



The Link

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A VALENTINE FOR ROCKY MOUNT

The popular tradition for Valentine's Day, dating back to the fifteenth century, is to pay special attention to the persons we love on February 14. There are legends of various saints named Valentine or Valentinus who, in defense of their faith or in opposition to the cruelty of Roman authority, promoted the blessedness of romantic love. To their credit and our benefit, February 14 eventually became the day when we celebrate the love we share with the persons who mean the most to us.

Thanks to card and chocolate companies, we also express our affection to classmates, colleagues, and friends on this special day. It is a good time simply to say, "You mean a lot to me and I am grateful to have you in my life." Kind words can mean a lot to each of us when offered sincerely.

I would suggest that we also consider a Valentine for our community. Some of us have lived here our entire lives. Others of us are relative newcomers. Many of us will spend the rest of our lives here while some may only be passing through. Regardless of our history in Rocky Mount, it is our home and a special place for us all.

There is currently a groundswell of support for the betterment of life in our community. Recent violence against teens has reminded us that all life is precious and we have an obligation to insure that our children grow up healthy, happy, and safe. The causes of the problems in our community are numerous as are the effects on life for us all. There is no one solution, but there is one valuable resource: the citizens of our great community.

I encourage you to think seriously about the challenges that face us. Pray intently for insight and solutions. Encourage our community leaders in their efforts to make a difference. Above all, find a way to get involved in changing the course of our life together. What better way to demonstrate our affection for this place that is our home than to be a part of improving life for us all?

Happy Valentine's Day!

Jody Wright



STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

February 15 marks the anniversaries of two of our staff members. Elizabeth Edwards has served as our Associate Minister for twelve years. Napoleon Taylor has served our congregation for fifteen years. We are thankful for the many ways Elizabeth and Napoleon serve Lakeside day by day. Please take the opportunity to express your gratitude to them.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

Autumn Care of Nash, 1210 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856

Jerry Jolley, Room 307

Charles Wilkerson, Room 406

At Home:

Natalie Stewart Cortez, 6410 Lakewood Boulevard, Dallas, TX 75214

Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689

Brenda and John Hartness, 1041-I North Jamestown Road, Decatur, GA 30033

Georgia Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

Betty Watts, 616 Nichole Lane (03)

Sylvia Wiese (sister of Jim Raynor), 113 Wilmar Court, Vader, WA 98593

Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Our Members-at-Home

Nora Boone, Universal Health Care, 1022 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856

Carlton Kimbro, Liberty Commons, 121 Racine Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403

Ella Coats, 1600 Hammond Street (03)

Grace Lewis, The Fountains at the Albemarle, 200 Trade St., Tarboro, NC 27886

Sue Toney, Autumn Care, 1210 Eastern Ave., Nashville, NC 27856, Room 605-A (Jerry Jolley's mother)

Congratulations to Rebecca and Blake Hendrickson in the birth of their son, McCoy Campbell, on February 5 in Raleigh. Kathy and Stuart Todd are the proud grandparents.

EAGLE SCOUTS

Congratulations to Spencer Bulluck, Cameron Graham, and Trevor Graham who recently were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. We are proud of these young men and celebrate this milestone with them and their families.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ORGAN CONCERT

In celebration of his twenty-fifth anniversary as Lakeside's organist, Mark Gansor will offer a concert of some of his favorite organ compositions on Friday evening, February 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A reception honoring Mark will follow in Kincheloe Hall.

LAKESIDE PRESCHOOL PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Make plans to enjoy a couple of hours to yourself while helping support Lakeside Preschool! On Friday, February 21, from 5:30-8:00 p.m., the Preschool staff will offer their semi-annual Parents' Night Out. They will have pizza, hot chocolate, crafts and a movie for the children to enjoy. Spread the word to family and friends and help make this fun night a success! The cost per child is \$30. Additional children per family will be \$15 each. Please call the preschool or email Samantha Salz at samanthasalz@yahoo.com to sign up.

We must have a minimum of five families signed up by Thursday, February 20, in order to offer this event.

YOUTH NEWS

What a wonderful night celebrating Valentine's Day we shared with the Topnotchers on Sunday evening! I am so grateful to all of the youth who worked hard to host the evening, the Youth Committee members who assisted behind the scenes, and especially to Carson Browder, Sara Raper and Jacob Watkins for sharing their musical talents. We also enjoyed ballroom dancing by Ann and Leo Bishop and their friends from the Rocky Mount Chapter of USA Dance.

We will be on a regular schedule for choirs, dinner and SNL this Sunday evening. I hope to see you all there. I look forward to seeing you for Sunday School and worship on Sunday. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

As usual, the Chancel Choir receives many compliments on their singing each Sunday. This past Sunday was no different. Many expressions of thanks for the music were made. As always, thank you for your commitment to the choir. Your gifts of time and talent bring many blessings to others each Sunday. And to the congregation, thank you for your support and kindness. Amy

SHAGGING FOR SHELTER

The United Community Ministries Board of Directors will hold "Shagging for Shelter" on Friday evening, February 28, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at the Imperial Centre. Tickets for this fund-raising event are \$35 per person and include a barbecue dinner, silent auction, raffle, and dancing. Tickets are available in the church office and donations are also appreciated for those unable to attend. Our members can head over after Mark's reception for a final dance or two.

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Stewart Todd and Stencil Barnes
 Ushers - Group II, Ray Weathers, Captain
 Crucifer - Trevor Graham; Acolyte - Carson Browder
 Extended Session - Susan and Berkley Skinner
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 6 WEEKS

2014 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$633,375

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$12,180	\$73,080
Receipts February 9	\$9,365	\$65,184
Amount remaining to meet the Annual Budget		\$568,191

Worship at Lakeside
February 16, 2014
The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
 Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:21-37
 Sermon: "Plain Talk"
 Chancel Choir Anthems:
 "Look at the World" - Rutter
 "Awake My Heart" - Marshall

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CHURCH STAFF

Jody Wright Senior Minister	Elizabeth Edwards Associate Minister	Amy Shortt Minister of Music
Linda Davis Administrative Assistant	Stephanie Bynum Secretarial Assistant	Susan Skinner Senior Adult Director
Napoleon Taylor Custodian	Mark Gansor Organist	Samantha Saiz Preschool Director

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 16

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children
 6:00 p.m. Dinner for Youth
 6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir
 6:30 p.m. SNL
 7:00 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room

Tuesday, February 18

7:00 p.m. Adult Study Group, Conference Room
 7:00 p.m. Board of Finance, Lecture Room

Wednesday, February 19

10:00 a.m. Adult Study Group, Conference Room
 6:30 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 20

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

Friday, February 21-Sunday, February 23

Women's Retreat, Lake Gaston