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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

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 5:00 p.m. Planet 456
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Youth

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market
- 6:30 p.m. Prison Bible Study

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study/Millie's

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 3-4:15 p.m. Hiskidz Choir
- 3-4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Small Group

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 10. Peggy Appleton
- 12. Brody Roberts
- 13. Resa Swoope
- 14. Leland Bond

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- 12. Mr. & Mrs. Larry Clark

Long Term Recovery Committee



This is a new mobile home that was provided to one of Patricia Parker's clients whose home was lost in the 2019 flood.

The Greatest Love of All



On Valentine's Day, we remember that God is the source of all love in the world. His perfect love for us has made all human love possible.



FUMC will host the Country Wide Men's Club meeting on Thursday, February 20, at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Bro. David Schultz, Exec. Dir. Of Wesley House. Dinner will be served. Cost is \$10 per person at the door.



Solid Ground Youth

This month in our Fathom Series, *The Teachings of Jesus*, we are taking a closer look at Jesus and his ministry and teachings. This Sunday's lesson is on the Beatitudes. As we study through these teachings, we will be looking for areas in our own lives that we can grow and show more compassion.

Sunday Night Youth

Last week we didn't meet due to the Super Bowl. This Sunday night, we will continue our Bible study called, *The Twelve Outlaws*. This study takes a closer look at Jesus' apostles. Why were these apostles "WANTED" by Christ? Last time we met, we talked about James. This week we will learn about John, and his loyalty and love for Christ.

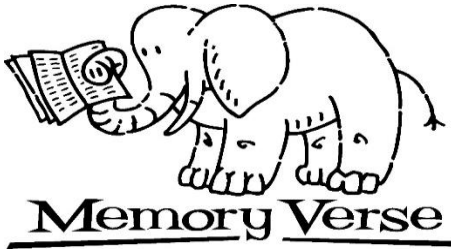
Wednesday Night Small Group

This week in Wednesday night small group we will continue with the Study, *What Do You Allow to Define You?* This week we will cover the lesson, *Broken*. We are a broken people living in a world full of sin. This world has encouraged us to put ourselves above others. We always want to blame something for our mistakes, but we need to allow God to be our guide through life. We need to put our trust in Him.

Thank you!

A special thanks to Jana and Andy Bardwell for hosting the Youth for our Super Bowl watch party. We enjoyed our time of food and fellowship together. Also, thank you to all parents who sent food.

Children's Page



He did what was right in the Lord's eyes.
2 Kings 22:2



During the month of February, we are hearing about Old Testament leaders of the Bible. This Sunday we will be talking about David. The lesson this week focuses on an important reminder. . . God does not look at us the way people do. This is something that we all need to take to heart. Our world today, and we are all guilty, places value and worth on appearance, looks, and materials. God see us from the inside out, and we need to remember that.

Last Sunday Planet 456 Bible did not meet due to the Super Bowl. This week in Bible study, we will continue by reviewing and finishing up with our first lesson in our new study, *Defined, Who God Says You Are*, this Sunday. This lesson is **Created by God**. God created all of us to be exactly who He wants us to be. We are not supposed to be like everyone else.



Confirmation



Confirmation classes for our 6th graders continue to meet every Wednesday through February 12th. We will meet at the church from 3:00 - 4:30p.m.

Volunteers serving Sunday, February 9, 2020

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| Greeters | Diane Vaughan/Steve & Bettina Newman |
| Acolytes | Maddie Canard/Myla Wallace |
| Scripture | Luke 14:7-11 |
| Sermon | “The Place of Honor” |
| Flowers | Marty & Sallie Pender |

Attendance, February 2, 2020

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| Worship Services | 180 |
| Sunday School | 82 |

Daily Bible Readings

FEBRUARY

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| 9. The gift of Life | Romans 5:12-19 |
| 10. Return to the Lord | Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 |
| 11. Fasting that pleases God | Isaiah 58:1-12 |
| 12. That all should turn | Ezekiel 33:10-11 |
| 13. Blessed to bless others | Genesis 12:1-4a |
| 14. Help from the Lord | Psalms 121 |
| 15. Through faithful righteousness | Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 |