

# Light Memorial Presbyterian Church

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## PATHS February Edition

*From the Pastor's Pen*

### A Blessing for Valentine's Day

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! As most of you probably already know, Valentine's Day is named after two 3<sup>rd</sup> century Christian martyrs (later Saints) named Valentinus. We often associate the modern holiday with romantic love, but perhaps it will bless us more richly to reflect on God's pouring of love into us. God's love is sufficiently able to fill us so fully, that sometimes it spills over and out of us like tears, sometimes like sacrifice, sometimes like mercy, sometimes like humility, and sometimes like joy or justice... Love flows from God, through us, and outward and eternally onward to others. Unlike appropriate tears though, love was, and is, supposed to overflow all the time.

In John's Gospel, we read that God so loved the world that he gave Jesus over to save the world. As I perceive it, most of us bemoan the fact **every day** that something or someone in the world needs saving. In John's first letter, chapter 4, verses 7 & 11 we read: "*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also must love one another.*"

Clearly, love is about more than date nights, flowers, and chocolates.

So, whatever we know of love, however we are able to express our love, shouldn't we direct some love back to our God? Maybe we could craft a little note to God? Something like,

"Dear God, the thing(s) I most admire about you are...I am grateful to you for... When I think about you, I feel/ I wonder at / I delight that...When I see you, I am..."

Maybe we could write a similar note to a person -or to several important people- that we love, whether that person is alive or not. One thing I have learned above all else, when I have truly loved someone, that love may change, but it never goes away. It is up to me, and it is up to each one of you, to make the love in your hearts bear fruitful blessing in real life.

**PRAYER:** Lover of all creation, you have shown us how to love one another through the prophets, and in Jesus your Son, our Lord. Thank you for the gift of your love, and for the gift of people to love. Fill us as you did Jesus, so that love spills over into the world through us too. Help us to grow in your love, and help us to grow our love for you. We ask this for your sake. We ask this for our own sakes, and we ask for the sake of the world. Amen.

Pastor Mary Jo

# Just FYI

## **Sisters in Spirit Women's Retreat**

April 26-28 Highland's Camp

Register by March 25<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$175.00 per person

"Flunking Sainthood" presented by Rev Kim Graber.

Registration available online at [denpres.org/events](http://denpres.org/events).

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## Presbytery

We will be hosting Presbytery on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Only Longmont Westview and Ft. Collins Westminster have hosted as many or more times than LMPC.

If you are interested in attending a Presbytery meeting, contact Leslie.

## Thank You

Thank you to Clara, Sandy, Sharon, and Mary for the great organization and kitchen help the last 2 weeks for funeral dinners. We hosted the Christjans family on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> and the Steve Bennett family on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. They were greatly appreciated and the food was mighty tasty. Thanks to all who contributed.

## Fellowship and Evangelism

Fifth Sunday Pot Luck- March 31 after worship. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy a delicious meal as well as a time of fellowship.

Rummage Sale- Friday- April 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Saturday- April 13<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

How can you help? Set-up/clean-up, donations, sales help, advertisement, fellowship, snacks, baked goods for sale.

### Mischievous Brothers

Two little boys, ages 8 and 10, are excessively mischievous. They are always getting into trouble and their parents know all about it. If any mischief occurs in their town, the two boys are probably involved.

The boys mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. He agreed, but he asked to see them individually. So the mother sent the 8 year old first, in the morning, with the older brother to see him in the afternoon.

The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where GOD is?" The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response. Sitting there with his mouth wide open. So the clergy repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is GOD?" Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "Where is GOD?" The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him.

When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked " what happened?". The younger brother gasping for breath, replied, " We are in BIG trouble this time dude. GOD is missing, and they think we did it!!

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 2: 16, 17.

## Birthdays

2. Mary Nightingale
4. Priscilla Nightingale
6. Bill Willburn, Laura Naughton
7. Sharon Deaver
11. Becky Rezac
18. Dick Osterday
23. Claudia Garber
25. Bud Gillespie
28. Cynthia Gill

Don't get all weird about getting older! Our age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying us!!

## ANNIVERSARY'S

## Serving in February

### Layreaders'

3 & 10 Sally Harris  
17 & 24 Fritz Guenther

### Greeter's

Roger & Marj Jorgenson

### Usher's

Fritz Guenther

### Communion servers (10<sup>th</sup>)

Jennifer Holtz	Dwight Easterly
Tom Nightingale	Carl Farmer

### Church committee\*

Clara Benisek	Sharon Hargreaves
Janet Volkmer	Chris Kromberg
Sandy White	

## February Calendar of Events

Feb.2 Ground Hog Day

Feb. 3 Worship service 10:00 am Nursing home services at 1:30. SCAR

Feb. 5 Book study - 6:30 pm

Feb. 10 Worship service

Called Congregational Meeting after worship

Family game day in fellowship hall 2:00pm - 4:00pm.

Feb. 12 Book study - 6:30pm

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

Feb. 17 Worship service

Feb. 19 Session @ 6:00pm

Feb 24 Worship service

Choir Wednesday nights @ 6:30pm

Donuts Thursday @ 9:00am

### Presbytery Dates

Feb. 27- Buckhorn Presbyterian Church  
Masonville, CO

August 24- Light Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Sidney, NE

Nov. 2 Valmont Comm. Presbyterian Church  
Boulder, CO

Interested in going to any of these??

