



THE FEBRUARY 2019 CHIMES

The Pastor's Page: "No Greater Love"

"To offer hope to our community and world through the Good News, and to make disciples of Jesus Christ"

**based on
Matthew
28:19**

Jesus said, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:12-13). The month of February is often associated with St. Valentine – or Valentine's Day on February 14th. It's fun to give and receive Valentine's Day cards and go out to eat with family and friends. But that isn't what this holiday is about. Valentine's Day is about the self-sacrificial love of God and the Saint whose name is associated with the holiday, fulfilled Jesus' command to love one another. There were three Saints named Valentine in the Catholic tradition. The first was a priest and a physician in early Rome, who was arrested and killed for his faith. The second, Bishop of Interamna (now Terni, located about 60 miles from Rome). He too was

arrested and killed during the time of Emperor Claudius II. The third St. Valentine suffered martyrdom in Africa with several companions. However, nothing further is known about this saint.



In all, these men, each named St. Valentine, showed heroic love for the Lord and His Church.

There are other legends that Saint Valentine was under orders not to marry anyone but did so against the wishes of rulers in Rome. He too was put to death because of his faith in love and his defiance of Roman rule. What about us, as Christians today?

Would we be willing to "lay down our lives for our friends?" Would we be courageous enough to stand up to someone who was against our faith? Could we – would we – love them anyway?

Love is a difficult word, especially in our society today. Many times, we love things and use people instead of the opposite. We "love our cell phones, our dogs, our cars," and yet we fail to love the people we are closest to. How many times have we failed to tell someone how much they mean to us and how much we love them?

Don't wait until Valentine's Day! Don't do it just once a year. Tell people how you feel! Love them and care about them – now.

If you love people, then you want them to know the love of Jesus as well. If you love someone, you

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will tell them about salvation. You want them to know where they will spend eternity. If you love people, you will find a way to courageously and boldly share your faith. That's what St. Valentine is remembered for.

The Greek language has six words for love. They mean different things but because our English language translates these words as "love," we fail to understand the differences. The six words in Greek are: Eros, or sexual *passion*. *Philia*, or deep friendship. *Ludus*, or playful

love. *Agape*, or self-sacrificial love. *Pragma*, or longstanding love. *Philautia*, or love of the *self*. Can you see how confusing it is? What Jesus is saying in the verse from John's Gospel is that we need AGAPE love. That's what each of the three St. Valentine's stood for – AGAPE love. What do we stand for today?

Take a moment and list those you need to contact and pray for. Tell those you love how much they mean to you. Think about the Scripture from John and pray that God will use you in his service today to share His love

with others. Don't just say you will do it – take action!

God's best Valentine to us is Jesus, His only Son, who gave His life for us. Thank God for this amazing gift of love. Pray that others may know this Love for themselves. Reflect God's love this Valentine's Day and every day!

In Christ's Love,
Rev. Bev



Valentine's Day Reflections from The Joyful Newsletter:

A group of children in Sunday School were asked, "What is the meaning of love?" Here are some replies, via an unknown author:

"There are two kinds of love—our love and God's love. But God makes both kinds of them."

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth."

"Love cards, like Valentine's Day cards, say stuff on them that we'd like to say ourselves, but we wouldn't be caught dead saying."

"Love is when someone hurts you, and you get so mad but you don't yell at them because you know it would hurt their feelings."

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis, too. That's love."

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt—then he wears it every day."



February 3 (Communion Sunday) —"What is Our Purpose?" Text: Jeremiah 29:1-14

February 10— "Our Calling in Christ" Text: Romans 8:26-30

February 17— "Rejoice?" Text: Philippians 4:4-9

February 24— "Trust in the Lord" Text: Proverbs 3:1-7

Why Worry When You Can Pray!

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Do you have a flair for the dramatic? Would you like to occasionally help illustrate the sermon in a fun drama? If so, please sign up on the sheets that say, "Drama Team—8 a.m. service and 10:30 service." We will practice skits that will be used to worship throughout the year. Let's have fun together while honoring God in worship!

**February 2019
VOLUNTEERS**

Ushers
Bryan & Becky Powell and
Larry & June Harless

Greeters
Betty Lowers and Kitty Zerger

Brown Plate Ushers
John & Connie Secrest

Ladies Night Out

February 6th

Meet at Lori's at
5:30pm

Ladies DAY OUT

February 21st

Meet at Patty's
Place at 11:30am

it takes a
BIG HEART
to shape a
LITTLE MIND
thanks for serving Jesus by loving on our children!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS FOR February 2019

- 03—Debbie Butler & Raegan Feldner
- 10—Jody Parrish-Polen & Leslie Pfeffer
- 17—Jeannette & Makayla Feldner
- 24—Ruth Hayes & Sephrenia Parrish



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- 03—Micki Archer & Bonnie McAfee
- 10—Laura Miller & Amanda Gray
- 17—Kristina & Sephrenia Parrish
- 24—Tracy Christ & Vanessa Sawyer



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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³ Communion Sunday Youth 3-5pm Discipleship @ 6:30pm	4	5	6  Lori's @ 5:30	7	8	9
10 Church hosting District Mission Focus Meeting—3-5:30 ♦ Youth 3-5pm ♦ Discipleship @ 6:30pm	11	12	13 SPRC Team Meeting @ 6:30pm	14 Trustees—6 Finance Team—7 Mission Team @ 7 Ad Council @ 8	15	16
17 Youth 3-5pm Discipleship @ 6:30pm	18	19	20 Nursing Home Ministry @ 6:30	21  Patty's Place @ 11:30	22	23
24 Youth 3-5pm Discipleship @ 6:30pm	25	26	27	28  4:30–6:00 pm		



SUMMIT ACRES NURSING HOME

44565 Sunset Rd
Caldwell, OH 43724

Marie Buckey

Unit 1—Room 104

B: **February 1**

Phone: (740) 732-4671

Maryann Clark

Assisted Living—Room 307

B: October 4

Phone: (740) 305-3099

Ruth McElfresh
Speret, Room 219B
B: September 24
Ph: 714-213-9707

Becky Stoffer
Unit #1 - Room 123
Birthday: May 1

Pat Vogel
Unit 1, Room 104
B: October 18

SENIOR LIVING

Dolores Christopher
7 Summit Court
Caldwell OH 43724
B: November 22

Out of Town Shut-Ins

Nellie Merry
Westminster Thurber
Community
Thurber Tower Apt. 1009
645 Neil Ave.
Columbus OH 43215
B: April 13

Nellie Poulton
Beckett House
1280 Friendship Dr.
New Concord OH
B: June 20

Join in our
Nursing Home Ministry
Every 3rd Wednesday of
the month at 6:30.



- 01 - Tim Niswonger
- 02 - Connie Gallagher
- 02 - Dannee Sidwell
- 07 - Gary Spring
- 10 - Darlene Cantor
- 11 - Jason Feldner
- 12 - Mikayla Lowers

- 15 - Ramona Barnes
- 15 - Irene Clift
- 15 - Kara Niswonger
- 15 - Karli Niswonger
- 18 - Connie Hesson
- 20 - Beverly Ralston
- 23 - Wilma Edgar
- 25 - Patsy Truax



- 13 - Dave & Lana Anderson
- 19 - Larry & June Harless



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	December		Y-T-D	Y-T-D
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund:	13,243.09	7,207.44	149,992.27	145,490.18
Interest from CDs, etc.	4.88		198.40	0.00
Total GF	13,247.97	7,207.44	150,190.67	145,490.18
Building Fund	164.52	0.00	1,937.16	0.00
Elevator Fund	579.88		8,494.88	0.00
Local Benevolent Giving	693.73	930.00	5,197.16	6,122.03
Joash	0.00	0.00	3,460.00	6,644.22
Joash BF Savings	0.00	0.00	3,386.19	0.00
Memorial Fund	0.00	0.00	3,386.19	8,080.37
Special Offerings	1,503.43	0.00	6,714.59	6,895.07
Stained Glass Windows	601.01	0.00	6,237.93	0.00
Youth Fund Giving	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Total Designated Funds	3,542.57	930.00	35,477.91	27,741.69
Totals	16,790.54	8,137.44	185,668.58	173,231.87