you would like a copy of the report mailed to you, please contact the office.

FEBRUARY
ANNIVERSARIES

Ronald and Joyce Cross 02/04
Gary and Pat Lehman 02/25



Sunday
February 12th



Scrip Card Fundraiser

Scrip cards helps to make your gift giving easy! We have over 600 places we can order from. Scrip purchasing is easy and does not cost you any extra money. The more we start to utilize this program, the more we can help out our church organizations such as the food pantry, youth activities, and so much more! We do have many cards available for immediate purchase in the office and orders are always going in! If you have questions, please see Brenda .

Brenda Ransom, elder
tallulah@lighthouse.net



Birthday Blessings

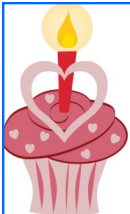
Jack Wilson & Margaret Money



LOVE
NEVER FAILS



The Trustees would like to thank Roger Bawks and Jim Mackie for their years of service on the board. Roger and Jim have been instrumental in the maintenance of church property and their input will be missed.



FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Money 02/01
Jan Jobes 02/02
Daniel Reattoir 02/02
Donna Blair 02/03
Marion Osborn 02/05

Jordyn Roe 02/05
Marjorie Johnston 02/06
John Wilson 02/07
Trudy Campbell 02/10
Gabrielle Gorsuch 02/10
Barbara Kenn 02/10
Sascha Kuenzer 02/10
Bill Robbins 02/11
Max Gazvoda 02/12
Hailey Smart 02/12
Cole Lussier 02/14

Doris Boogerd 02/17
Madeline Capling 02/17
Andrew Bernier 02/20
Robert Ferguson 02/21
Chad Folkersma 02/22
Joan Hill 02/23
Sharon Sheppard 02/24
Alyvia Lori 02/25
Jackie Tastor 02/27
Nicholas Vaught 02/27
David Whyte 02/29



Here in Sault Ste. Marie we feel we are in the dead of winter in the month of February. Normally snow drifts around our homes, and streets and plows are busy trying to keep up with the almost daily downfalls.

February is one of those months that are in between seasons of our life. We are well aware what it is like in springtime, summer, fall, November (Thanksgiving) and December (Christmas). We know in the dead of winter above the 45th parallel February there is time when spring time is still a season away. Spring flowers, shrubs, trees are experiencing a silence in their growth patterns. Leaves decay and wither away forming a decay base for later use. It won't be long before the soil is nourished and ready for planting. February, is the time of preparation between winter and spring, because it won't be longer with days getting longer and we will gather the "syrup" from the maple trees for our breakfast waffles and pancakes.

Marilyn and I lived on Drummond Island for 20 years we noticed that islanders prepared, always prepared for winter. During the warm months. We are getting ready for winter, while most of our

southerly friends prepare for summer during the winter.

What are you planning on for spring time here in Sault Ste. Marie? Our lives do operate in seasons because God is in control and has planned it that way. How is this season of your life going to spring forward and reward you with a bountiful harvest during the fall season?

A season is that time God has given us to make things happen. In Genesis 8:22 it says, "As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat; winter and summer, day and night.

A farmer wants to plant a profitable crop, every year. He plants during the right season and harvests in another season. This is the way it is with each of us, isn't it? We pass through the normal seasons of our life. We can't skip a season or neglect the proper time for doing what we need to accomplish. Yes, God will support us and that is why we are the greatest country in the world. There is no question about it; we have been truly blessed by God.

When you read Psalm 100 it says, "Shout praises to the Lord, everyone on this earth. Be joyful and sing as you come in to worship the Lord! You know the Lord is God!" He created us, and we belong to him; we are his people, the sheep in his pasture. Be thankful and praise the Lord as you enter his temple. The Lord is good! His love and faithfulness will last forever. Praise be to God the Almighty!

Don Myers, CRE

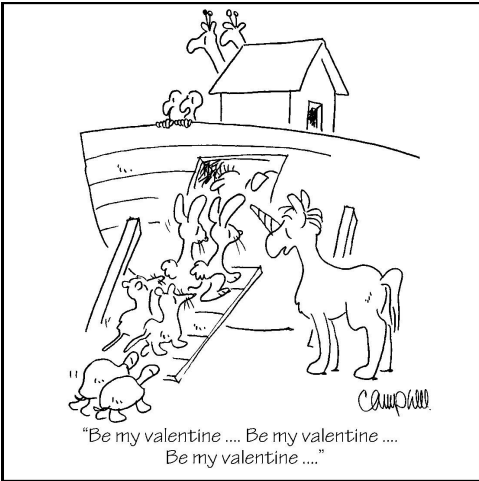




The Textile Social Group meets every Thursday in the Social Hall

Anyone is welcome to stop in from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch, your projects (sewing, knitting, crocheting, puzzles, or a good book) or just the desire to socialize with others. Coffee, tea, and dessert are provided. Stop in for a hour or four!

Answer: A (See Judges 3:12-26.)



We will celebrate Ash Wednesday Services on March 1st with a potluck meal at 6:00 pm and a worship service at 7:00 pm. Come join us for a meal and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass.



Wednesday, 03/01	6 pm Potluck Meal
	7 pm Ash Wed. Service
Sunday, 03/05	1st Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 03/12	2nd Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 03/19	3rd Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 03/26	4th Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 04/02	5th Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 04/09	Palm Sunday
Thursday, 04/13	6 pm Potluck Meal
	7 pm Maundy Thurs. Service
Friday, 04/14	1 pm Good Friday Service



Have you moved?

Do you have a new phone number?

Are you leaving for an extended time and like your mail forwarded?

Do you have an email you would like to share with us?

If so, please keep us up-to-date?

You can stop in the office, call us at (906) 632-7771, or email us at office@soopresbyterian.org.

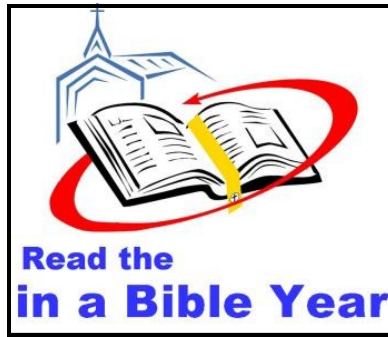


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February 4, 2017
10:00 am

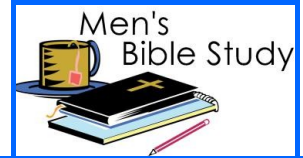
Come join us for the 49th Annual International I-500 Snowmobile Race and experience.

February

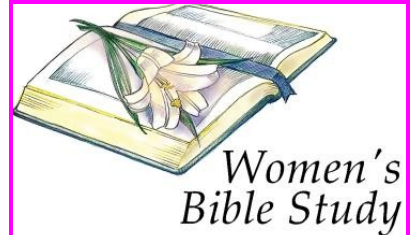
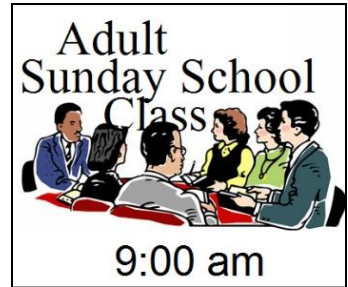


*Doreen Gordon
and
Michelle Markstrom*

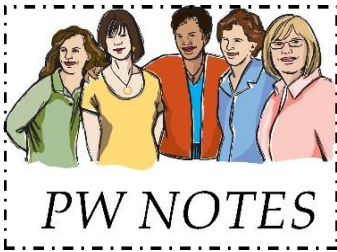
1	Luke 23:1-25	Genesis 41	Psalms 32
2	Luke 23:26-56	Genesis 42	Psalms 33
3	Luke 24:1-12	Genesis 43	Psalms 34
4	Luke 24:13-53	Genesis 44	Psalms 35
5	Hebrews 1	Genesis 45:1-46:27	Psalms 36
6	Hebrews 2	Genesis 46:28-47:31	Psalms 37
7	Hebrews 3:1-4:13	Genesis 48	Psalms 38
8	Hebrews 4:14-6:12	Genesis 49-50	Psalms 39
9	Hebrews 6:13-20	Exodus 1-2	Psalms 40
10	Hebrews 7	Exodus 3-4	Psalms 41
11	Hebrews 8	Exodus 5:1-6:27	Proverbs 1
12	Hebrews 9:1-22	Exodus 6:28-8:32	Proverbs 2
13	Hebrews 9:23-10:18	Exodus 9-10	Proverbs 3
14	Hebrews 10:19-39	Exodus 11-12	Proverbs 4
15	Hebrews 11:1-22	Exodus 13-14	Proverbs 5
16	Hebrews 11:23-40	Exodus 15	Proverbs 6:1-7:5
17	Hebrews 12	Exodus 16-17	Proverbs 7:6-27
18	Hebrews 13	Exodus 18-19	Proverbs 8
19	Matthew 1	Exodus 20-21	Proverbs 9
20	Matthew 2	Exodus 22-23	Proverbs 10
21	Matthew 3	Exodus 24	Proverbs 11
22	Matthew 4	Exodus 25-27	Proverbs 12
23	Matthew 5:1-20	Exodus 28-29	Proverbs 13
24	Matthew 5:21-48	Exodus 30-32	Proverbs 14
25	Matthew 6:1-18	Exodus 33-34	Proverbs 15
26	Matthew 6:19-34	Exodus 35-36	Proverbs 16
27	Matthew 7	Exodus 37-38	Proverbs 17
28	Matthew 8:1-13	Exodus 39-40	Proverbs 18



Men's Bible Study every Friday morning at 9:00 am.
All men are welcome to join us!



Woman's Bible Study
Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am
All ladies welcome to join!



Circle 3 Meeting

Thursday,
January 12th
9:30 a.m.



WOMEN'S COFFEE

Tuesday, February 21st
at 9:30 AM

Please join us for fellowship and treats.

All Ladies welcome!



*American Legion Post 3 Auxiliary
cordially invites you to attend the
90th Annual George Washington
Tea*

*in honor of Gold and Blue Star Mothers
and Women Veterans
Saturday, February 18, 2017
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*



*February is "Healthy Heart Month"
at War Memorial Hospital*

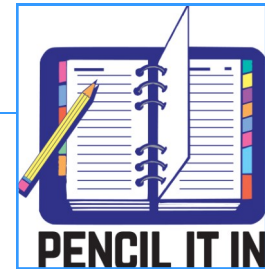
*Free Screenings for Blood Pressure, Weight,
Cholesterol, Blood Sugar, BMI Screening*

Every Monday in February, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Please come fasting

*Located at the Cardiopulmonary Rehab Department
(in the rear of the hospital, Nolte Street entrance)*

Questions? Call (906) 635-4471



PW Annual Rummage Sale
Saturday, April 8th

Don't forget to donate during your spring
cleaning and remember to join us to
browse the available wares.



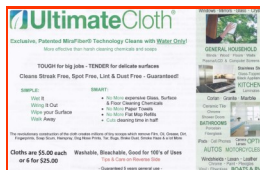
Year-to 01/15/16 offerings	\$10,453
Year to 01/15/16 expenses	\$ 8,657



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The Sr. High Youth Group continues to grow thanks to the prayers and the support of the Congregation. We can not say enough thank you's for the new Youth Room, it is truly a blessing for the students. Not only has it provided a large space, but it has allowed the students to continue to invite friends from the community. To this point we have had nearly 30 different students attend events this year.

To continue with the Thank you's so many of you have donated to the room through the envelop project which has helped recoup some of the cost of the remodeling/decorating of the Youth Room. Our studies for second semester are themed around unconditional love, and themed through super heroes, Harry Potter, and power of support.

On Friday April 7, the Youth Group will holding a 8 PM - 8 AM lock-in at the Church. Students will take part in praise and worship, fun games and activities, a movie, and more! Our goal is to have 40 students take part in the all night event. If you are interested in helping out with the event for a few hours or donations we will have a sign up sheet starting in late February.



Presbytery Point Camp will celebrate its 80th Anniversary this year!

2017 Camp Schedule

May 14 – May 21 Spring Work Camp for individuals, families, mission groups

June 11 – June 16 All Age Youth Camp for all youth finishing grades 3–12 partnering with the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan.

June 12 – June 16 Day Camp for youth finishing grades 1-6.

June 18 – June 24 Senior High Camp for young adults finishing grades 9-12.

June 25 --July 1 Middle School Camp for youth finishing grades 6-8.

July 3 – July 5 Alumni, Family and Friends Retreat

July 6 – July 8 1st-2nd Grade Camp a mini-camp for youth finishing grades 1-2.

July 10 -- July 15 Guest Campers Welcome to Camp New Day campers and staff!

July 16 -- July 20 3rd-5th Grade Camp for youth finishing grades 3–5.

July 22 – Aug. 15 Guest Campers Welcome to Superior String Alliance campers and staff!

Aug. 18 – Aug. 20 80th Anniversary Camp for Alumni, Families and Friends

Aug. 20 80th Anniversary Worship and Open House

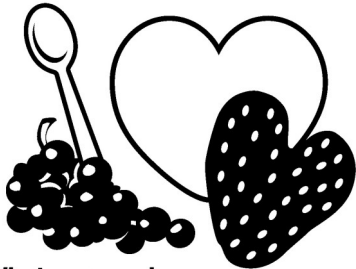
Sept. 24 -- Sept. 30 Fall Work Camp help prepare the camp for the offseason.

We need many adult volunteers for our summer camp season including teaching elders, CRE's, nurses, crafters, custodial and maintenance helpers, grandmas and grandpas, bakers, teachers and mentors. Paperwork and training are required when working with youth at camp. For more camper or volunteer information, please call Caron at 906-869-0925 or email at ppccc@presbyterypoint.org.



Heart FRUIT SALAD

Make this cute, healthy snack for your loved ones on Valentine's Day.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Washed fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes)
- Knife and cutting board
- Small heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bowl and spoon
- Mint leaves (optional)

What you do:


1. Slice the watermelon and use the cookie cutter to make heart shapes.
2. Slice the cantaloupe and cut chunks into heart shapes.
3. Remove strawberry stems and cut berries in half. Cut a small V atop each half to form a heart.
4. Cut grapes in half.
5. Place fruit in bowl and stir.
6. Wash and cut the mint. Sprinkle strips on the salad. Enjoy!



Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love. How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12th letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.




- (1) You really like ice cream! _____ 
- (16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. _____
- (21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. _____
- (4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. _____
- (11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. _____
- (17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. _____
- (6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. _____

♥ "Honor _____ and _____, and _____ your _____."

Matthew 19:19, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>February 2016</p> 						
<p>5 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>6 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</p>	<p>7 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>8 9:00a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9 9:30a Circle 3 Meeting (WR) 10:00a Textile Social (SH) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p> 	<p>10 9:00a Men's Study Grp</p>	<p>11 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.</p>
<p>12 FUPC Officer Installation 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:30a Christian Ed. Meeting 11:30a Coffee & Cookies 12:00p Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>13 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p> 	<p>15 9:00a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16 10:00a Textile Social (SH) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>17 9:00a Men's Study Grp</p>	<p>18 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.</p>
<p>19 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacon's Meeting (Lib) 12:00p Soup Kitchen 2:00p Freighter View Service</p>	<p>20 President's Day 5:30p Session Mtg (WR) 5:30p Trustee's Mtg (Lib) 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</p> 	<p>21 9:30a Ladies Coffee (WR) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>22 9:00a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 10:00a Textile Social (SH) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 6:00p Boy Scout Leader Mtg</p>	<p>24 9:00a Men's Study Grp</p>	<p>25 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.</p>
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Monday through Friday

(closed 11:30-12)

Sunday Worship Schedule

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School (all grades) 10:00 a.m.

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister

Don Myers, CRE

Brenda Ransom, CRE

Kay Boyne, Music Director

Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant

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**Deadline for March issue:
February 17th**

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

Love is **PATIENT**,
Love is **KIND**.
It does not **ENVY**,
it does not **BOAST**,
It is not **PROUD**.

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

