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Chapel Challenge

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**From Julie's Journal**

In the gospel of Luke, chapter 10:27 it says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Since this month is often called the month of love, I thought I would share some thoughts on this passage. In my opinion, this is one of the most important messages that come out of our scriptures. To love God with everything we have is the foundation of all that we are. God is our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. We are loved and we are called to love our God. And we are also challenged to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Now loving God almost always is easy to love for me. I also can love at least some of my neighbors and I try to love myself...but there are times, where loving myself is not easy and there are also times where I am not very good at all at loving my neighbor. If you look at the passage it does not say Love God most of the time if things are good and love the neighbors who are nice to you or think like you and love yourself occasionally. It says to love God with all that you have...heart, soul, strength and mind. And to love your neighbor (and Jesus shared who our neighbor was later to this same gentleman) and to love yourself.

So this month, (the month of love), I challenge you to find ways to love God with all you are. Spend time in prayer and devotion to God. Come and fully participate in worship. And love your neighbor. Spend time helping your neighbor, both near and far. We have ways at the church to do just that. Bring something for Souper Bowl Sunday (if you forget on that day, we will still accept donations of food and money). And find ways to love yourself. Take a break. Join me in a day of prayer. Drink water more. Take a walk. Let us be a community of faith, hope and especially of love.

Together on the Journey, Pastor Julie

**Pastor's Day of Prayer**

Pastor Julie will be having her day away for prayer on February 20th. Her prayers will be focused on the General Conference on February 23-26. Then she will be praying for the path of Chapel of the Valley and finally she will be lifting up specific prayers for individual joys and concerns. If you would like her to be in prayer for you, please submit your request by February 19th.

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## Worship Schedule

- 2/3 *Greater Gift*  
**1 Corinthians 12:27-13:1-13**  
 Communion & Souper Bowl  
 Sunday
- 2/10 *Deep Waters*  
**Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11**
- 2/17 *Blessed*  
**Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1;**  
**Luke 6:17-26**
- 2/24 *It's Not Easy*  
**Luke 6:27-38**
- 3/3 *You Glow*  
**Exodus 34:29-35;**  
**Luke 9:28-36**  
 Communion &  
 Transfiguration Sunday



### All Church Gathering

We will be having another church gathering to continue to share about the future path of the church on March 3 following service. Plan to come and participate.

### COTV Staff

Pastor: The Rev. Julie Elkins  
 Organist: Mary Ellett  
 Choir Director: Elaine Harvey  
 Lay Leader: Paul Elkins  
 PowerPoint: Delyth Owen  
 Ushers: Mike Magnuson  
 Diane Wellman

### Faithful Disciples who are Answering the Call to Serve during the month of January. Liturgists and Scripture Readers

- 3: Candy Schauer  
 10: Stuart Harvey and Del Owen  
 17: Kay Roberts and Arnie Aranico  
 24: Ed LeClair and Del Owen  
 3/3: Candy Schauer
- Your name could appear here. Talk to Pastor Julie.*



The annual **FAT TUESDAY** "All-You-Can-Eat" meal is set for Tuesday, March 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This will be your last chance to overindulge before the beginning of Lent. Plus there will be entertainment and a talent show suitable for all ages. (You can sign up to be in the talent show on Sundays or by calling the office!) You can expect to heap your plates with sausage, French toast, eggs, pancakes, toppings and more! Coffee, milk and juice will be served.

A sign-up sheet will be available, so that the kitchen crew will know how many persons to provide for. Invite family and friends to this fun and festive event.

A free will offering will be accepted for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.



Ash Wednesday Service will be on March 6 at 6:00 pm. It is a simple contemplative service with the disposition of ashes and a time of prayer and renewal to help us prepare for the season of Lent. The service will be the start to the Lenten worship series on Encountering Jesus. Please plan to come and start the Lenten season right.

Henry Brown  
 Robert and Ellen Draper  
 Patsy McKinney  
 Becca McLachlan  
 Vi Moore  
 Vera Skulavik  
 Steve Mohr  
 Joyce Mohr



Ron Schlichtenmyer  
 Renee Calsmer  
*Friends and family dealing with illness, treatment, and transitions*

If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office, or Pastor Julie, or Candy Schauer and we will start the prayer chain (both email and phone).



### Meeting Schedule for February

- February 7 Finance Meeting 6:30 pm  
 February 7 Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm  
 February 17 UMC Way Forward Informational Meeting 11:30 am  
 March 3 All Church Meeting



Come and join in the "fun" times as we clean up the church for the winter quarter. We have many projects at all levels of ability. The fun starts at 8:30 am.

### Office Announcement

February 18 Office Closed for President's Day



### The Way Forward General Conference

We will be having an informational meeting on February 17 following church to learn

about the Way Forward Commission report to the General Conference being held in St. Louis on February 23-26. The way forward report is a way to lead the church forward in discussing the church's stance on human sexuality. Pastor Julie will be presenting the report and leading a discussion on it. We will follow with a time of prayer for the United Methodist Church and on the conference itself There will be a simple soup meal for those staying following the coffee hour.



COME JOIN OUR **BIBLE Study**

We are continuing the Thursday afternoon Bible Study through February. The study is at 3:00 pm in the fellowship hall of the church. We are studying *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple* by Adam Hamilton. Please call the office or let Pastor Julie know if you would like to join the study.