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"Make Christmas Last All Year"

"This year, mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. Write a letter. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Apologize. Try to understand. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Be kind. Be gentle. Laugh a little. And then laugh a little more. Express your gratitude. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love and speak it again"

— Howard Hunter

Submitted by Jane Keys

Special points of interest:

- Articles for the ALIVE! Are due in no later than the 26th of the month.
- 4 Cents a Meal Collection February 26th
- Annual Pie Sales have begun
- Daily Scripture Readings for Month on page 6

Scriptures

Monthly Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear in February will come from the following readings:

February 5th	Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20
February 12th	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37
February 19th	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48
February 26th	Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 -OR- Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Bible Study will resume Wednesday 8:30 am, February 1st. Topics of study and discussion are introduced by Max Lucado's, "Before the Amen" (DVD). All are welcome.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please get the information for any and all of the exciting activities that will occur the month of March to Holly Keys (holly.keys@aol.com or call 854-3975 before 8 pm or drop something in her box in the business office at the church (just let her know its there)) by Sunday, February 26th. Thank you!!!

Deacons Pie Sale

The Deacons will be doing their pie fundraiser again this year. This year we are lucky to be able to supply you with pies for your Easter Sunday dinner!!!! We will be taking orders **until March 19th** with a **delivery date of April 8th** for these famous fresh frozen pies from the Smith's Orchard Bake Shop at the price of \$12.00. Please place your order with any Deacon. Thank you for your support of this Deacon fundraiser

Faith Filled Fridays

FFF got together at the end of January for a wonderful lesson on love and caring for one another. With Valentine's Day only a couple short weeks away, it was a perfect time to be discussing our friends down at the Cambridge Guest Home (now called The Mansion). You see, an acquaintance of mine visits the residents there with his therapy dog. So, I went to his blog and saw that the residents had been clearing their board down at the home to make room for Valentine's! I contacted the activity director and she was thrilled that the kids would do something for the residents. So, we spent the afternoon crafting Valentine's cards as well as creating a chain of hearts for them to hang in their rooms. The chain simply stated a quote from Proverbs "Trust in the Lord with all your heart", the same quote used to decorate our chapel windows. Marie Bell was kind enough to deliver our care package down to The Mansion. Thanks so much Marie.

Submitted by Amy Thetford

February 2017 Daily Bible Readings

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	Isa. 57:1-13 Heb. 12:1-6 John 7:37-46	Isa. 57:14-21 Gal 6:11-18 Mark 9:30-41	1 Isa. 52:13-53:12 Gal. 4:21-31 Mark 8:11-26	2 Isa. 54:1-10 Gal. 5:1-15 Mark 8:27-9:1	3 Isa. 55:1-13 Gal. 5:16-24 Mark 9:2-13	4 Is. 56:1-8 Gal.5:25-6:10 Mark 9:14-29
6	Isa. 57:14-21 Gal 6:11-18 Mark 9:30-41	7 Isa. 58:1-12 2 Tim. 1:1-14 Mark 9:42-50	8 Isa. 59:1-21 2 Tim 1:15-2:13 Mark 10:1-16	9 Isa. 60:1-22 2Tim 2:14-26 Mark 10:17-31	10 Isa. 61:1-9 2 Tim 3:1-17 Mark 10:32-45	11 Isa. 61:10-62:5 2 Tim. 4:1-8 Mark 10:46-52
12	Isa. 62:6-12 1 John 2:3-11 John 8:12-19	14 Isa. 63:7-14 1 Tim. 1:18-2:8 Mark 11:12-26	15 Isa. 63:1-12 1 Tim. 3:1-6 Mark 11:27-12	16 Isa. 65:1-12 1 Tim. 4:1-16 Mark 12:13-27	17 Isa. 65:17-25 1 Tim 5:17-22 Mark 12:28-34	18 Isa. 66:1-6 1 Tim. 5:6-21 Mark 12:35-44
19	Isa. 66:7-14 1 John 3:4-10 John 10:7-16	21 Ruth 1:15-22 2 Cor. 1:12-22 Matt. 5:13-20	22 Ruth 2:1-13 2 Cor. 1:23-2:17 Matt. 5:21-26	23 Ruth 2:14-23 2 Cor. 3:1-18 Matt. 5:27-37	24 Ruth 3:1-18 2 Cor. 4:1-12 Matt. 5:38-48	25 Ruth 4:1-22 2 Cor 4:13-5:10 Matt. 6:1-6
26	Dan.7:9-10, 3-14 2 Cor. 3:1-9 John 12:27-36a	28 Deut. 6:16-25 Heb. 2:1-10 John 1:19-28				

Words of Thanks

Some neighbors and church members knew that I had become ill and eventually had some surgery done. During those several months, David and I received phone calls and other expressions of encouragement. We received cards, flowers and lots of food. I received visits at home and hospital. People have told us they were praying for us. Today, David and I hardly have words to express our gratitude or to tell how much of a difference you have made. I believe it is because of you that I am convalescing at a rate that surprises doctors and care takers. Thank you so much for such healing and splendid concern and acts of kindness.

Helen Simmons

The months especially of November and December had personally been difficult months for myself and Helen. But we were carried through some tough hours like riding an ocean wave begun and sustained in prayer, not Helen's and my prayers only, but prayers, phone calls, messages of concern and love from people in the White Church and beyond. Looking back, hard to even recall the scope of the challenge and the even greater moments when we were simply carried forward. You have our thanks. Be reassured too, such prayer and kindnesses carry many, at a time of need. Again, thank you.

David Simmons

Birthdays/Anniversaries

February Birthday's

13th Nicholas Holmes
15th Travis Rea
25th Diana Pitts

February Anniversaries

NONE

If you would like a birthday or anniversary published in the Alive!, Please contact the church office at 854-9471 or holly.keys@aol.com.

Prayer Requests

If you need a prayer or wish to place someone on the prayer list, please complete this form, or one found in the Narthex, and give it to an usher or deacon.

Name of Prayer recipient: _____

Cause for joy or concern: _____

You name (optional): _____

February 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study 8:30 am	2 Line Dancing 9:30am	3	4
5 Boy Scout Sunday Roger Ellis Worship 10am	7 Mission Team 6pm	8 Bible Study 8:30 am	9 Line Dancing 9:30am	10	11
13 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 Bible Study 8:30 am Session 7pm	16 Line Dancing 9:30am	17	18
19 Rev Lois Wolff Worship 10am Worship & Music 11:30am	21	22 Bible Study 8:30 am	23 Line Dancing 9:30am	24	25
20 Presidents' Day Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	28				
26 Harry Booth Worship 10am 4 Cents a Meal Collection					
27 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7 pm					

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At First United Presbyterian Church:

We believe that God calls everyone to serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ!

Join us on Sunday's for worship, music, and fellowship!
Service begins at 10 AM

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**Service Schedule for
February 2017**

Elder of the Month:

Sunday, February 5th

Reader: Boy Scout Sunday

Coffee Time: Dave & Irlene Mears
Kim Skellie

Sunday, February 12th

Reader: Marie Bell

Coffee Time: Valerie Roche

Sunday, February 19th

Reader: Ruth Ihne

Coffee Time: David & Helen Simmons
Arna Thibeau

Sunday, February 26th

Reader: Nancy Rountree

Coffee Time: Alberta Murn
Sylvia Graham