

# THE WITTENBERG DOOR

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<i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	

**In case of an Emergency**

**Please call  
 Pastor Tim  
 on his cell  
 phone  
 286-1090**

The historic story of St. Valentine tells of a man, a church leader, who was imprisoned for refusing to follow government policy regarding marriage. This story reminds us that the world and the Word of God are sometimes at odds with each other. This is true in today's world, too. The theme of the St. Valentine's story is the unconditional love St. Valentine had for his prison guard's blind daughter. God loves us with this same unconditional love (in the Bible it is the Greek word familiar to many of us, "agape"). This love has care as its content, a care that is based in the heart of character of the giver and not in the deserved qualities of the recipient. This love may be romantic, but its breath encompasses care for all the people in our lives.

During the Season of Lent we lift our eyes above and beyond the station of our lives to behold Jesus. He leads us to the Cross of Calvary, teaching us that agape love requires sacrificial giving. Jesus gave or sacrificed His life so that we might experience God's love.

During Lent we will gather for Midweek Devotions and singing. First, at 6:30 on February 14 we will come together for Ash Wednesday, a special service of repentance and forgiveness. Then each Wednesday of Lent from 5:30—6:30 we'll have Soup Supper and Lenten Devotions, including singing our favorite hymns and choruses. Please sign up to bring soup, bread and butter or fruit juice.

I remind you to remember Jim Mace, Richard and Sylvia Boyce, Bob Armstrong and Vi Kluth in your prayers.

The Lord be with you.

Pastor Tim Cartwright



## Secret Angels

Secret Angels is a six week ministry of support and encouragement that will begin with sign ups this week and next. You will pray for your partner each day and write notes or cards (with out signature) to encourage them. At the end of six weeks you may reveal your identity as a “secret angel.”



## Ash Wednesday

February 14th starts our Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. The service will start at 6:30 pm. Unlike our Sunday services there will be a confessional prayer and the imposition of ashes. Lent is the season for inner or spiritual growth.

Pastor Tim recommends reading the Gospel of Mark during this 6 week season.



## Lenten Devotions & Soup Suppers

During the six weeks of Lent we will gather together on Wednesdays for Soup suppers and Lenten Devotions. This will begin on February 21st at 5:30–6:30 pm. We will be singing favorite songs of the cross. This is a Lenten Journey with Jesus to the Cross and to the cross-style of living. There is a sign



up list to bring soup, bread and butter, or juice drinks. The sign up list can be found in the fellowship hall.

**Don't forget to pray for  
our missionaries in Africa**

**doing God's work.  
Bob and Cheryl Fox  
and Marian**

**Hungerford you  
are in our  
prayers!**



## “First Fruits”

**Thank You, Emmanuel,** for supporting First Fruits throughout 2017. As we continue this mission may we remember what is written in Deuteronomy 15:11: “For the poor will cease out of the land.....you will open wide your hand to the needy and the poor.”

**Unbelievable:** 84 cans of soup which equals about 168 bowls plus other food items totaled 119 pounds, 64 pounds of clothing, **and** ..... \$155.00 cash were donated this month for First Fruits!! Are we a little church who gives **BIG?** What do you think? Thank you, Emmanuel.

**The next opportunity to donate will be Sunday, March 4th.**



Special thanks to Sally and Larry for this wonderful ministry that you make happen.

**February Birthdays**

2 .....Tiffany Johnson

5.....Pat Alcantra

11.....Patrick Gehring

14 .....Ward Erickson IV

15 .....Bob Klempan

17 .....Brandee Haynes, Childcare

23 .....Jim Turowski

**February Anniversaries**

11.....Bob & Liane Armstrong

**March Birthdays**

5 .....Chelette Williams

18 .....Henry Simons

19 .....Melody Knight

25 .....Kneeda Williams,  
Childcare Supv.

27.....Jim Mace

**March Anniversaries**

13 .....Cole & Maurine Simons

18.....Steve & Judy Armstrong

*If there are any additions or corrections to the list please let Sharie Adrig, editor, know. You can do so via church mailbox, 377-2448 or [gadrig@comcast.net](mailto:gadrig@comcast.net).*

*If you need to contact Pastor  
Tim Cartwright you can  
call-286-1090*



**Members Serving in February**

Altar Guild .....Sally Farner  
Sharie Adrig

Reader .....Bob Klempan

**Members Serving in March**

Altar Guild .....Ida Ficca  
Rose Link

Reader .....Keri Roberts

**Sunday School Teachers—**

Children’s Teacher ....Judy Armstrong  
Chelette Williams

Adult Teacher .....Pastor Tim

Adult and Children’s Sunday School ..9 AM

**Men’s breakfast will continue.  
First Saturday of the month at 8:00  
am. The location will be determined.**

**Your help during coffee hour?**

Thanks to all who are signing up to host coffee hour! If you are interested, the sign up sheet is on the counter in the fellowship hall! Thank you to Carol R. for being our coordinator for coffee hour. Thanks to Theresa P. for all your help in the kitchen during coffee hour.

If you are not able to host a coffee hour some of us are giving monetary contributions to help cover the cost . Contributions can be given to Carol Reece.

