



February 2024 Beacon

**442 Rehoboth Road
Rostraver Township PA 15012**

**Sunday School Teachers and Assistants
for February**

- February 4th **Nikki Samoda and Karen Stasicha**
February 11th **Sarah Zundel and Becca Reeb**
February 18th **Chris and Carter Stasicha**
February 25th **Randy and Rebekah Foringer**

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Upcoming Schedule and Events

- February 8th Deacon's Meeting 6:00pm**
February 11th Souper Bowl Sunday (after service)
February 18th Shrove Pancake Brunch (after service)
February 20th Women of Rehoboth Dinner at By George 6:30pm
February 20th Session Meeting 7:00pm
February 20th Bag Brigade 5:15pm

Prayer List

Dale Nelson	Dave Vindivich	Dee Alekson	Bill Smith	Russ Moon
Sherry Freet	Jamie Alexander	Diane Morgan	Carolyn Smith	Louetta Hayden
Buffy Roberts	Donna Adams	Florence Orr	Melba Jean Wolfe	Ian Chikoti
Noreen Yakich	Idalee Leeper	Cindy Hruby	Jeremy Wolfe	Lucy Chikoti
Gianna Smoyer	Lida Evans	Dave O'Casek	Darryl Smith	Nancy Layton

February Birthdays

4 th James R. Orr	9 th Colleen Ress	12 th Ava Zenobi	22 nd Paul Stratton	26 th Amy Campbell
5 th Marianne Turcheck	10 th Jeremy Shannon	17 th Ricky Wolfe	22 nd Ava Jones	28 th Melba Wolfe
9 th Linda Nelson	11 th Elain Leeper Harris	19 th Allan Buza	24 th Gianna Smoyer	

February Anniversaries

February 2nd C. Jeffrey and Eleanor Lee

February 5th David and Jenny O'Casek



FEBRUARY BEACON ARTICLE

February is usually a cold month for those of us in the Northeastern part of the United States. So, it seems appropriate that this month should be the one where we take time express the warm feeling of love. It is in February that we celebrate Valentines Day, a day for expressing love in a manifest of displays.

When I was a schoolboy, I dreaded Valentines Day. I was made to give what I viewed as sappy cards to those I viewed as silly girls. Looking back on the experience, the cards I was required to give were undeniably cute. One had my face next to the face of the recipient. We were both in a pea pod. We were supposed to be "two peas in a pod." I'll never forget how I cringed when I handed it out.

As the years have passed, I have come to miss the innocence and simplicity of those days – though I can still feel the awkwardness of the situation. Expressing emotions can be difficult. Understanding them, sometimes next to impossible. But the Apostle Paul gives us a wonderful start on understanding the beauty and depth of love when he told those at the troubled church in Corinth, "If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have 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 do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, 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." May you find this love of which the Apostle speaks in its highest perfection - a relationship with Jesus Christ, in whom I pray you would also find your blessing today.

With much love in Christ,

Pastor Don

Avoiding a Cracked Corn Kind of Love

My Uncle Tom regularly puts out cracked corn for the deer and turkeys. One Christmas, we watched a pod of deer come running across the snowy valley—making a beeline for the backyard—when they heard Uncle Tom going outside to refill the feeder.

Pretty much everyone who meets my Uncle Tom adores him, but those deer didn't care one bit about the person who was giving them their Christmas feast. They just cared about the food. And sometimes people can start looking at God in the same way—as the source of a handout.

We see an example of this in John 6, when Jesus feeds the 5,000. Seeing the miracle, the crowd plans to “take him by force and make him king” (John 6:15). They see Jesus as the answer to physical and political problems and focus solely on what they can get out of the deal.

A more common approach to God, though, is transactional: that is, seeing God as a source of good things and doing good works to try to earn those blessings. The so-called prosperity gospel is a high-profile and somewhat extreme example of this. However, I sometimes find my own thoughts wandering a bit in this direction and must check my motivations. While we're on the right path when we do good and obey God, there is something amiss when we're motivated primarily by what we get out of it instead by our relationship with our heavenly Father.

God's ultimate goal isn't to be a source of handouts or a provider of goods and services. Instead, he's seeking a relationship with us that can be understood through the lens of an ideal and healthy parent-child relationship.

Loving parents correct and provide for their children. So does God, the ultimate loving Father. As Jesus says in Matthew 7:11, “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”

Of course, even the most loving children start out as self-centered creatures. However, as they mature, they begin to care about the needs of others, often starting with their parents. (And there is a definite problem if they always see parents as nothing more than wheels and a wallet.)

Similarly, we as Christians should grow in our relationship with God, striving always to shed the selfish motivations of obtaining safety, security, and success, and instead drawing close to God and obeying him because we love him.

Laurie Bartolotta

Let's Give Children Candy for Valentine's Day!

Help the Outreach Committee pack 254 small baggies with candy for our Bag Brigade Children in the Belle Vernon Area School District. Please bring your candy by Sunday, February 11, 2024 And place in the Vestibule candy basket.

Thank you for making children smile on Valentine's Day!

To the Congregation:

It is the start of a brand-new year which means brand new beginnings. We are asking all the congregation that would like to be a part of what happens in the church to please sign up for our committees and our Ministry Units. This is a great opportunity for your thoughts, ideas, and concerns to be heard. The church is a community, and we need new voices and ideas to keep our church thriving and succeeding. Sign-up sheets for all committees and Ministry Units are in the room next to the sanctuary.

Please sign up!

January 16, 2024, Session Highlights

Session members present: Bill J. Smith, Ken Amrick, Justin Walsh, Debi Buza, David Vindivich, Beverly Reeb, Melvin O'Bryan, Bill Welsh

In attendance: Moderator Rev. Glunt, Sally M Finley Nicholls, Clerk of Session, Randy Foringer, Treasurer, and Deacon members: Carolyn Clark, Janine Blacka, Colleen Ress, and Bill Nicholls representing Building and Maintenance.

Talking points for discussion with the Joint Meeting of Session and Deacons.

1. Review the Mission of Rehoboth Deacons. And Bill Nicholls

"The Deacons are a Caring and Nurturing arm of the church which puts Deacons in tune with the needs, joys, and sorrows of the congregation and community.

2. Update and issue Ministry Units for 2024. Which can help all of us have names of people who would like to help out in different areas. Answer: Elizabeth to prepare sign up sheets.

3. Communion List - Who? Answer: Elizabeth to make up list once people sign up.

4. Program Committee - List of Events for 2024. So the Deacons & Session know what they plan for 2024. Answer: Bev had list for January, February, and March.

5. Communications between all groups at church. We all need to do a better job. Especially if there is a major changes with the church operation; example: Office hours and Secretary working status or any other area. Answer: Session should consider communicating with Deacons better.

a. Discuss ways to raise money for the church. Answer: Possible spaghetti dinner.

Bill Nicholls report for Building and Maintenance

1. Motion made by Bev Reeb, seconded, and passed to add two Surge Protectors on Electrical Boxes in Educational Building.

2. Salvio Heating/Air-Conditioning Unit in library still waiting for Salvio to repair it.

3. Sewage Camera Inspection, Debi Buza update, Inspection will take place when weather is better.

4. Entrance to electric line replaced at Manse

5. Manack's came to unplug the first floor Women's Restroom toilet in the Educational Building.

Surveillance Camera system, no action taken, Update, Ken Amrick

Fire Suppression System, Randy Foringer will check Building Code requirements if the church does not want to use it, Update Ken Amrick

February Crossword

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Across

1. Biblical beast
4. Inflexible
9. Babysitter's handful
10. "Home _____"
11. Rightful
12. Arty problems
13. Expresses
15. Sooner St.
16. Get fit after injury
18. "Stubborn ___ a mule"
20. Corolla and prius maker

23. Bake , as eggs
26. They're nuts
27. Colorado Indian
28. Some Porcelian
29. Fraternity letters

Down

1. Boosts
2. Cencor's target
3. Asparagus unit
4. Thoroughbred
5. "You got that right!"
6. Moo ___ gai pan
7. "What's gotten ___ You?"
9. Escritoire
14. Foursome
17. Petty-Officer on merchant ship
18. Questions

19. Boutique
21. 1984 Nobelist
22. "Planet of the ___"
24. 1969 Peace Prize grp.

VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SEARCH

A V U A N G C A N D Y Q E I Y N J E T F
 J R R Z A O C G C S G C B O U Z P A W Y
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 J S B K O H B W H Z E A R O Y U Y W J K
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 B O W E W R R N G Y K R A O Z N V G H V
 D Y D Z C U O Y E V O L I V H I U W D G
 N G O K Q T V Z L V S K M N S M Y V D S
 L U N T L W L P B Q P J S B W E Z J W E
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Valentine	Cupid	Be Mine	Pink
Candy	Cuddle	Hearts	Red
Chocolate	Hug	Card	Roses
February	Kiss	Love	I Love You
Flowers	Love	Arrow	Sweet
Friend			

