

 **FEBRUARY**

Open Door **2022**

**FROM THE PASTOR:**

We are in the midst of the season of Epiphany in the church calendar. It is a time to remember how God became “manifest” in our midst through Jesus Christ. It is also a time to emphasize that we are called to share the good news with all people...even people who are as different as the foreigners “from the east” who came to worship the infant Jesus.

There is a saying that is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi that says, “Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words.” There is no evidence that he actually said this, but it is clear that St. Francis’ life and actions did provide a great deal of evangelization on their own. In the context of a society where many clergy lived extravagant lifestyles, St. Francis’ vow to poverty was a stunning image of the Gospel.

Francis was not afraid to preach the Gospel verbally to others. It was said that he would go to the extravagant parties of the rich and preach the Gospel to them. When walking the paths of Assisi, St. Francis would often preach the Gospel to those he met. In fact, St. Francis is pictured with birds because the story goes that St. Francis even preached the Gospel to them. But his words were powerful because of the unspoken actions of his life. People listened and responded because he lived in action what he spoke in preaching.

How often do we do that? Do our words and our actions display the unconditional love and grace of Jesus? Do we take the time to reflect on our own lives and practice being a follower of Jesus?

*Pastor Ray*



The Food Pantry is starting the year off overflowing, thanks to the generous donations from All Saints Episcopal Church. They, as a congregation, collected food from the reverse Advent calendar. Ray and Hiram took the bus to collect the food, which filled the entire aisle of the bus.

Thank You All Saints and may God Bless your giving 100 fold!



### Presbyterian Music through the Years

We have very few pictures of our church activities in the early day. But we did have a Presbyterian Quartet and a choir. In our case we have a picture of our choir in 1934 and we have a picture of Grace's brother, Paul, who played the organ. In 1984 we began two chime choirs directed by Marian Richards and Melba Cordell... one was adults and one was youth. After the fire, when we were worshipping in the fellowship hall, we had a Praise Choir. In our Heritage case are pictures of the Chancel Choir in their Green Robes in the 1926 Church and the Chancel Choir in their Royal Blue Robes in our new church. Early in the century we had a wonderful Orchestra. It was directed by Steve Whitesell. We have been blessed in recent time by gorgeous beautiful music by DeMaris Gaines and Celeste Rector. Pictures of these musicians are in the Heritage Case. When you are in the church take time to remember how the music has blessed us.



**February 6** Leaving It in the Hands of God

**February 13** What Happened?

**February 20** New Math

**February 27** Watch Out!

# February

## **Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom**

**We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer. 7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday eMail each week.**

### **Kum Ba Yah topics:**

**February 2** Mark 5

**February 9** Mark 6

**February 16** Mark 7

**February 23** Mark 8

## **Adult Sunday School**

**Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!**

**February 6** Yom Kippur

**February 13** Sukkoth

**February 20** For the Bible Tells Me So Part 1

**February 27** For the Bible Tells Me So Part 2



## BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. We are currently serving 47 students by providing weekend “backpacks” of simple, nutritious food. Your support is essential and appreciated.

The foods we give are single serving, easy open containers, no cooking required, and without nut products. The food can be divided into two breakfasts, two lunches, and two dinners.



## Annual Report



It's a new year!

The Annual report is available in the office if anyone would like a copy. Just ask Ross and he will get you a copy.

A note from the Office Administrator:



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your encouragement and support during this learning process. You have made it easy to grow and thrive in this position. A great big THANK YOU to Jera Rendel.

She left me what I now call "The Office Bible"...lol Jera wrote out step-by-step instructions which made learning the job very easy.

I look forward to serving God and you in this job.

With gratitude and a humble heart,  
Ross

4-State youth 4 Equality

A new group is forming to provide a safe place for area teens to explore their uniqueness as created and loved by God. First Presbyterian is happy to offer space for this new group. The first vision for this group came from the story of a young gay man who has experienced bullying in an area school and rejection by his local church. We look forward to learning and growing together.

The group will be having some guest speakers this year. One of those speakers being our own Deanna Duvall.

# Washed Clean

Make customized jelly soaps to banish dirt and grime.



**What you need:**

- 1 package unflavored gelatin
- ¾ cup very warm water
- 1 tsp salt
- ¾ cup gel body wash
- Food coloring
- Rubbing alcohol in spray bottle
- Silicone baking molds

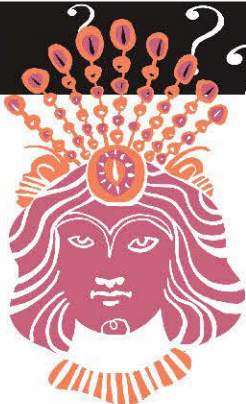
**What you do:**

1. In a bowl, stir gelatin and warm water until dissolved.
2. Add salt, body wash and a few drops of food coloring. Stir.
3. Spray molds with rubbing alcohol (to prevent bubbles). Place molds on a tray.
4. Pour mixture into the molds. Refrigerate until set, about two hours.
5. Pop soap out of molds and store in an airtight container.

## ?? ? Bible Quiz

What was the name of the queen who refused to appear before the king of Persia and his guests and, as a result, was deposed?

- A. Esther
- B. Jael
- C. Vashti
- D. Milcah




Answer: C (See Esther 1:12.)

## ?? ? Bible Quiz

How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

- A. once
- B. twice
- C. three times
- D. four times



Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)



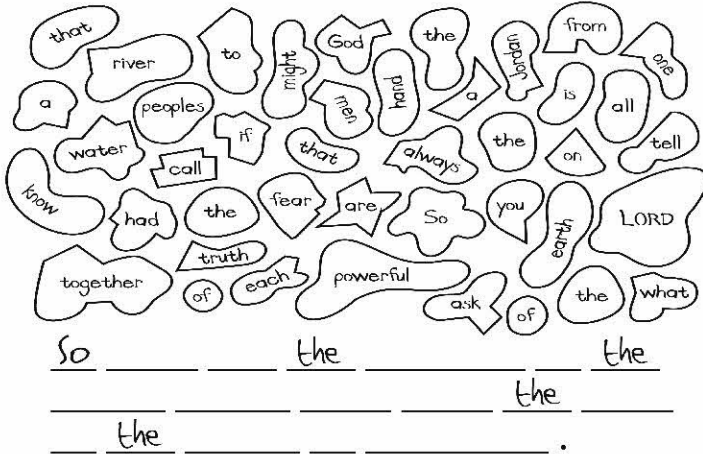




## Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

*Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.*



JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV

## Bible Quiz

All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn't the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?

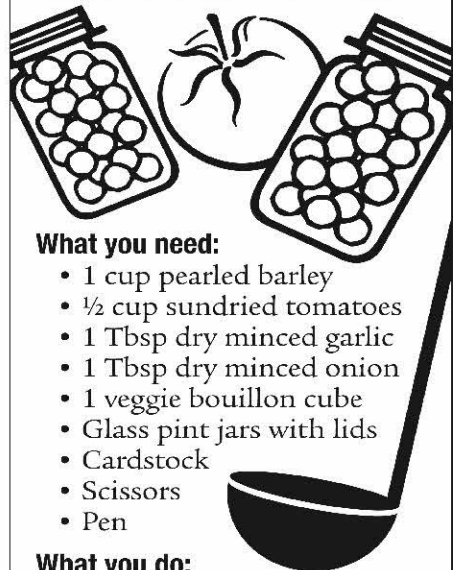
- A. Jesus' mother, Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
- D. None of the above



Answer: C (See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39; John 12:1-8.)

## Friendship SOUP

Make jars of Italian barley soup to share love and warmth with friends.

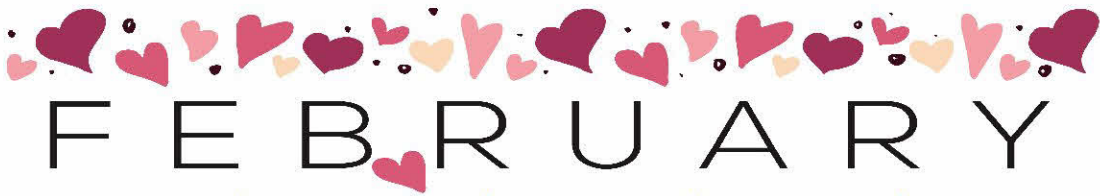


### What you need:

- 1 cup pearly barley
- 1/2 cup sundried tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp dry minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp dry minced onion
- 1 veggie bouillon cube
- Glass pint jars with lids
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Pen

### What you do:

1. In order, layer the first five ingredients into the jar.
2. Trace the outline of the lid onto cardstock. Cut out.
3. On the card, write these directions: Remove wrapper from bouillon cube. Add contents of jar to saucepan. Add 4 cups water and a can of diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to low. Simmer about 20 minutes, until barley is tender. Serve with parmesan cheese.
4. Place the card atop the lid. Screw on the canning ring to keep it in place.



2022

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Jim Long.....2/1 Sue Giffhorn.....2/14  
Bill Good.....2/7 Barbara Reeves.....2/15

Should your name be here?  
Please let the office know your birth date so we can include you!

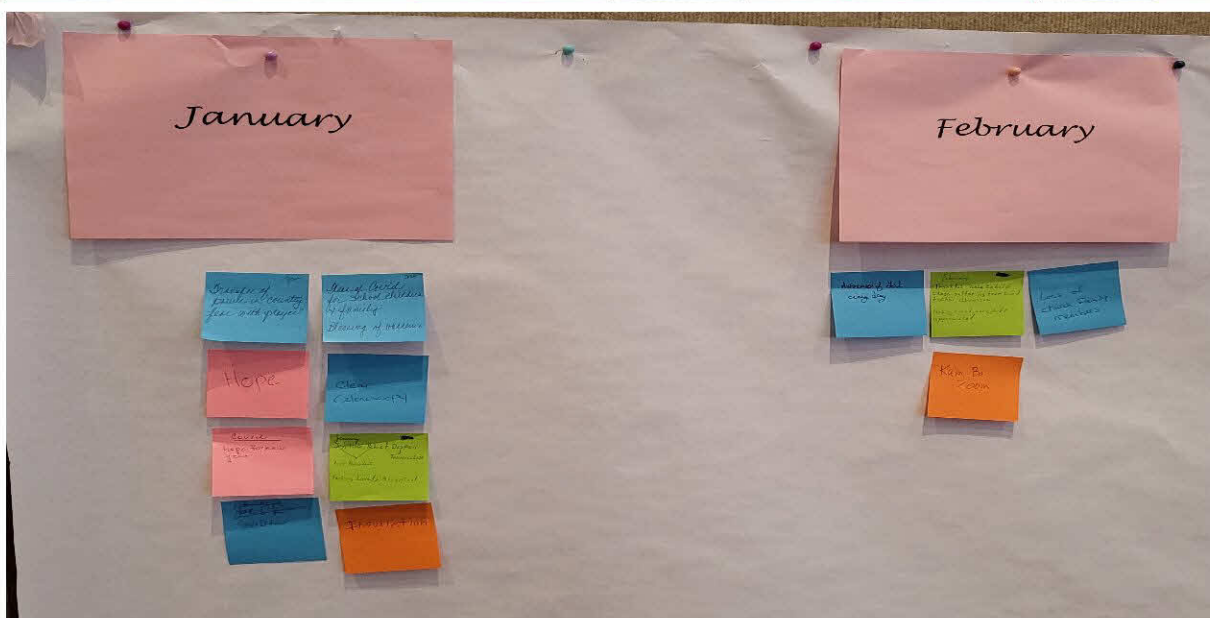
Servers in the Lord's House		
	4 States Youth 4 Equality	Coffee Host
February 6	Open	Open
February 13	Open	Open
February 20	Open	Open
February 27	Open	Open

Please call the office or talk to Pastor Ray to sign up for servers slots!

Backpack Helper Schedule		
Wednesday Feb 2	Melinda	John
Thursday Feb 10	Open	Open
Wednesday Feb 16	Open	Open
Thursday Feb 24	Open	Open

<p>Popular Idioms and their supposed origins:</p> <p><b>Let the cat out of the bag</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> To accidentally reveal a secret.</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Around the 1700s, sellers would trick buyers by putting pigs, considered valuable, in bags together with cats, which were not valuable. If a cat got out of the bag, their fraud would be unveiled.</p> <p><b>Let your hair down</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> To be comfortable with someone</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> During medieval times, women in the aristocracy were required to appear in public with their hair done up in elegant buns. When they arrived back home, that was when they could relax and “let their hair down”—literally!</p>
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The first service of the year we started of with the Prayer of Examen. It was a service for us to reflect back on what God had done in our lives during the past year. We meditated and prayed over each month and wrote post-it notes of feelings, joys, sorrows, new beginnings, endings, what ever happened during 2021. The timeline is still up in the sanctuary for you to look at. If you have something you would like to add to the timeline, please ask Ross in the office, and he will gladly get you some post-its so you can add to the wall.

St. Francis of Assisi, an Italian Catholic friar, is commemorated on October 4. Though it's unclear whether this famous "peace prayer" was his, it reflects his gentle spirit as an ardent Christ-follower:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is error, truth;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O, Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**  
On February 13<sup>th</sup> the NFL will host its 56<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl. We will participate in the "SOUPeR Bowl of Caring" as we take a special collection on that day. Proceeds will be used for the church's feeding programs



Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

Matthew 6:26 NSRV



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