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Well, Valentine's Day is coming up very soon, and if it's anything like previous years there will be lots of sentimental cards sent out. There will be all kinds of expressions of love; cards, candy, jewelry, toys, going to one's favorite restaurant; or just staying in out of the weather and looking at one another.

There are also many other expressions of love, such as befriending the friendless, feeding the hungry, helping someone with a bill when they get behind, buying an extra tank of gas for someone when they run short, visiting someone who is sick and perhaps going to the store for them, being polite to someone who is rude, and just generally making our society a little bit nicer to live in.

There is also the love God has shared with us: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it" (John 1:1-5).

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:18).

“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:6-8).

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit” (Romans 8:1).

If you want to feel really, really special this Valentine’s Day, come into the presence of God and be embraced by the love He expressed through Jesus Christ. There is no greater love and no greater security; and He did it just for **YOU!**

Serving Christ and the Community, Pastor Jim

**WELCOME TO MORTON BAPTIST CHURCH! COME IN, WHERE THE WATER OF LIFE IS FREELY GIVEN, AND THE SOIL IS PREPARED BY REMOVING THE rocks and brambles of a dysfunctional social order, where the seeds of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are implanted in hungry hearts, where it will grow and reproduce, and reproduce again, and again, and again, and again...
...it’s a thing called REVIVAL!**

Pastor Jim

PRAYER; A HOLY OCCUPATION

Oswald Chambers

How beautiful this undisturbed morning hour is with God! O Lord, this day my soul would stay upon You as Creator of the world, and upon our Lord Jesus Christ as Creator of His life in me. Oh for the power of Your Spirit to adore You in fuller measure! "What shall I give to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation." Can I think of anything so gracious and complete in surrender and devotion and gratitude as to take from You? O Lord, I would that I had a livelier sense of You and of Your bounties continually with me. O Lord, this day may Your beauty and grace and soothing peace be in and upon me, and may no wind or weather or anxiety ever touch Your beauty and Your peace in my life or in this place.

Reflection Questions

What do I allow into my life that destroys the beauty Jesus puts there?

Foods of the Bible – Back to the Bible Quiz

1. What did Jesus prepare for His disciples on the shore after his resurrection?
 - a. manna
 - b. fish & bread
 - c. figs
 - d. raisin cakes
 - e. none of the above
2. What type of bird did God provide for Israel in the desert?
 - a. pigeons
 - b. quail
 - c. pheasant
 - d. grouse
 - e. none of the above
3. What did the widow make for the prophet Elijah?
 - a. wine
 - b. cake of bread
 - c. stew
 - d. mutton
 - e. none of the above
4. What did John the Baptist eat in the wild?
 - a. rabbits
 - b. ravens
 - c. locusts
 - d. grubs
 - e. none of the above
5. What else did John the Baptist eat in the wild?
 - a. apples
 - b. flowers
 - c. berries
 - d. honey
 - e. none of the above
6. What did the spies which Moses sent into Canaan NOT return with?
 - a. grapes
 - b. honey
 - c. pomegranates
 - d. figs
 - e. none of the above

Quotes about Love...

- God is love. He didn't need us. But he wanted us. And that is the most amazing thing.
- God gives miracles to those who believe, courage to those with faith, hope to those who dream, love to those who accept, and forgiveness to those who ask...
- I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will not ask, "How many good things have you don't in your life?" Rather he will ask, "How much love did you put into what you did?"
- Lord, grant that I might not so much seek to be loved as to love.
- God will bless you with someone incredible for your life. Have patience and never settle for less because God wants the best for you.
- Whatever a person may be like, we must still love them because we love God.
- We become truly personal by loving God and by loving other humans... In its deepest sense, love is the life, the energy, of the Creator in us.
- Forgive and give as if it were your last opportunity. Love like there's not tomorrow, and if tomorrow comes, love again.
- There is no surprise more magical than the surprise of being loved: It is God's finger on man's shoulder.
- The great thing to remember is that though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not.
- When you forgive, you love. And when you love, God's light shines upon you.

In and Around the Community

Gary House had gallbladder surgery in late December. We're happy to hear that he's recovered well!

Chevelle Hick's 3-year-old granddaughter, Aria, is having heart problems. She keeps getting sick due to her low immune system. She is scheduled to have an angioplasty in February.

Mazie Carpenter, member of the Youth Group, moved to Glens Falls in early January. We'll miss you Mazie!

Please keep Joan Purvee and her family in your prayers. Not only are they still mourning the recent passing of Ed, but Joan's sister Peggy lost her battle with cancer this month. The family is struggling with these losses and really needs our prayers.

Reverend Ernie Wally from England has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

Dan Cater's father, Kevin Foley, is doing better as he continues with his treatments.

Ehlaw's grandmother is in her final stages of cancer. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

A friend of Amanda Johncox, Corrine, has entered Hospice care recently due to cancer.

We are saddened to hear of the many deaths that affected those in our community. Gary DeFrank, the longtime postal worker of Holley, passed away on January 5th at the age of 77. Pastor Jim's great-niece's mother-in-law, Carol Beers, passed away on January 13th after being in Hospice care. In addition, Alex, a friend of Pastor Jim passed away at the age of 89.

Please keep the family of Rebekah Hoak in your prayers. She was killed in a car accident in Kendall at the age of 20. Amy and Jim Richardson's niece, Sarah, was in the car with Rebekah and is recovering. The two were bringing food to a sick friend when they were hit.

The Youth Group recently traveled to Pennsylvania for their annual Winter Jam concert. Brad Miller's parents graciously allowed the group to stay with them for the weekend. Because of limited room, some of the Youth Group members volunteered to stay home so others could have the chance to go. The group truly enjoyed their time listening to the many bands and speakers. There were over 22,000 people in attendance.

Andrew Cook's fiancé, Natalie, has been having unexplained severe back pain. She's going to see a specialist. Natalie's mother is still trying to see a neurosurgeon to help with the issues in her brain. Furthermore, Natalie's aunt is having similar issues with her brain. Please keep them in your thoughts.

Julia Ingraham's friend's son-in-law, Derek, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. He has 3 young children.

Nancy Walker's father fell and broke his leg. He spent a week in the hospital, and Nancy has been staying with him.

Bob Henry was scheduled for an angiogram this month. We hope everything is okay!

Tammy Cook's sister's father-in-law passed away in January. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Amanda Johncox thoroughly enjoyed her baby shower for Olivia that was held in late January!

The staff at Care Net Center of Greater Orleans made a video to represent the number of lives lost to abortion in the U.S. It also introduces the staff to those who don't know them. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/b63Z53COpkY>.



We continue to remember in prayer: the Ashberry family, Fred Conratt, Chap & Jan Fabry, Kevin & Joyce Foley, Helen Mattern, RoseMary Mintz, Ralph Olney, Joan Purvee, Eleanor Reynolds, Larry & Sandy Richardson, Pastor Jim, and the youth group. Cards, notes, and visits are always welcome.

To die without hope in Christ is to die from a self inflicted wound.
Pastor Jim



February Birthdays:

2nd Valerie Sill
4th Rick Zinsmeister
12th Barbara Miller
15th Audrey Dobbins
20th Edith Lehr
21st Steven Walker
26th Karen Bond (Sill)
27th Chap Fabry



February Anniversaries:

8th Todd & Eileen Young
28th Pat & Ann Polasek



February Greeters:

5th Tom & Julia Ingraham
12th Joan Purvee
19th Sue Rayburn
26th John & Tammy Cook



Kitchen Item:

The kitchen item for
February is:
Toilet Paper

ATTENTION!



Recorded Messages

The church services are recorded every Sunday. They can be accessed through the church Facebook page and can be downloaded from Soundcloud (<https://soundcloud.com/ortonaptisthurchermons>).

Volunteer's Needed!

We need people to sign up to make coffee and cookies for **coffee hour** after church. Sign-up sheets are in McQueen Hall. We also need volunteers to be **greeters** and **lay readers**.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5th following the church service. The annual reports are available in the narthex of the church.



Upcoming Dinners

- *Beef of Weck* – April 5th – Take-outs only

Mr. David Strasenburgh
Mrs. Sandra Strasenburgh

2017 Proud Supporter

January 17, 2017

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Strasenburgh,

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As a donor to the Wilmot Cancer Institute, you already know that we're working hard every day to save and improve patient lives.

I hope you also know how important *you* are to the work we do.

That's why I'm sending you this 2017 Wilmot Supporter Card today. Please keep it in your wallet as a reminder—because of your kindness, patients like Ralph Olney (right) are surviving and doing well.

In early 2017, we will be opening a new cancer center in Dansville to serve patients in the Southern Tier. Support from the surrounding communities has been essential in making this major project possible. Because of generous donors like you, cancer patients who would have otherwise had to travel long distances for treatment can now receive the care they need right in their own community.

As we continue to expand our services across the Finger Lakes region to help more patients in need, your ongoing support is more important than ever. More people are depending on us for their cancer care every day, and we need to ensure that every one of them has the best chance for a positive outcome. Your support provides the resources to make this possible.

For those patients who need your help today, I ask that you renew your generosity with a gift of \$35 to the Wilmot Cancer Institute.

I promise that your compassionate gift—no matter its size—will help fund better care options and promising new research opportunities across our region. Our patients will have you to thank—for saving and improving their lives.

Sincerely,



Jonathan W. Friedberg, M.D., M.M.Sc.
Director, Wilmot Cancer Institute

P.S. Check out the back of this letter to see how Wilmot is working to help more people across western New York. When you give, you are helping provide cancer care to patients who otherwise might not have access. Thank you for your support!



"Without them, I would not be alive today."

—Ralph

In the summer of 2011, the results of a routine blood test changed Ralph and Beverly Olneys' lives forever. Ralph was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia, a type of blood cancer that can quickly be fatal without treatment.

Ralph was admitted to Wilmot's Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit and received his first stem cell transplant, which was successful. Then in early 2014, Ralph and Beverly faced a major setback when Ralph fell out of remission and needed to have a second transplant.

Wilmot staff was there with them every step of the way to ensure Ralph received the very best treatment and care available.

Today, Ralph is doing well and continues his chemotherapy treatments regularly every six weeks. He and Beverly are forever grateful to the expert staff and generous donors who helped save his life.

Organ Concert

Jeremy Rath, Organ



Classical organ works and hymn selections.

Free-will offering to be used towards the purchase
of a grand piano for the sanctuary.

Coffee and cookie reception to follow.

Sunday, February 12, 2017

3:00PM

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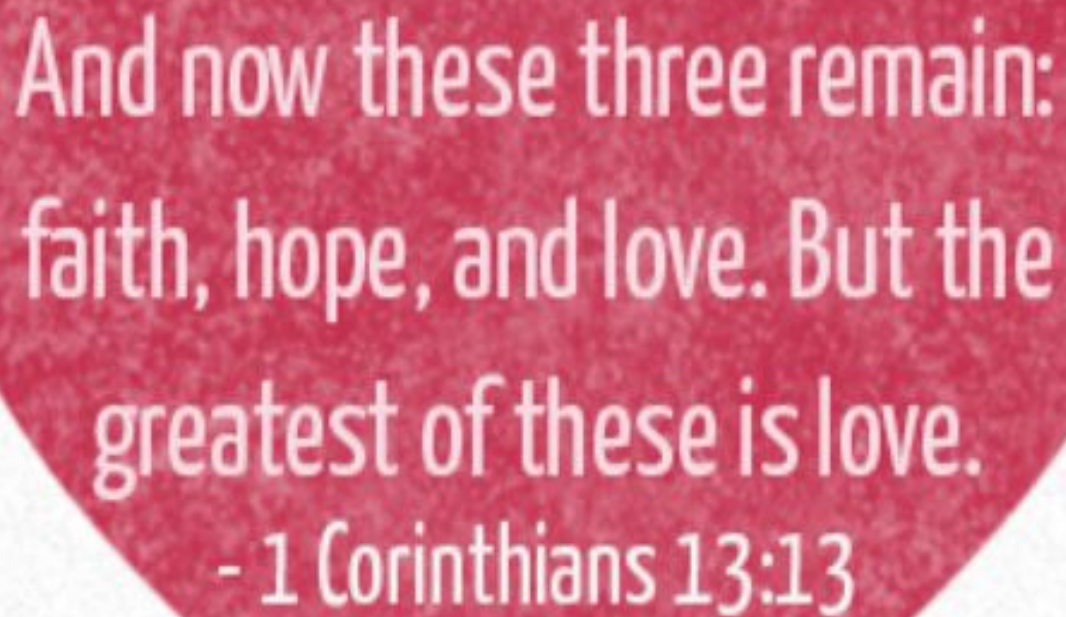
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	2	3	4
5 Annual Meeting Communion Sunday	6	7	8 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	16	17	18
19	20 President's Day	21	22 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	23	24	25
26	27	28				

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And now these three remain:
faith, hope, and love. But the
greatest of these is love.
- 1 Corinthians 13:13