

## **BEAUTY** and the **BEAST**



"This is how we've come to understand and experience love:

Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just be out for ourselves. If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears. And you made it disappear." 1 John 3:16-17

"For God so loved the world,
That He gAve
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That Whosoever
Believeth In Him
Should Not perish
But have Everlasting life."

movie Beauty and the Beast. It is the story about one big, mean, ugly dude. This beast has a terrible personality and he feels angry and unlovable. Then there is a beautiful girl, and probably know the story. All the beast needed was somebody to truly love him and he wouldn't be a beast any longer. He was changed. There are many people who act like beasts. They have mean, ugly personalities and attitudes. And sadly, even Christians can be that way. But thankfully, some folks are like Beauty. They just find it possible to encounter beasts and change them through their love. They see past the ugliness in others and offer grace and empathy, Loving others is not always easy, but wow it sure can be beautiful.

I have often seen the Disney

# NEW FEBRUARY MESSAGE SERIES



In the year 1739 John Wesley was teaching a large Christian group, and was asked for some general rules that would help them grow in their daily discipleship. So he condensed the teachings of Iesus down to an easily remembered three simple rules. Come & learn more 10am on Sundays!

"My command is this: Love each other just as I have loved you." John 15:12

If you welcome
God's love into
your heart,
then you will
be able to love
like God too.

John 13:35

# ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP @7pm



create in me a pure heart, 0 God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

- Psalm 51:10

# New Lenten Bible Study

In this six-week study, Pastor Brad will be discussing the life of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's stories we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes the sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus's concern for all who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our own lives today.

Join us 10-11:30am every Wednesday starting March 1st



JESUS AND THE
OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS,
AND OUTLAWS

#### **Newsy News from the FWC Kitchen**

Put your bibs on and get ready for Strove Tuesday.

It is better known by some as Fat Tuesday, but it is known in the United Methodist community, as Strove Tuesday. It will be February 21st and will be freewill offering from 4-6 p.m. All you can eat pancakes with apple kielbasa is what's on the menu!

#### Wednesday Chitchatters

There is always a chair at the table for you where laughter and fellowship prevail.

Adult Coloring 10 -12

Crafters 12:30- 3
Hope to see you!

#### Thanks!!!

Better late than never... A big thank you to all who helped in decorating for our first Christmas at Foothills Worship Center. There were many compliments.

Blessings to all, Sandy Harrington



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# Praying for Our Parishioners

Each month we will select five households to pray for. We care about <u>all</u> our Parishioners and want you to know that. For the months of January and February, starting alphabetically, we selected the following households to lift up:

Achzel-Ltaif Family Andrews Family The Baker Household The Baxters Roy Bishop & Family

Anderson Family
Ashe Family
Batty Household
Al Bayless & Family
The Blanchard Family

If there is anything we can specifically pray for you for, please reach out by calling or emailing the office (office@fwc3.org or (518)725-9611).

# New To Our Church Family

The Andersons were married in our Chapel on December 3, 2022. We would like to official welcome them to our FWC family and thank them for helping our church family grow. Michael, Danielle and Mackenzie, you are a wonderful, beautiful and welcome addition to F.W.C. We hope you will accept us as people you can lean on and count on to always being here for you. Thanks for being at FWC!



#### 48 Really Cheesy Things to Say to Your Valentine This Year:

- 1. How would you like to join my Purpose Driven Life?
- 2. Did it hurt when you fell from heaven?
- 3. For you I would slay two Goliaths.
- 4. I'm usually not very prophetic, but I can see us together.
- 5. I would part the Red Sea for you.
- 6. Is it hot in here or is that just the Holy Spirit burning inside of you?
- 7. So last night I was reading in the book of Numbers, and I realized... I don't have yours!
- 8. You can call me Pharaoh. Because I will never let you go.
- 9. Is this the transfiguration? Because you are glowing.
- 10. The Word says, 'Give drink to those who are thirsty, and feed the hungry'... so how about dinner?
- 11. I went on a mission trip but all I ended up doing was mission you.
- 12. I believe one of my ribs belongs to you.
- 13. When I read Philippians 4:8, I think about you.
- 14. I didn't know angels flew this low.
- 15. Would it be breaking the 8th commandment if I stole your heart?
- 16. Is your name Faith? Cause you're the substance of things I've hoped for.
- 17. What's your name and number so I can add you to my "prayer" list?
- 18. I would leave 99 sheep to come find you... then I would carry you home joyfully on my shoulder.
- 19. You make me want to be a better Christian.
- 20. What are you doing for the rest of your afterlife?
- 21. I feel like God's telling me that you should go on a date with me.
- 22. You and me, we're like loaves and fishes. We just might be a miracle together.
- 23. Do you want to be accountability partners?
- 24. When you walked into the room, that was me giving up a clap offering.
- 25. Your hair is like a flock of goats descending from Gilead.
- 26. So if I walked around you seven times would you fall for me?
- 27. It's obvious to me that you sprouted from the good kind of soil.
- 28. If we were around with Noah ... then you, me ... pair!
- 29. Both of my parents are home, you wanna come over?
- 30. I'm a Proverbs 32 kind of guy and you're a Proverbs 31 kinda woman.
- 31. Hi, I'm Will, God's will!
- 32. As Christians, shouldn't we honor all Scripture? Let's start with 2 Corinthians 13:12.
- 33. You complete me. That is, after Jesus completes me. You're like the gluten in my communion bread.
- 34. Hey, do you want to get together and highlight some Bible verses?
- 35. You really are a fisher of men because you just reeled me in.
- 36. Hey, look! Matching Bible covers!
- 37. How about you and I go light a candle together?
- 38. Excuse me, is your name Grace? Because you're amazing!
- 39. We talk a lot about being spirit-led. Well, the spirit led me straight to you.
- 39. Do you know what the Temple Veil and I have in common? We're both ripped.
- 40. Are you related to Abraham's nephew? Because I like you a LOT.
- 41. Bible-Gateway happens to be my homepage.
- 42. If I kissed you on one cheek, would you turn the other?
- 43. You're just like water ... except Jesus turned you into fine.
- 44. Are you religious? Because your prayers have just been answered.
- 45. You can call me Jonah ...because I'm going to show you a whale of a time.
- 46. The books of the Bible are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deu-you-want-to-go-out-with-me?
- 47. You make me want to be a better tither.
- 48. I'm interested in full time ministry, and not only that... I also play the guitar.

# Mission, Nurture and Outreach MISSION UTREACH

What can you do to help? Our group meets the first Monday of each month from 10 am- noon.

We would like our membership to know how important each one is to us. We want to show him/her that we care and pray for them. One way we do this is to send seasonal and thinking of you cards to each member. We would like to start a phone tree where we call each church member periodically - once a week or once a month. We make visitation to the homebound and members in nursing homes. We need help to accomplish all this important ministry. Would you make a call? Would you sign cards? Could you help us out?

Angel Gowns is an organization in Albany that takes wedding gowns and makes angel gowns for infants that die too soon/at birth. These gowns bring comfort to the parents who are grieving their child. The organization uses small knitted caps with these gowns. Sandy Sacerio has graciously made 24 of these caps. We will be taking everything to Albany in the next few weeks. If you have a wedding gown you would like to donate (we have 2 already), please see Cindy VanAllen.

Outreach projects we are doing are no-sew blankets for the oncology departments and dialysis department. We continue to knit and/or crochet hats, mittens, lapghans, teddy bear sweaters, and prayer shawls. We have patterns if you would like to help make these projects. If you have unused yarn at home, please consider donating to the group. We need help to deliver these products to various places. We would like to learn and make lap quilts for those in need. Fabric can be donated.

The group is always looking for new ideas so please share what you have.

#### Team Members:

Cindy VanAllen, Sandy Sacerio, Mary Chase, Bev Simmons, Janet Findlay, Sandy Harrington, Joyce Ashe and anyone else that chooses to come.

# **Staff Photos**

We would like to thank Tabitha Nicosia Photography for taking the staff pictures for our website. She was fantastic! If you were at our "Christmas Sing Along" concert or at "Open Gym Night" in December, you may have seen the fireplace back-drop that was set up. We traded Tabitha some space to take pictures for her business in exchange for photographing the staff and Lead Volunteers. Below, are just a few pictures she took for us.



**Brad Chesebro** Senior Pastor



Sandy Harrington Head Trustee. Lay Servant Leader, Adult Coloring, Crafters



Cindy VanAllen SPRC Members/Records Missions Food Pantry

Malcolm Kogut

Choir Director Organist



Lynné Chesebro Office Manager



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Sandy Sacerio Sunday School

# **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Even though there was not a January Newsletter, we still want to acknowledge those who had birthdays last month. If you see anyone who had a birthday recently, please help in wishing them a happy belated birthday. Also, there weren't any January or February Anniversaries in our database so we need to fix that. By fixing that I mean we need to have some folks get married in these two months so we can celebrate the anniversaries next year. So, is there anyone wanting to get married?



 If we somehow missed your birthday or anniversary, please let Lynné know during office hours, via email or phone call and she will be happy to add your information in the database.

## **January**

January 5th **Lewis Decker January 10th Richard Johnson January 12th Mary Chase January 13th Dorothy Johnson** January 16<sup>th</sup> **Malcolm Kogut** January 24th **Maggie Schrum January 28th Donna Fagan** January 29th **Charles Vogt January 30th Bob Suits** 

# **February**

February 1st Patricia Roten
February 4th Robert Hohenforst
February 5th Joyce Ashe
February 10 Douglas Lathrop
February 22 Gene Satterlee
February 25 Vanessa Sheppard
February 26 Mark Roten



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

# **Church Events**

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – Organ Recital - 12:30 in the Gym

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – UWF Meeting, 12 Noon In the lounge – All women invited

A recognition of our FWC Chronically Gifted Parishioners will be celebrated on Sunday, February 5th. A light lunch will be served to our 80-year-old+ folks as well as our Foothill's family. This will take place directly following our Sunday service.

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ash Wednesday 7 p.m. service in the Chapel

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – Shrove Tuesday - Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – An Old Time In the lounge, 4-6p.m. Hymn Sing All you can eat pancakes Freewill Offering Starts 2 p.m. in the Chapel

