



Among Friends

FEBRUARY, 2022



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Greetings;

I have heard a lot of complaining lately about all the snow we've had. People are tired of shoveling, putting on heavy coats and boots, and cold cars. And it doesn't seem that the weather will get better anytime soon. The forecast is predicting a foot of snow this week. With that forecast I expect that there will be even more complaining.

I am reminded of a story from my devotional "Paws on my Porch" that I would like to share with you.

Moses was a yard cat. His was a life of freedom. He was free to prowl the premises hunting for frogs and mice. He was at liberty to tussle with his sibling or merely snooze on the sunny porch if he chose. All of the great, golden out-of-doors was his to enjoy.

Sam was a house cat. His was a life of luxury. He had every comfort a cat could want; soft, clean carpet underfoot, plenty of food in his dish, and a climate-controlled environment. The man's big, comfortable house was his to enjoy.

Moses and Sam sometimes sat at the same window, one on the outside looking in and the other on the inside looking out. The man could never be certain what was going on in the minds of his cats, but he thought he recognized a bit of envy reflected in those amber eyes.

Ah, contentment! How little it has to do with what we have or do not have. How much it involves an attitude of thankfulness and acceptance. The Apostle Paul testified, "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances." (Philippians 4:11). He was content, though

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MARCH

**Newsletter
Deadline**

February 24

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SPECIAL DATES IN FEBRUARY

- African American History Month
- Valentine's Day, February 14
- Presidents Day, February 21
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 27



Deadline for
MARCH
submission of
information is
FEBRUARY 24

Submit to:
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From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

he had to flee for his life. He was content to suffer deprivation and imprisonment. He was content in spite of the infirmity of his flesh. He was content to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Though his life appears far from ideal when measured against the modern "American Dream," Paul had learned contentment.

It is not where we are but what we are that counts. Whether we are on the outside looking in, or on the inside looking out, let us be inspired to a life of thanksgiving and contentment.

Contentment is a choice we make, a way we live, a path we take.

Folks, I know everyone is tired of the snow, however you can complain or choose to be content. After all, it is quite beautiful!

Keep warm!!
Diane



THE SATURDAY CONCERT

There will be no Second Saturday Concert in February. Please share this information with your friends and family!

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Friendship Presbyterian Women's group will not be meeting in February. Our next meeting will be March 9, at 7:00 p.m., at the Community Center. Hostesses for the evening will be Cindy Cross and Michelle Whitehouse.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

To finish up our study of justice, law and history this winter, our last lessons deal with situations in which justice seems absent such as David's injustice toward Uriah and when Ezra determines to restore respect for God's Law. And lessons from scriptures of Job question the presence of God's justice when Job suffered greatly. All are welcome to participate in this time of Bible study, discussion, and sharing at 9:45 a.m. Sunday mornings.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's. Sunday School class is studying the life of Jesus and his miracles. We meet at 9:45 a.m. each week.



MISSION UPDATE



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKET DRIVE:

Looking for the perfect valentine gift?? Share the gift of warmth and shelter when you donate \$5 toward the purchase of a wool blanket for Church World Service. This is a perfect way to give thanks for the warmth in our hearts, our homes and our church by helping to provide blankets for those in need.

In 2021, congregational gifts provided over 183,000 CWS Blankets and Kits to families impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other crises (including homelessness and poverty).

When you donate \$5, a red heart will be added to the blanket hung in the sanctuary. Let's fill the blanket again this year!

Donation envelopes will be available in the vestibule. Our CWS Blanket Drive will run through the month of February.



DRESS FOR SUCCESS: As you start to think about spring and cleaning out closets, please consider donating any women's clothing you may be discarding. All items should be clean, on hangers, and suitable for the workplace (business and more casual). Shoes, boots, scarves, and jewelry are also welcomed. Items can be placed in the church coatroom. Ruth is planning for a delivery sometime in May.

UPSIDE DOWN WITH COVID

THINK ABOUT THIS!!!

Normally,
positive means GOOD and negative means BAD.
But in the case of COVID,
positive means BAD and negative means GOOD.





Beaver-Butler Presbytery

Serving God...Serving You

LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE EVENT

Where Do We Go From Here?

Presented by Beaver-Butler Presbytery

Keynote speaker: MaryAnn McKibben Dana

Sunday, March 20, 2-5 p.m.

Registration—1:45 p.m.

Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church
2662 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township

Cost: \$5 per person

Registration to open soon!

This has always been a very interesting and informative event attended by members of session and church leaders of the "Parish" — perhaps we can bring this tradition into the "Friendship" family!



THE VERY BEST VALENTINE

Almost everyone — at least of the female persuasion — knows the romantic meaning of the phrase "hearts and flowers." Valentine's Day is coming! What will I get from my boyfriend ... my husband ... my best friend? I'm hoping for some sort of bouquet, a card full of loving words and red hearts, candy or at least a sweet balloon.

Human beings may disappoint. That special someone may forget to check the calendar for February 14. But even if he doesn't come through exactly as I hope, I can still be amazed and happy with the valentine I am sure to receive every day from my heavenly Father and his Son: words of delight and joy and caring — always surrounding me with love and more love. These are the best "hearts and flowers" I could ever have, and which I do have, on Valentine's Day and throughout eternity.

—Sandy Hyland

LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to look for the sign!

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

JESUS LOVES YOU

7 DAYS A WEEK

24 HOURS A DAY

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

OPEN

YOUR HEART

TO EVERYONE

AROUND YOU

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FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

TIME

IS NEVER WASTED

WHEN YOU'RE DOING

GOOD

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

PUT ON A HAPPY GRIN

LET THE SUNSHINE IN

JUST DO IT

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

Prayer List

“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.” James 5:16

Anne D.
April and Todd
Bonnie of Georgia
The Alben Family
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Candy Boulanger
Kayla Brundige
Tyler Burson
Martie Cooper
Phyllis Cooper
Ruth Cooper
Jeff & Cindy Cross
Kay Curtis
Heather Datt
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Blanche English
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman
David Hall

The Family of
Gloria Hockenberry
Timothy James
Rev. & Mrs.
William Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Ed Lind
Joe Lowers
Will McCoy
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
David Parker
Bernie and Linda
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
Cindy Solman’s Mother
and Sister
George Sonnet & Family
Joe Vivelo
Seth Vogan

Joan West
Woman from
Michigan
Our military at home and
abroad
Persecuted Christians
around the world,
Alpha Omega (SR)
Pregnancy Center
Feed My Sheep Food
Cupboard
Beaver Butler
Presbytery
The Cooperstown Family
Our Friendship
Presbyterian Church
Family
All those who have been
impacted by
COVID19

BEYOND CANDY HEARTS AND ROSES

The first half of February seems dominated by pink and red, cards and candy. But people not in a loving romantic relationship can sometimes feel left out of the festivities.

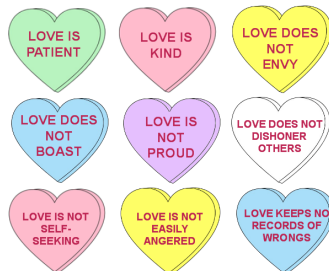
Of course, all people need love — and certainly love is not limited to the romantic kind. Author Leo Buscaglia, who became known as “Dr. Love” for writing about the topic, said, “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

Jesus taught that loving one another is second only in importance to loving God (Matthew 22:37-40), and that when we love one another, God lives in us (1 John 4:12). There are so many ways to do that — beyond candy hearts and roses! But Valentine’s Day is as good a reminder as any.



BIRTHDAYS

Fred Barron, 2/1
Bernie Rihel, 2/5
Don Bickel, 2/10
Chuck Musulin, 2/12
Evelyn Vargo, 2/21
Daniel Sybert, 2/27
Paul Yanosy, 2/29



I Corinthians 13:4-5

ANNIVERSARY

Bill & Gail Kreuzer,
2/15



And now these three remain:



but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13



On the Road Again

Twice The Fun This Year!



Live on Stage at:



FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022

Tour Cost: \$149.00 per person

Tour Includes: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation
Free time at Hartville Flea Market/Shops OR Hardware Store
Lunch and Show - Hartville Kitchen Conference Room with
The Oak Ridge Boys
Hartville Bakery - Goodies to take home!
All taxes and meal gratuities

Check payable to Jeff Cross

Tour Departs: 7:00 a.m. Friendship Community Center, 886 New Castle Road, Slippery Rock, PA

Tour Returns: 6:30 p.m. Friendship Community Center 886 New Castle Road, Slippery Rock, PA

Due to advance payment for tickets, payment in FULL must be made when making your reservation(s).

JUNE 23-24, 2022 2 Days - 1 Night



Live on Stage at:



Tour Cost: \$380 per person double occupancy
\$365 per person triple occupancy (two beds)
\$440 per person single occupancy

Tour Includes: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation
One night accommodations Country Inn & Suites
One Breakfast - Day 2, Country Inn & Suites
Two Lunches - Day 1, Shady Maple Smorgasbord (Awesome!)
Day 2, Amish Home Family-Style
One Dinner - Pizza at hotel after the show
Sight and Sound Theatre – **DAVID** (New Show for 2022)
Bird-In-Hand Bakery (Goodies)
Strasburg Railroad and Choo Choo Model Train Museum
All taxes, meal gratuities and baggage handling.

Deposit Due: \$50.00 per person to guarantee your reservation

Balance Due: Friday, May 20, 2022

Checks

Payable: Friendship Presbyterian Church

Forward to: Jeff Cross

328 South Main Street
Harrisville, PA 16038

JUST FOR FUN

BIBLICAL LOVE NOTES

The following compliments from the Song of Solomon may not go over well on Valentine's Day:

"I compare you, my love, to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots" (1:9).

"Your hair is like a flock of goats, moving down the slopes of Gilead" (4:1).

"Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes that have come up from the washing" (4:2).

"Your neck is like the tower of David, built in courses" (4:4).

"[Your] eyes are like doves beside springs of water, bathed in milk, fitly set" (5:12).

"Your navel is a rounded bowl that never lacks mixed wine. Your belly is a heap of wheat" (7:2).

On the other hand, how about this one: "You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you" (4:7).



CONVERSATION HEARTS WITH GOD

CALL ME

"Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live."

(Psalm 116:2)

TRUE LOVE

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

(Romans 5:8)

ALWAYS

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

(Matthew 28:20)

U R LOVED

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

(John 3:16)

4 EVER

"Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever."

(Psalm 136:26)

YOUR ROCK

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God in whom I will trust..."

(Psalm 18:2)

I'M SURE

"And we believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

(John 6:69)

I LOVE YOU

"A new commandment I give unto you. That you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

(John 13:34)

ASK ME

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

(Matthew 7:7)



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