



*As I write this I am in West Virginia for deer hunting. But there is more to my affection for West Virginia than it's deer.*

*I love the beauty of it's mountains and vast rolling hills. Each season of the year finds it dressed in it's own special garb. There I find a unique sense of peace and tranquility. Folks who live there call it "almost heaven" and for me it is pretty close.*

*For many there, life is difficult. Some working in the coal mines and riding a tram as much as five miles underground each day. Others, like here, work where work can be found. But it is also a place of contrasts.*

*As I stand on the front porch of the place where I stay, I can see at night the glow of lights that surround the two federal prisons, one for men the other for women. Stark contracts to it's natural beauty. Each time that I see those lights I stop and pray for the ones locked behind those prison walls. As I look and pray, I am reminded of those around us who are locked in their own prisons bound by sin, addictions or apathy to God's call upon their life. Our call is to go and tell of a Savior's love for them. If not you and me, then who?*

*When Methodist's founder, John Wesley, sent his preacher's to the colonies he told them simply to do one thing, "offer them Christ." They did! May we in this New Year be found doing the same.*

*In His service, Rev. Russ*

### **God's Valentine Gift**

God's Valentine gift of love to us  
Was not a bunch of flowers;  
It wasn't candy, or a book  
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,  
So He could freely give  
His sacrificial love for us,  
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and  
Instruction, good and true--  
To love our friends and enemies  
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,  
Let's thank our Lord and King;  
The reason we have love to give  
Is that He gave everything.

*By Joanna Fuchs*



# February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Pastor Oaks Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Boy Scout Sunday with Pot Luck Luncheon After Worship Rev. Ready	13 Ad Council Mtg. 7p	Margaret's Home Group 1p  Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Hall Rental	18 Drive Thru Chicken Dinner 4-7p
19 4 Chaplain Sunday Rev. Ready Message by Ken Rambo	20	21	22	23 Napper's Luncheon 11:30a	24	25
26 Rev. Libb	27	28 Margaret's Home Group 1p	March 1st Ash Wednesday Service 7p			

## BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Bowker 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Taylor Weingart 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Rick Dicken 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Shane Patrone 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Joyce Allcorn 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Monica Robb 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Ruth Zarnosky 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Bob Hum 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Greg Dickinson 24<sup>th</sup>

## ANNIVERSARIES

Rick & Nancy Dicken 28<sup>th</sup>

"Away in a meadow all covered with snow  
 The little old groundhog looks for his shadow  
 The clouds in the sky determine our fate  
 If winter will leave us all early or late."

- [Don Halley](#)

**BINGO NIGHT ~ NEW DATE**  
*Saturday, March 11th*





## **BOY SCOUT SUNDAY**

### **FEBRUARY 12TH DURING WORSHIP**

*Many United Methodist Churches that host units will honor the scouts and their leaders on Scout Sunday, Feb. 12th nationwide. Larry W. Coppock, national director of scouting ministries for United Methodist Men, said 7,000 United Methodist churches in the United States now host 320,000 Scouts (Cub, Boy Scouts and Venturers) in 10,000 units (packs and troops). Scouting ministries supported by United Methodist Men include Girl Scouts, Big Brothers/Big sisters and campfire, as well as Boy Scouts.*

*Thank you to Randy Daub ~ Scoutmaster*

*"February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March."*

*- Dr. J. R. Stockton*

### **POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

*After Worship*

*Sunday, Feb. 12th*

*Plan on making your special dish and joining in good fellowship! Let's feed the Boy Scouts!*

### **CREAM CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER DRIVE THRU ONLY**

*Saturday, Feb. 18th from 4:00-7:00 pm  
Adults \$7:00 Children \$5:00 Under 5 free*



### **FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY**

*Sunday, February 19th, 2017*

*Our church will be hosting at our 10:45 service.*

*Everyone is encouraged and welcome to worship God and hear this inspiring true story of love, faith, and sacrifice.*

*Message given by Chaplain Ken Rambo*

*Honors Rendered by the Honor Guard American Legion Post #290*



*March 1st, 7:00 pm*

Christians mark as the first day of Lent, the time of reflection and penitence leading up to Easter Sunday. Clergy all over the world dispense ashes, usually made by burning the palm fronds distributed on last year's [Palm Sunday](#), making the sign of the cross on the bowed foreheads before them. As they "impose" or "dispense" the ashes, the pastor reminds each Christian of Genesis 3:19: "For dust you are and to dust you shall return."

### **THE BRANCHES ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

*We will be starting a new study on the Book of Hebrews (depending on when the books arrive) Feb. 5th or 12th*

*If you would like to join us, please see Jane!*

*We are meeting in the library for the winter months.*

*9:30 Sunday mornings.*



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**1 John 4:19** *We love because he first loved us.*



**1 John 4:16** *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.*