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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

*Deadline for submission for the
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2.16.26

Sunday Morning

Fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m.

In-person worship begins at 10 a.m.

Online worship begins at 10:15 on our
FB page.

Sunday school begins at 10:20 a.m.



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What's Love Got to Do With It?



There are many schools of theology, which is clearly reflected in the estimated 33,000 – 45,000 Christian denominations globally. Two main “camps” focus primarily on one of the two creation stories.

The final day of creation, God proclaims that it is very good and then takes a day of Sabbath rest. If we believe that God’s creation is good, then we can draw the conclusion that we too are good. Loved from the

beginning. We are not in the business of earning God’s love, instead we are able to minister and worship because of the support of a loving God.

The second creation story focuses on Adam and Eve, the serpent, the tree of Good and Evil, temptation, and what is often referred to as “the fall.” If we believe that we are born sinful, an inheritance from the first man and woman, then we are working to earn God’s love. We are striving to be enough, being faithful so we can know of God’s love.

We may find that we move between these two camps. Both are valid. I invite you to consider which one seems to fit best with your image of God as you consider, **what’s love got to do with it?**

I would venture to say everything. Our theology shapes how we relate to God and to our neighbors. Is love earned or given? Are there strings attached or is it unconditional?

Salvation Army

On December 10th, 2025, your kettle shift raised \$269.68 for the Salvation Army programs and services. Every dollar you helped collect will fuel critical services for individuals and families in need through assistance programs, disaster relief efforts and so much more. Visit salvationarmy.org to read about the help available in your community.

Major Leanna Tuttle and Captain Linda Faye Jones

Happy
Birthday

2-7 Gene Enke

2-17 Dolores LaGrange

2-18 Uriah Orr

2-19 Linda Beebe

2-20 Randy Kuper

December 2025 Budget

\$14,044.00 Monthly Budget Needs

15,420.00 Offerings received from December

5,837.00 Monthly income from investments & renters

+\$7,213.00 Surplus

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

February

1-22 Thursday

6:00 pm Girl Scouts

2-5 Thursday

6:00 pm Girl Scouts

1-25 Sunday

10:00 am Worship

10:20 am Sunday School

11:15 am Money Counters Meeting

2-8 Sunday

10:00 am Worship

10:20 am Sunday School

2-4:00 pm Sunday Funday!

1-26 Monday

5:00 pm End of Month Meal

2-12 Thursday

6:00 pm Girl Scouts

1-28 Wednesday

4:00 pm Roxy's Pantry

2-14 Saturday

Happy Valentine's Day!

1-29 Thursday

6:00 pm Girl Scouts

2-15 Sunday

Week of Compassion

10:00 am Worship

10:20 am Sunday School

11:15 am Ministry Fair

2-1 Sunday

10:00 am Worship

10:20 am Sunday School

1:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting

2-18 Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Sunday Scriptures

Third Sunday after Epiphany- January 25

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

Liturgist-Ken Steeples

Elder-Ken Steeples

Deacon-Pam Reuther

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany- February 8

Isaiah 58:1-9a, 9b-12

Psalms 112:1-9, 10

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, 13-16

Matthew 5:13-20

Liturgist-Jana Hubbs

Elder-Jana Hubbs

Deacon-Pam Reuther

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany- February 1

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-2

Liturgist-Jana Hubbs

Elder-Jana Hubbs

Deacon-Gerry Pohlpetter

Transfiguration Sunday- February 15

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 2 or 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

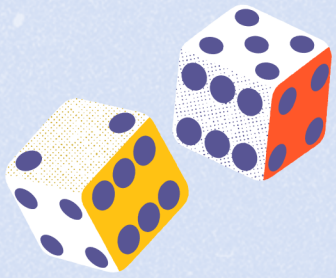
Matthew 17:1-9

Liturgist-Vicki Lair

Elder-Vicki Lair

Deacon-Gerry Pohlpetter





SUNDAY

Fun Day!



2/8
2-4 P.M.

Bring a snack to
share, your

favorite game &

Let's Play!



LENTEN ADULT STUDY



2/22 - 3/29



9 - 9:35 A.M.

This essential devotional provides a clear plan for spiritual transformation, guiding you from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. Each daily reflection, written by members of Young Clergy Women International (YCWI), draws on a story from scripture that uses water, wine, or oil, followed by a prayer or call to action to help deepen your understanding of the ways God is at work in your life. The book can be purchased at the Chalice press for \$4.99 + shipping.

Grace POURED OUT

A Lenten Reflection
on Water, Wine and Oil



YOUNG CLERGY WOMEN INTERNATIONAL

Edited by Courtney Smith Westerlund
& Alexandra Van Kuiken

Week of Compassion

Whether rebuilding after a flood, finding safety after conflict, or recovering from economic hardship, Week of Compassion is finding A NEW WAY – a way rooted in relationship, equity, and hope. Together, we are strengthening the church's long-term capacity to respond and accompany, wherever people are displaced or in need.



The gifts you give make an impact around the world, ensuring that vulnerable communities are held at the center of the work, and strengthening congregations and partners to respond.

In moments when we're most uncertain, when the usual path is blocked or can't even be seen, we rely on each other. Like the friends who join together and make a way where there was no way, determined that their friend would see Jesus (Mark 2:1-5), in this work we share, God is opening new ways. Our task is to walk them faithfully – together, with imagination, courage, and trust in the One who makes all things new.

In this moment, the Spirit is calling us to walk paths we have not yet walked, to imagine futures we have not yet seen, and to trust that the God who has carried us this far will not abandon us now.

Thank you for your generosity, your faithfulness, and your commitment to walking alongside those whose paths have been disrupted. Together, we are the church – rooted in compassion, moving in hope.

Prayer Concerns

Current Concerns

F & F of Neva Azinger
F & F of Bob Bixenman
F & F of Janet Blint
F & F of Bob Durand
Sherri Enke
Justin Kirchner
Rev. Dan Masden
Matt Orr
Darrell Richers
F & F of Chad Smith
Ellie

Names in Current Concerns will be removed after a month, unless the office is notified and asked to keep the individual on for a longer period of time.



Long Term Concerns

Juanita Anderson
Dan Ammer
Jan Bindewald
Mark Bowman
John Chamness
Tracy Chamness
Barb Cobb
Melba Crago
Camdyn Cresswell
Tony Dixon
Rev. Bruce Dobyns
Daniel Drago
Aleen & Marie Egbert
Toni Gaylord
Joy Kuper
Carolyn MacLearn
Carol Ann Mercer
Randy Nielson
Olivia Nord
Beverly Oge
Cody Raines
Benita Roberts
Earnest Rouse
Bill Seyb
Trisha Scott
Sharon Strunk
Gale Swan
Jared Watson
Shawna Willamson
Marie Wilson
Members of the Military
Those facing food insecurity