

Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Valentine's day is a day to celebrate love in its many forms. We send cards, buy candy, bring flowers, and occasionally stuffed animals, to the person we love. It can be a fun expression of romantic and familial love.

Jesus talks a lot about love. None of His conversations relate to the Valentine type sentimental love. Jesus was more concerned with how we treated one another. He tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, to love our enemies, and to treat everyone the way we want to be treated.

The love Jesus talks about is not shown with cards and stuffed bears. It is shown by our actions and words to the people around us. Those who love God should project that love on everyone. This is done by helping the poor, feeding the hungry, welcoming and helping the immigrant, and by refraining from judging other people.

As followers of Jesus, we are not told to enforce the rules of behavior on other people. We are told to be living examples of the kind of people Jesus calls us to be.

Next time you read a scripture, look at it through the eyes of the one who gave everything for the people he loved and ask yourself, "How can I show Christ's love to someone I meet today?"

Happy Valentine's Day

Janet

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am acknowledging those of you who participate in the Worship Service each month. We would love to have everyone who worships here be a part of the Worship Service. Talk to Barry Krueger if you would like to volunteer for a specific task, or just sign up on the sheets across from the sanctuary kitchen.

Special thanks in January go to:

1. The liturgists – Thomas Boyanton
2. The greeters – Elizabeth Price, Lori Gast and Joan Christy
3. Those who brought snacks for after worship – Pat Nash, Elizabeth Price, and Joan Christy
4. Joan Christy for being the Gatekeeper
5. Pat Nash for filling the candles with oil
6. Joan Christy and Elizabeth Price host the after worship refreshment time with help from Church Life and Steve Perry
7. Bryan Booth Krueger for preparing the communion
8. William Boyanton for helping clear off the communion table and taking the dirty dishes to the kitchen.
9. Elders serving communion: Pat Nash and Bill Gast
10. The Ushers – Bill Gast, Ivan Yuhanna and Okoro Kalu
11. Barry Krueger and the choir for our Anthems

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Sue Fitch, Makia and Mireille Epie, Martha Brashear, Thomas Alexander, continued prayers for Bryson, the church and nation of Ukraine, Makia's people in Cameroon, Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino, DeSoto Food Pantry, Joan's sisters Marj and Connie, Max Jewell is at home, but needs continued prayers, the natural disasters that just keep coming – prayers for the people affected by them, immigrants at the borders, travel mercies for all our members traveling. Chikezie is very weak, Christians in Pakistan, teachers and students this school year, the Hamas-Israel War, prayers for those who are hungry and cold, Janet's friend Carolyn Clayton passed away – prayers for her family and friends especially her husband, Sue Fitch passed away – prayers for her family and friends, Thomas' cousin's grandfather was killed in a traffic accident, Clyde Lockhart is in the hospital with RSV and he has dementia which makes it so much harder on him.

CELEBRATIONS

Okoro thanks us for our prayers – they got back safely from Nigeria and both girls are back at school, Martha's great-great grandchild was baptized, there's going to be a memorial service for Sue Fitch on April 11th at 11:00am

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February	12	Bill Gast
February	13	Sarah Brack
February	18	Betty Epie
February	21	Elizabeth Price
February	27	Heidi Yuhanna

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is the Old treasurer's report, with a correction:

November 2023

Bank balance	\$50,420
Expenses	\$6,989
Dedicated Funds	\$10,692
<u>Available Funds</u>	<u>\$49,728 reported</u>
	<u>incorrectly, it should have been \$39,728</u>

December 2023

Bank balance	\$59,446
Expenses	\$6,443
Dedicated Funds	\$18,942
Available Funds	\$40,504

Plus there are investments totaling \$70,230 not immediately available to us and are volatile. The figure to hang our hats on is the **available funds**.

The available income was a little higher this month than it was last month. That, in addition to the increase in the TPF fund, is a positive. However, we continue to lose giving units which is not good. Pledges for 2024 increased over 2023.

Please continue to support the church with the 3 T's – Time, Talent, and Treasure. Thank you,
Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Christy, Treasurer.

STATED SESSION MEETING

Our next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2024 at 12:15 p.m. in the Rainbow Room. Bill Gast is going to lead the devotional and opening prayer. If you cannot make it, please let Lori Gast know – (214) 218-7784.

FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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