

Recorder

February 2020



The UMW
will meet
UMW will

meet February 5th for our
monthly salad luncheon @
11:45. Vera Williams will
have the program.
All ladies of the church are
welcome to attend.



AND ^{now} these
THREE remain:
FAITH HOPE LOVE
But the greatest of
these is LOVE.



1 CORINTHIANS 13:13



Ash Wednesday

February 26th



FEBRUARY

Birthdays

- 2-Maridell Berroth
- 2-Pamela Say
- 3-Lorelei Rose-Marie McDonald
- 9-Michael Hagemann
- 11-Viola Keefover
- 11-Carissa Tepe
- 16-Joseph Rundquist
- 21-Cade Roberts
- 21-Sonny Sisk
- 23-Jill Frese
- 25-Ronald Say
- 27-Vanessa Parra
- 28 - Susan Religa
- 28 - Hannah Religa

Anniversaries

- 13-Michael & Tamara Hagemann

Ogden Friendship House of Hope



Donation Item:
Cash for Eggs

Please leave donations in the Memorial Room.

Volunteer Schedule

- February 6: Cam
- February 13: Donna/Shirley
- February 20: Carol
- February 27: Cam

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

February 25th
@ 9 a.m.

Sunday Morning Fellowship Coffee:

Families names that begin with **G - M**
will bring snacks for February

February 2

Liturgist: Gay Stewart
 Children's Sermon: Pastor Laura
 AV: Jim Dawson

February 9

Liturgist: Rachelle Roberts
 Children's Sermon: Pastor Laura
 AV: Mary Stamey

February 16

Liturgist: Chad Tepe
 Children's Sermon: Pastor Laura
 AV: Eric Patterson

February 23

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Several years ago, Steve and I had to be in Manhattan for a wedding, so we decided to make an outing of it. He called ahead and made a reservation for the Motel 6 (and yes, they left the light on for us!).

We arrived mid-afternoon and were greeted warmly by Bob, at the front desk. We took our keys, our baggage and our great expectations and headed down the hall.

The room was just as advertised: roomy, TV, mini fridge, microwave, a nice little desk, and a comfy bed. Well, there was also that recliner—but we won't talk about that!

The room looked good. I was pleased (even if the bed spread was a weird pattern). It was as I was checking out this bedspread that I saw it. A safe. Standing in the corner of the room, with its little door standing open. It was standing ready to keep some valuables safe and sound when we left the room.

So we began thinking about what to put in it. Our cell phones? That seemed silly. My wallet? No, I may need to go shopping. Maybe we could put the wedding gift in the safe? No, we would need to take it to the wedding.

Now, please do not ask me many questions about this weekend. The wedding was for a friend. I remember that, but I don't remember what was in the gift package. I don't remember where we went to eat. I don't remember a lot of the details—but I remember that little safe. It seems that so often we take in a lot of information, but we focus on the wrong thing.

That little safe was there for us to use. To keep our valuables safe. It didn't care what we put in it when we left the room—it would be safe and sound when we returned.

Some people attend worship and hear that God is love, treat others as you want to be treated, and care for everyone because we are all children of God. We hear that—we nod our heads and say softly to ourselves, "Yes! That's right! I am going to remember that and act accordingly."

But, then someone says something that offends us, and we begin to think about how they are wrong. Then we make plans that do not include someone, just because they are, well, a little loud or dress funny, or they don't get out much and they aren't as socially savvy as we are. We begin to make plans that only include our "group of friends."

And all of a sudden we realize we aren't living as Jesus would have us live. And we are sorry, but feeling guilty, sad, and sorry that we slip out of the "church" mode so easily. Jesus would never forgive the thoughts we have been having!

I tell you this story to make this point: as that little safe stood at the ready, its little door open to accept whatever we had to offer it—so our Jesus stands at the ready. His arms are spread wide to take away whatever hurts and mistakes we have to offer Him.

But unlike that little safe that holds whatever we offer it, and gives it back to us. And we begin again, starting out with the same baggage we started with. But our Jesus takes our pain, our guilt, our shame—and he forgives. And we start anew, forgiven and loved.

Remember that Jesus loves you very, very much.

Pastor Laura

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 11:45 am UMW Luncheon	6	7	8 Page Hall Rented A.M.
9	10	11	12 12 Studying Christians	13	14 Harvesters Food Drop 4:30-5:30 pm	15
16	17	18	19 12 Studying Christians	20	21	22
23	24	25 9 am Newsletter Deadline	26 12 Studying Christians 	27	28	29



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February 14th

4:30 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer
to help with this, let Eric
Patterson or the office know.
