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The Very Best Valentine

Almost everyone — at least of the female persuasion — knows the romantic meaning of the phrase “hearts and flowers.” Valentine’s Day is coming! What will I get from my boyfriend ... my husband ... my best friend? I’m hoping for some sort of bouquet, a card full of loving words and red hearts, candy or at least a sweet balloon.

Human beings may disappoint. That special someone may forget to check the calendar for February 14. But even if he doesn’t come through exactly as I hope, I can still be amazed and happy with the valentine I am sure to receive every day from my heavenly Father and his Son: words of delight and joy and caring — always surrounding me with love and more love. These are the best “hearts and flowers” I could ever have, and which I do have, on Valentine’s Day and throughout eternity.

—Sandy Hyland



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. **NO** Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



12. Brody Roberts

9. Mr. & Mrs. Harry Simmons



Special Relief Fund

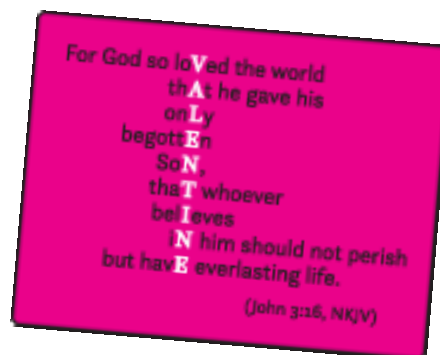
January 17, the home of Jason and Jamie Patterson and family caught fire and burned down, losing all of their possessions. Thankfully, the family was not home so they are all safe.

We ask that you remember them in your prayers as they try to recover from this great loss. If you would like to donate to assist this precious family, you may make checks payable to *First Methodist Church* with the words "Patterson Family Relief Fund" in the memo line. We thank you for your prayers and support.

Men's Retreat

There will be a Men's Retreat Friday, February 28, 2025 at St. John's Methodist Church in Greenwood and Saturday, March 1, 2025 at Indianola First Methodist Church. The featured speaker is Jorge Acevedo.

The Greatest Love of All



On Valentine's Day, we remember that God is the source of all love in the world. His perfect love for us has made all human love possible.



For the month of February we will be in the series, ***Jesus: His Miracles***. Each week we will have a lesson about Jesus as He prepared for his ministry.

When I Have Problems - A Centurion takes a risk.

When I Hurt- The Miracle in Nain.

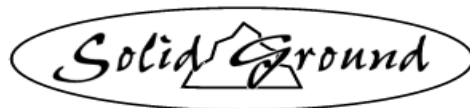
When I Am Afraid - Caught in a Storm! - Jesus sleeps in a storm.

When I Have Needs- An Amazing Lunch - Feeding 5,000

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

Children's Bible Study meets every Wednesday. Our schedule will be as always. Bible Study at 5:30 pm, followed by snack supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15.

We will continue to craft through the Bible. We are studying lessons about David as he prepares to take over as King of Israel.



Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Youth Bible Study is back, and we will be meeting every Sunday and Wednesday evening for a time of fellowship and group time together. Our Youth Bible Study on Sunday Nights will be studying Revelation. Each Wednesday we will cover Life Application Lessons.

M28 Camp –Date June 29 - July 2, 2025

We have registered for camp and more information will be sent by text in the weeks to come. Payment installment dates will be sent out soon.

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

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| Greeters | D'Ann Adams/Brenda & Denny Paul |
| Scripture | Romans 6:1-11 |
| Sermon | “New Life in Christ” |
| Flowers | JoAnne Collins |

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FEBRUARY

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| 9. The gift of Life | Romans 5:12-19 |
| 10. Return to the Lord | Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 |
| 11. Fasting that pleases God | Isaiah 58:1-12 |
| 12. That all should turn | Ezekiel 33:10-11 |
| 13. Blessed to bless others | Genesis 12:1-4a |
| 14. Help from the Lord | Psalms 121 |
| 15. Through faithful righteousness | Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 |