

# The Messenger

February 2025

Darlington United Methodist Church

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Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Vision: By being a visible sign of restoration and hope in this community

**Open Hearts**

**Open Minds**

**Open Doors**

## Of Shepherd's Sharing:

### The BLUSTERY DAYS OF WINTER

As I sit and type this letter, it is the coldest day of the winter season with temperatures far below zero and windchills dangerously low. I wondered if there was any benefit to the cold. Here is what I found...

- Colder air boosts your brain activity, improves focus, and helps you think more clearly.
- Exercising outdoors in the winter makes our heart muscles stronger because they work harder to pump blood and maintain the body's temperature and our endurance improves, good things.
- When it comes to sleep, the body's core temp naturally drops—a process that can take up to two hours in the heat of summer and is much faster in winter. Winter means shorter days (darker mornings and early evenings), causing us to produce more melatonin allowing for better rest.
- Lastly, cold temperatures (and cold water) keep your skin-tight, vibrant, and radiant.

Many people find themselves in a spiritual winter, a season which is dark, cold, and lonely.

Just like the cold can provide us with health benefits, so can a season in our lives where things are difficult. How do you know if your soul is in the midst of a winter? Here are some indicators.

- When things that used to give you joy, now make you feel exhausted.
- What used to facilitate growth in God now feels dry.
- All your efforts seem to not produce any good fruit.
- Your prayers lack life and seem one-sided and it's hard to pray out loud or read the Bible.
- Your work or family life has you going crazy and you crave stillness.

God created the seasons in life for a reason. He knew that some plants needed a season of not bearing fruit, a time when they could go dormant and allow the roots to grow deeper, so when the season came to grow fruit again happened, the tree/plant would be stronger, healthier and able to be used. It is the same way with our souls. Try to utilize these practices to help you if you find yourself in the midst of a wintery season spiritually.

**Sabbath** - The sabbath is for remembering, with gratefulness, what the Lord has given you.

**Solitude** - Learn to be alone. Schedule a coffee date with Jesus and leave your phone at home. We should "be present to God in the silence so that you can be present to people in the noise."

**Confession** - The pruning of winter may mean we need to offer forgiveness to declutter resentment.

Psalms 130:5 says, **"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope."**

Winter offers us a chance to have roots that grow stronger and deeper. It gives us the ability to see the security and hope that comes from knowing the Lord your God will come through!

May you find yourself warmed by the renewing of your mind, heart and soul this winter.

Come and join us for worship on Sunday mornings. I look forward to seeing you!

IN HIM,  
**Pastor Dave**

## February 2025 Scripture Reading

**February 2, 2025, The Purification of Mary  
and Presentation of Our Lord**

1 Samuel 1:21-28  
Psalm 84  
Hebrew 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-32 (33-40)  
**1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13**



**February 9, 2025, Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)  
Psalm 138  
**1 Corinthians 14:12b-20**  
Luke 5:1-11

**February 16, 2025, Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Jeremiah 17:5-8  
Psalm 1  
**1 Corinthians 15:(1-11) 12-20**  
Luke 6:17-26

**February 23, 2025, Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

Genesis 45:3-15  
Psalm 103:1-13  
**1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42**  
Luke 6:27-38

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*In-Person Worship Service - 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Time - 10:00 a.m.*

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## Pastor Dave's Office Hours

Pastor Dave's Office Hours will be  
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
or by appointment.

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I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What am I?  
**THREE THIRTEEN SEVEN TWENTY-FIVE**  
Answer on last page.

## February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all our members and friends who have birthdays or anniversaries this month. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*May God lead you and guide you always.  
Long life is in your right hand;  
in your left hand are riches and honor.*



Proverbs 3:16

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## Dates to Remember

Groundhog Day	February 2
National Wear Red Day	February 7
“Souper” Sunday, 11:30 a.	February 9
<b>SPRT Meeting – 5 p.</b>	<b>February 10</b>
<b>Ad Council Meeting – 6 p.</b>	<b>February 10</b>
Lincoln’s Birthday	February 12
<b>Valentine’s Day</b>	<b>February 14</b>
<b>Valentine’s Pitch-In</b>	<b>February 16</b>
<b>President’s Day</b>	<b>February 17</b>
<b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	<b>February 18</b>
Washington’s Birthday	February 22
<b>Ash Wednesday, 7 p.</b>	<b>March 5</b>
Community Dinner 11:30 a.	March 30
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>April 13</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday, 7 p.</b>	<b>April 17</b>
<b>Good Friday, 7 p.</b>	<b>April 18</b>
<b>Easter Sunrise, 7 a.</b>	<b>April 20</b>
<b>Easter Breakfast, 8 a.</b>	<b>April 20</b>
<b>Easter Worship</b>	<b>April 20</b>

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## Silly Dates to Remember

Bubble Gum Day	February 7
National Kite Flying Day	February 8
Umbrella Day	February 12
National Gum Drop Day	February 15
Pluto Day	February 18
International Tug-of-War Day	February 19
Quiet Day	February 25
Tell a Fairy Tale Day	February 26
National Tooth Fairy Day	February 28

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## Our Shut-In List

Our Shut-Ins need their days brightened with visits, mail, calls, and including them in your daily prayers.

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## Announcements for the Bulletin

Please contact Dustin Gardner at 317-220-7667 or [dustin-gardner@gmail.com](mailto:dustin-gardner@gmail.com) by Wednesday, if you need any announcement included in the bulletin on the following Sunday morning.

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## Wheelchair Available



If anyone is in need of a wheelchair to get from the Lift Chair to the pew, one is available in the vestibule. Please ask and it will be made available to you.

Thank You.

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## What’s Coming Up . . .

### Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study



We are taking a hiatus from our Wednesday morning studies during these frigid months. **We will begin again on April 2nd.** It is a great time to consider joining our group of ladies. At that time, we will continue to study Zechariah, Malachi and then back to finish up Ezra. The Old Testament is so foundational. It is exciting to see how all of the pieces fit together. Think about joining us in the Fellowship Room at 9:00 a.m. for an hour of study when we resume on April 2nd.

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### “Souper” Sunday

The Super Bowl is here, so help us celebrate the “big game” with “Souper” Sunday at the Community Center on **February 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.** **Donations of crocks pots filled with your favorite soup and desserts would be welcomed.** This is a fund raiser for the Community Center so come and support the event. A free will donation will be accepted. The game doesn’t start until 6:30 p.m. so you have plenty of time to come, eat, and fellowship with your neighbors.



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### Valentine’s Day Pitch-In



Now that the Christmas festivities are over for the year 2024 and we are settling down into the “Winter doldrums of 2025”, it’s time to have a pitch-in. Mark your calendars for **February 16<sup>th</sup> immediately after worship service.** We will have good food and lots of fellowship. Bring your favorite foods to share with your friends and family. If you are unable to bring a dish, please stay anyway. We always have plenty.

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### Fifth Sunday Dinner at the Community Center



Mark you calendars. The Community Center will host a **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Dinner** as a fund raiser on **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:30.** Come and enjoy the meal and great fellowship with our neighbors. A free-will donation is always welcomed.

**Donations of desserts and salads are always welcome.** If you have a favorite salad or dessert you would like to share with the community, please bring it to the Community Center before church.

Thank You.

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**“My concern is not whether God is on our side;  
my greatest concern is to be on God’s side,  
for God is always right.”**

**-- Abraham Lincoln**

## 2025 Montgomery County Women's Lenten Breakfast

**Theme: Perseverance in Temptations**

*'Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him.'*

*James 1:12*

**Song: "I am the Lord of Sea and Sky"**

- March 8**      **New Market Baptist Church**  
106 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
New Market, IN  
**Speaker: Sharon Sharp**
  
- March 15**    **Liberty Chapel**  
3942 W. 500 N.  
Crawfordsville, IN  
**Speaker: Darcey Threlkeld**
  
- March 22**    **Mt. Zion and Friendship Baptist Church**  
Hosted at Mt. Zion Church  
2131 W. Black Creek Valley Road  
Crawfordsville, IN  
**Speaker: Ashley Summers**
  
- March 29**    **Darlington Congregational Christian Church**  
101 Academy Street  
Darlington, IN  
**Speaker: Rhoda Ames**
  
- April 5**      **Whitesville Chrisitan Church**  
3603 S. Ladoga Road  
Crawfordsville, IN  
**Speaker: Donja Schindler**
  
- April 12**    **Wabash Avenue Presbyterian**  
307 S. Washington Street  
Crawfordsville, IN  
**Speaker: TBA**

**Doors Open at 7:45 a.m.**  
**Breakfast Served: 8 a.m.**  
**Program: 9 – 10:30 a.m.**

Love Offering Appreciated

The purpose of the Women's Breakfasts is to bring together women of all faith denominations into a spirit of Christian fellowship, in a spiritual setting with time for prayer and reflection.

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There are angels surrounding you this very moment...just reach out and believe.

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**In necessary things, unity;  
in disputed things, liberty;  
in all things, charity.**

English Nonconformist Cleric Richard Baxter

## 2025 Montgomery County Men's Lenten Breakfast

*Stand firm in faith, act like men, be strong.*

*Let all that you do be done in love.*

*1 Corinthians 16:13-14*

- March 8**      **Whitesville Christian Church**  
3603 S. Ladoga Road  
Crawfordsville, IN  
**Speaker: Phil Gabriel**
  
- March 15**    **Darlington Christian Church**  
101 Washington Street  
Darlington, IN  
**Speaker: Jeff Korhorn**
  
- March 22**    **First Baptist Church**  
1905 Lebanon Road  
Crawfordsville, IN  
**Speaker: Jake Gilbert**
  
- March 29**    **Harvest Fellowship**  
1618 W. 500 S.  
Crawfordsville, IN  
**Speaker: John Froedge**
  
- April 5**      **Liberty Chapel**  
3942 W. 500 N.  
Crawfordsville, IN  
**Speaker: Allen Sparks**
  
- April 12**    **The Inn Gathering**  
120 E. Plum Street  
Linden, IN  
**Speaker: Jordan McGaughey**

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### Praying for Unity

**These all continued with one accord in prayer  
and supplication, with the women and  
Mary the mother of Jesus and with His brothers.**

**Acts 1:14**

There was a time when there was only one Christian church. It was the church in Jerusalem, and immediately after Christ's ascension, it appears to have had 120 members (Acts 1:15). By contrast, today there are more than 40,000 Christian denominations in the world.

The most striking difference between the first church and today's worldwide church is that they were all of "one accord in prayer" (Acts 1:14). Jesus had told them to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that was likely the focus on their prayer (Acts 1:4). But after the Spirit came at Pentecost, their unity in prayer continued as they chose a replacement for Judas Iscariot and chose men to assist the apostles in serving the church (Acts 1:24-25; 6:1-6). Jesus had made unity among His followers a matter of His own prayer (John 17:20-21).

It is to be expected that human beings, even Christians, will differ in their ideas. But the goal of unity through prayer is always the highest priority. If there is "one body and one Spirit" (and there is – Ephesians 4:4), unity should be the result.

Taken from Ever Faithful by David Jeremiah, February 1.

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## Church Business

### Ad Council

Our next Ad Council meeting will be on  
**February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
at  
**6 p.m.**

SPRT Meeting will be on  
**February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
at  
**5 p.m.**

### Ad Council Meetings/SPRT Meetings

February 10	April 14
June 9	August 11
October 13	December 8

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### Financial Report

Thank you for your blessed giving. Jesus is our shepherd and together we will become a strong body. Take time to reflect on what he endured for our salvation.

God is good – All the time.  
All the time – God is good.

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### Grace Fund – 2024

#### The Grace Fund End-Of-Year Report

The Grace Fund gave out \$3,425 during 2024.

If you ever know of anyone struggling and could use help, please let Pastor Dave, Kim Warren, or myself know. Thank you to everyone who gives when the baskets are passed. You make this all possible.

Lynn Cox

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### A Letter to God

Dear God,

I'm writing to say, "Thank YOU."

You have been so good to me. My days are often challenging, but looking back at my life, I see that You have always been with me through the ups and downs.

I may not have everything I want, but I have everything I need. Life isn't always easy, but that's okay because I have You, and I'm never alone. I'll be still and trust in Your presence in my life. Thank You, God. With all my heart, I will continue to trust you.

Your loving child.

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### Six Points – Spirit Led

1. You are fearfully and wonderfully made.
2. You are made in the image of the creator of the universe.
3. You are greatly loved.
4. You are a masterful work of art.
5. You are redeemed and set free through Christ.
6. You have a purpose and a call!

You were created with destiny in mind by your Heavenly Father. Each of us has been given a purpose...a call.

## Worship Committee

The Worship Committee met on January 9, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Room with six members present. The meeting was called to order with prayer. A devotional was read.

We discussed the upcoming holiday services beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 5. We will have a combined service with the Colfax UMC here at 7 p.m. Lent brings the Lenten Breakfasts for the men and women.

For Easter, the palms for Palm Sunday will be ordered along with 10 lilies for Easter Sunday. The services for Holy Week will be held at 7 p.m. on Maundy Thursday (April 17), Good Friday (April 18), Easter Sunrise – 7 a.m. (April 20), and Easter Worship Service. Colfax UMC will join us for Maundy Thursday Services.

Other special holidays were discussed:

Mother's Day (May 11)  
Ascension Sunday (May 29)  
Pentecost Sunday (June 8) Wear Red  
Trinity Sunday/Father's Day (June 15)

A Valentine's Pitch-In was discussed. It was decided to have it on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Nursery was discussed. It is a real need so we will get a list of people who will keep the nursery for those parents who need to bring in their little ones. An announcement will be made in the Bulletin for volunteers and the Nursery will begin on February 2. We will need to get background checks for each person that keeps the nursery.

With no other business, we closed with prayer.

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*I may speak in different languages of people or even angels. But if I do not have love, I am only a noisy bell or a crashing cymbal. I may have the gift of prophecy, I may understand all the secret things of God and have all knowledge, and I may have faith so great I can move mountains. But even with all these things, if I do not have love, then I am nothing. I may give away everything I have, and I may even give my body as an offering to be burned. But I gain nothing if I do not have love.*

*Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud.*

*Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not get upset with others. Love does not count up wrongs that have been done.*

*Love is not happy with evil but is happy with the truth.*

*Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always remains strong.*

*Love never ends.*

**1 Corinthians 13:1-8**

February is the month of love. And nowhere is love defined more beautifully than in the Bible. To celebrate the beginning of a new month, read aloud this beautiful passage for 1 Corinthians to someone you love.

Taken from Daily Splashes of Joy, Barbara Johnson, February 1

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**There are three kinds of people:  
Those who can count and those who can't.**



## Missions

We have several opportunities for you to get involved. Each opportunity is a wonderful way to reach out to the community around us. **But please, don't feel that you must be involved in every project that is offered.** Pick what you are passionate about and give whatever support you can. Thanks for your help.

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### Backpack Program

Come to the church basement any **Thursday at 9:30 a.m.** and help pack for the weekend.

We have sufficient funds for shopping for anyone wishing to help, so please contact Lynn Cox. Drinks and cereal deplete rapidly,

since we send out 42 boxes of milk and juice each week. Cereal in individually packed bags are also given out at that rate which this number fluctuates all the time.

Thank you to all for whatever help you have done or can do to help with this project.

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### PB&J Mission

**The need right now is more JELLY!**

We have become the "Peanut Butter and Jelly Church." We are providing our collected goods to the FISH Food Pantry and they have indicated they are always in need of peanut butter and jelly. They like grape jelly the best.

Thank You for your help.



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### Hygiene Bags.

We are collecting items for the hygiene bags for the school. This will be an on-going project because there is a real need at all the schools. You can place the items in drawers in the east Vestibule. All bags need the following:



Toothpaste	Toothbrush
Shampoo	Soap
Deodorant	Mouth Wash
Feminine Hygiene	

**These items need be small travel sizes please.**

Thank you for your help.

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### Bottle Caps for Benches

You know all those bottles with the lids you throw away. Benches are made from these lids. Save them, bring them to church, and they will be delivered.

The caps cannot be any larger than 6". Don't put them in the recycle because they just throw them in the trash and you know where that goes – into huge trash hills that are becoming mountains right here in Indiana.



## Guatemalan Project



Here are just a few highlights of the past year that your generosity has made possible.

- **Medical Clinic:** Over **3600 patients** have been treated with loving, respectful and quality medical care, with over **5300 lab tests** being run in our on-site laboratory!
- **Nutrition Programs:** **132 children** aged 6 months to 6 years received nutritional support and specialized treatment from our clinic doctor! Parents have also been provided **health and nutrition workshops** throughout the year.
- **Education Support:** **81 students** of the 91 that began 2024 in our middle and high school scholarship program will successfully complete the year of study and **13 will graduate high school!** In our "Kematz'ib" computer academy, **117 students** have been enrolled in computer classes and **33 will graduate** this year!
- **Community Improvement:** In 2024, we welcomed **19 teams from 10 states to serve with us** in Guatemala!

But even as we celebrate all that has happened in 2024, our work is not finished! **With your support,** Mission Guatemala will continue to love and serve our neighbors here in Guatemala in the coming year!

**Thank you for being an answer to prayer for our sisters and brothers here in Guatemala! Thanks to YOU, lives are being changed!**

God bless you in the coming year.

***"May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."***  
**Numbers 6:24-26**

Doing all the good we can together...  
David Burns, Executive Director  
Leigh Randall, Director of Development



**Leigh Randall**  
Director of Development,  
Mission Guatemala  
1-800-563-8103

## National Safe Haven Alliance

### Kroger Community Rewards



The Kroger Family of Companies is committed to community engagement, positive social impact and charitable giving at the national and local levels. Every community is unique, but our common goal is to partner with the neighborhoods we serve and help the people there live healthier lives.

One of the ways in which we do this is through our Kroger Community Rewards program. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how it works:

#### Whether you're a customer or an organization, get started today!

Note: If you are a customer, make sure you have a preferred store selected to view participating organizations. If you are applying on behalf of an organization, please select a store in the same area as your organization.

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### Project: Be a Fisherman

On the table in the front entrance we have placed some material that anyone can pick up. There are pamphlets, Daily Bread devotionals and crosses. These are materials you can hand out as you have an opportunity.



Denise Maxwell

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### A Song of Love

By Loise Pinkerton Fritz

February  
Has come our way  
To spend just twenty-eight short days  
That melt away, yet linger on,  
For February is a song  
Of love wrapped up in candy hearts  
And tied with ribbons, gay and smart;  
It's valentines with paper lace  
Addressed to . . . Betsy, Sue, and Grace,  
Valentines that say, in part,  
"I love you; please be my sweetheart."

February  
I have penned;  
It is a song of love, my friend.

Taken from **ideals Valentine** Vol. 40, No. 1

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**Go, walk through the length and breadth  
of the land, for I am giving it to you. Genesis 13:17**

May the Lord remove every distraction that keeps you from the land He has for you. May you walk forward in faith to possess it. May you trust His process as He prepares you to dwell in that Land so you can feed on His faithfulness. Your current battles are training you not only to take the land, but to stand there, fight there, win there, and be fruitful there! The Lord your God is with you!

## Pluto Day

Pluto Day is celebrated annually on February 18 to commemorate the anniversary of the discovery of Pluto in 1930. The planet, known for its characteristic icy mountains and tiny size was discovered by American astronomer Clyde Tombaugh and, up until 2006, was considered one of the nine planets in the solar system together with Mercury, Venus, our current planet of Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. Clyde discovered Pluto at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona just 84 years after the discovery of Neptune.

### History of Pluto Day

Pluto Day is celebrated annually to commemorate the anniversary of the discovery of Pluto in 1930. Although Pluto was discovered in 1930, the story of its discovery started in 1840 after French astronomer Urbain Le Verrier sensed that there was a planet outside of Uranus due to irregularities in its orbit. His intuition led him to develop mathematical calculations to explain the discrepancies of Uranus's orbit in relation to the laws of planetary motion and gravity, which led to the eventual discovery of Neptune.

After Neptune was discovered, an event that is widely regarded as a validation of a subset of the astronomy practice called celestial mechanics. It was then realized that there was yet another planet disturbing Uranus's orbit since the irregularity in its orbit continued. This then led to the search for Pluto — initially called Planet X — being headed by Percival Lowell, whose death would later see the search for Pluto passed to Clyde Tombaugh, who eventually discovered it.

The planet, which was named after the Roman god of the Underworld, was considered one of the nine planets in the solar system up until 2006. The International Astronomical Union reduced its status and tagged it a 'dwarf' planet due to not meeting the criteria to be considered a full-sized planet and being two-third of the size of the earth. It is believed that the first two letters in 'Pluto' were in honor of Percival Lowell whose belief that there were other planets beyond Neptune, helped fuel the drive that led to its discovery.

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### Some Battles Are Too Big to Fight Alone

*Life can be challenging,  
and your burdens can be hard to bear.  
But even though you are tough  
and plenty strong enough,  
some battles are too big to fight on your own...  
and you don't have to.*

*You are not alone.  
I want you to know I am here.  
I am willing to help, talk, or just listen.  
Lean on me when you can't stand anymore,  
or better yet, go ahead and collapse  
and let me carry the burden for a while!*

*I am here, willing and wanted  
to be anything you need me to be.  
I would do anything for you.*

*Forever, for always,  
and no matter what.*

*--Your Heavenly Father*

Taken from **Wonderful Wacky Words GOD WANTS YOU TO REMEMBER**

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**We love Him because He first loved us.**

**1 John 4:19**



Please remember the following members and friends of our church family in your daily prayers.

Thank you for your continued prayer.

**Praises**

- Christ the Lord is Risen!!
- Surgery went well
- Improvements in our technology
- Little ones in church and a need for nursery
- Safe travels for many

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**Other prayer needs:**

- A need for volunteers to help with Nursery
- Children in backpack ministry – needs are met
- Community, State, Nation, World and all the leaders
- Darlington UMC, Colfax UMC, Christ UMC, and UMC at large, Congregational Church, and East Christian Church
- Families of those who have gone to be with the Lord!
- Our school children, teachers, support staff, and administrators
- Our college students
- Our Guatemalan children
- Our Guatemalan Project
- Those in California with all the devastation
- Those in foster care and all the challenges they face
- Those working outside in the cold
- Truck drivers and others who have to be on the road
- Victims of wild fires, floods, and tornadoes
- Victims of hate crimes and discrimination
- Victims in Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, Maui, Haiti, Israel

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- Those in treatment or suffering with cancer.**
- Those Serving in the military:**
- Those with other health**

Dear Father, We lift up all those who are facing illness or other adversities in their bodies and minds today. We ask that you bring comfort, grace, and healing. Surround them with your love and touch their bodies with your healing hands. Amen

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**O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. Psalm 43:8**

God, You are invisible but not unseen. You reveal yourself in creation and demonstrate your kindness in a stranger's sincere smile. You are intangible but not unfelt. You caress our faces with the wind and embrace us in a friend's arms. We look for you today and feel your presence. Amen.

Taken from The Personal Daily Prayer Book, February 1

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## God Finds Us Usable

Isn't it amazing to think that the God of the Universe finds us usable. He's given us specific gifts and abilities for reaching out to others. He could have chosen a thousand other ways to reach the unsaved, but the Lord picked us! Thank you for your service to our church.

### Liturgist

- February 2** Dan Maxwell
- February 9** Mary Lou Weliever
- February 16** Dan Maxwell
- February 23** Dan Hampton

- March 2** Lynn Cox
- March 9** Sarah Boeh
- March 16** Dan Hampton
- March 23** Mary Lou Weliever
- March 30** Diana Binford

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### Scripture Reader

- February 2** Kathy Hampton
- February 9** Steve Greene
- February 16** Lynn Robison
- February 23** Pam Crull

- March 2** Cheryl Greene
- March 9** John Wells
- March 16** Kim Warren
- March 23** Kathy Hampton
- March 30** Steve Greene

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### Fellowship

- February 2** John and Marsha Wells
- February 9** Dan and Kathy Hampton
- February 16** Valentine Pitch-In
- February 23** Steve and Cheryl Greene

- March 2** OPEN
- March 9** OPEN
- March 16** OPEN
- March 23** OPEN
- March 30** Dan and Kathy Hampton

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### Nursery

Guess what's new at DUMC: Starting in this month, we are opening up our Nursery to anyone who has a need. Please sign up if you feel led to help with this exciting new venture! See Kathy Hampton.

- February 2** Cheryl Greene
- February 9** Jaysee Shaw
- February 16** Cheryl Greene
- February 23** Jaysee Greene

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**Answer to question on first page.** Seven is an odd number, and if you take away the letter "s," "seven" becomes "even."