



Bethel Banner 2026

From the Pastor

There are a lot of things happening in February. We have Groundhog's Day on February 2, the Super Bowl on the 8th, Valentines Day the 14th, and Presidents Day February 16. With all that is happening, it can be easy to forget that this year, February is the month when Lent begins. February 18 is Ash Wednesday, which begins a 40-day journey to the Cross and the Resurrection.

Lent is a time of self-reflection, as we journey with Jesus to the cross. It is a time to think about the sacrifice Jesus made for us, and to renew our commitment to give our lives to Jesus and follow him. This year, I would like to take us on that journey by focusing my sermons on the seven last words of Christ on the cross. This isn't a literal seven words but rather seven utterances of Jesus while he was on the cross. This was typically done at Good Friday Service from noon until 3:00pm. However, most churches don't do that service anymore, so I would like to look at these utterances during Lent. These words give us an insight into the mind of Jesus as he was giving his life for us, which helps us to focus on how Jesus wants us to live our lives as his followers. It also reveals the deep love Jesus has for us, as well as his heavenly Father. So, here is the preaching schedule for Lent. It is my hope that you will be able to join us in worship for all seven of these services.

Blessings,

Pastor John

2/18- Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm. Luke 23:34, "Father forgive them"

2/22- First Sunday in Lent, Luke 23:43, "Today you will be with me in Paradise"

3/1- Second Sunday in Lent, John 19: 26-27, "Woman, here is your son"

3/8- Third Sunday in Lent, Mark 15: 34, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me"

3/15- Fourth Sunday in Lent, John 19:28, "I am thirsty"

3/22- Fifth Sunday in Lent, John 19:30, "It is finished"

3/29- Palm Sunday

4/2- Maundy Thursday service, 6:30pm, Luke 23: 46, "Into your hands I commend my spirit"

4/5- Easter Sunday

Update on UMW Activities

The next meeting of the **UMW** will be on February 18th at 1:00. The March 18th meeting will also be at 1:00, but the April and May meetings will be held at 7:00 pm to accommodate those unable to attend a daytime meeting. In June we will gather for a 6pm potluck picnic. All women are welcome at any meeting! Save the date for the Community Tea on Saturday, May 16th, at 1:00. You can let Terry know at any time if you would like to be a hostess!

It's not too early to start collecting items for shoeboxes. There is a list on the mission table for ideas. When the school items go on sale in July and August is a great time to pick up goodies.

Guys and Gals

To Be Announced

Spring City Food Pantry (Project Outreach):

Bethel's donation for February will be: Toiletries

Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Body Wash, and Lotion etc.

Canned Corn

They are also in need of shopping bags, either cloth or the ones that can be purchased at the grocery store.. Items may be placed on or under the Food Pantry collection table in the lobby.

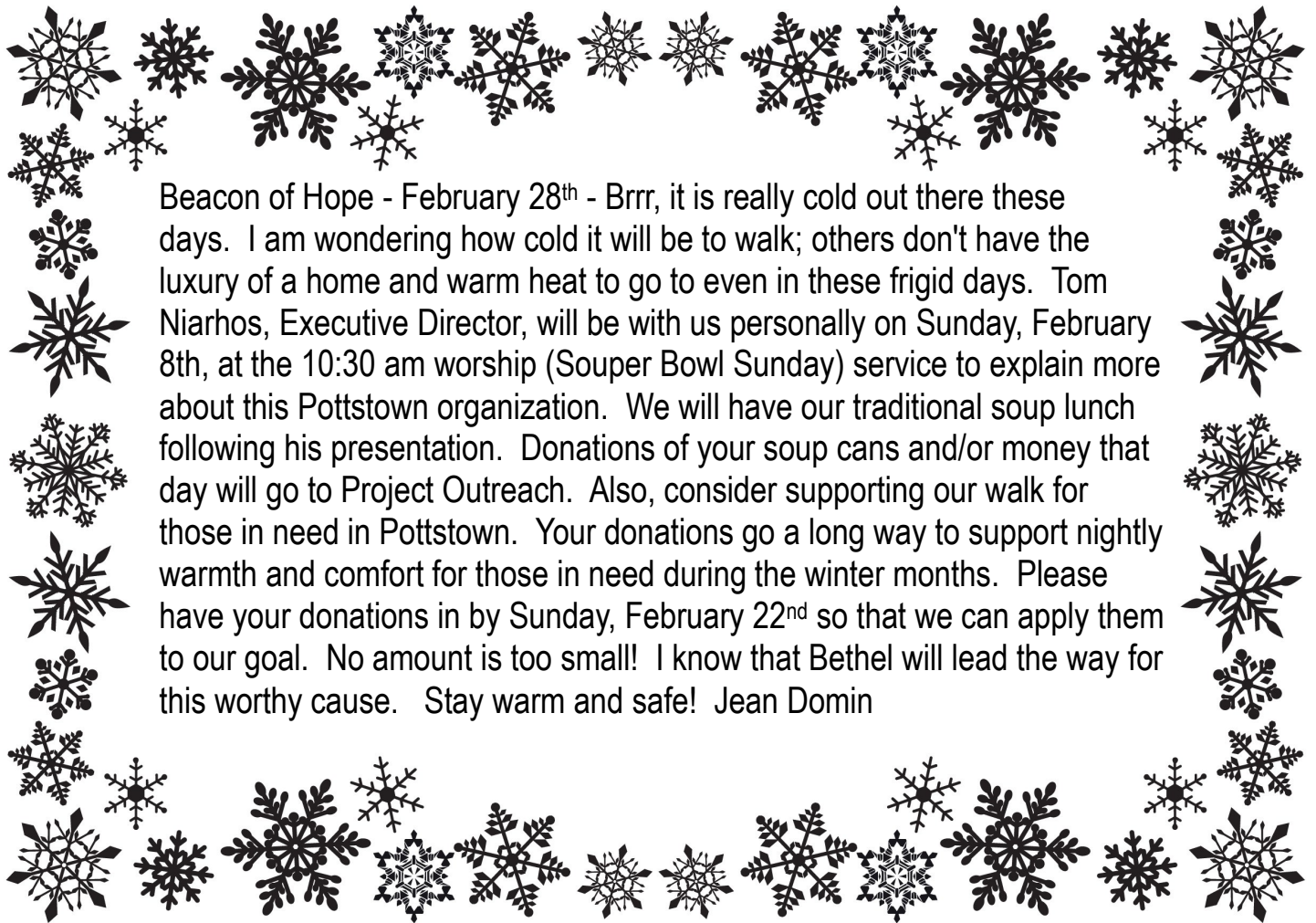
Our next Project Outreach Food Pantry is Thursday, February 19th at 10:00am.

Thank you for your contributions!





Come one, come all, and raise a spoon to the annual **Souper Bowl** event! After the 10:30 service on **February 8**, we will be enjoying fellowship with a variety of soups guaranteed to warm your tummies before you head home for the big game. Bring a crockpot of your favorite chowder, stew, bisque, borscht or whatever potage you feel like creating. You may prefer to supply a loaf of bread, a box of crackers, or a beverage. Or just come and enjoy! The sign-up sheet will be in the usual spot to give the organizers an idea of how many of you will be slurping up the good stuff. Bowls and spoons will be available, but if you want to bring along your mega muffin tins and enjoy 6 at once, feel free! Be sure to bring a donation of canned soup for the Food Pantry collection. **Please be sure to sign up, so we know how many will attend. See you there!!!**



Beacon of Hope - February 28th - Brrr, it is really cold out there these days. I am wondering how cold it will be to walk; others don't have the luxury of a home and warm heat to go to even in these frigid days. Tom Niarhos, Executive Director, will be with us personally on Sunday, February 8th, at the 10:30 am worship (Souper Bowl Sunday) service to explain more about this Pottstown organization. We will have our traditional soup lunch following his presentation. Donations of your soup cans and/or money that day will go to Project Outreach. Also, consider supporting our walk for those in need in Pottstown. Your donations go a long way to support nightly warmth and comfort for those in need during the winter months. Please have your donations in by Sunday, February 22nd so that we can apply them to our goal. No amount is too small! I know that Bethel will lead the way for this worthy cause. Stay warm and safe! Jean Domin

Women's Book Club

"A Summer in Savannah"

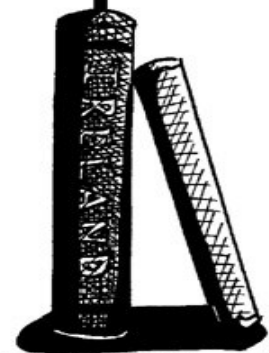
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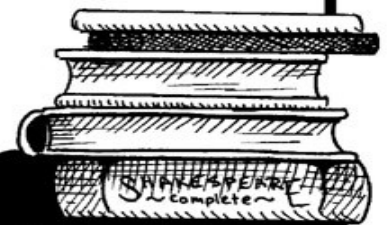
Monday, February 23rd

10:00am in the Café

Books are available in the office.



Nikki O'Shea 2008



February Calendar

Sun, Feb. 1 st	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am 5:30pm	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service Family Worship	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary Sanctuary
Mon, Feb. 2 nd			
Tues, Feb. 3 rd			
Wed, Feb. 4 th	6:30pm 6:30pm-8:00pm	AOL Den Pack 4	Board Room Fellowship Hall
Thurs, Feb. 5 th	6:30pm 7:00pm	Webelos Bible Study	Green Room Café
Fri, Feb. 6 th			
Sat, Feb. 7 th			
Sun, Feb. 8 th	9:00am 10:30am 11:30am	Seekers Worship Service Souper Bowl	Library Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Mon, Feb. 9 th	6:45pm-7:45pm	Troop 4	Board Room
Tues, Feb. 10 th			
Wed, Feb. 11 th	6:30pm 6:30pm-8:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	AOL Den Pack 4 Finance Meeting Church Council Coventry Chorus	Green Room Fellowship Hall Board Room Board Room Sanctuary
Thurs, Feb. 12 th	6:30pm	Webelos	Green Room
Fri, Feb. 13 th			
Sat, Feb. 14 th			
Sun, Feb. 15 th	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary
Mon, Feb. 16 th			
Tues, Feb. 17 th			
Wed, Feb. 18 th	1:00pm 6:30pm	UWM Meeting Ash Wednesday Service	Board Room Sanctuary
Thurs, Feb. 19 th	10:00am-12:00pm 7:00pm	Project Outreach Bible Study	First UCC Café
Fri, Feb. 20 th	Evening	Pack 4 Derby Set-up	Fellowship Hall
Sat, Feb. 21 st	All Day	Pack 4 Derby Races	Fellowship Hall
Sun, Feb. 22 nd	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am 1:00pm-6:00pm	Praise Service Seekers Worship Service Girl Scouts	Sanctuary Library Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Mon, Feb. 23 rd			
Tues, Feb. 24 th			
Wed, Feb. 25 th	6:30pm 7:00pm	Lion Den Coventry Chorus	Green Room Fellowship Hall
Thurs, Feb. 26 th			
Fri, Feb. 27 th			
Sat, Feb. 28 th			

Upcoming Meetings

Finance Meeting

Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30pm

In the Board Room

Church Council

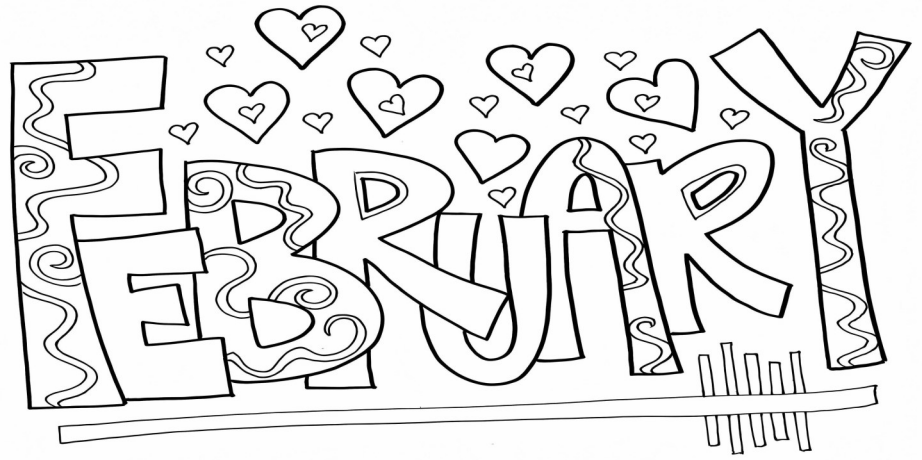
Wednesday, February 11th at 7:00pm

In the Board Room

UMW Meeting

Wednesday, February 18th at 1:00pm

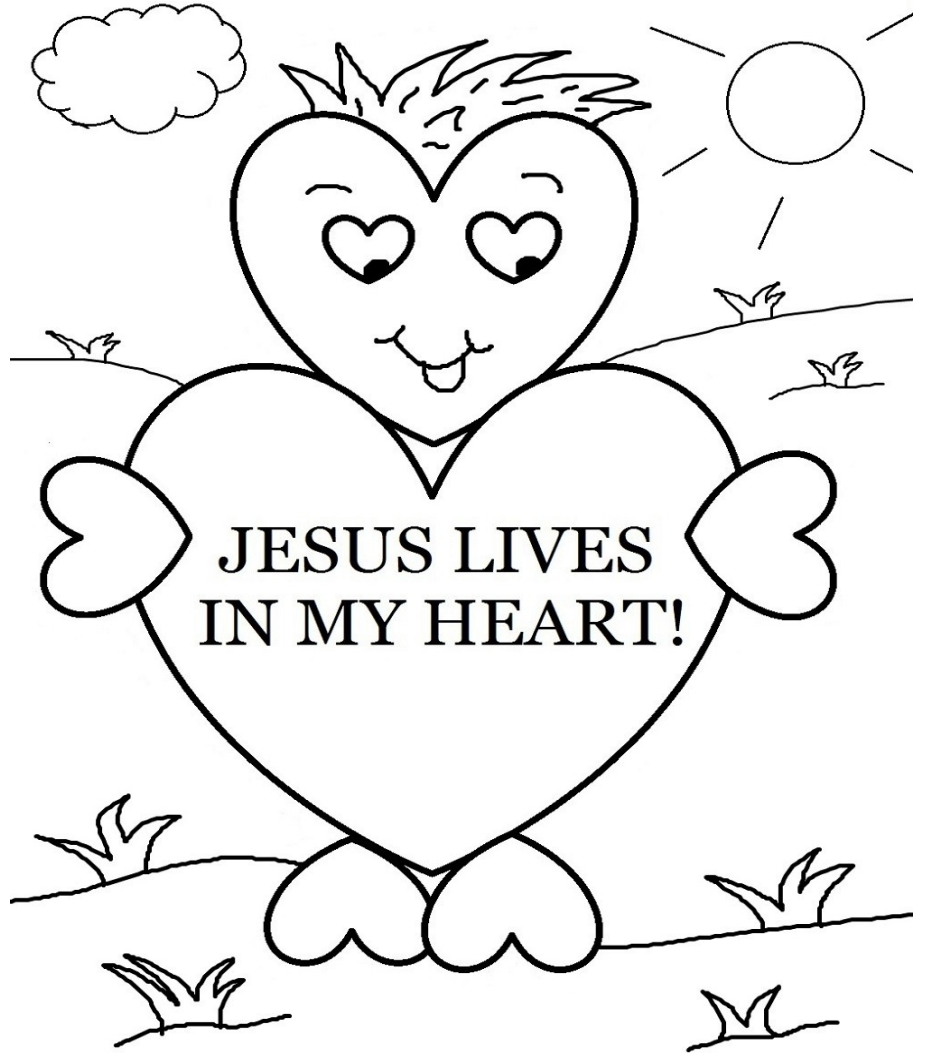
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February Family Fun Activities

- WALK THE DOG EVERY DAY
- DIY BIRD FEEDERS
- TAKE A WINTER HIKE
- CELEBRATE PRESIDENT'S DAY
- WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT
- MAKE V-TINE'S DAY CARDS
- GO ICE SKATING
- TRY STARGAZING
- HAVE A FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
- MAKE BROWNIES
- WATCH THE SUPER BOWL
- MAKE HOMEMADE CHILI
- DO A 1000 PIECE JIGSAW PUZZLE



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Feb 4	Megan O'Connor
Feb 5	Brenton Moore
Feb 6	Victoria Ferriss
Feb 7	Thomas Van Riper
Feb 8	Brett Romberg
Feb 9	Melissa Earhart
Feb 10	Russell Keller
Feb 12	Cammy Graeff
Feb 12	Daniel Bachrach
Feb 13	Jacob John
Feb 14	Kevin Raab
Feb 15	Emmett Long
Feb 15	JoAnn Bachrach
Feb 16	Rob Hanlon
Feb 16	Joseph Moyer
Feb 19	James III Hetrick
Feb 19	Robert Hetrick
Feb 20	Luke Romberg
Feb 25	Sadie Mae Hookway
Feb 26	Barbara DeMarco
Feb 26	Louis W. Shultz
Feb 27	Glenn Hale
Feb 28	Scott Gresko



We recycle in different ways. Check out the Mission table at the top of the stairs.

Drop off used ink cartridges in the basket. These give the church credit towards purchases at Staples.

Redner's receipts continue to be collected. After submission to Redner's, 1% comes back to the church. It takes some effort, but it's free money.

Pull tabs continue to be collected for Ronald McDonald House.

Used glasses are collected for the Lion's Club.



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