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Deadline for March is February 27  
Church office - 228-2800  
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Please let the church know if you have a e-mail address  
Pastor Hours are  
Monday-8:30-12, 1-4:30  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-12, Afternoon visitations

Wednesday-8:30 -12



**Volunteers for Bottineau County “Food Pantry February 15th and March 15th**

They are requesting 6-8 volunteers from your church. They pack boxes at 8:00 a.m. and usually finish that by 9:00, they do need a few to break down boxes for recycling.  
It is a drive-up method for clients and if possible, to have 4 people stay until 2:00 p.m. to bring items to their cars.

COFFEE LOVERS DREAM  
What's the perfect thing to say to a coffee-lover on Valentine's Day? "Words cannot espresso what you mean to me."

SMALL PACKAGES  
Q: What do you call a very small valentine?  
A: A valen-tiny!

# Up Beat

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*The Message* is a popular Bible translation by Eugene Peterson, Christian author, educator and pastor. When he was 81 years old, he was asked, “As you enter your final season of life what would you want to say to younger Christians who are itching for a deeper and more authentic discipleship?” Peterson answered, “Go to the nearest smallest church and commit yourself to being there for 6 months.”

I share that quote, in part, because it highlights the important work of small churches. But, especially for this article, it is an example of how faith is so often shared. One person shares their faith journey with another. And faith increases. Without a doubt that is how the early church started.

When John the Baptizer was in prison, he summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” The two disciples went to Jesus and asked him that question. Jesus responded, “**Go and tell John what you have seen and heard.**” (Luke 7)

After Saul was blinded on the road to Damascus, Ananias, “who was a devout man according to the law...” helped restore sight to Saul (now called Paul). Ananias told Paul that God had chosen him and that Paul “**will be a witness to all the world of what you have seen and heard.**” (Acts 22)

Throughout all of Christian history, the disciples have been called to “tell what you have seen and heard.” E. Stanley Jones, the great Methodist missionary said, “Evangelism is one beggar telling another where to find bread.” During Lent this year, I encourage you to “tell what you have seen and heard” of God’s work in your life.



The theme for our Lenten suppers will be “Faith Alive.” Each night, after our meal together, a member of our congregation will share a part of their faith journey with us, telling us what they have “seen and heard” of God’s work in their lives. A schedule of speakers for each week will be announced as soon as dates and speakers are confirmed.

Please make a special effort to attend the mid-week Lenten services. Through the power of the Holy Spirit our time together will help us grow in faith, love and greater awareness of God’s presence and activity in our lives.

VALENTINE’S DAY GENIE

AN OLDER WOMAN runs into her friend at the mall. “You’re not going to believe this,” she said. “I found an old lamp the other day. I rubbed it and a genie popped out. He explained that genies don’t give three wishes anymore, but he did offer me a choice between one of two wishes. He could give me a better memory or turn my husband into the greatest lover ever.” “Tough choice,” said her friend. “Which one did you choose?” “That’s the thing. I can’t remember.”



The doors do make a loud noise but when you go out also reach back to see that they have locked. Sometimes have to push them in. Thank you.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 Sun Sch 9:00 Fellowship 10 Worship			1 2:00 PW 7:00 Parish Council	2	3	4
5	6 10:00 Quilters 6:00 Happy Hearts	7	8  1:30 UWINF	9	10	11
12	13  10:00 Quilters	14 	15 8:00 a.m. Food Pantry workers	16	17	18
19 5:30 Family Fun Nite Soup provided	20  10:00 Quilters 6:00 Happy	21	22 <b>Ash Wed</b> 5:30	23	24	25
26	27 10:00 Quilters Newsletter Deadline	28				



February Birthdays

- Maryann Sappington  
9 – Kooper Allard  
18 – Bev Hammes  
23 – Lauren Vad  
25 – Andrew Bremner  
26 - Dorothy Beyer

When God Answers Prayer

After starting a new diet I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and as I approached, there in the window were a host of chocolates, donuts, and cheesecakes.

I felt this was no accident, so I prayed ... “Lord, it’s up to You. If You want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery.”

And sure enough, on the eighth time around the block, there it was! God is so good!



Oh Lord to whom a million years are but a moment's blink, to whom a million dollars are but a single pennies clink. Oh Lord to whom these vast things are so minutely reckoned, could I have a million dollars?

Gardena Memorial Fund

Barbara Beutow - Sharon Marquardt

Presbyterian Church - Thomas Acheson -  
Linda & David Kyle

United Parish Memorial

Rhonda Beyer - Ken & Nora Bangs  
Dwight & Gloria Olson ,  
Donna & David Reinholz  
Dennis & E von Gravseth  
William & Diane Pritchard,  
Les & Dawn Patterson

United Parish Quilters

Rhonda Beyer - Mary Lou Reamer

United Parish Building Fund

Rhonda Beyer - Karol Patterson  
Beth Kelsey,  
Ron & Marsha & Martin,  
Les & Shari Turner,  
Linda & David Kyle,  
Gerald & Joan Wettlaufer,  
Doug & Leann Bremer,  
Marlys Kippen

**Sympathy is** extended to the Beyer family on their loss.

"The bad news is that you never completely get over the loss of your beloved. But this is also the good news. They live forever in your [broken heart](#) that doesn’t seal back up. And you come through. It’s like having a broken leg that never heals perfectly—that still hurts when the weather gets cold, but you learn to dance with the limp.” —**Anne Lamott**