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From the Pastor

Jesus told his closest companions "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-36

I recently ran across this article (I wish I knew its origin) which I hope you will appreciate during this month when we traditionally celebrate love. Our lives and our world would be transformed if we followed these practical biblical "doing without" steps to sacrificially love others.

10 biblical ways to love

1. Listen without interrupting. "To answer before listening — that is folly and shame" (Proverbs 18:13).
2. Speak without accusing. "Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19).
3. Give without selfishness. "The righteous give without sparing" (Proverbs 21:26).
4. Pray without ceasing. "We have not stopped praying for you" (Colossians 1:9).
5. Answer without arguing. "Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife" (Proverbs 17:1).
6. Share without pretending. "Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of ... Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).
7. Enjoy without complaining. "Do everything without grumbling or arguing" (Philippians 2:14).
8. Trust without wavering. "[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Corinthians 13:7).
9. Forgive without punishing. "Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).
10. Promise without forgetting. "A longing fulfilled is a tree of life" (Proverbs 13:12).

May we truly "Love one another."

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Kim

## **Educational and Spiritual Growth**

Have you been looking for a way to grow in faith? Bible study is the best way we know, and February is a GREAT time to join a Bible study!! Both of our Wednesday Bible studies will begin new studies on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Check out the study books located on display in the fellowship hall, and join a wonderful group of growing Christians here at Northwest every Wednesday! Morning Bible study meets from 9:30-10:30. Evening Bible study meets from 6:00-7:00.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin the study, *The Wesleyan Way: A Faith That Matters* by Scott J. Jones. This eight-week study will explore our Wesleyan roots and the scriptural base for our faith.

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study will begin a Kay Arthur study, *Lord, Is It Warfare? Teach Me to Stand*. This book has eleven weeks of daily readings and reflection to help believers stand in the face of difficulties.

### **Lent Sermon Series**

Lent begins on February 14. Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:00 p.m. (No evening Bible Study on Ash Wednesday). Our Lent sermon series begins on February 25. *"Wilderness Ways: Finding God's Open Doors in the Wilderness."*

## **Community Outreach and Missions**

### **February Missions - "In His Footsteps Prison Ministry"**

Ken and Linda Sauder lead "In His Footsteps" a ministry of retreat programs at various state and federal prison facilities.

Items that are needed:

*Pocket folders (no metal of any kind)*

*Pencils*

*White business envelopes*

*Index cards*

*Kleenex*

*Plain loose-leaf note paper Greeting cards (all kinds especially blank and Christmas)*

*Contact Shelley Ash if you have any questions.*

### **Missionary Sunday, February 18**

Dan Wolfe, Development Director from Peoria Rescue Ministries will be our guest speaker. Come to hear about this ministry of transformation.

## **NUMC Events**

**Heart of Christ Health Clinic** ~ Do you know someone who can benefit from a wellness checkup from our Heart of Christ Free Health Clinic? The clinic will be open on Saturday, February 10. We provide basic medical care from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Bring a friend and spread the word! Sponsored by Dr. Ted and Lisa Rogers.

### **Senior Group Luncheon**

Come join us for lunch at Donnelly's at 11:30 a.m. on February 15. The address is 4501 N. Rockwood Drive. If you plan to attend, please call Dorothy Swirmicky at 309-691-8740.

### **NUMC Prayer Partners**

The Prayer Group meets here at NUMC Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m. The prayer study for this month is *"He Speaks to Me: Preparing to Hear from God"* by Priscilla Shirer. If you would like more information, contact Dixie Rogers at 309 472-4336.

### **Do you have a Prayer Request?**

Contact Dennis Messersmith at  
[dmou@comcast.net](mailto:dmou@comcast.net) **Don't use email?**  
**Please call the church at (309) 692-0421**

### **NUMC Reads**

**I, Saul** by Jerry B. Jenkins

From Goodreads:

"Told from the point of view of the disciple Luke, the apostle Paul and "Auggie," a modern-day scholar, *I, Saul*, is a fast-paced story of intrigue and mystery. Readers will be reminded of Indiana Jones and the DiVinci code as they become absorbed in this page-turner by a master storyteller. Along the way they will learn of the fictionalized but plausible story of the life of Saul who relentlessly persecuted Christ's followers prior to his conversion when he became known as Paul." **Join us for discussion Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m.**

### ***The Upper Room***

Several copies of the January/February issue of *The Upper Room* are still available for your personal study and devotion. Pick one up this Sunday!



## Celebrating Birthday and Anniversaries

### February Anniversaries

Gayle & Chery Lamie 02/14  
Mark & Angie Fleming 02/17  
Dan & Kathy Becker 02/27

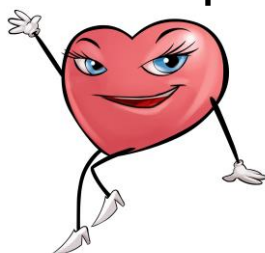
### February Birthdays

Doris Callais 02/03  
William Anderson 02/04  
Alicia Booth 02/05  
Ariana Buck 02/06

### March Birthdays

Tom Capperrune 03/01  
Betty Jo Callais 03/02  
Ted Rogers 03/08  
Steve Wood 03/12  
Bob Jones 03/21  
Janet Traver 03/26  
Keith Musselman 03/27  
Nylene Bradburn 03/30

## 21st: Seniors on the Go: Keep Your Heart in Check



**(10:30 AM-12:00 PM)**

**Hult Center for Healthy Living (5215 N. Knoxville, Peoria)**

It's American Heart Month! Join Dr. Malebranche, UnityPoint Health Clinic Cardiologist, and learn the basics of cardiovascular disease, the new blood pressure guidelines, and how to prevent heart disease! The Wellmobile will be available from 8:00-10:30 AM for screenings at no charge! Screenings include blood glucose, cholesterol, and blood pressure. Fasting is required for these screenings. EKGs will also be available from 8:00-10:30 AM for \$40.00. The presentation begins at 10:30 and is followed with a lunch. Participants must register in advance.

## **Regular Worship Services**

Adult Sunday School      8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship              9:45 a.m.  
Children's Church          10:00 a.m.

## **Special Worship Service**

Ash Wednesday Service February 14 7:00 p.m.

## **Bible Study and Prayer Times**

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Evenings Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

## **Choir Rehearsal**

Wednesday Evenings 7:00 p.m.

## **February Regular Meetings**

Feb 04    Discipleship Committee Meeting    11.15 a.m.  
Feb 13    Finance Committee Meeting            6:30 p.m.  
Feb 13    AdMinistry Board Meeting               7:00 p.m.



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### **Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Thursday 10:30 – 1:00 p.m.

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