

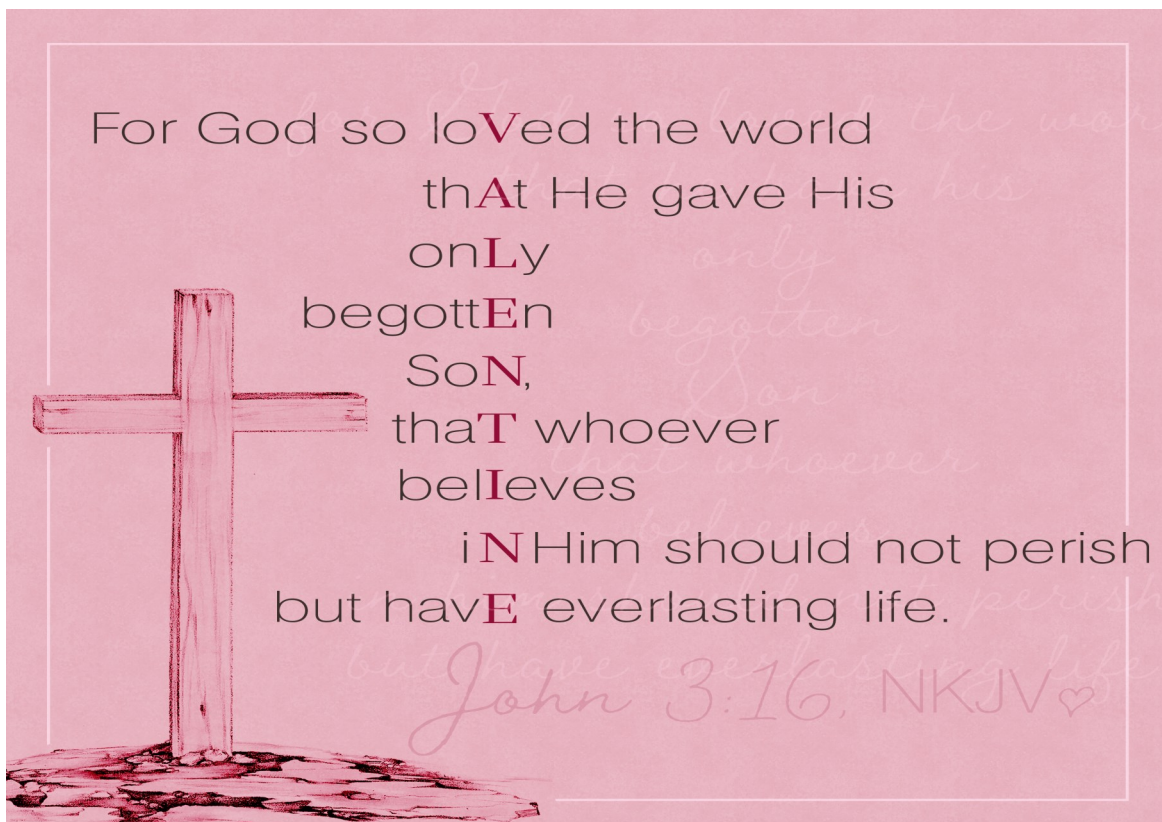
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Upcoming Preachers:

February 4 ~ Larry Hogan

February 11 ~ Bill Reinhold

February 18 ~ Gerald Harper

February 25 ~ Bill Reinhold

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	Sunday School Care	Nursery	Pre-school
4	Pam Bocock	Brandon & Jennifer Fadeley	Jana Miller
11	Adonica Miller & Billy Lilly	Adonica Miller & Billy Lilly	Natalie & Brian Bocock
18	Kathy Lyons	Dianne Reynolds	Paul & Whitney Eberly
25	Kathy Lyons	Nancy Miller	Pam Bocock

Elders On Call for February: Brad Miller (540-578-2846) and Tim Higgs (540-830-8941). If you have an urgent need please call the Elder On Call.

ATTENDANCE

January Attendance:

7 Closed—Ice
 14 SS 25 W 73
 21 SS 28 W 83
 28 SS 20 W 77

We are also thankful for those who faithfully watch online and listen via telephone.



Church Information

Staff

Part Time Interim Pastor: Bill Reinhold
 Office Administrator: Sherry Stroop
 Music Director: Megan Zuhowski-Hartsell
 Organist: Teresa Simmers
 Nursery Coordinator: Katherine Lyons

Session

Clerk of Session: Mark Williams
Administration & Property: Brenda Moyers, Brad Miller, Charlie Newman
Worship & Education: Kate Dudley, Tim Higgs, Don Myers
Congregation & Community Care: Larry Hogan, Beth Phillips, Fran Smith

Church Contacts

Youth Advisor: Becky Pierce
 Cemetery: Brad Miller
 The Sunshine Gang: Craig & Nancy Miller, Bob & Patsy Scott
 Sanctuary Decorations: Jana Miller
 Historian: Nancy Myers

Our second week of hosting Open Doors is February 5-12!

Have you been wondering how to share some love? Let's Blanket the world with LOVE! CWS donors and congregations provide thousands of CWS Blankets each year. These blankets can be a vital resource for someone needing a little support, warmth and encouragement. During the month of February, we will be collecting for the Church World Service Blankets+ Program. \$10 buys a blanket, and the "+" buys hygiene kits, baby kits, and emergency cleanup buckets. As has been the tradition at Cooks Creek, we encourage you to make a donation in honor or memory of someone. Names will be displayed in the March Newsletter. Please consider a gift and **thank you** for helping to provide blankets to people in need. If you have any questions, you may contact Beth Phillips @ egbphillips1@gmail.com.



- One-time gifts may be made on line through the "Give" tab on our Cooks Creek website or by check to Cooks Creek.
- Please put "Blanket Fund" in the memo line.
- Please provide your honoree information to Sherry in the church office of Beth as noted above.

"And don't forget to do good and share with those in need." - Hebrews 13:16

Circleville Mission Update:

Because of your generous support to the Circleville Christmas Mission—we were able to provide for each of the 5 children clothing, jackets, shoes and some games. Additionally we were able to support them with groceries. Thank you Cooks Creek—You're the best!

~ Randy & Viv Burkholder, Jeff & Jenny Heatwole



The Congregation is invited to hear Cindy Corell, our missionary to Haiti, whom Cooks Creek has supported for a number of years. Cindy will speak on Sunday, February 18, from 9:30-10:15 am in the fellowship hall.

As COVID began to rage around the world, missionaries were called home. She has not been allowed to return to Haiti because of the violence and political unrest there. When she returns to the mission field in the late spring, her base will be the Dominican Republic, serving there as well as Haiti, Cameroon, and Sri Lanka.

Cindy grew up in Augusta County and is a long-time member of Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church. Prior to becoming a missionary, she was a journalist working for the Staunton News Leader.

Church News

Starting Sunday, February 11, there will be a new Sunday School class offered. For the time being it will be known as the General Studies class. It will meet in the parlor and will be led by Bill Pierce. He plans to focus his lessons on the biblical references found in various hymns as well as having lessons based on the book of Psalms. Please take the opportunity to check this out. It should enhance your understanding and give you a good point of reference for many of the hymns we sing in the worship service.



Youth Activities Sunday, February 18:

- Youth will collect the 4 Cents A Meal Offering
- Youth and Children's Craft will be held during worship, after the children's sermon. The youth and children will leave the worship service to make a Valentine craft upstairs in the classroom beside the Choir room. Muffins, popcorn, and juice will be served as a snack. Parents can pick up their child in the preschool area after worship.
- 1-3:30 pm Youth outing at Funky's Skate Center. \$9 admission, \$2 skate rental.



Robin and I would like to thank our family and friends at Cooks Creek for all your thoughts, prayers, cards of condolence, and words of support with the passing of my father, Spencer Wallace. While losing a loved one is not easy, our family is at peace knowing Dad is in a better place.

He lived a good life, guided by God's plan for him. He was a respected farmer, a dedicated father and husband, a benevolent soul, a purposeful conversationalist, and a pillar in his church and community. He had a servant's heart, and certainly left his mark.

I also ask you to please keep my Mother in your prayers as she not only continues to recover from a major stroke, but also as she comes to terms with the loss of her partner of 58 years.

Again, thank you for the love and comfort you have extended.

*Yours in Christ,
Skip and Robin Wallace*



Prayer Requests?

If anyone in the congregation has any prayer concerns or needs
please contact Phyllis Simmons.

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540-830-4244 cell

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Please be in prayer for these folks:

- Johnathan Hasler—8 year old just diagnosed with brain cancer
- Brent Showalter
- Wanda Ritchie
- Jim Fletcher ~ Leukemia and Hospice Care
- Aaron Evans
- Cindy Suter
- Jillian Shirkey & Family
- Gary Shell & Family ~ He is battling melanoma in the lung
- Jimmy Miller
- Gary Simmers, cancer treatment
- Jeanie Will
- Dylan Heatwole
- Diane & JD's daughter, Brittany, and their grandson, Tucker
- Karen Moats





We love Him because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

VALENTINE'S DAY PRAYER FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of life. Thank You especially for my children who You have entrusted to me. Truly, they are a treasure from You, Lord. They make life so much more fulfilling. I will be forever grateful to You for giving them to me.

As my kids are growing up, help me, Father, to be good examples to them always. Help me to be a Godly parent. Help me to love them just like You have loved me. Enable me to bring them up in proper discipline and instruction. Make me the instrument, Lord, by which they will see You and who You are. Being a parent is not an easy task, but with You, Lord, everything is possible.

I also ask You to bless my children, God. As I do my best, with Your help, to teach them how to live a righteous life, help them to always do the right thing. Bless their minds with sound decision-making skills. Let their hands be channels of Your blessing to their friends, classmates, and relatives. Let not their tongues be used to destroy others through harsh words. Rather, enable them to speak words of life, encouragement, and grace.

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ST VALENTINE'S DAY PRAYER FOR LOVE

Heavenly Father, thank You for the beautiful gift of love You gave humanity and each of us. Thank You for blessing us every day with Your love. Without Your love for us, we couldn't be who we are. We need Your love every day. It's like food for our souls.

Please continue to let us feel Your love in our lives. Lord, we give ourselves to You to perfect this gift of love in us. We want to share it with others. Lord, please teach us to love and make our hearts like Yours. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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Food Pantry Report



Beginning Balance December 1 2023	\$32,428.62
DEPOSITS	
Individual Contributions	\$4,795.00
Civic Organizations	\$737.56
Church & Religious Organizations	\$2,025.00
Businesses	\$450.00
Total Deposits	\$8,007.56
DISBURSEMENTS	
Bread	\$206.50
Eggs	\$384.56
Food Purchases to Fill Bags	\$4,215.00
Ham	\$1,413.12
Toilet Tissue	\$646.92
Paper Bags	\$149.98
Milk Vouchers (Sharp Shopper—143 gal.)	\$642.28
Produce Vouchers (Bananas \$182.53—Apples \$494.19—Grapes \$286.27)	\$962.99
Total Disbursements	\$8,821.35
Balance as of December 31, 2023	\$31,614.83



Outreach Ministry

Keeping in Touch with Members and Friends

One of our most important ministries is to love and care for one another.

All of us can participate in this by reaching out
with phone calls, cards, visits and prayer.

*"Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."
John 13:34*



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?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Fill in the blanks for three qualities Paul, in 1 Corinthians 13, attributes to love: "Love is _____; love is _____. ... it keeps no record of _____."

- A. challenging, important, the past
- B. childlike, innocent, injustice
- C. self-sacrificing, generous, finances
- D. patient, kind, wrongs



Answer: D (See 1 Corinthians 13:4-5, NIV.)



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CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love, which connects us to God and to one another.

Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse (on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse (on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| a. We | 1. each other as I have |
| b. Above all, | loved you. John 15:12 |
| c. My command | 2. has no one than this: to |
| is this: | lay down one's life for |
| d. And over all | one's friends. John 15:13 |
| these virtues | 3. But perfect love drives |
| put on | out fear. 1 John 4:18 |
| e. Greater | 4. each other deeply, |
| f. See what | because love covers |
| great | over a multitude of sins. |
| g. There is | 1 Peter 4:8 |
| no fear in | 5. the Father has lavished |
| | on us, that we should |
| | be called children of |
| | God! 1 John 3:1 |
| | 6. because he first loved |
| | us. 1 John 4:19 |
| | 7. which binds them all |
| | together in perfect |
| | unity. Colossians 3:14 |



Answers: a 6, b 4, c 1, d 7, e 2, f 5, g 3



						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
HOSTING OPEN DOORS FEBRUARY 5-12						
11 Communion	12	13		15	16	17
18 4 Cents A Meal Offering 9:30-10:15 am Speaker Cindy Corell, Missionary Youth /Children Valentine Craft 1-3 pm Youth at Funky's Skate Center	19 March Courier Deadline	20	21	22 Food Pantry 4-6 PM	23	24
25	26 Session Meeting	27	28	29		



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Everett Eberly
- 2 - Dennis Early
Anne Finlayson
Justin Showalter
- 3 - Donald Biller

- 12 - Paul Eberly
- 14 - Jennifer Fadeley
- 15 - Brenda Moyers
- 18 - Chase Dudley
- 19 - Randy Burkholder
- 20 - Barret Dalrymple
- 23 - Kevin Bocock
Derek Miller
- 24 - Morgan Phillips
- 27 - Bob Scott
- 28 - Karen Moats



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 - Gary & Teresa Simmers
- 14 - Christian & Erin Frye
- 25 - Ryan & Natasha Blosser



Thank you to the Youth for handing out bulletins the month of February!