



"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace." - Jimi Hendrix

"My power is made perfect in weakness." - God (to the Apostle Paul, 2 Cor. 12: 9)



February is the LOVE month. It seems that every year at this time I feel compelled to say something about love. Well, after all, it is the very stuff that

God is made of (1 John 4: 16). And, once we are touched deeply by God's Presence, that love significantly changes our perspective on just about everything.

The dance of love and power is a recurring theme throughout the Scriptures and echoes loudly through our personal lives today. We witness a lot of power without love today. It's ego-power over someone else, usually bringing poverty and destruction. Yet, the power of real love brings something totally different.

As Jimi says it, the power of love brings peace, not just the absence of conflict, but a wholeness and health enjoyed by all concerned. If there's ever been a time to shine with the generous, enemy-loving, sacrificial love of Jesus, it is now. I invite you this February to let the radical love of Jesus shift the ways you wield power in everyday situations. Does it yield the fruit of peace and health for all concerned? If yes, that's the very best Valentine for God and the world.

Scott ❤️

### KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

- **Super Bowl Party!** 6 pm, Sunday, **Feb. 11, 2024**, in the Church. Bring a soup to share. Spread the word!
- **NEW Discussion Group:** "Discipleship" video series featuring Ray Vander Laan, Thursdays @ 1:30, Church Library. The website advertises that you will:
  - Experience scripture the way Jesus' first disciples did.

- Discover God's heart for marginalized people.
- Understand the purpose of suffering in the life of a disciple.
- Learn how to bring Jesus' healing and peace to our broken world.

This is open to the community, so spread the word and invite a friend!

- ❤️ We are thankful for Chris Muter and helpers for reaching out to Jesus' little ones for a fun & creative **Children's Sunday School** experience!

### Reaching Out !



Our **skate lending program** is back again this winter. Have people drop by during Office Hours or call the Church for an appointment.

We raised \$2441 in the last quarter missions for the outreach in Romania this year. Well done Anyone interested in going to **Romania** in October this year should **let me know by April** so we can get tickets . The price has gone down and we need to get them purchased before they increase. I am still doing the can drive. Drop off points: Northwood Restaurant, Lighthouse Church or Chuck's. Thank you for your donations for the project - Shirley Hollister 517-425-2836 or [ahappyheart46@yahoo.com](mailto:ahappyheart46@yahoo.com)

Our 2024 **1st Quarter Missions Focus** supports [Healing Art Medical Missions](#) to Haiti and [Higher Ground](#) mission to at-risk women in Nepal. Check 'em out!! Collection will be Sundays, **Mar. 31 and Apr. 7**

### The Power of LOVE



Read: [1 COR. 13](#)

The Christians in Corinth had trouble getting along. Paul

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was urging them to work together, to affirm the contributions and value of everyone. God calls his people to enjoy full life in communion and unity with him and with each other.

So how does a community that has a history of not getting along learn to live together? As the apostle Paul explains in 1 Corinthians 13, we are called to love one another.

And the love that Paul is talking about here is *unconditional*, without strings attached or any expectation of favors done in return. This is the kind of love God shows us every day.

Love involves hard work. Love is patient and kind. Love brings honor to others without desire for recognition. Love rejoices in the truth and protects the vulnerable. Love forgives and, when possible, offers reconciliation. None of this is easy, especially if we are dealing with people who have hurt us deeply and don't seem to care.

Through his suffering and death on the cross, Jesus revealed God's true character of love, paying the price for our sin "while we were God's enemies" ([Romans 5:10](#)). Through the power of the resurrection, God gives us the opportunity to share in the gifts of love that Christ's sacrifice offers us: the gifts of forgiveness, reconciliation, protection, honor, and truth. May these gifts of love flow through us today.

*Lord, despite all we have done against you, you still love us. Fill us with the power to share your love with others. Amen*

- Laurie Zuverink

(From: <https://todaydevotional.com/devotions/the-power-of-love>)

## February Birthdays

- 7 Mike Ogden
- 17. David Van Rhee

## February Anniversaries

- 29 Ron & Ann Green

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let us know!)

### ***Pearls Of Wisdom "Who I Am In Christ"***

*I am free from condemnation.  
See: Romans 8:1*

- Ruth Wise

**ARTICLES FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY, FEB. 20th (Email, if possible.)**



We have handmade crafts by Nepalese women on sale in our foyer. Check it out!



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