

FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

These days it seems like everyone has been or still is ill with something or another; colds, coughs, flu, Covid, upset stomach, diarrhea, . . . blah, blah, blah. If you haven't been ill yet, you'll probably get something soon. I know I have not felt well for the past 3 weeks. (P.S. I tested negative for Covid.)

So, what do we do when we are ill? Personally, I grab a 7-up, crackers, Tylenol, chamomile tea, maybe some Tums, and crawl into bed for a while. I hope the "bug" will be gone soon, but I'm usually disappointed.

How about some comforting words from our Great Physician in heaven? Psalm 91:1-2 Living in the Most High's shelter, (or in our beds) camping in the Almighty's shade, ²I say to the LORD, "You are my refuge, my stronghold! You are my God—the one I trust!"

Or Isaiah 41:10 Don't fear, because I am with you; don't be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will surely help you, I will hold you with my righteous strong hand.

I'm sure there are many other verses that might help. Let me know what helps you feel better spiritually, if not physically? We can make a list to share with each other because it seems these "bugs" will not go

away soon.

Take care of yourself. Peace and blessings, Pastor Rosemary

VIRTUAL WORSHIP: As you are aware, because of all these "bugs", we are not worshipping in person for a few weeks. It was requested that we find a way to worship virtually. Since the Zoom congregational meeting went so well, your worship team is willing to try the same with a short worship service via Zoom at 10 am on Sunday January 30 and beyond.

We will be sending out the Zoom ID number and password in the next few days. Have patience with us and we explore new territory in this age of electronically praising God together.

Pastor Rosemary

AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

2/2 Christopher Captain2/4 Tyler Underwood2/10 Conner Brink2/11 Ivy Schneider

2/23 Sue Ganschinietz2/27 Aaron Eisenhauer

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

2/21 Russ & Judy Hartmann #58



PRAYER LIST: We pray for the health and well-being of all affected by the pandemic. We also pray for all the people in the United States of America and our government leaders. Urban Baum, Donna Isselhard, Agnes Doctolero, David Seneczyn, Cathy Ganschinietz, Warren Neff, Jack Harris, Lynn Hursey, Robert Uhrig, Carol White, Dennis Franklin, John Biehl, Cheri Schutzenhofer, Rich Schmitt.

MEMORIAL: For Terry Allen, Raymond & Norma Taubig & Rich Taubig From Polli Allen

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Ardella Morris 1201 Hartman Lane Apt. 235 Belleville, IL 62221

Darlene Bax 220 Fieldcrossing Drive Apt. 40 Highland, IL 62249

Terry Kissel 429 South Main Street Room 228 Shiloh, IL 62269

Jeanette Brown 5904 Perrin Road Fairview Heights, IL 62208



USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

February 13 – Ginny Ganschinietz & Sue Ganschinietz

February 20 – Sue Williams & Chuck Kistler

February 27- Christina Hardin-Weiss & Eileen Gammon



CHOIR

Choir will be back whenever it is safe to return to church. We are looking forward to singing for you. Right now the plan is to sing on February 20. The anthem we will do that day will feature Adam Reynolds on the guitar. You don't want to miss that! We are always looking for more singers. Come and join us!

EVENING CIRCLE

Ladies I hope everyone is doing well. There were only a few members at our Jan. meeting; therefore, no business was brought to vote. As of this time, church services are to resume on Feb. 13th. We will meet after church service on Feb. 13th in the L-Room. If church is cancelled on the 13th for any reason, our next meeting will be March 13th.

At our next meeting we will discuss the possibility of having a yard sale at church sometime in the spring. Renting tables to individuals and/or donating items for an Evening Circle table (no clothes for the Evening Circle). So start placing your extra items aside for a yard sale.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Cupid took aim--Zing went the dart.
Every day is a valentine
With you in my heart!
Kay Hoffman

Share the Love!!! Eileen Gammon Co-Chair

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 AA Meeting	4	5
6 No church services	7	8	9 Church Council 7 pm Via Zoom	10 AA Meeting	11	12
Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am Evening Circle meeting after worship	14	15	16	17 AA Meeting	18	19
20 Worship at 10 am	21	22	23	24 AA Meeting	25	26
27 Worship at 10 am	28					