



From Pastor Jeff

2018 was good year here at The Village Church. We had great times as a congregation with excellent worship services and service opportunities. Some of the highlights:


- We continued to have vibrant small group meetings in Incline, Kings Beach, and Reno.
- We journeyed through *The Story* together, learning how God's Story and our stories intersected.
- We continued to serve the North Lake Tahoe area through our distribution program which reached hundreds of people.
- We conducted successful mission trips to Belize, Serbia, Texas, and San Francisco.
- Mary Gilbert and many volunteers staged a successful VBS for the children of our community with Preschool VBS at our church and Elementary VBS at Cornerstone Church.
- In the Fall, we looked at the place of prayer in the life of a disciple.

These are just a few of the events that made for a great year. They happened because of the hard work and dedication of many people. I want to say, "Thank you!" to our Elders, Deacons, and staff for all their hard work and "Thank you!" to everyone who participated and got involved! For 2019, we have started a study of the Book of Ephesians and will be looking at the Essentials of our Faith later in the Summer. God bless you all in 2019!





CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT
 A draft of our 2018 Annual Report is available for your review on February 3rd. A finalized version will be presented at the congregational annual meeting on February 10th.



SESSION MEETING
Wednesday, February 13th
 Our church's Session will be gathering on Wednesday afternoon, February 13th at 4:00 p.m. Please be in prayer for the leaders of our church.

PRESCHOOL & OFFICE CLOSED
PRESIDENT'S DAY
Monday, February 18th Presidents' Day
 The Preschool and Office will be closed on Monday, February 18th in observance of President's Day.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 10th



Our annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following our 10:00 a.m. worship service on February 10th in our Fireside Room. This meeting will focus on the activities of The Village Church over the past year and will look forward to future ministry. Brief presentations will be made by the various ministry areas.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 2018 Annual Report will be available. The 2019 Session-approved church budget will be presented. We will be sharing our monthly potluck lunch that morning. All members and guests are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

PASTORAL CONTACT
 In order to provide the best possible pastoral care in times of emergency or crisis, Pastor Jeff has a cell phone. This will allow congregational members the opportunity to contact him during non-office hours should an emergency arise. This number is 775.624.4240. If Pastor Jeff does not answer, simply leave a voice message. He will attempt to respond as quickly as possible.

FEBRUARY POTLUCK LUNCH CHILI COOK-OFF
Sunday, February 10th
 Our February potluck lunch is a week later than usual and will be part of our Annual Congregational Meeting. This is our annual chili cook-off youth fundraiser. Bring your favorite chili to enter in the competition, cornbread, salad or side dish. All proceeds will go to our youth mission Trip. Join in fellowship, fun and good food.



Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
PSALM 105:3



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YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Bring Your Best Chili

We will once again host our annual 2019 chili cook-off. Bring chili and enter in the fun contest. The votes will be cast with money and the chili that has the most money/votes wins first, second, or third place prizes. It's all for fun and all proceeds are used for our youth either to go on a summer mission trip or Christian summer camp.

**Find your crock
pot and your
recipe book**

**Make any kind of
chili you like, but
let people know if
it's hot.**

**This is for fun, not
for any sort of
actual national
award**

**You can also bring
cornbread, salad,
or any side dish or
desert**

YOUTH GROUPS

**Youth Group: Wednesdays
6-8pm in the Youth Room**

**Youth Bible Study:
Thursdays 4-5pm Starbuck
in Incline**

**Homeless Outreach:
Sundays 12-3pm Reno**



THE UPPER ROOM GROUP

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**WEDNESDAYS**

**6-8PM**

YOUTH GROUP

@ THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Get together for food, music, games, and messages about God and faith.

All youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome

The Village Church (Upstairs Youth Room)  
736 McCourry Blvd., Incline Village  
Find us on Facebook, or call (775) 831-0784



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

January 2019

In January and February, Preschool and Elementary Sunday school classes will learn that God is merciful and allows new beginnings when we commit ourselves to Him. This is a great series of lessons for the New Year!

### Lesson 1 - Chance After Chance

In the first lesson, the children will learn how much God loves them, as He offers them the gift of salvation through Jesus from whom they can receive new beginnings. *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* 1 John 1:9. Children will learn how many times we should forgive each other. How many times does God want us to forgive the same person?

This is a new year. Each week is a new week, each day is a new day and each hour is a new hour. We can come to our Father in Heaven through His Son and ask for forgiveness as often as needed. When we are truly repentant, God will forgive us an unlimited amount of times because His mercy and love is unlimited. When we truly repent, and are sorry for our sin, and Jesus' sacrifice on the cross will allow for us to be cleansed from our sin.

### Lesson 2 - I Choose The New

In this lesson, the children will discuss and discover how to get rid of the old and put on the new by being in Christ. *"Put off your old self... put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."* Ephesians 4:22, 24. Children will learn about why we are to take off the old and put on the new and how we can do that.

After this lesson, the hope is that each child will walk away feeling a little more like God and less like his or her old self. Only we are responsible for getting rid of old bad habits, sinful ways, evil thoughts, etc. No one else can decide to get rid of them but us. We must ask the Holy Spirit to help get rid of old ways and put on the new creation.

### Lesson 3 - Let Go and Let God

This lesson focuses on Love, Trust, and Wonder. *"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."* Proverbs 16:9. No matter how much we plan there are things that happen unexpectedly that are out of our control. God is in ultimate control. In many cases, we plan, but then there are situations that we must let go and let God show up and do the work. Trust that He will get us through whatever obstacle is in front of us.

As humans we ask ourselves many questions trying to figure out the future. We think: What teacher will I get this year? Who will be my friend? What sport will I play? What type of job will I have when I grow up? Who will I marry?

These are just a few questions that are very common to wonder. Yet, as we wonder, God already knows. Our job is to plan and commit ourselves to God and He will guide us to the perfect promise He has for us. It's not going to be easy, stress free, or pain free. For God said we will have trials in this world, but as we trust in Him and commit to Him, His purpose for us will prevail.

Mary Gilbert

C.E. Director





# January BIRTHDAYS



# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/02 Nancy Irwin  
 1/07 Stan Wolken  
 1/07 Mark Sura  
 1/16 Judy Ackerman  
 1/17 Ted Bandarak  
 1/22 Jalyne Leonhart  
 1/25 Anita Lee  
 1/27 Tom Donat  
 1/27 Chris Peterson  
 1/30 Doug Baker  
 1/31 Rich Townley

2/1 Barbara Jensen  
 2/1 Patricia Moser Morris  
 2/4 Walter Beck  
 2/8 Teri Storey  
 2/10 Ann O'Keefe  
 2/11 Clint DeWitt  
 2/13 Albert Duffield  
 2/18 Dick Randall  
 2/19 Jeff Ogden  
 2/23 Mary Kay Randall  
 2/23 Annie Payne  
 2/29 Bedford Holmes

Did we forget your birthday?  
 Call us at the church office - 775.831.0784  
 to be included on our birthday list.



**WORSHIP SERVICE FLOWERS**  
**Help us fill the Calendar for 2019**

Do you have a special day you wish to remember - a birthday, an anniversary or a loved one? Consider providing flowers for our Sunday morning worship service. Just sign up on the Flower Calendar for 2019 in the Lobby. Ann or another volunteer in the church will purchase your flowers, arrange them and deliver them to the church for only \$25. Sign up early and often!




The Village Church is affiliated with ECO:  
 A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

For more information, see our website:  
[www.TheVillageChurchNV.org](http://www.TheVillageChurchNV.org)  
 or [www.eco-pres.org](http://www.eco-pres.org).

**FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS**

February 3<sup>rd</sup> Communion Servers  
 Marji Hansen  
 Keith Hansen  
 Linda Robins  
 Rob Robins

Worship Assistants  
 February 3: Joannie McNulty  
 February 10: Keith Hansen  
 February 17: Don Ferrell  
 February 24: Millie Clarke

Ushers  
 February 3: Michele & Craig Young  
 February 10: Don & Karen Ferrell  
 February 17: Joannie McNulty  
 February 24 Paul & Judy Ackerman

Children's Message:  
 February 3: Darlene Nilsson  
 February 10: Don Ferrell  
 February 17: Tony Conragan  
 February 24 Cindy Liggett

Hospitality Teams:  
 February 3: Team 4  
 February 10: Team 5  
 February 17: Team 6  
 February 24 Team 7

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

### **Women's Bible Study Mondays at 6:30 p.m.**

Ladies, join us for a Bible study on No Other Gods led by Cindy Liggett on Mondays at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room. This is a great opportunity for learning more about God's Word, to fellowship together.

### **Incline Village Small Group Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

The Incline Village small group meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Jim & Jane Dykstra's House. Everyone is welcome to come. Contact Tim Gilbert for more info.

### **Christ, Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls Men's Study Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.**

Christ, Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls, ministry for men, is meeting on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. in our Church's Fireside Room. All men are invited to a time of prayer, Bible study, coffee and breakfast rolls on Wednesday mornings.

### **Adult Bible Study Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.**

Join Pastor Jeff for a study on Ephesians. This is a great opportunity for learning more about God's Word, to fellowship together and enjoy snacks. Meets in the Fireside Room.

### **Reno Small Group Thursday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

The Reno small group meets at the Tanamera Clubhouse 900 S. Meadows Parkway in Reno. Led by Betsy Garfinkle. The study is on "Integrity: Living the Truth" by Carolyn Nystrom.

### **Kings Beach Small Group 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.**

The Kings Beach small group meets at the Ackerman's home. This group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month. This group is welcome to anyone. Contact Paul or Judy Ackerman for more information.



## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

### **COME VISIT OUR THRIFT SHOP**

Come see what is new at the Village Christian Thrift Shop, 799 Southwood. We have dedicated men & women who donate hours a week to support local, national, and international mission projects. Your donations of quality, gently-used clothing, furniture, artwork, housewares, small appliances, toys, books, etc. (and seasonal items) are greatly appreciated! Call Tony Conragan for furniture pickup 785 831-3902. **Come shop Mon-Fri 11am to 3pm.**



### **THRIFT SHOP NEWS!**

We are seeking volunteers to help out at the Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop is open Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please contact Linda Robins at 775-831-5200 or Vickie Twichell 775-434-5830 to volunteer or for more info.



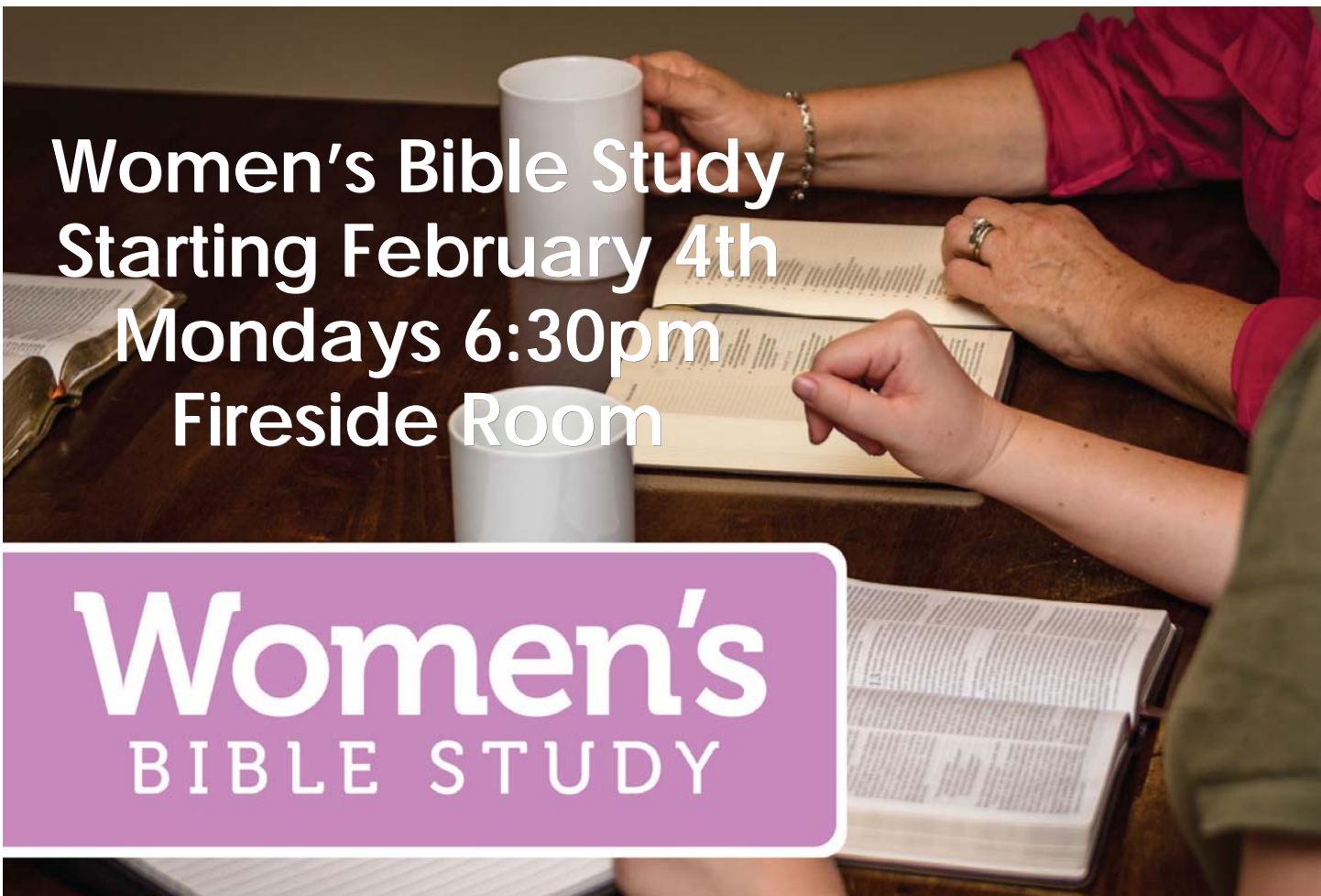
**NEW BIBLE STUDIES**

# The Village Church Youth Bible Study

Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.  
at Starbucks  
in Incline Village, NV



Women's Bible Study  
Starting February 4th  
Mondays 6:30pm  
Fireside Room



**Women's**  
BIBLE STUDY



## CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES

Thank you to everyone who helped with the setting up, packing, and distribution of the Deacons' Christmas Food Boxes. Also, a big thank you to Jim and Jane Dykstra! They volunteered a lot to help organize, distribute, pack extra boxes, get food to a lot of people. We received a lot of families that signed up for boxes. We packed/gave out over 300 boxes and 150 bags to families in our community.

The Deacons have provided food to our community for over thirty six years. We had to do things differently this year. God blessed us with food from multiple places; we are so thankful to our community partners that helped provide the food this year.

Thanks for being the hands and feet of Jesus!



## DEACONS NEWS

### THE VILLAGE CHURCH DEACONS NEED YOUR HELP

Please support our Deacons' ministry by donating household products. It is felt this is an unmet need, yet necessary for our community and would complement food distributions in our area. Below is a list of items you can place in the basket in the Narthex. The Deacons will be delivering these to appropriate organizations throughout the year.

- ◆ **Personal Care Items:** toilet paper, Kleenex, soap, shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Band-Aids, antibiotic salve, dental floss, baby lotion and shampoo, disposable diapers, diaper wipes and cream, Vaseline.
- ◆ **Household/laundry Items:** Laundry detergent and bleach, dish soap, Windex, toilet and tub cleansers, all-purpose cleaner, paper towels, and batteries.

We hope you will continue to support this effort to help the needy in our area. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Jim Dykstra.



## 2019 VILLAGE CHURCH ADULT MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Please consider joining one of our mission trips:

**Samaritan's Purse Mission Trip:** Pearland, Texas – February 24<sup>th</sup>– March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**YouthCompass Mission Trip:** Romania – April 19<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup>

**Belize Mission Trip:** Seine Bight, Belize – May 17<sup>th</sup>–25<sup>th</sup> We are taking a small maintenance/repair team and a dental team. We need assistants, cook/photographer, and people to work on the maintenance/repair team.

Please contact the church office if you are interested in learning more info.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Children's Message

We need your help with our Children's Message. Connect with our youngest by sharing a story about God's Word. Every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. worship service, a volunteer provides a special message for our children before they are excused for Sunday School. You don't need to come up with your own material, the church can provide it to you. If interested in volunteering, the sign-up sheet is on the Narthex counter.

### Sunday School Teachers

We need people to teach Sunday school to our young people. Please pray about God touching your heart to help with this ministry. Mary Gilbert, Christian Ed. Director, will provide the lesson plans and crafts. Contact Mary Gilbert if you would be available to help.

### Counters

We are looking for folks from our congregation who would be willing to be on two person teams to count the weekly offerings on Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Counting is easily taught and takes fifteen minutes to thirty minutes from start to finish. The volunteer sign-up sheet is on the Narthex counter.

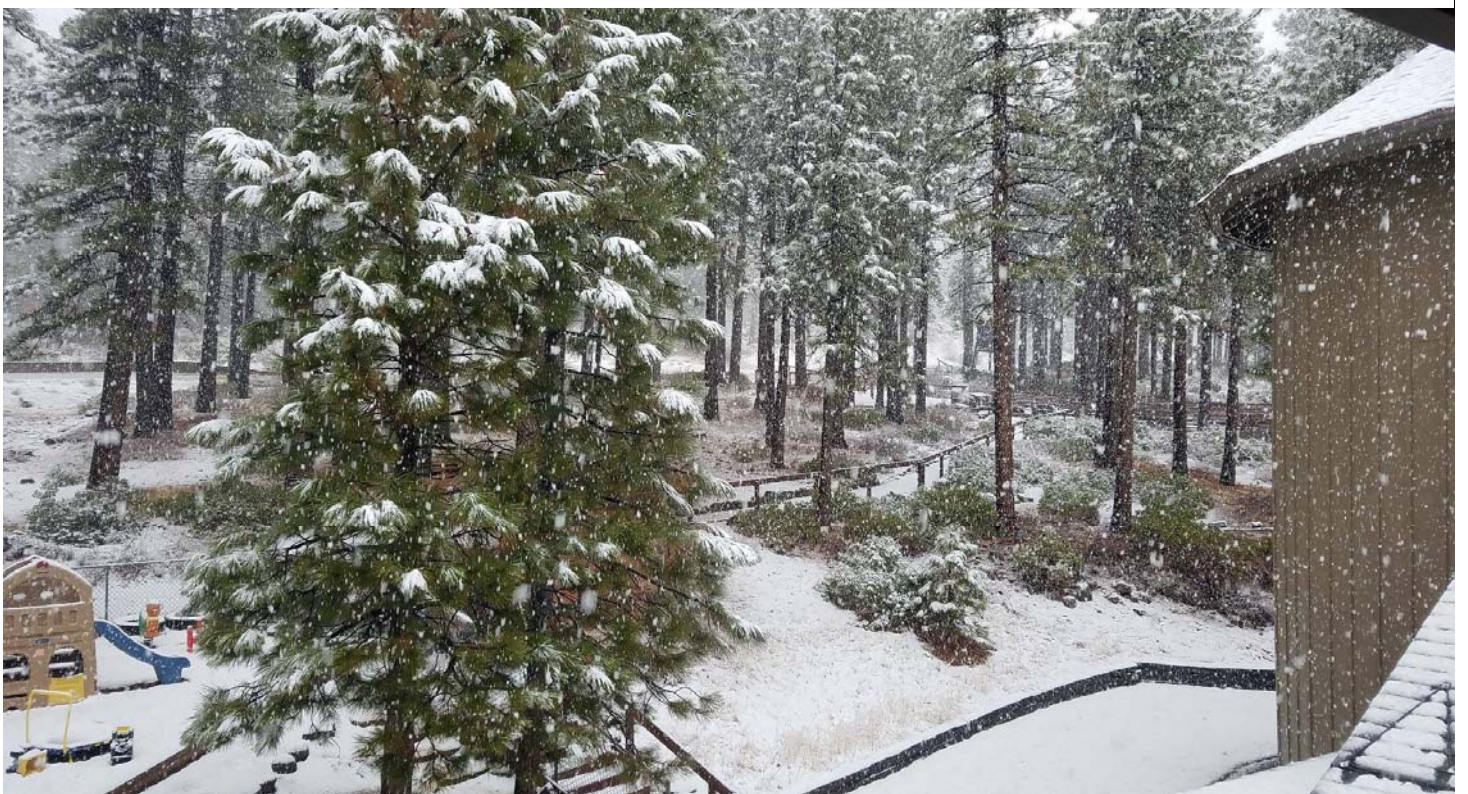


# Village Christian Preschool





**PASTOR JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE**






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# February 2019



Scripture for the Month:  
 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.  
 Proverbs 3:3-4

| SUN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | MON                                                                                                                                                             | TUE                                                                                  | WED                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | THU                                                                                                                                     | FRI | SAT |
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| <b>3</b> <i>The Lord's Supper</i><br>8 & 10am Worship in Sanctuary<br>8:15am Choir Practice - F/R<br>9:15am Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary<br>10:15am Sunday School                                                                                             | <b>4</b> <i>Office Closed</i><br>6:30pm Women's Bible Study - F/R                                                                                               | <b>5</b><br>2:00pm Staff Meeting<br>6:30pm Incline Small Group - Dykstra's Home      | <b>6</b><br>6:30am Men's Study - F/R<br>10:00am Prayer Group - Room A<br>6:00pm Adult Bible Study - F/R<br>6:00pm Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary<br>6-8pm Upper Room Group - Y/R                                             | <b>7</b><br>1:00pm Reno Small Group<br>4:00 Youth Bible Study - Starbucks<br>6:30pm Kings Beach Small Group - Ackerman's Home           | 8   | 9   |
| <b>10</b> <i>Annual Congregational Meeting</i><br>8 & 10am Worship in Sanctuary<br>8:15am Choir Practice - F/R<br>9:15am Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary<br>10:15am Sunday School<br>11:30am Congregational Meeting<br>11:45am Chili Cook-Off Potluck/Fundraiser | <b>11</b> <i>Office Closed</i><br>6:30pm Women's Bible Study - F/R                                                                                              | <b>12</b><br>2:00pm Staff Meeting<br>6:30pm Incline Small Group - Dykstra's Home     | <b>13</b><br>6:30am Men's Study - F/R<br>10:00am Prayer Group - Room A<br>4:00pm Session Meeting - Pastor's Study<br>6:00pm Adult Bible Study - F/R<br>6:00pm Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary<br>6-8pm Upper Room Group - Y/R | <b>14</b><br>4:00 Youth Bible Study - Starbucks<br> | 15  | 16  |
| <b>17</b><br>8 & 10am Worship in Sanctuary<br>No Choir Practice<br>9:15am Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary<br>10:15am Sunday School<br>11:45am Deacon's Meeting - Room A                                                                                          | <b>18</b> <i>President's Day</i><br><i>Office &amp; Preschool Closed</i><br> | <b>19</b><br>2:00pm Staff Meeting<br>6:30pm Incline Small Group - Dykstra's Home     | <b>20</b><br>6:30am Men's Study - F/R<br>10:00am Prayer Group - Room A<br>6:00pm Adult Bible Study - F/R<br>6:00pm Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary                                                                            | <b>21</b><br>1:00pm Reno Small Group<br>6:30pm Kings Beach Small Group - Ackerman's Home                                                | 22  | 23  |
| <b>24</b> <i>Pearland, TX Mission Team Departs</i><br>8 & 10am Worship in Sanctuary<br>8:15am Choir Practice - F/R<br>9:15am Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary<br>10:15am Sunday School                                                                            | <b>25</b> <i>Office Closed</i><br>6:30pm Women's Bible Study - F/R                                                                                              | <b>26</b><br>2:00pm Staff Meeting<br>6:30pm Incline Small Group - Buschhueter's Home | <b>27</b><br>6:30am Men's Study - F/R<br>10:00am Prayer Group - Room A<br>6:00pm Adult Bible Study - F/R<br>6:00pm Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary<br>6-8pm Upper Room Group - Y/R                                            | <b>28</b><br>1:00pm Reno Small Group<br>4:00 Youth Bible Study - Starbucks                                                              |     |     |

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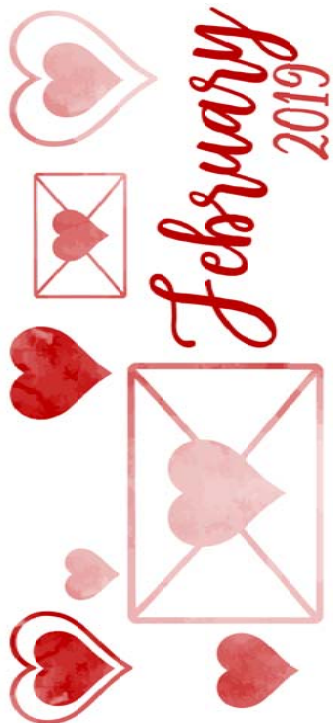
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A joyful place to grow

The love  
with which  
you have  
loved me  
may be in them,  
and  
I in them.

JOHN 17:26



Church Leadership

*Paul Ackerman - Deacon*

*Alfredo Amezaga - Elder*

*Doug Baker - Deacon*

*Lynn Bandaruk - Deacon*

*Ted Bandaruk - Elder*

*Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff*

*Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV &*

*Youth Pastor*

*Jim Dykstra - Deacon*

*Jon Fay - Choir Director*

*Don Ferrell - Elder*

*Linda Florentine - Elder*

*Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon*

*Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director*

*Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian*

*Patti Hanczarek - Preschool Staff*

*Keith Hansen - Elder*

*Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff*

*Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director*

*Miriella Melara - Deacon*

*Marilyn Merritt - Deacon*

*Kira Neil - Preschool Staff*

*Darlene Nilsson - Elder*

*Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor*

*Vicki Ogden - Deacon*

*Annie Payne - Office Manager*

*Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager*

*Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff*

*Ann Schofield - Financial Administration,*

*Clerk of Session, Elder*

*Jason Stanton - Accompanist*

*Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon*

*Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager*

*Paul Twichell - Elder*

*Debby Wiens - Pianist*

*Michele Young - Treasurer and*

*Women's Ministries Moderator*