

# February Link

## Baby, it's cold outside

At the time of this writing, the forecast for tomorrow's Pleasant Valley weather is a high of 17, and a low of 2. Yes 2, not 20, not 22 but 2. Yikes. Folks, that's about 60 degrees below my preferred minimum temperature. If you remember the song Snow Miser v Heat Miser from the Claymation Rudolph show years ago, you'll probably get a chuckle out of: "I never wanna know a day that's under 60 degrees."

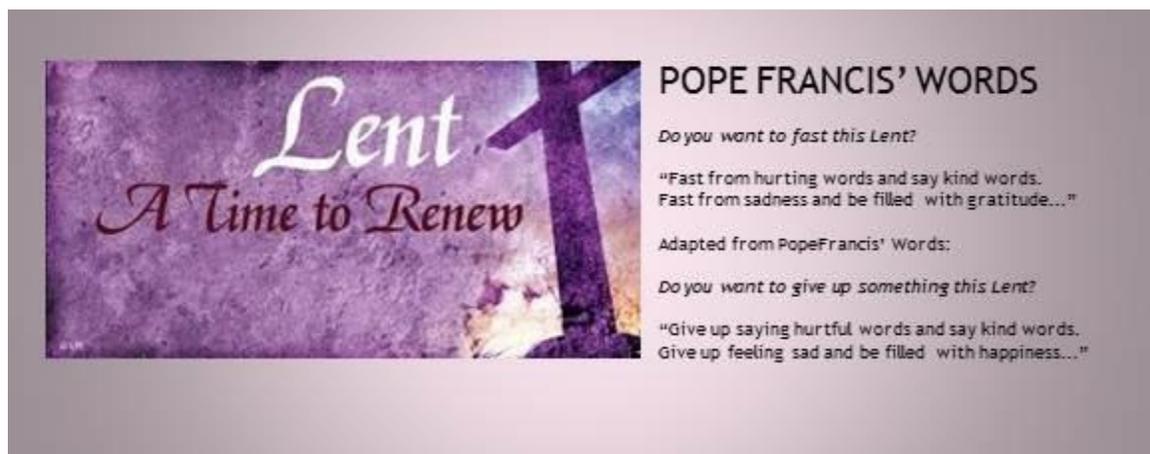
It may be cold outside, and I pray that it's warm in your homes, but more importantly is it warm in your **heart**? Yes, the church is closed to in-person worship due to the continual rising of the pandemic, and it will stay that way until the numbers begin to dip, but that doesn't mean church is closed. We continue having online service and will keep doing so for the foreseeable future, even after we re-open to in person service. Our church is still standing, and that means we still have a building to maintain, bills to pay and the likes. Please keep this in your prayers and hearts as you budget your time and finances each month, even though you're not **in** church, continue to be a **part** of church.

God calls us all to be ministers. You are part of **His** church and that makes you a minister. Help the good news of Jesus Christ flow and warm the hearts of all the people you come in contact with. Watch as you see even the coldest heart melt away into the warmest of teddy-bears when a person learns of the miraculous love of Jesus Christ and what he did for us all on Calvary's hill. Keep warm by keeping Christ in your hearts.

Stay strong, stay safe and keep your church, your love of Christ, and your passion for God's love in your heart, until we can all safely celebrate that perfect love of Jesus together once again.

Blessings Always

Pastor Mike and Karen Antici



**Lent**  
*A Time to Renew*

**POPE FRANCIS' WORDS**

*Do you want to fast this Lent?*

"Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude..."

Adapted from PopeFrancis' Words:

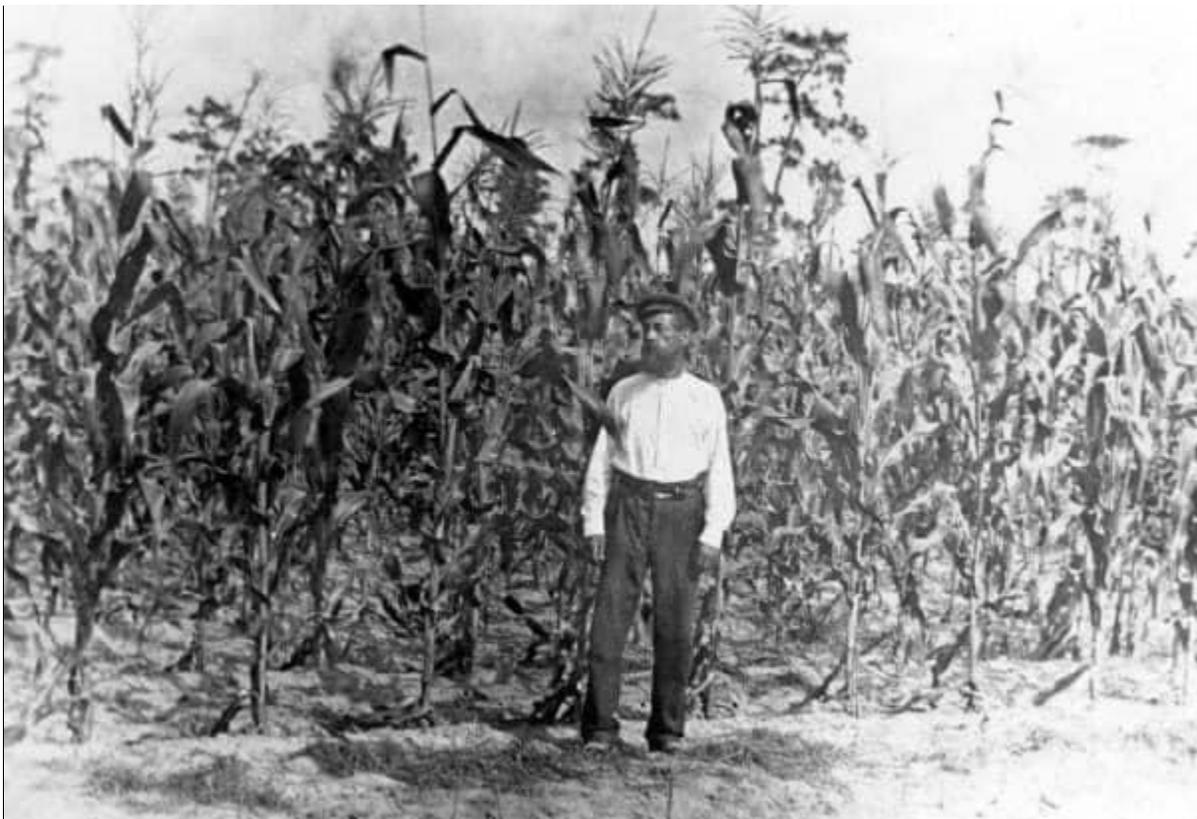
*Do you want to give up something this Lent?*

"Give up saying hurtful words and say kind words.  
Give up feeling sad and be filled with happiness..."

There was a farmer who grew excellent quality corn. Every year he won the award for the best grown corn. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors. “How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?” the reporter asked.

“Why sir,” said the farmer, “Didn’t you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn.”

So is with our lives... Those who want to live meaningfully and well must help enrich the lives of others, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all...



## Scriptures for February

February 7: "Wanna Race?": Colossians 4:7-14

February 14: "TBD": Angela Root will be doing the message

February 21: "Somewhere over the rainbow": Genesis 9:8-17, Mark 1:9-15

February 28: "Faith means Nothing?": Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

## February Schedule

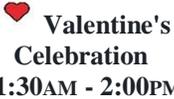
**\*\*We are holding back on the schedules until we know more about when and how services will resume in person. However, if you'd like to do something please reach out to Pastor Mike at [mike@antici.com](mailto:mike@antici.com).**

February 7 February 14 February 21 February 28	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
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Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

**\*\*Because of the COVID-19 virus all meetings and Church Schedules are tentative. Please call or email me to confirm.**

## February

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUS.	FRI.	SAT.
	1	2 10:00AM Bible Study  7:00PM Trustees Meeting  8:00PM AA  	3	4  12:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank  6:45PM AA	5	6
7 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	8	9 10:00AM Bible Study  7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting  8:00PM AA	10	11  6:45PM AA	12	13
14 10:00AM Worship Service   Valentine's Celebration 11:30AM - 2:00PM	15   PRESIDENTS DAY	16 10:00AM Bible Study  8:00PM AA	17   Ash Wednesday	18  12:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank  6:45PM AA	19	20
21 10:00AM Worship Service	22	23 10:00AM Bible Study  8:00PM AA	24	25  6:45PM AA	26	27
28 10:00AM Worship Service						

## Church Humor:



I GAVE THE CAT HER MEDICINE...  
COULD YOU DRIVE ME TO THE  
HOSPITAL NOW?

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A husband is advised by a psychiatrist to assert himself.

"You don't have to let your wife henpeck you. Go home and show her you're the boss."

The husband takes the doctor's advice.

He rushes home, slams the door, shakes his fist in his wife's face, and growls, "From now on, you're taking orders from me. I want my supper right now, and when you get it on the table, go upstairs, and lay out my best clothes.

Tonight, I'm going out with the boys, and you are going to stay at home where you belong. And another thing, guess who's going to comb my hair, give me a shave, and tie my necktie?"

His wife says calmly, "The undertaker."

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After a hardy rainstorm filled all the potholes in the streets and alleys, a young mother watched her two little boys playing in the puddles through her kitchen window.

The older of the two, a five year old lad, grabbed his sibling by the back of his head and shoved his face into the water hole.

As the boy recovered and stood laughing and dripping, the mother ran to the yard in a panic. 'Why on earth did you do that to your little brother?!' she asked as she shook the older boy in anger.

'We were just playing 'church' mommy,' he said. 'I was just baptizing him . . . in the name of the Father, the Son and in . . . the hole-he-goes.'

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A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning.

The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school. She also feared the electrical storm might harm her child.

Full of concern, the mother got into her car and quickly drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her little girl walking along.

At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile.

More lighting followed quickly and with each, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.

When the mother drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called, "What are you doing?"

The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture."

## **February Announcements**

We are planning a drive-in Valentine's Day Celebration in our church parking lot on Sunday, Feb 14th, weather permitting. This will include filling out a heart with the name of someone or something you love in God's world to hang on our Valentine tree, and receiving a Valentine's gift, all from your car. More details to follow.

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Mike has office hours on Sunday from 12:30PM to 3:30PM or by appointment.

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