

February Link

So, we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

1 John 4: 6

February is the month of Love: the month of Valentine's Day. School children will be creating cards for their parents; husbands will remember their wives with an offering of love, perhaps at the last minute, but still they will remember! And special dinners will be shared.

I remember having a heart shaped cake pan for a special dessert for my children each February. As they grew older, they groaned and called it corny, but they still wanted their special Valentine Cake!

It is a joy to celebrate love on this special day. However, it's a shame that we don't celebrate love every day of the year. It's too easy to take our loved ones for granted. I hope you take some time every day to notice and appreciate the people who love you. Don't let a day go by without letting someone know that you love them and appreciate them.

And I hope during this month of love and throughout the year, that each of us take a moment each day to show love to others as well.

That's the goal of the Christian life, isn't it? To continually grow in our ability to view life and share love through Jesus' heart. It changes our perspective entirely when we realize that the purpose of our life is not our own fulfillment and happiness. The purpose of our life is to live as Jesus lived. That means sharing God's love with others. As John tells us, we abide in God when we abide in love.

How do we accomplish loving others each day? Make a conscious effort this month to be the reason someone feels welcome, heard, valued, loved and supported. It is what we all most need from others. Treat others through the heart of Jesus.

In Christ's Love

Pastor Barbara



News from the Connecticut District

SAVE THE DATE

CONNECTICUT DISTRICT DAY

WITH BISHOP BICKERTON

MONDAY MAY 8, 2023
(ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

**LOCATION
TBD**



JANUARY 22, 2022

A GATHERING OF 12 WOMEN MET IN THE PARISH HOUSE AFTER COFFEE HOUR TODAY AND FORMED A NEW GROUP CALLED **THE MARY AND MARTHA'S**. WE DECIDED TO MEET ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING COFFEEHOUR. THIS WILL BE A COMBINED SOCIAL AND MISSION STRUCTURE.

WE WILL BE AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION, NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. FIVE DOLLARS WILL BE COLLECTED AT EACH MEETING TO START UP OUR TREASURY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO DO SO.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE CHURCH COULD USE A HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE TO HELP WITH RECEPTIONS AND OTHER OCCASIONS AS NEEDED. OTHER IDEAS INCLUDED ATTENDING A PLAY OR CONCERT, GUEST SPEAKERS, WALKS, LOCAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND MORE.

TICIA TUBMAN WILL LEAD A DEVOTION FOR OUR NEXT MEETING WHICH WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 12TH . BETTY VIGNALI WILL BE OUR FIRST PRESIDENT. KATHY BAUM WILL HEAD UP PROGRAMS AND EVENTS.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR:

VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, SECRETARY, HOSPITALITY.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME TODAY AND LET IT BE KNOWN ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME. PRAISE GOD FOR THIS NEW ADVENTURE AND OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE HIM.

BETTY VIGNALI



Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We're excited to share with you the impact your clothing shed made over the last year...

- 16,990 pounds of clothing were donated to your shed in 2022
- This was enough to clothe an estimated 3,130 people all over the world
- Based on this volume of clothing, your organization received \$ 679.59

Thank you so much for everything you, your volunteers, and your communities do to support the clothing shed program!

Sincerely,
The Team at
St. Pauly Textile, Inc.

1067 Gateway Drive • Farmington, NY 14425 • 585-924-7941 • questions@stpauilytextile.com



Shrove Tuesday

February 21 is Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras). The men of the church will be hosting a pancake supper. Supper is at 6 PM. Join us for food and fellowship.



To my PVUMC family,
Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. I hope 2023 brings nothing but the best for all of you! ~Re



The following is an email we received from the new Winsted paper. If anyone is interested in posting any of the notices mentioned, please contact her directly.

I am a former NYAC pastor and the current office manager/associate editor of our new local newspaper, The Winsted Citizen. Our first paper is coming out the first week of February. I am writing to ask if there are any marriage/birth/death notices your congregation would like posted in our paper. We would be happy to post them for free, but we will edit them.

Thanks,
Melanie Ollett
melollett@gmail.com

Ash Wednesday

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day season marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, prayer and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

This year Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd. Please plan to set aside the time to receive ashes as we begin to journey to the cross. Through the preparation of Lent we will truly experience the joy of Easter.

To accommodate all of our congregation we will have a time of distribution of ashes at noon as well as an evening service at 7:00 PM.

Gospels for February

February 5: Matthew 5:13-20
February 12: Matthew 5:21-37
February 19: Matthew 17:1-9
February 26: Matthew 4:1-11

February Schedule

February 5 February 12 February 19 February 26	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Cleaners</u> Patty & Stephanie Volunteers Needed Ted Millahn Volunteers Needed	<u>Ushers</u> Will Wesley & Darlene Slater Steve Shaw & Judy McKay Sandy Slemmer & Janet LaGrange Barbara Sherwin & Shirley Green
February 5 February 12 February 19 February 26	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u> Sandy Taylor Steve Bailey John Baum Cathy Baum	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Patty & Stephanie Stark Wayne & Ruthie Roberts Darlene Slater Volunteers Needed
February 5 February 12 February 19 February 26	<u>Counters</u> Steve Bailey & John Lundy Jay LaGrange & Wayne Roberts John Lundy & Barbara Sherwin Wayne Roberts & Volunteer	<u>Children's Message</u>	



February

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUS.	FRI.	SAT.
			1 10:00AM Bible Study	2 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA 	3	4
5 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30AM Trustees Meeting	6	7 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	8 No Bible Study	9 6:45PM AA	10	11
12 10:00AM Worship Service 11:30AM Mary and Martha's meeting	13 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	14 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA 	15 10:00AM Bible Study	16 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	17	18
19 10:00AM Worship Service	20 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank 	21 10:00AM Prayer Group 6:00pm Pancake Supper 8:00PM AA	22 10:00AM Bible Study Noon & 7:00PM: Ash Wednesday Services 	23 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	24	25
26 10:00AM Worship Service	27 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	28 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA				

February Announcements

If you, or someone you know, is in the hospital in need of a visit please call either Pastor Barbara or the Church office to schedule a visit. Because of privacy laws, hospitals can no longer give out this information.

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon. If there is a Monday holiday, office hours for that week will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Barbara will be in the office Monday and Tuesday from 9:30AM to 1:00PM, or by appointment.

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