

PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

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Newsletter

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United Presbyterian Church of Randolph

Dear Members and Friends,

And I love you so
I will Always Love you
I Can't help falling in Love with You
How deep is your love
Love Will Keep Us Together

Ghost
Pretty Woman
Casa Blanca
Sleepless in Seattle
Titanic



'Tis the month we get fixated on "Love." Love songs, romance movies, hearts hanging everyplace, candy and flowers and fat little cherubs with love arrows waiting for us around every corner. It's February, the month of Valentine's Day.

St. Valentine is considered a saint by the Roman Catholic Church as a martyr (According to NPR, there were 2 people with the name Valentine who were martyred in separate years on February 14th in the 3rd Century).

Encyclopedia Britannica states:

According to legend, St. Valentine signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness. Another common legend states that he defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war.

Wherever it came from, Valentine's Day is here to stay. It can be anything from a wonderful day to a depressing day spent alone. Our culture emphasizes the need to be with someone special and if you don't find yourself in that situation, it can be very depressing.

Fortunately, the love of God really has nothing to do with Valentine's Day and romantic love. God's love is all about being acceptable just the way we are. God loves us. The love of God isn't dependent on what we do or don't do; it is dependent on God's ability to love. We can't do anything to make God love us more or do anything to make God love us less. God simply loves us!

With this knowledge, we know that we can try new things, reach out to strangers, and share the love of God in new ways, knowing that if we fail, we don't lose God's love.

How will you celebrate Valentine's Day this year? I might suggest that you send a card to someone who needs to be reminded that God loves them. This holiday is not just for children and for lovers, it is a reminder that God's love is available for everyone.

Have a "Lovely" February!

With peace and hope,

Pastor Molly

This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins. *1 John 4:10*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 5 Morgan Kaltenbach
February 9 Evalyn Fessel
Paul Inkley
February 12 Milton Marvin
February 13 Byron Ashdown
February 14 Moses Miller
February 15 Rhys Halla
February 21 Peyton Roberts
February 23 Marley Johnson

Notes from Session

JANUARY 2023

- 2023 Goals – to be presented at annual meeting.
- Set February 5 for Souper Sunday soup collection for needy.
- Annual meeting will be on January 29 following morning worship.
- Will hold chili cook off & dinner following annual meeting.
- Bldg & Grounds reported on the busted pipe in small room off library.
- February Session meeting will be on February 8 at 2:30 pm
- Plans for Ash Wednesday and Lent discussed.
- Discussed plans for mission trip in late July or August

FEBRUARY IS HERE

Yes, it is:
February's here.
Busy month for
Those who celebrate.

First comes the
Little weather forecaster
Down in Pennsylvania:
Sometimes, he's right!

Two presidents
Have birthdays:
Lincoln and Washington
Honorable men.

We celebrate
Valentine's Day
The day of love.
Don't forget to tell someone!

The Christian calendar
Shows Ash Wednesday
Beginning our self-examination
Leading to Easter...

The most important one
Of all!

Ann Dahl Luce



LITURGISTS FOR SUNDAYS

February 5
 Liturgist— Connie Lockwood
 Communion—Nancy Pihlblad

February 12
 Liturgist— Barry Shields

February 19
 Liturgist—Dan Pihlblad

February 26
 Liturgist—Tom Wade

March 5
 Liturgist—Nancy Pihlblad
 Communion—Connie Lockwood



General Fund Treasurer’s Notes

<u>DECEMBER 2022</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Expenses \$ 5,398.38	\$ 74,420.42
Total Receipts \$ 4,361.71	\$ 67,249.58
Gain or (Loss) \$(1,036.67)	\$ (7,170.84)
Capital Improvement Fund	\$12,985.97
Driveway Fund	\$5,030.51
Paying Forward Fund	\$807.05

If you would like a box of envelopes, please let the office know.

For further information, ask a member of Session or the Treasurer, Reg Boutwell.

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS

February 5
 Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
 Psalm 112:1-9 (10)
 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
 Matthew 5:13-20

February 12
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Psalm 119:1-8
 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
 Matthew 5:21-37

February 19
 Exodus 24:12-18
 Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
 2 Peter 1:16-21
 Matthew 17:1-9

February 22
Ash Wednesday
 Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
 Psalm 51:1-17
 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 26
 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
 Psalm 32
 Romans 5:12-19
 Matthew 4:1-11



The Knitting Group will meet on Sunday, February 19th at noon. All are welcome to join!



RUPC will be celebrating our own Souper Bowl Sunday on **February 12th** this year.

Please bring in cans of soup for the needy in our community. This is a great way that we can reach out and help those in our area who may be struggling. Your cans of soup will be donated to the **RANDOLPH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD**



A sample of the beautiful Origami Peace Cranes that Pastor Molly created and hung in the Sanctuary in January.



Tune in to live Worship Services
 Watch for an email for the link Sunday morning
 just before 10:00 or watch later by going to
 YouTube.com
 Search Molly Golando

Please pray for our Mission Partners

- COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
- COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS
- DISASTER RELIEF
- EMERGENCY FUND
- EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA
- EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA SWAUGERS
- FRIENDS OF THE NIGHT
- GENESIS HOUSE
- HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
- LAVID ORPHANAGE IN MEXICO
- ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
- SAMARITAN PURSE SHOE BOX
- ST SUSAN CENTER
- UCAN



The February Session Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, February 8th at 2:30pm.
 Mark your calendars with the different time.



Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd.
 The first Sunday of Lent will be on
 February 26th.
 The Lenten Soup and Study will begin on
 Wednesday, March 1st.
 More details to come!



Ash Wednesday is on
 February 22nd this month.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Loss:

Family of Cory Thompson
Family of Ken DeChow
Family of Donnie Summerfield

Home Bound:

Please call or visit

Alice Stoddard
Bob Whitney
Bettie Alexander
Nick Kinney
Byron Ashdown
Dan & Ruth McLaughlin

Health & Concerns:

Alex—Carol's grandson
Alice Stoddard
Bethany VanRensselaer
Bettie Alexander
Betty Crooks
Bill Fessel
Brittany Iskula
Byron Ashdown
Carol Brown
Carrie Congdon
Carrie R.
Carter Graham-bad fall
Catherine & Alexis Moore
Cherie & John Mattson

Health & Concerns:

Cheryl-Rhonda's sister
Chris Parker -diabetes
Chris Oyer
Chris Passamonte
Chuck & Kim Smith
Dan Brown
Dan's cousin—cancer
David Dunbar
Dick & Donna Chubon
Don Showers
Hank Minnick
Hunter Young -cancer
Janie & Niall Pihlblad
Jean Ormond
Jonathan -stroke
Julie Smith
Karen Howell-surgery
scheduled for Feb 13
Karen Noblett- cancer
Linda Inkley
Luke-Spina bifida
End Racism
Hurricane victims
Flood victims

Health & Concerns:

Marion Wade
Marsha Zunner
Michelle -Stacy's friend
Phyllis McElwain
Rosamond Flagg
Sandy Chubon
Sue Robinson
Teresa Chadwick-
waiting for kidney
Tracy Turner severe inju-
ries from accident
Verna Miller
Janie & Niall Pihlblad

Military Personnel & Their Families:

Major Aaron Wellman
Mike Fleischmann
Anthony Schwartz
Erin Connor
Matt Kinahan

North Carolina and it's on going attacks on the power sub-stations

Encouragement:

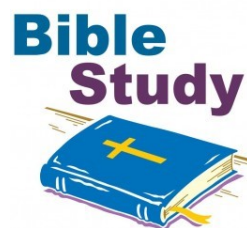
Our world
Our gov't
Peace in Haiti
Ukraine
Russia
Disaster Victims
Care Givers
Police Officers
Medical Personnel
Military Personnel
Families of fallen soldiers
Families coping with addictions
Prison Ministry (CCM)
Foster Care Parents/children
Lisa Underwood
Jim & Rhonda Ashdown

Our Church:

Pastor Molly Golando
Deacons & Elders
Church Staff
General Committees


Travelers:

Dan Pihlblad & his family in India; will be moving and there are visa concerns



The current Zoom Bible study is covering the book of Genesis. Pastor Molly sends out a link before each study so you can easily sign in. Coffee Chat is each Thursday from 6:30pm to 7pm at which time the Bible study begins, 7pm. If the time slot does not work for you, all you need to do is go to YouTube and search Molly Golando the following day. You'll find past and the current study there.

FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pastor 9-12	2 Zoom Fellowship 6:30pm Zoom Bible Study 7pm	3	4
5 Choir practice 8:30am	6 8pm AA	7	8 Pastor 9-12 Session Meeting 2:30	9 Zoom Fellowship 6:30pm Zoom Bible Study 7pm	10	11
12 Choir practice 8:30am Souper Bowl Sunday Super Bowl Sunday	13 8pm AA	14 	15 Pastor 9-12	16 Zoom Fellowship 6:30pm Zoom Bible Study 7pm	17	18
19 Choir practice 8:30am Mission Sunday	20 Presidents Day 8pm AA	21	22 Pastor 9-12 Ash Wednesday	23 Zoom Fellowship 6:30pm Zoom Bible Study 7pm	24	25
26 First Sunday In Lent	27 8pm AA	28				



NEWSLETTER

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To celebrate and continue the work of Christ by ministering to all people, supporting each other as a loving family, and working together in Christian service.