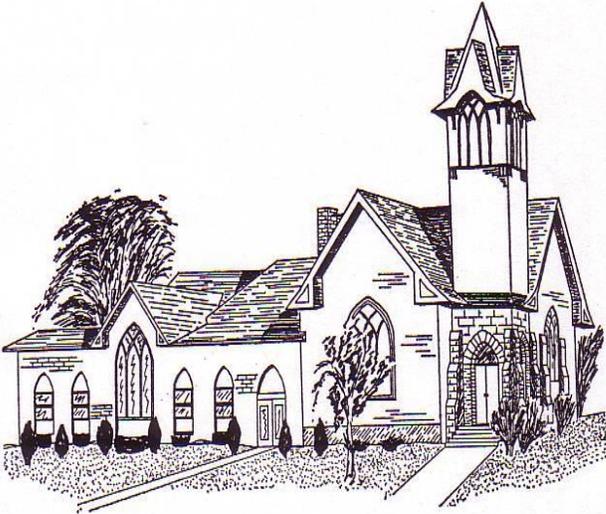


# The By-Line

The Newsletter of  
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## In Our Prayers

*Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:*

Les Bedore, Linda & Steve Garrison,  
Jerry Hawkins, Norma Smith, Betty Stettka,  
Rosanna Grant, Pete Viall,  
Lisa Soderquist, Sue Wenzelman,  
Jean Pinnow, Art Brown,  
& Donna Abbott

Please call the church office or Pastor Chrystal's cell phone at 815-450-7337 if someone has been hospitalized. Additionally, the Prayer Chain is available for your joy and concerns by contacting Margaret Klipp at 815-468-7586.

## Something from the Pastor

February is here and very soon we will enter into the Lenten season. This year, we start off with Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine's day. At first, I was disheartened, but the more I thought about it the more I realized how moving it is that the day we celebrate love, we can gather together with the one who *is* love, and has shown so much love to us. I am not much into the "Hallmark Holidays" but it is awe-inspiring to

me that while the secular world has taken our religious holidays and tried to take God out of

them, we take a secular holiday and put God into it. So, this Valentine's day, let us come together and celebrate what real love is with the one who is love.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Chrystal

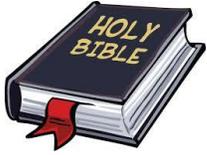
## February Worship

- ❖ **Feb 4** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany
  - Communion
- ❖ **Feb 11** – Transfiguration of the Lord
  - Committee Meetings & Potluck
- ❖ **Feb 14** – Ash Wednesday Service at 6pm
- ❖ **Feb 18** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent
- ❖ **Feb 25** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

## Additional Church Events in February

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays – Bible Study 9-9:30am  
Feb 15 – Council meeting, 5pm.

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**Bible Study**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Month**  
**9-9:30am**



**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 14**  
**Worship Service at 6pm**

The altar flower sign-up poster is on the bulletin board. Just write your name next to the date and don't forget to note who or why you are memorializing or celebrating. You can include your \$25 in an envelope placed in the offering plate with your name and what it is for. Be sure to bring the beautiful floral arrangement home to enjoy. Please return the container to the church kitchen when you are finished with it.



Feb. 1. Donna Hilsenhoff  
 Feb. 10 Mary Ann Wade  
 Feb. 12 Allison Tamblin  
 Feb. 18 Gordon St. John



Feb. 14 Ron & Lois Meyer  
 Feb. 24 Tom & Penny Bessman  
 Feb. 28 Chrystal & Tom Ronchetti

**Living Right and Loving Life**

**Exercise Schedule**

**FAB**

Flexibility & Balance  
 Tuesdays & Thursday  
 9:30am



*Remember, everyone exercises at their own risk and all bettering your body exercise classes are free. Also, these programs are geared for the high school and older age group and that they are not just for our members . . . Invite your friends!*

**Manteno Food Pantry Collection**

**Feb 4 – Canned Tuna and Chicken**  
**Feb 11 – Packaged rice & dried bean**  
**Feb 18 – Dry Staples: flour, sugar, etc.**  
**Feb 25 – Olive or Vegetable Oil**

**\*\*Please leave in the cart at back of church.**

## Plastic Cap Collection



We are collecting plastic caps for the Cavalier Cap Challenge which provides recycled benches for KCC

through Green Tree Plastics.

### **Acceptable clean, plastic caps & lids:**

*Medicine bottle caps*

**Drink bottle & Milk jug caps**

*Flip-top caps*

**Detergent caps**

*Hair Spray & Spray Paint caps*

**Toothpaste & Ointment tube caps**

*Deodorant caps*

**Caps with recycle #s 2, 4, & 5**

*Cottage cheese, cool whip, yogurt, cream cheese, & butter tub lids*

**Mayonnaise & Peanut Butter jar lids**

*Coffee Can lids*

**Ice Cream lids less than 8 inches**

*Prescription bottles with labels removed*

***No metal, plastic bags,  
food containers, bottles,  
Soap/lotion pumps,  
or fast food drink lids.***



**Feb. 2-4** Men's Retreat

**Feb. 9-10** Women's  
Retreat

[www.strongholdcenter.org](http://www.strongholdcenter.org)

## *Lucille's Library Corner*

### ***When Bad Things Happen to Good People***

by Harold S. Kushner

The author of this book is a Rabbi and spent time counseling people through all types of hardships, as church leaders do. But, when his own son was diagnosed with a rare disease he truly understood the question, why do bad things happen to good people. Rabbi Kushner then spent years contemplating the answer and how to answer this question not only for himself but for those he wished to help. He starts in the story of Job and moves on to what God can do for us and what we must do for ourselves. The book is very well written and, if it does not answer the question to everyone's complete satisfaction, it certainly will start you on the right road to acceptance.

Submitted by Carol Snyder

### ***Did You Know????***

The Lincoln family attended services at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church for four years between 1861 and 1865. The pews they rented were located six rows from the pulpit, on the right center aisle. Reverend Phineas Densmore Gurley quickly became a friend and confidant of the Lincoln family. Desiring privacy during midweek prayer services, Abraham Lincoln arranged with Gurley to access his private study, where he could slip in through a side door and listen in on services. The President came to admire Gurley's rhetorical gifts as a preacher, and on occasion, Lincoln would call Gurley to the White House, seeking his advice on matters as pivotal as the writing of the Emancipation Proclamation.



## February Recipe

### Death By Chocolate

16 servings  
Ingredients

1 (19.8 ounce)  
package brownie mix  
2 (3.9 ounce)  
packages instant chocolate pudding mix

1 (16 ounce) package frozen whipped  
topping, thawed  
3 (1.4 ounce) bars chocolate covered English  
toffee



### Directions

1. Prepare brownies according to package directions. Let cool.
  2. Mix pudding according to package directions.
  3. In a glass punch bowl, layer in the following order: 1/2 of the brownie, crumbled; 1/2 of the pudding; 1 toffee bar, crushed; 1/2 of the whipped topping.
  4. Repeat layers in the same order. Save the last toffee bar to crumble and sprinkle on top before serving.
  5. Refrigerate. Best if made the day before you serve it.
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### Sunday Worship Service

Fellowship 10:00 am

Worship 10:30 am

Children's Church beginning at 10:45 am  
(September thru May only)

Nursery is available beginning at 10:15 am

### Church Council Members

Georgann Butterfield, Paul Koch

Donna Kiedaisch, Lois Meyer

Georgann Butterfield, John Tamblyn

Clerk of Council – Joe Snyder



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