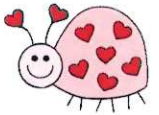


A Little Something



February 9, 2025
5th Sunday after Epiphany

Hymns & Songs

Beautiful Savior
Indescribable
Better is One Day

Scripture

Psalm 138:1-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

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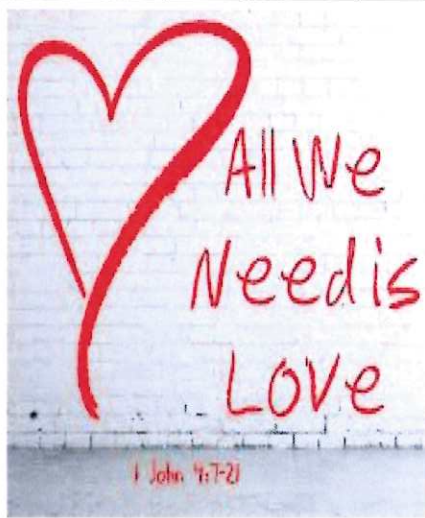
Monday - Friday
8:00AM - 12:00 PM



2/08	Elaina Mullins
2/12	Connie Drehmer
2/16	Karen LaGesse
2/18	Lily Mullins
2/20	Levon Grotzke
2/21	Joan Kendrick
2/26	Carol Nylander
2/29	Don Thompson

Food Cupboard Needs & News

February Food Cupboard Challenge Canned Fruit



Souper Bowl of Sharing

This Sunday, February 9 (Super Bowl Sunday) our youth will be collecting a special offering for "Souper Bowl of Caring". These donations will go to a worthy cause that helps with food insecurities in our community. Our Youth Group will decide where they would like this money to go to. At this time they are considering several options. We will update you on their selection soon.

Our youth will be holding soup pots at the sanctuary doors as we leave worship for your donations. Thank You



28 Days In February Why?

It is believed: The Roman King Numa had originally made all months 29 days, as Romans believed even numbers were unlucky. However, the sum of all the months was an even number. So February, a month for honoring the dead, was chosen as the unlucky month to consist of 28 days.

Of course, the calendar went through many changes, but the "28" days for February have stuck.

Giving Reports

Your **2024 Giving Reports** are now **available for pick up**. You can find them in the Parlor behind the Sanctuary. If you would like us to mail those to you please contact the office and we will be happy to do that for you.

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-11

A work of art was once a work in progress. –Adele Leon

The Galleria dell'Accademia di Firenze is the famous museum in Florence, Italy, where one can see Michelangelo's magnificent *David*. But the gallery is also home to four statues almost equal in fame — the Four Prisoners, also known as the Four Slaves. They were to be a part of the tomb of Pope Julius II, but they were unfinished. They seem to be half-born from the marble with which the sculptor was working. Scholars have given names: "The Awakening Slave," "The Young Slave," "The Bearded Slave," and "The Atlas (or Bound Slave)." According to the gallery website, "they are some of the finest examples of Michelangelo's habitual working practice, referred to as *non-finito* (or incomplete), magnificent illustrations of the difficulty of the artist in carving out the figure from the block of marble and emblematic of the struggle of man to free the spirit from matter."

It wasn't Michelangelo, but a renowned sculptor was once asked about his method for creating beautiful and lifelike statues. He replied, "When I look at a block of marble, I see the finished piece of art within it. All I have to do is chip away the excess stone to reveal the masterpiece inside."

The sculptor was then asked how he could envision such beauty in a rough block of marble. He answered, "I see the potential within the stone, not its current state. I know that with time, effort and patience, I can bring that potential to life."

In a way, we, too, are *non-finito* works of art in the hands of the Artist. In the hands of God, we are unfinished and incomplete, but growing toward splendor. God sees the potential within each of us. Jeremiah 18:1-6 tells the story of the potter and the clay, reminding us of God's sovereign ability to shape and transform us.

Though we may feel like unformed blocks of marble, God is at work, chipping away our rough edges, molding us, and shaping us into divine masterpieces. Our role is to remain pliable and open to God's transformative work, trusting that God knows what is best for us.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Creative God, you know what you want to make of me. Help me to be amenable to your touch, your paintbrush, your chisel, your design. May I be a work of art that brings glory to your name. Amen.


Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Exodus 1-4
- Monday:** Exodus 5-7
- Tuesday:** Exodus 8-10
- Wednesday:** Exodus 11-13
- Thursday:** Exodus 14-17
- Friday:** Exodus 18-20
- Saturday:** Psalms 13-15

VERSE TO REMEMBER

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

—Psalm 14:1 (NIV)

MYSTERY PERSON!

Directions: The purpose of this exercise is to discover the identity of a well-known biblical person. To do so, you must assign a number value to each letter of the alphabet, assuming that **M equals 1**. A word and number chart for you to fill in has been provided for your convenience. Complete each of the clues and then write your answer in the space below.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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First Clue: 22-19 26-23-10-19-18 23-2 7-13-6-23-15 15-2-18 17-23-26-23-17-23-15

20-3-6 20-3-9-6-8-19-19-2 13-19-15-6-7.

Second Clue: 8-23-8-9-7 15-2-18 16-15-6-2-15-16-15-7 11-19-6-19 22-23-7

20-6-23-19-2-18-7.

Third Clue: 22-19 11-6-3-8-19 8-22-19 16-3-3-25 3-20 21-15-26-15-8-23-15-2-7.

Answer (spelled backward): luaP.

WHO IS THIS PERSON?

#2 February, 2025
Sandwich Ministry Blessings

I was feeling overwhelmed with all the dozens of bags of clothing and other items that were given to me by the Devereaux Center staff. I just knew that sorting all this was too much for me to tackle alone. I was finding at least a third of the items in the bags were things I could not use, light weight tops and shorts, dressy clothing, high heel shoes and even other items such as tablecloths were in some of those bags. I prayed and had a talk with God about this. I got the message "Ask for help". This is what I did. All the women I asked to help said they would and I am so grateful to Brenda, Vickie, Kathy, Susanna and also to Trisha Miller who has been graciously laundering clothing that has needed to be washed including several huge bags of damp clothing. Susanna has done some drying out of wet clothing we found in some of the bags and some washing and drying as well. As Vickie said to me, "It would have taken you a year if you tried to do this alone." It is a wonderful feeling seeing and being a part of Christians working together to help clothe the poor, homeless and needy people in our community. We have been meeting on Saturday mornings from 9:00-11:00 A.M. for the past month. We finally finished this huge task and now instead of buying clothes at second hand stores, I can go to the room and pick out clothes to take with me each week. Also, if someone comes to our food cupboard or someone talks to Pastor Eric needing clothing, they can go to the room and get useful clothing.

Getting all of this was a huge blessing, almost too much of a blessing! Another faithful helper has been Ruth. Every week for months now Ruth has boiled and peeled 2 dozen eggs for me. Sometimes I have been able to give her eggs that were given to me, but most of the time she has bought the eggs as well as preparing them for me.

Several members of our congregation collect useful items from their neighbors as well as go through their closets and drawers on a regular basis and bring these things to me on Sunday mornings before church. This is wonderful!

I have truly been blessed by this ministry and so many others who contribute or help me with this sandwich ministry are experiencing blessings as well.

An amazing thing is happening that melts my heart.....Two different men, unknowing to each other, have gotten me aside privately and said they want to help me financially. These two men are both homeless and get small monthly checks. They have refused to take no for an answer. Besides the lunches I give out each week, they have gotten clothing, hygiene kits and laundry vouchers from me and it is clear to me that they are not used to people being kind to them with no strings attached. I do not like the idea of taking money from them but I know it would hurt them terribly if I did not.






I will continue to do as much as I can for these homeless and needy people who have so little. They are so grateful, timid and kind to me and they help with whatever they can such as unloading and loading my car, setting up my tables and cleaning up. We hear so many "God bless You's" and "Thank You's" which make all time I spend in this ministry so worth while.

Thank you Lord for so many blessings to so many.

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<p>2</p> <p>Adult SS 9:15 am Worship/Communion Youth Church 10:30 am</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am</p>	<p>5</p> <p></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Tai Chi 10:15 am Ladies Thursday Bible Study 11:00 am</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Adult SS 9:15 am Worship Youth Church 10:30 am</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am Session Meeting 6:00 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>OTGS Band Rehearsal 7:00 pm Connie Drehmer</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Tai Chi 10:15 am Ladies Thursday Bible Study 11:00 am</p>	<p>14</p> <p></p>	<p>15</p> <p>Lainey Mullins</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Adult SS 9:15 am Worship Youth Church 10:30 am Karen LaGesse</p>	<p>17</p> <p> Church Closed</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am Lily Mullins</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Rehearsals Choir 6:00 pm OTGS Band 7:00 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Tai Chi 10:15 am Ladies Thursday Bible Study 11:00 am Levon Grotzke</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p></p>
<p>23</p> <p>Adult SS 9:15 am OTG Sunday 10:30 am Friendship Potluck</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal Choir 6:00 pm Carol Nylander</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Tai Chi 10:15 am Ladies Thursday Bible Study 11:00 am</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Don Thompson</p>

Birthdays are printed in Pink