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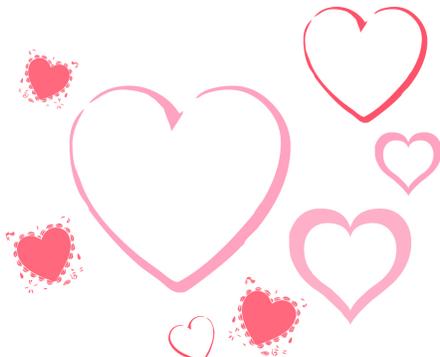
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**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS  
& ANNIVERSARIES**

- 06 Sharon Drassen
- 08 Frank Jones
- 12 Ruth Brown
- 12 Becky & David Eis

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## **UPcoming EVENTS**

Sundays

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee in Foyer
- 10:30 a.m. Worship

- February 5 9:00 am Worship  
Leader Training
- February 9 10:00-11:30 New Crafting  
Fellowship
- February 14 8:00 am Alliance of  
Churches meeting
- February 22 Noon-1:30 New Lenten  
Bible Study begins
- February 25 Pastor Peggy at Presbytery  
Meeting in Springfield

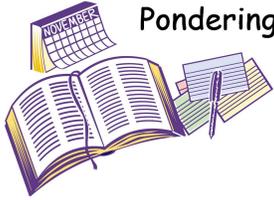


Last month we asked how many people would be interested in a crafting fellowship and response has been good, so we will be-

gin our Crafting Fellowship on February 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Bring your favorite craft to work on and we will discuss the particulars for our future meetings. Looking forward to having a wonderful time of fellowship and fun.

Pastor Peggy's

Pondering



February is known as the “month of love” because Valentines Day falls right in the middle. It is to be a time to express your love to others whether

they are your partner, family, or friends—and even your enemies! But the idea of loving one another goes much deeper than this.

Over and over again we are told in the Scripture to love one another because it is the fulfillment of the Law. (See Romans 13:8) We are also told to love one another deeply and without hypocrisy.

To truly love with the love of Jesus means to do it honestly. It means to honor another above yourself. It means to trust the Holy Spirit in your life to help you have a fervency in serving the Lord and in turn being hospitable and gracious to all. It means to bless those who persecute you. It means to walk in forgiveness and grace toward others. It means not repaying “evil for evil.”

The love of God is perfect and we are to learn day by day how to love like the Lord. Jesus didn't tell us to love just because—He gave it as a commandment. Why? Because if we truly love one another, others will see that we are His disciples. How we love can lead others to Jesus! Have you thought about it that way?

This month let us strive to love like Jesus. To care for others deeply and to honor one another. Have you lately told those dearest to you how much you love them or do you just expect them to assume you do?

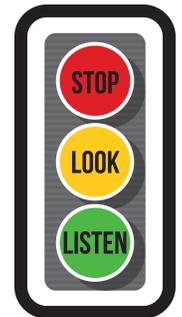
As your Pastor I want to express to each of you how deeply I love and care about you! You are each special in the Lord's sight and His heart! What great news—to be loved!



We are now saving our Best Choice labels for the school. It is a wonderful way to support our neighbors and help out the kids.

At the end of the year, the labels can be redeemed for cash. A sack for their collection is located on the bulletin board next to the kitchenette in the vestibule.

Why should we observe Lent? This 40-day season of repentance and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday has three important purposes. Lent helps us STOP, LOOK and LISTEN.



We observe Lent because it tells us to STOP and rest awhile—and to stop sinning. Lent tells us to LOOK inward for an honest self-examination, to look upward to see the cross of Jesus with healing and love, and look forward to the hope of the Resurrection. We observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN—to the voice of God, the words of Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit.

STOP, LOOK and LISTEN! These commands that are so crucial for travel safety are also important for our journey through Lent.



# MISSION News

For the month of February, we are going to focus on two missions. First, the *Souper Bowl of Caring* which happens on Super Bowl Sunday. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement across the nation working together to fight hunger and poverty in their communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. With the Souper Bowl of Caring, we send all the funds we raise and the cans we collect directly to the hunger relief - for us, it will be our local food pantry.

The other focus is Presbyterian Children Homes. Their mission is to provide Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need. Their vision is to be a faith-based Christian organization which strives to serve like Jesus. We meet our clients where they are and treat them with respect. We focus on our clients' strengths rather than their problems. And we encourage our clients to focus on their future rather than their past. When we do this well, we help children and families find hope and know the love of God. They also help children heal from trauma so they can build healthy relationships, succeed in education and discover their own world of opportunities and possibilities. This happens by engaging a child in the context of their family issues. We know that, to end a cycle of abuse or trauma, we must work with children to clarify their thoughts and feelings and get a realistic view of each family member's role in their life. Ashley House, located in Springfield, is a transitional home for girls who have aged out of foster care. Many young adults who transition from foster care to adult life on their own experience difficulties. Ashley House makes sure those new adults are ready for managing their education or employment, and that they can achieve their goals of self-sufficiency.

As a church, we will donate \$500 to Ashley House in Springfield. If you would like to partner with us, you may write a check and put Ashley House in the memo.



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