

February

Greetings **BELOVED** of the Great Creator!

When I think about February – I think about a couple of things.

First of all, **LOVE!** A God, the God, the Creator God - who **LOVES** us much – that He would send His One and Only Son to be born among us, wrapped in our flesh, live our life and then die our death and pay for our sins. There is no **LOVE** in this world that can compare to that kind of **LOVE!!!** Then at this time of year, I always reflect upon Jesus nearing the end of His ministry, knowing what He is going to face – and His **LOVE** for us --- compels Him to keep walking towards the Cross. Who **LOVES** us more than that? During this month I think about a God who **LOVES** us so much - that He never stops pursuing us. He created us for His own joy, and He will pursue us until our dying breath – because we are His – and He wants us to live in Heaven with Him for all of eternity. That is so amazing --- and that even after all of things that we may have done to break His heart --- He never stops **LOVING** us. That my friends --- is an unfathomable **LOVE**.

The second thing that February calls to mind – is that we historically begin the **Season of Lent** during this month. This year, Ash Wednesday is February 22. On this evening at 7 p.m. we will come together for an Ash Wednesday Service with the imposition of ashes and Communion. We will gather together and begin our journey towards the Cross, reflecting on Jesus' ministry, final days on earth, His death and His glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday. This year during the **Lenten Season**, we will have a Discussion Group meeting every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at which time we will begin watching the series *The Chosen*. This will be watched in our Sanctuary on the "big screen" and will be held in collaboration with our Confirmation class time and students. We will watch an episode of the series each evening and then have a time of reflection and discussion. *The Chosen* series is about Jesus life and ministry here on earth. I hope you will consider attending and joining in the conversation. There will be no reading or studying this year – just come and join us for learning and of course fellowship and building relationships with all those who attend. We (Peace UMC – those of us who call ourselves Disciples of Jesus) grow through knowledge and relationships with one another. Please consider joining us this year.

Third, this time of year, the Season of Lent, is a time of contemplation. **Contemplation** - the action of looking, viewing, regarding, examining, inspecting, observing, studying – something thoughtfully for a period of time. It is a time of deep reflective thought. The Season of Lent – should always be a time of contemplation for us. A time when we take time out of busy lives, our busy schedules – to just stop and reflect upon Jesus' sacrifice for us. It is a time to slow down and take a deep breath as well. We all need to do that a little bit more – agree?

During the month of February we will wrap up our series on the *Miracles of Jesus* and beginning in March we will look at the difficult words and teachings of Jesus' that made those He came to save – call for His crucifixion. More on that next month.

During this month of February – this month all about **LOVE** – know that you are **LOVED** more than you will ever know – and can ever imagine.

Pastor Velda

Leadership Council Meeting

January 16, 2023

7 p.m.

CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER - CHECK BACK IN MARCH FOR REPORTS



*We would like to express our
deepest sympathy
to Kelli Miller in the passing of her mother
Kathie Miller
Kathie went home to be with Jesus on
December 30, 2022
Please keep Kelli and all the extended family
in your prayers*

We are going to continue to collect cans of soup through Sunday, February 12 - Super Bowl Sunday. Donations will be made to the Pipestone County Food Shelf. Please help to build our pyramid of cans as high and wide as our Altar. Your participation in caring for the physically hungry is appreciated!!!

The Worship Committee



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

7 p.m.

COMMUNION SUNDAYS

Sunday - February 5, 2022

Wednesday - February 22, 2022

(Ash Wednesday Service)

Sunday - March 5, 2022



The Chosen Bible Study/Discussion Group

begins Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 7 pm.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fireside Room. This study will include a video shown on the “big screen” in the Sanctuary and then a time of reflection and discussion. Please plan to join us!!!



**Church Clean Up night is on Monday - February 6, 2023 - the first Monday of the month.
Please join us! We meet at the Church at 7 p.m.**

If you are making a donation for the church cleaning by Progress, please write a separate check to the church and indicate in the memo portion of your check that it is for the cleaning service. If you are giving cash, please place in an envelope and indicate on the outside of the envelope for Church Cleaning. We are having some accounting issues when you include it with your Sunday morning giving. Thank you for your consideration and anticipated assistance.

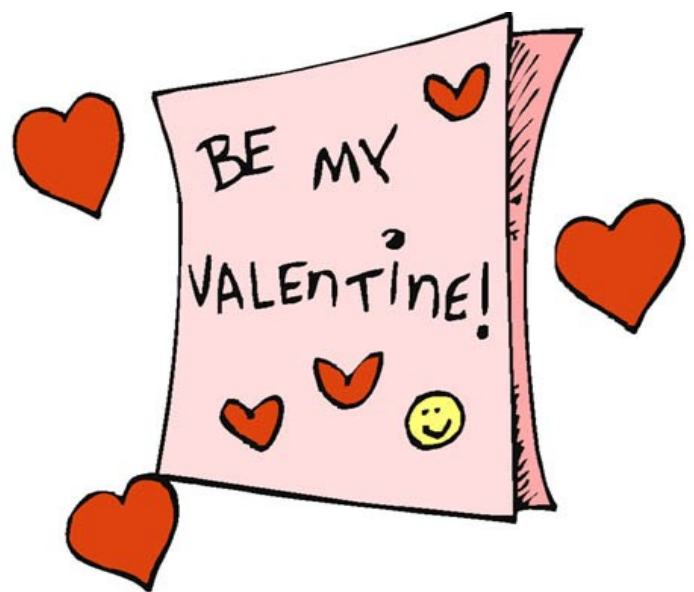
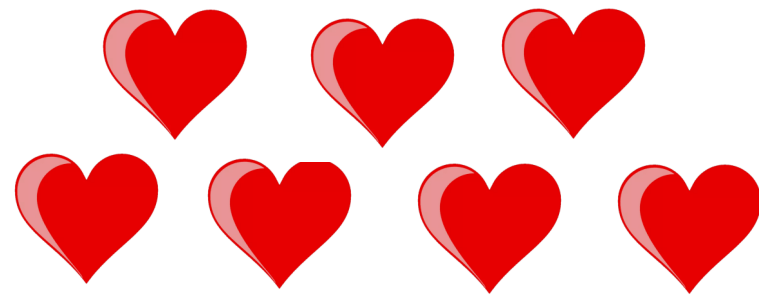
The Trustees Committee



- February 3 - Gwen Jaycox
- February 5 - Tammy Johnson
- February 9 - Carrie Backer
- February 10 - Cindy Miller
- February 12 - David Christensen
- February 15 - Jeff Terry
- February 16 - Dale Wussow
- February 16 - Mary Wabeke
- February 16 - Andy Bucher
- February 18 - Khloe Visker
- February 18 - Cohen Lane
- February 19 - Judy Sheridan-Christensen
- February 19 - Lydya Martens
- February 21 - Meghan Elgersma
- February 27 - Curtis Hess
- February 27 - Cassondra Whipple



February 14 - Bill and Cindy Miller



Good Samaritan Society
Gretchen Blom

Falls Landing
Violet Werner

Prince of Peace Good Samaritan Society
Beverly Sogn



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You know it makes cents!

During the month of February
Change for Change
will be received for
Sleep Tight Pipestone

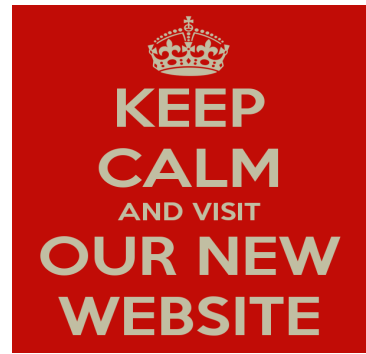


We are missing a Shark vacuum cleaner. Last seen either at the Southeast double doors or in the room in back of the pulpit. If you have any idea of its whereabouts - please contact one of the Trustees.

Thank you for your help!



Peace UMC has
a **WEBSITE!!!**



www.peaceumcpipestone.com

Now there are 3 different ways to give back to your church!

- ◆ *Through the Postal Mail:
PO Box 26, Pipestone MN 56164
- ◆ Auto Giving - set up by Church Treasurer (Sandy Lopau)
- ◆ ONLINE - by clicking on the GIVE tab on our website, you are taken to the page below where you can choose to donate once, or set it up to automatically donate as you wish. Its very simple and very secure!

Peace United Methodist Church

Peace UMC has an Auto Giving Option that allows you to pick an amount you would like to give and how often you would like to give it! Its as easy as filling out this form and providing a voided check!

Talk to Sandy Lopau (Church Treasurer) if you would like to set this up!

Church Calendar of Events February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6 pm J.A.M. at 1st Presbyterian 7 pm	2	3	4
5 10 am Worship 	6 9 am Peace Quilters 7 pm ALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP	7 5:30 pm Ecumenical Prayer Shawl	8 11 am Worship Committee 6 pm J.A.M. at 1st Presbyterian 7 pm Confirmation	9	10	11
12 10 am Worship with Baptism	13 8 pm Trustees Meeting	14 5:30 pm Ecumenical Prayer Shawl	15 6 pm J.A.M. at 1st Presbyterian 7 pm Confirmation	16 2 pm Women of Faith (UMW) Meeting	17	18
19 10 am Worship	20 9 am Peace Quilters 7 pm Leadership Council Meeting	21 5:30 pm Ecumenical Prayer Shawl	22 NO J.A.M. OR CONFIRMATION 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service	23	24	25
26 10 am Worship	27	28 5:30 pm Ecumenical Prayer Shawl	March 1 6 pm J.A.M. at Peace UMC 7 pm Confirmation & The Chosen Discussion	2	3	4

2023 Giving Goal

\$139,205

Needed Each Month

\$11,600

**Received to - date in
January 2023**

\$5,613



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Looking for volunteers to help in the Sound Booth on Sunday mornings.

Help with sound board, power point/slide projection and camera operation for FACEBOOK Live. Training available.

Rick Erks says if he can do it - so can you.

Please contact Rick at 605-413-3431 to let him know you are willing to help.



Be sure to 'like' us on Facebook!!
Stay up-to-date with what's going on at the church. See photos, connect with members and talk with the Pastor!

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**If you are unable to join us in person on Sunday mornings,
remember to tune in to our Worship Service broadcast via
Facebook Live at 10 am!**

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