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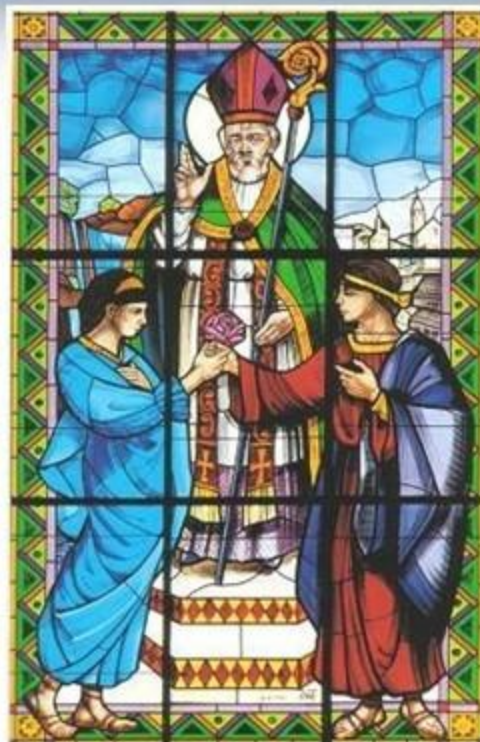
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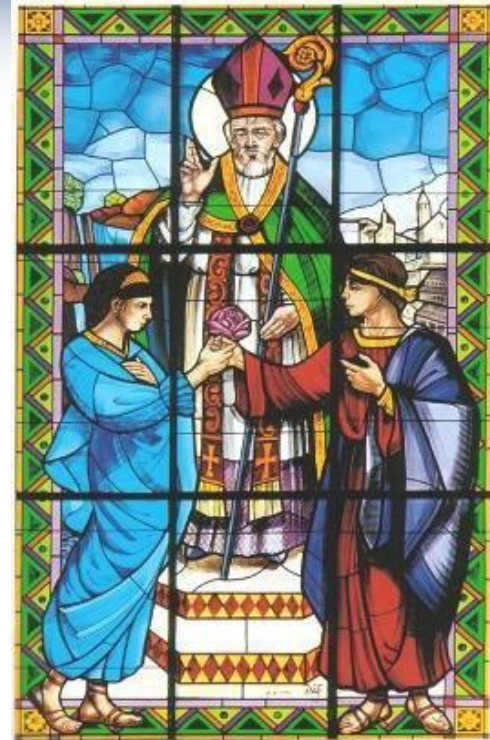
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## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! By Pastor Don Gibson

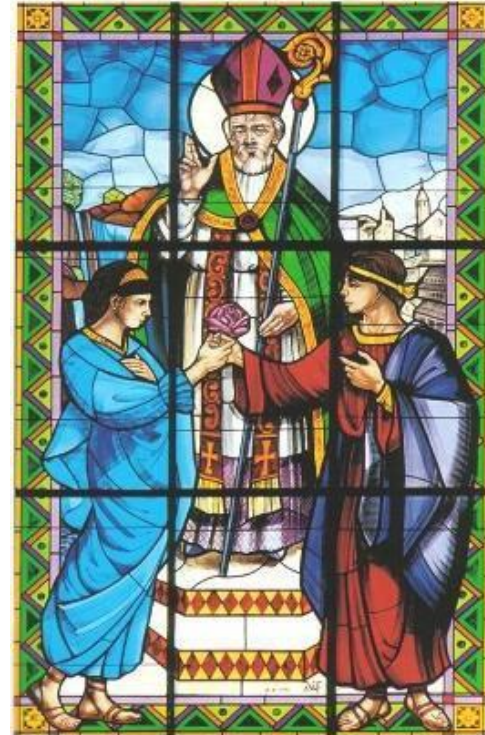
*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)*

Often, there is not much to celebrate in February. For many of us, by the time February rolls around, we are tired of winter and ready for spring. Valentine's Day is one of the only things that many of us look forward to in February. Valentine's Day is the day in which we celebrate love. Valentine's Day is named after Saint Valentine, a Catholic priest who lived in Rome in the 3rd Century. There are many stories about Saint Valentine and over time these stories grew into the legend we know today. At the time of Valentine's life, many Romans were converting to Christianity, but the Emperor Claudius II was a pagan and created strict laws about what Christians were allowed to do. Claudius believed that Roman soldiers should be completely devoted to Rome and therefore passed a law preventing them from getting married. Saint Valentine began to marry these soldiers in secret Christian ceremonies, and this was the beginning of his reputation for believing in the importance of love. Eventually, Valentine was found out and jailed for his crimes against Claudius. While imprisoned, Valentine cared for his fellow prisoners and also his jailor's blind daughter.

His final act before being executed was to write her (the jailor's daughter) a message signed 'from your Valentine'. Valentine was executed on February 14 in the year 270 AD.

This year, on February 14, and throughout the entire month, let us be reminded of what Jesus said when asked what the greatest commandment is: "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.'" (Mark 12:29) Love. That's what it all boils down to for us

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**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

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Micah 6:8 tells us that there are three things the Lord desires from us: To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Him. Is this the type of love that is being celebrated today? Unfortunately, no. The world celebrates a love that is self-centered and dependent on feelings, which come and go. Biblical love stands in contrast to that love. Godly love is patient, kind, honest, and sacrificial. It is rooted in God and not in self. It seeks to serve rather than to be served.

The Bible reminds us that “We love because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19). I believe that genuine, other-focused, Christ-centered love is not born through begrudgingly succumbing to duty, like buying of candy or cards. No, love is born out of remembering and celebrating what I have received. When I remember the lavish, faithful, patient, forgiving, and empowering love that God has shown me, I will want to give that love away to someone else. So today, let’s all be filled with gratitude for the love of Christ that has been poured out on us, and love others. Happy Valentine’s Day!

**SHERBOURNE FOOD PANTRY**

During the month of February, Sherbourne Food Pantry is requesting donations of hot or cold cereal and canned or powdered milk. Your donation can be left on the wire rack at the Information Center or in the afterhours donation cabinet in the Breezeway.

**SHERBOURNE CHRISTMAS MEALS**

Randy Ramey and Louis Corde delivered 73 Christmas meal bags to Sherbourne on December 18. They had an estimated weight of 1,387 pounds of food, taking us over our 2024 goal of 5,000 pounds of food donated. We have set a goal of 6,000 pounds for 2025. Can we donate three tons of food this year? Of course we can!



**BIBLE READING CHALLENGE**

**FEBRUARY READINGS**

- |    |                                |    |                                |
|----|--------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| 01 | Romans 16                      | 15 | I Corinthians 12               |
| 02 | Sunday ( <i>Catch-up day</i> ) | 16 | Sunday ( <i>Catch-up day</i> ) |
| 03 | I Corinthians 1                | 17 | I Corinthians 13               |
| 04 | I Corinthians 2                | 18 | I Corinthians 14               |
| 05 | I Corinthians 3                | 19 | I Corinthians 15-16            |
| 06 | I Corinthians 4                | 20 | II Corinthians 1               |
| 07 | I Corinthians 5                | 21 | II Corinthians 2               |
| 08 | I Corinthians 6                | 22 | II Corinthians 3               |
| 09 | Sunday ( <i>Catch-up day</i> ) | 23 | Sunday ( <i>Catch-up day</i> ) |
| 10 | I Corinthians 7                | 24 | II Corinthians 4               |
| 11 | I Corinthians 8                | 25 | II Corinthians 5               |
| 12 | I Corinthians 9                | 26 | II Corinthians 6               |
| 13 | I Corinthians 10               | 27 | II Corinthians 7               |
| 14 | I Corinthians 11               | 28 | II Corinthians 8               |

**PSALM AND PROVERBS**

- |    |                |    |             |
|----|----------------|----|-------------|
| 01 | Proverbs 26    | 15 | Psalms 140  |
| 02 | Psalms 127-128 | 16 | Proverbs 29 |
| 03 | Psalms 129     | 17 | Psalms 141  |
| 04 | Psalms 130     | 18 | Psalms 142  |
| 05 | Proverbs 27    | 19 | Psalms 143  |
| 06 | Psalms 131     | 20 | Psalms 144  |
| 07 | Psalms 132     | 21 | Psalms 145  |
| 08 | Psalms 133-134 | 22 | Proverbs 30 |
| 09 | Psalms 135     | 23 | Psalms 146  |
| 10 | Proverbs 28    | 24 | Psalms 147  |
| 11 | Psalms 136     | 25 | Psalms 148  |
| 12 | Psalms 137     | 26 | Psalms 149  |
| 13 | Psalms 138     | 27 | Psalms 150  |
| 14 | Psalms 139     | 28 | Proverbs 31 |

# ROOT CELLAR

By Barry Iglehart

Can we go back to the start a bit? A root cellar is a place of storage for seasons both in and out, and protection during storms. In Hebrew it reads "sharesh martef", perhaps simply "martef", cellar. But it could be hard to separate the two, particularly in meaning.

There are many seasons, many types of seasons: cold, hot, growing. Times of the year when kings would fight wars, causing troubles for their own people and others. Ordinary folk surviving might be dependent on a place of refuge much like a root cellar. Storing food and equipment was also vital.

But what about those things not seen? We need to consider our spirits as well. God nourishes us in our hearts and souls as well as our bodies. We read and study His Word, cultivate and grow His "harvest". Should we not store that produce, use the tools He provides, and in the end share the fruits of His creation in benefit to all? Shalom

## CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RELIEF OFFERING

Sunday, February 9 & 16



# OFFERINGS

## FEBRUARY COMMUNION OFFERING

### HEART HAVENS

(information from the Heart Havens website <https://www.hearthavens.org/>)  
The communion offering for February is going to Heart Havens. Heart Havens provides residential support to adults with a developmental disability. It's so much more than a roof and a bed. Heart Havens empowers people to discover what they love and pursue their hopes and passions. We support our residents as they find a way to make their goals and dreams happen. Your gifts help us provide the people we support with the best life possible-- and even small gifts make a big difference!

**8 GROUP HOMES**  
A place where people live, not a business. A nurturing, comfortable, and welcoming residential option for individuals with disabilities.

**SPONSORED RESIDENTIAL**  
Alternative to the traditional group home model for individuals with higher support needs or those preferring a host family living situation

**SUPPORTING OVER 30 CLIENTS**  
Comprehensive care includes leisure and community outing planning, medication management, medical advocacy, personal care, and skill building support, all aligned with our core values.

**INDIVIDUALIZED CARE**  
Honoring individual preferences with values of respect and empowerment, and tailoring schedules to ensure active community engagement

## CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RELIEF

Many of you may have family/friends in California. We will be collecting to help those in California affected by the wildfires on Sunday, February 9, and Sunday, February 16. If you wish to write a check, please make it out to Beulah church with "California wildfires" on the memo line. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

## LOVE OFFERING FOR PASTOR DANIEL AND KARIS'S LITTLE MISS.

The prayer shawl ministry is gifting a baby blanket and hat to Pastor Daniel and Karis for their little miss (the granddaughter of Pastor Don and Christy Gibson). We are opening this up for a love offering to anyone interested. We will have a few designated baskets at the back of the sanctuary for CARDS and MONETARY gifts on Sunday, February 2 and 9. Feel free to contribute as you wish and it will be sent on to Daniel and Karis. Thank you for your prayers for them.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & TRAINING



## VOLUNTEER WITH THE SHEPHERDING & VISITATION MINISTRY

Thursday, February 06,  
at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### CARE MINISTRIES

The Care Ministries of Shepherding and Visitation will have a training session on **Thursday, February 06**, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you have signed up to participate in this ministry you will need to attend. If you are interested in joining the Care Team, please let Pastor Hae Rin know.



## VALENTINE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHUT INS

Come make an arrangement  
on Friday, February 14,  
at 10:00 am  
in the Fellowship Hall.

Please sign up at the Information Center

### VALENTINES FOR SHUT INS

We will be gathering to make Valentine floral arrangements for those on the Congregational Care list. This will take place on Friday, **February 14**, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up at the Information Center if you would like to help.

### DELIVER A VALENTINE

We are looking for volunteers to deliver floral arrangements on **February 14, 15, or 16** to individuals on the Congregational Care List on behalf of the church. If you are interested, please sign up at the Information Center.



### LAST STEPS OF JESUS

**An Easter Play featuring The Stations of the Cross:** The play begins on Palm Sunday, includes a Tuesday evening Seder Meal, Good Friday Service (with audience participation), and ends at the Easter Sunrise Service. The play has both readers (no memory work) and roles (which require memorization). **Auditions have been rescheduled to Sunday, February 9, from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Play rehearsal begins on Sunday, February 16, from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR THE RELAUNCH OF THE



WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
AT BEULAH CHURCH

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, AT 10:00 AM, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



### ATTENTION ALL WOMEN

There will be an informational meeting on **Tuesday, February 25**, at 10:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall for any women interested in a relaunch of the Beulah Women's Ministry (formally the UMW/UWF). Please see Pastor Don Gibson if you have any questions.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter celebration is right around the corner. We are planning to have the Easter Egg Hunt on April 12, at 11:00 am. Rain date will be April 19, Saturday 11:00 am. Please look for signup sheets at the Information Center and for more information to come.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are excited to announce Vacation Bible School 2025. There will be a kick-off planning meeting on **February 19**, at 10:00 am in Room 107 and at 7:00 pm (following the Wednesday Worship Meal) in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in serving in this very vital ministry/outreach, please attend one of these meetings.

### SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

**Wednesday, February 26**,  
at 10:00 am in Room 107  
and  
at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
(following the Wednesday Worship Meal).



### SAFE SANCTUARY

Our Safe Sanctuary policy has been updated. If you volunteer in an area of ministry that puts you in contact with Children, Youth, or at-risk adults you will need to attend one of these meetings for training. The meetings are on **Wednesday, February 26**, at 10:00 am in Room 107 and at 7:00 pm (following the Wednesday Worship Meal) in the Fellowship Hall.

### BEULAH DAY

We are excited to announce Beulah Day will be on May 18, 2025. We will celebrate with special presentations, special music, and a pot-luck lunch. Get your best dish ready to share and be on the lookout for more information.



BEULAH’S BEST

Beulah’s Best will meet **February 18**, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be "Zion Mountain" playing blue grass Christian music. Join us for a wonderful program

BEULAH METHODIST MEN

The Methodist Men will meet on **Tuesday, February 18**, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and a meeting. Program for the night will be the continuation of "Reflections of Jesus in the Old Testament" taught by Pastor Don. All men are welcome to attend.

GOOD NEWS

We will have a confirmation class meeting each Wednesday evening beginning **March 05**, at 6:00 pm, We are so thankful for this opportunity and appreciate your prayers for the journey.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

- 06 Care Ministries Training
- 07 Mariners Dinner
- 09 Play Audition
- 10 Ruth Robertson Friendship Circle
- 11 Mary Farmer Circle of Love  
Finance Meeting  
Rebekah Fellowship
- 14 Valentine For Shut Ins
- 16 Play Rehearsals Start
- 18 Beulah’s Best  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Methodist Men’s meeting
- 19 VBS Meetings  
Commonwealth Bible Study  
Wesleyan Stratton
- 25 Women’s Ministry Meeting  
Springdale Bible Study
- 26 Safe Sanctuary Training

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday**
- 8:30 Worship
  - 9:45 Sunday School
  - 11:00 Worship
  - 11:30 Escuela Dominical
  - 1:00 Hispanic Worship
  - 5:30 Youth Group
- Monday**
- 10:00 Card Ministry  
Men’s Bible Study
  - 12:30 Gospel on the Ground Study
  - 5:00 Women’s Chorus Rehearsal
  - 6:00 Bells of Praise Rehearsal
  - 7:00 Scouts
- Tuesday**
- 5:30 Estudio Biblico
  - 7:00 Cub Scouts
- Wednesday**
- 1:00 Staff Meeting
  - 6:00 Wednesday Worship Meal
- Thursday**
- 6:00 Quartet Rehearsal
  - 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

CONDOLENCE

ANN GOULD

We offer love, support, and prayers to the friends and family of Ann Gould who went to be with the Lord on Monday, January 20. A Celebration of Life for Ann Gould was held on Tuesday, January 28, at Springdale.

TOMMY CLAGETT

We offer love, support, and prayers to the friends and family of Tommy Clagett (the nephew of Bonnie Ramey). Tommy was amongst the passengers killed in the Washington D.C. plane crash on January 29.



BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

- |    |                   |    |                     |
|----|-------------------|----|---------------------|
| 02 | Betsy Q Forbes    | 09 | Nancy Snow          |
|    | Marvin Waldrop    | 11 | Buddy Jones         |
| 03 | Ann Warren        | 12 | Caryl Harris        |
| 04 | Bobbi Hudson      | 15 | Carolyn Salmon      |
|    | Mary Love Walston | 16 | Eliana Aguilar      |
| 05 | Michael Alvarado  | 18 | Peggy O'Brien       |
| 06 | Eric Cunningham   | 19 | Linda Love          |
|    | Allen Mason       | 21 | Gretchen Craig      |
| 07 | Cathy Keller      |    | Betty Moore Scavone |
|    | Bob Mays          | 22 | David Dudley        |
| 08 | Betza Berrios     | 24 | Randy Ramey         |
|    | Nancy Kiger       |    | Deborah Wenrich     |

MARCH

- 01 Jennifer Smith
- 02 Carol Quigley  
Rosanna Strauss
- 03 Dale Childrey  
Backy Taylor
- 05 Bobby Glick  
Carole Morris
- 06 Ken Foster  
Ronnie Mann
- 07 Joan Garton  
Deborah Rhodes



## UP COMING MEALS

### MEAL SCHEDULE

DATE	HOST	ENTREE
02/05	Ruth Robertson Friendship Circle	Pork
02/12	New Centurion Sunday School	Potato Bar
02/19	Hispanic Worship Service	Chicken Soup
02/26	Mariners Sunday School Class	Spaghetti
03/05	Crusaders Sunday School Class	Breakfast <i>(Ash Wednesday)</i>
03/12		
03/19	Wesleyan Stratton	Baked Ham
03/26	Scouts	Hot Dogs
04/02	Fall Festival	Chili
04/09		
04/15	Easter Play	Sedar <i>(Passover Meal)</i>
04/17	Beulah Methodist Men	Fish Dinner <i>(Maundy Thursday)</i>

Please make sure to sign up by the Sunday before the meal and let us know if any of your meals need to be a "to-go" order. Please let the office know if you would like to sign up for all the meals.

### HOST A WORSHIP MEAL

The Worship Meals have been extended until Maundy Thursday. There are two dinners available if you would like to host a meal; March 12 and April 09. Please sign up at the Information Center if you or your group would like to claim one of these nights. Please contact Sarah Eastwood (804-275-2226) if you have any questions.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### PRIDE OF THE SOUTH PECAN PIE

By B.B. Taylor

- 1 (9 inch) pie shell
- 1 cup pecan halves
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup light Karo Syrup
- 1 Tablespoon melted butter
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 Tablespoon flour

- Arrange pecan halves in pie shell.
- Beat eggs. Add light Karo syrup, melted butter and vanilla, blend.
- Combine sugar and flour.
- Blend with egg mixture and pour over nuts in pie shell.
- Let stand until nuts rise, so they get a good glaze while baking.
- Bake 45 minutes at 350 degrees

## THANK YOU NOTES

**To: Beulah Friends**

**From: Barbara Dudley, Worship Chair**

Now that the Advent/Christmas season is over, I wanted to thank so many who helped me during that time. These are my Christmas "Angels" who are always so willing to help me when I ask them. They are: David Dudley, Carolyn Salmon, Pat Soyars, Barbara Tinsley, Nancy Morris, Sandra Sanderson, Anne Christopher, Pam Totty, and DiAnne Kneipp. What a blessing they are!

**To: My Beulah Family**

**From: Marie Conner**

Thank you for the Christmas goody bag you gave me. I appreciate your thoughts and prayers and the beautiful cards you have sent me also. Beulah Church has meant so much to me and to my family though the years. God bless you and keep you in His loving care.

**To: Beulah Family**

**From: Sandra Sanderson**

Words cannot possibly express how much I appreciated the outpouring of love that I received after my fall and hip surgery. The calls, cards, meals, and prayers meant so much to me. Many thanks to Pastor Don and Pastor Hae Rin for their calls and prayers as well. I am so blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring church.

**To: Beulah Family**

**From: Cindy Hubbard**

I want to thank you all so much for the wonderful gift bags you gave mom and I for Christmas. We enjoyed them so much. I also want to thank you for the beautiful cards that you made and sweet notes you sent upon her passing and this is a difficult time for me, but with your prayers and support, I will get through this. Blessings and love to you all.

**To: Beulah Church**

**From: Deborah Wenrich**

I would like to thank all the people at Beulah Church who prayed and gave money to me for a survey, Christmas gifts, cards, monetary gifts, housewarming gifts. The survey turned out great! The house was on the land, my daughter and I moved into our home on December 23, 2024. What a Christmas present! God is so good! We are in the process of moving boxes from storage. It's not quite set up yet but it's getting there. It will be a while before we can move the horses, we have a few trees to cut in order to build a barn and put a fence up. I am so thankful for all of you. Thank you so much!