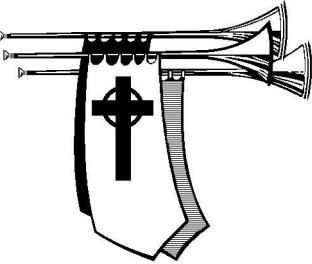




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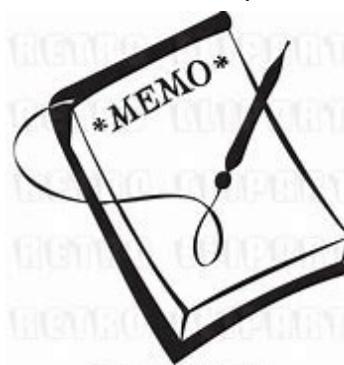
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Memos from Matthias

Happy Valentine's Day ... don't take love for granted ... don't take any of your relationships for granted. Don't be afraid to say, "I love you!" There is indeed something about those 3 little words! Have a wonderful Valentine's Day telling those you love those three little words: "I love you!" By the way, you all know what the three most important things are in a good relationship? Communication, Communication, Communication!

Blessing Cards ... truly enjoying how so many are counting their blessings and sharing these blessings with others that have been placed on our bulletin board. Thank you!

Confirmation & Beyond Orientation is slated for February 6th at 6:00p.m. We ask for your prayers for all involved as the youth undergo what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Thank you!



Five Means of Grace Lenten Study - Lenten Study book is entitled "Five Means of Grace: Experience God's Love the Wesleyan Way" by Elaine A. Heath is on display at the Greeter's Table for your re-

- 01: Brad Belke
- 03: Missy Robertson
- 08: Jim Hash
- 11: Lauren Kippen
- 15: Marcus McCaughey
- 16: Matthias Krier
- 19: Terri Belke
- 21: Don Fisher
- 28: Will Brandon



Birthday Blessings

- 03: Pat Gibson
- 05: Vicki Stevenson
- 10: Sandy Hecock
- 12: Justin Olson
- 16: Nancy Sullivan
- 18: Lily Hill
- 19: Mary Lou Wolstein
- 25: Jackie Timmer

Don't forget about our take a book, leave a book outside the church office! Plenty of good reads for the cold winter nights!!!



February Trumpet Call

In honor of family members from
Laverne Henrich & Family



With many Youth Group activities going on, Jill needs all of Aldersgate to help support them. Please contact Jill if you are able to be a second adult, or help in any fashion, either call at 406-491-1650 or email butteumcyouth@gmail.com



a love feast. Thank you for your support that makes fun, safe events possible for so many youth.

The donated clothing items were blessed on Sunday, Jan 16th, and youth delivered the majority of the clothes to the Butte Rescue Mission Center of Hope during TGIW on the 19th. The Mission was beyond thrilled to have so many quality items available to pass out immediately to their residents. Some remaining items for school-aged children will be delivered to the Bulldog Outfitters. Your love and generosity are making an impact on the lives of our neighbors right here in Butte.



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view. Cost: \$9.00. You may do this study on your own or join us each week at 10:30a.m. Wednesday mornings beginning March 9th. You may participate by Zoom or in person. Please order your book and/or sign up for the Study by Wednesday, February 16. You may register for the class or just order a book one of two ways: call or email the church office or sign up at the Greeters table.

The Saturday ads in the Mt. Standard for February are sponsored by John & Becky Rolich, In memory of Tom Lane.



In February, we are looking forward to the beginning of "Confirmation and Beyond".

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The youth program rang in the new year with a bang. Twenty-one youth gathered on New Year's Eve for our annual lock-in. The youth got creative doing our own version of the tv show "Chopped." If you've ever wondered what you could make with Spam, starfruit, and sour gummy worms, just ask one of our youth...just don't ask how it might taste! The youth worked hard at sorting all of the wonderful warm clothing items that were donated to the clothing drive. We finished off the year with a Watchnight Service and

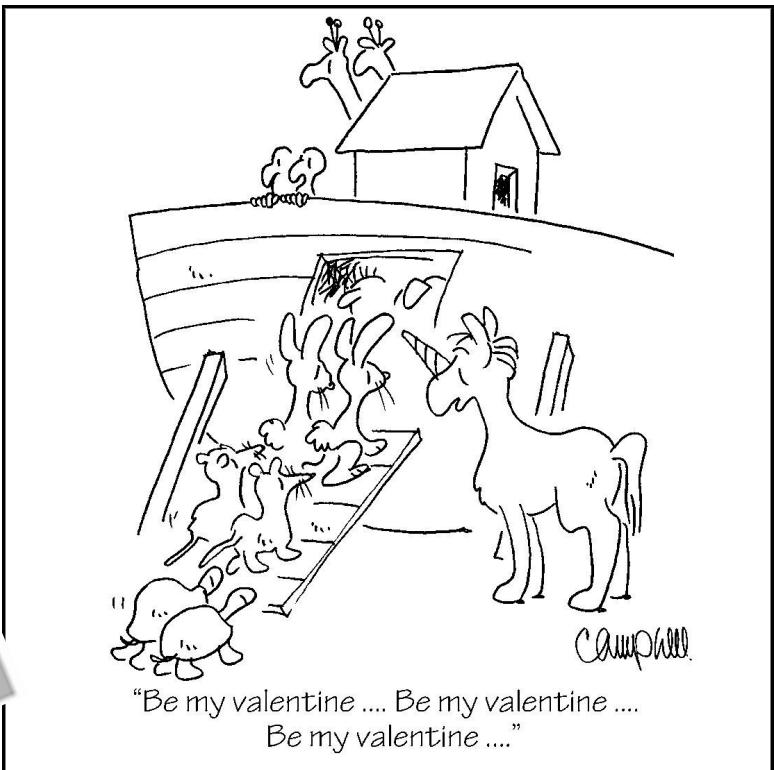
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neighbor to the man beaten by robbers? Imagine the lawyer's dilemma. He can't even say the word Samaritan, he can only answer "The one who had mercy on him." The hatred is that deep. The young lawyer can't even say the name.

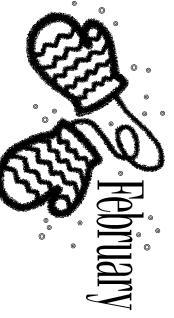
That's true, isn't it? If you hate someone you can't even say their name, you refer to them by their race, or their gender, or by some other derogatory reference. Because somehow, we understand that names connect us, create bonds and relationships, and so we avoid them when dealing with those we hate as a way to dehumanize them. But that is the answer to the question isn't it. The question of "Who Do You Love?" Because the person you hate, that is your neighbor. The person you hate is the person you are called to love by Jesus. That is the lesson Jesus shares, that in showing love to the one you hate, the one you despise, the one whose name you can't even say, that where perfect love lives.

It's not just a story about rendering roadside assistance, it's about something much bigger. Something far more difficult. Something impossible without Jesus. It's about being called to love like God loves, which means you love everybody.

Brad Belke
Lay Leader



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WHO DO YOU LOVE?

In 1956 Rock and Roll pioneer Bo Diddley recorded one of his most popular songs, "Who Do You Love?" That's an interesting question, isn't it? Maybe, Jesus gave us the answer. All of us know the story of the Good Samaritan and how it is about helping people who are in trouble.

Or is it?

In the story Jesus is having a conversation with a lawyer and in response to the lawyers question Jesus tells the story of how a certain man travels from Jericho to Jerusalem and is attacked by robbers, beaten, and left to die on the side of the road. Then a priest comes along and passes by on the other side. On the other side, really? Because my Bible Handbook tells me that the road is actually a trail, a trail only a few feet wide with a wall of rock on one side and a drop off on the other. And when I looked at the current road on the internet the cliffs and drop offs are very clear. So, is Jesus being funny? Because certainly his audience knows the road from Jericho to Jerusalem and they know it has no "other side."

Then a Levite (a religious leader from the tribe of priests) comes along and does the same thing. Finally, a third guy comes along. Here is where the surprise comes, because if I was telling the story I would have made the third guy just a normal person, so I could have made the point about this person acting as a good neighbor, which is what most people would expect the story to be about. Except if you believe that the story is about being a good neighbor, I think you miss the real point of the story.

Because the third guy who came along isn't a normal person, he's a – wait for it – Samaritan. To understand how outrageous this was you have to know how much Samaritan's were hated. The hatred of Jews for Samaritans, and vice versa, was both legendary and ancient, so for the lawyer to hear a story where the hero was a Samaritan would have been unbelievable. Because a "good" Samaritan simply could not exist, and then Jesus really puts the lawyer on the spot and finishes the story by asking the lawyer which of these three men was a



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Youth Programs Spring 2022:

- Sunday Evening Youth Group (6-8pm): A time of prayer, fellowship, lessons, service, food, and games.
- TGIW (Wednesdays 3-5:00pm): A relaxing time of fellowship, snacks, and games,
- Alphabet Mafia (Fridays 3-4:30pm): A special time of love and support for our LGBTQIA+ youth and their allies.
- ADHD Group (Mondays 3-4:30pm): A time for ADHD and other special brains to share life hacks and support.
- Movies with a Meaning (4th Fridays 7-10pm): Thought-provoking movies with discussion to follow.
- Special Events (check with Jill for events and dates).
- Confirmation (times and dates TBD): Build life-long relationships with a youth through this blessed experience as a mentor.

The Aldersgate Youth Program is open to ALL youth in 6th-12th grades (Aldersgate-associated or not). If you would like more information on youth meetings and events, have questions or concerns, or would like to be involved in this life-changing ministry, please contact Jill Graff at jillgraff@gmail.com or 491-1650.

