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Reminder: Masks /
face shields are required for
everyone's safety.

Please Note: The **second**
and last Sunday of each
month attendees will be
required to wear their mask /
face shield during the **entire**
worship service.

Upcoming Events

Mon., Feb. 15th - 6:00 p.m. – Church
Council Mtg.

Council Members:

President – Diane France
Vice President – Georgia VanDyke
Secretary - Lori Roney
Treasurer - Debbie Palmatier
Members - Jim Brigadier, Lisa
Bartholomew and Deb Roberts

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Thought for the Day:

Make room for God in your
heart and He will make room
for you in His house.



Prayer List for Feb.

Family of Dave Rehberg
Family of Marion Jones
Sena & Frank Monaco
Harry Amendola
Michelle Amendola
Chris Bywater
Robin Gordon
Dennis France
Bud Jones
Anne Virgilio
Louie Maurino
Chuck Chichester
Betty Warnock
Teresa McCabe
Kathleen Korman
Mykel Foland

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational meeting will
be held on **Sunday, February 7**,
immediately following our worship
service. Thank you to all who
submitted your reports, which will be
sent to you via e-mail prior to the
meeting for your review.

Note: Facial coverings will be required
and we will continue to observe
physical/ social distancing.



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Servers for February

Feb. 7th:

Reader – Edna
Prayer – Carolyn
Counter – Deb P.

Feb. 14th:

Reader – Bob
Prayer – Georgia
Counter – Diane

Feb. 21st:

Reader – Deb P.
Prayer – Ron
Counter – Deb P.

Feb. 28th:

Reader – Lori
Prayer – Deb B.
Counter – Carrie



February Birthdays:

Bob Muenier	Feb. 1
Harry Amendola	Feb. 3
Logan Bartholomew	Feb. 6
Bill Morton	Feb. 23
Kaleb Minton	Feb. 24
Greg Howland	Feb. 24

February Anniversaries:

Sandi / Ed Johnson	Feb. 14
Ron / Edna Lower	Feb. 16

“Have A Good Day”

We often hear people say “have a good day” when they depart from each other. Now each month we can use these words in a different way through a publication called “Have A Good Day”. This bulletin insert gives us a message of cheer and good news as well as some humor. Thank you, Pastor Dave and Melody, for blessing us with this gift.

By the way....a number of copies are available so please feel free to take some to share with your family and friends so that they too can “have a good day”.

Being Connected to the Source

One of the devotionals Melody and I shared recently told of travelers from Arabia who went to Paris, France, right after World War 1. The guide on their journey was Colonel Thomas Edward Lawrence of the British Army (better known as Lawrence of Arabia). Colonel Lawrence noted that his friends from the Middle East took little interest in the landmarks and historical sites that he took them to. What fascinated them most was the faucet in the bathroom of their hotel room. As they were preparing to end their trip and return home, Colonel Lawrence found the travelers trying to remove the faucet to take it with them. No, it was not a gold fixture; they told the Colonel that their homeland is a very dry place and that they could use faucets so they could have all of the water they want. Colonel Lawrence had to explain to them that the effectiveness of the faucet depended on the water system to which it was attached.

Water is essential for everyone. The miracle of seeing water flow from faucets needed to be explained to the travelers for they were unaware of the unseen plumbing systems they were connected to, the source from which the water flowed. Although some may disagree, I believe faith in God is essential for everyone as well. Everyone believes in something; even atheists and agnostics have beliefs. What they believe is opposite of what those who believe in God are. Last July I asked us to question if we possess the faith or just profess it. We are in a new year and a new decade for time continues to march on and we cannot control time. We are in the same world, a world that continues to struggle with sin and the darkness it creates. This past month we have been told reports of great hatred and anger which has been manifested both verbally and physically in our world. This too may be something which, like time, we cannot control. We can, however, control what flows from us and how it affects those around us. Does our presence nourish or poison others in our world?

Like a faucet, what flows from us depends on what, and especially to whom, we attach or connect ourselves. In the doxology it is written: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow". Each of us is or may be connected to a family, a community, a vocation, a nation, a heritage, and/or a faith community. These connections through a period of time can produce both positive and negative affects on us and on those with whom we are connected, by what flows from within us. It should be the goal of everyone to produce positive affects on others and on our world. To achieve this goal, it depends on what flows from us, and what flows from us depends on our most important, and should also be, our primary connection in life. That connection is to our source, the giver of life, gifts, blessings, and salvation...our God. To be connected to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The directions for this connection are written out for us in the Scripture: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7 and Luke 11:9:) Jesus said "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." (John 4:10) and "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." (John 7:38).

When we connect ourselves first to the source from whom all blessings flow, and then connect with others everywhere, we may share in our living hope, our living faith, our living God, in living a life of hope, peace, and joy. Yes, a faucet not connected to a water supply cannot provide the water that is essential for life. A person not connected to God, the true source of all faith, hope, and love, cannot share that living water with others either. Let us strive each day to stay connected to our source of life so that the hatred, the anger, the darkness, the sin of the world does not contaminate that which we desire to possess and profess. AMEN

In God We Trust / Love and Prayers, Pastor Dave