

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Mon	1st	10-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Wed	3rd	12 and 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom&Annex)
Wed	10th	12 and 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom&Annex)
Sun	14th	VALENTINE'S DAY	
Mon	15th	10-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Wed	17th	12 and 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom&Annex)
		ASH WEDNESDAY	
Wed	24th	12 and 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom&Annex)

(Continued from page 1.) The first Sunday of Lenten season is February 21. I know it will be difficult, but I plan to give up cabbage this year! Lenten observance prepares us for a joyful celebration of Easter (April 4). Do not think of it so much as gloom and doom but as repentance and reflection that leads to life. We do tend to think of giving up a certain food or beverage during Lenten season and there is value in that, but also think of giving up time spent in front of the TV, computer, or phone screen and replacing it with prayer, scripture reading, and reflection, or reaching out to friends, especially those from whom we have been separated during the pandemic.

The Super Bowl is next Sunday, and it looks like March Madness will take place this year. I think High School football is in the spring. It is still a risky time, health-wise. Stay safe and “wear a mask because you love your neighbor.” neighbor.”

Pastor Mark McFadden

THANKS FROM THOSE WE SUPPORT

Camp Dickenson

Thank you for your 2020 contribution of \$500.00. Because of you we are able to continue our mission of providing a place where people of all ages can experience the love of Christ.

Galax Backpack Buddies

On behalf of Galax Backpack Buddies, I'd like to thank you for your recent donations. These funds will be used to purchase food for the children with hunger issues in the Galax City School System.

Carroll County High School

Two hundred dollars was donated to the FCA Club.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Donor

Christina Chappell
Loretta Wilson

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Christina Chappell

Fund

Kid's Junction
Galax Food Boxes

Kid's Junction
Kid's Junction

In memory of

Wayne Chappell
Glenn G. Wilson Sr.

In honor of

Mark & Glenna McFadden
Peggy Chappell



Skip & Barbara Boyer

2/13

Brian & Tony Reavis

2/26



<i>Audene Bogert</i>	<i>02/04</i>	<i>Alison Lynn McAdam</i>	<i>02/12</i>	<i>Milo Cockerham</i>	<i>02/26</i>
<i>Shirley DeZern</i>	<i>02/06</i>	<i>Jo Rudy</i>	<i>02/13</i>	<i>Rachel Evans</i>	<i>02/26</i>
<i>Geneva Cochran</i>	<i>02/07</i>	<i>Billy Sizemore</i>	<i>02/18</i>	<i>Emily Lee</i>	<i>02/26</i>
<i>John Buchanan</i>	<i>02/08</i>	<i>Rosemary Morton</i>	<i>02/23</i>		

NATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY:

February 7— Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City

February 14— Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland

February 21— France, Germany, Monaco

February 28— Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands

Sunday, February 7 (Ordinary 5) (Holy Communion)

Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31

Focus: Endurance

Sunday, February 14 (Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday)

Scripture: [Before Greeting: Psalm 50:1-2; Mark 9:2-10]; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Focus: Renewal of our Baptismal Vows

Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday)

Scripture: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Focus: Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, February 21 (Lent 1)

Scripture: Mark 1:9-13

Focus: Guaranteed an easy life?

Sunday, February 28 (Lent 2)

Scripture: Mark 8:31-38

Focus: Divine Things to Ponder

PRAYER LIST:

NEW ADDITIONS: Shelby & Gayle Phipps (Shirley DeZern's friends); Dennis Noonan (Ruth Sizemore's sister's son-in-law); Diane Dalton (friend of Dianne Marshall; Glenn Dixon; Steve Burcham (Jackie Ceary's brother); Anthony Davis (asthma); Bill Collins' family upon his passing (Peggy Chappell's brother-in-law); Martha Matherly (Rev. Richard Farmer's sister); Audrey Dalton (upon the passing of her husband)

Yvonne Strader Alexander

Shelly Algers

Maggie Amburn

Alice Anderson

Bell Arvin

Sandy Billings

Susie Blevins

Audene Bogert

Betty Bowman

Clare Boyer

Skip Boyer

Tracy Brannock

Gardner Brannon

Christine Briscoe

Max Brown

Steve Burcham

Billy and Vivian Coleman

Ruth Ann Cox

James Duncan

Charlotte East

Eddie Farris

Susie Floyd

Brenda Gravely

Ronnie Gravely

JayJay Grimes

Mimi Hill

Keith Helton

Angie Hill

Laurie Hawks Jones

Keri Grimes Keith

Don Knox

Penny Kyle

Rubie Larrowe

Pam Leadbetter

Danita Moore

Trish Moore

Jane Naylor

Bud Nelson

Linda Painter

Mary Parks

August Reavis

James Rollins

Jo Rudy

Barbara Sawyers

Linda Sharpe

Benny Shupe

Melissa Sizemore

Tim Spraker

Autrey Taylor

Sandy Ward

Judy White

Edith Wilson

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"I am the vine...you are the branches"

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Welcome to the shortest month of the year! Although short, it does have that holiday that we learned as children and remember as adults: St. Valentine's Day! For those of us familiar with professional 'rasslin' we may think of Greg "the Hammer" Valentine. Who was St. Valentine anyway? The original St. Valentine was "either a priest or Bishop in the late Roman Empire who ministered to persecuted Christians. He was later martyred on February 14, and in 496, February 14 became the feast of St. Valentine's" (Wikipedia). Not the St. Valentine's day to which I am accustomed. The day that celebrates courtly love has its origins among a true saint of the Church. Yet I know that the feast of St. Valentine's day apparently replaced a non-Christian holiday that celebrated romantic love, which is more akin to our understanding of Valentine's Day.

Holidays bring a lot to my remembrance and I am sure to you also. I remember the exchanging of Valentine's cards in school. I remember getting a special card for my crush in the 5th grade. I was too bashful to sign it. I still love the candy hearts! I eat them a small box at a time. Enjoy Valentine's Day! And if you have a significant other in your life, you better remember!

Spring is getting closer, and I am so glad the days are getting longer. I do not miss the December days of it getting dark by 5:15. I hope a warm day or two or more sneak in during February so I can grill some hamburgers. The first part of February, church calendar wise, is Ordinary Time, but Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday falls on Valentine's Day this year. We get to celebrate romantic love and the glory of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday prepares us for the Lenten journey. Lenten Season begins Ash Wednesday, February 17. Sadly, we will not celebrate it the usual way with the imposition of the ashen crosses, but we will have a service for it, and I may have a solution about the imposition of ashes, stay tuned!

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