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*Our Mission Statement:*

*As people of God and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe our Mission to be the building of a strong fellowship, ministering to the Spiritual and physical needs of the church, the community, and the world fulfilling our Lord's command to "Love our neighbors."*

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## IDOLS

As we work our way through the book of *Daniel* in Sunday morning worship, we are finding ourselves confronted over and over again with an issue that may at first seem unrelated to our present-day experience, but upon closer examination we may learn from what we are finding.

So far, we have found, in the second chapter of Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar dreaming about a huge idol with a head of gold, chest and arms of silver, stomach and thighs of bronze, legs of iron, and feet of iron and clay. In the third chapter we have the King building a huge 90-foot-tall idol in the desert and ordering all of his subjects to fall down and worship it. In chapter four King Nebuchadnezzar has a second dream which foretells the fall of his kingdom, a kingdom which has become an idol for him, and in the fifth chapter a disembodied hand writes a nightmarish dream on the wall of the new king, Belshazzar, foretelling his doom in true idolistic fashion. And I can predict with confidence in the seven remaining chapters we will see other evidence of idols and idol worship. Why this emphasis in this fascinating book of the Bible? Let me tell you.

First, though, a definition of idolatry. According to Wikipedia, idolatry is the worship of an idol as though it were a god. In Abrahamic religions (namely Judaism, Samaritanism Christianity, Islam, and Bahai), idolatry connotes the worship of something or someone other than the Abrahamic God as if it were God.

The Bible, of course, is unalterably opposed to idol worship. The first and second of the Ten Commandments describes the prohibition this way: “You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord our God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.” (Exodus 20:3-4) A little further along in the same chapter we find this in verse 23: “Do not make any god to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold.” Pretty strong stuff.

How might it apply to us today? We live in a day where for almost all of us the temptation to worship a god of gold or silver, or a statue ninety feet tall is pretty remote. We are a little bit too sophisticated for that. But we still create idols, don't we. And remember what the commandment above says. It doesn't just prohibit worship of big statues, even if they are made of gold and silver. We are not to worship anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

Remember that we can make idols of ideas or countries or the beauties of nature. These things in themselves can be good things, evidences of God's creative energy. But what turns them into idols is when we place them first in our lives and put them alongside other things we value enough to call them deities. We can become worshipers of a good idea, a great country like the United States, or a majestic mountain rising up out of the plains.

The Bible says don't do it. Don't let anything come between your worship of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

—Terry C. Muck



**SPECIAL DAYS FOR FEBRUARY 2025**  
What are some facts about Black History Month?



The celebration of Black History Month began as "Negro History Week," which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976.

## What are some facts about Ground Hog Day? February 2

The best known Groundhog Day ceremony occurs each year in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. This annual festival traces its origin to 1887, when members of the local Elks Lodge first went to nearby Gobbler's Knob to consult a groundhog about the weather. The observance developed into an annual tongue-in-cheek ceremony at which the groundhog, given the name "Punxsutawney Phil" in the 1960s, communicates his prediction to the "Inner Circle," a group of men wearing formal suits and top hats. Though it's only one of many Groundhog Day ceremonies held all across the United States and Canada, the Punxsutawney event is certainly the most popular, especially since it became the basis of the renowned philosophical comedy film *Groundhog Day*, which the Library of Congress inducted into the National Film Registry in 2015.



This photo of the Groundhog Day sign in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, was taken by Aaron Silvers and shared to Flickr with a Creative Commons License [🔗](#).



## Valentines Day February 14 Just a few facts regarding Valentines Day origins

The story of Valentine's Day is based on legends about a Catholic priest or bishop who was martyred by the Roman Emperor Claudius II in the third century. The holiday's origins are unclear, but it may have roots in the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia. [🔗](#)

### The legend

- The Roman Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for young men because he believed they were better soldiers without wives and families. [🔗](#)
- A Catholic priest or bishop named Valentine defied Claudius II by continuing to perform weddings in secret. [🔗](#)
- Valentine was imprisoned and tortured for his actions. [🔗](#)
- Valentine was beheaded on February 14 for refusing to renounce his faith. [🔗](#)
- Valentine is said to have written a letter to the daughter of his jailer, signing it "Love, from your Valentine". [🔗](#)
- Valentine became known as the patron saint of lovers. [🔗](#)

### The holiday

- Pope Gelasius declared February 14 a day of remembrance for St. Valentine in the late 5th century A.D. [🔗](#)
- The holiday's traditions have evolved over time, and it's now associated with romantic love. [🔗](#)



Presidents Day

February 17

How did this holiday get started?

Presidents' Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; Presidents' Day 2025 will occur on February 17. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.



# FEBRUARY

*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

## Birthdays

Erv Teichmiller	Feb. 7
Liz Clark	Feb. 15
Rick Kamerad	Feb. 17
Sue Robertson	Feb. 19
Deb Wilke	Feb. 19

## ANNIVERSARIES

John and Claudia Tegtmeier	Feb. 13
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### Scripture readings for February 2025

#### **February 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Jer. 1:4–10 *and* Ps.71:1-6; 1 Cor.13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

#### **February 9 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Isa. 6:1-8 (9-13) *and* Ps. 138; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

#### **February 16 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Jer. 17:5-10 *and* Ps. 1; 1 Cor. 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

#### **February 23 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Gen. 45:3-11, 15 *and* Ps. 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Cor.15:35-38,42-50; Luke 6:27-28

### **The Ladies of Community Presbyterian Church**

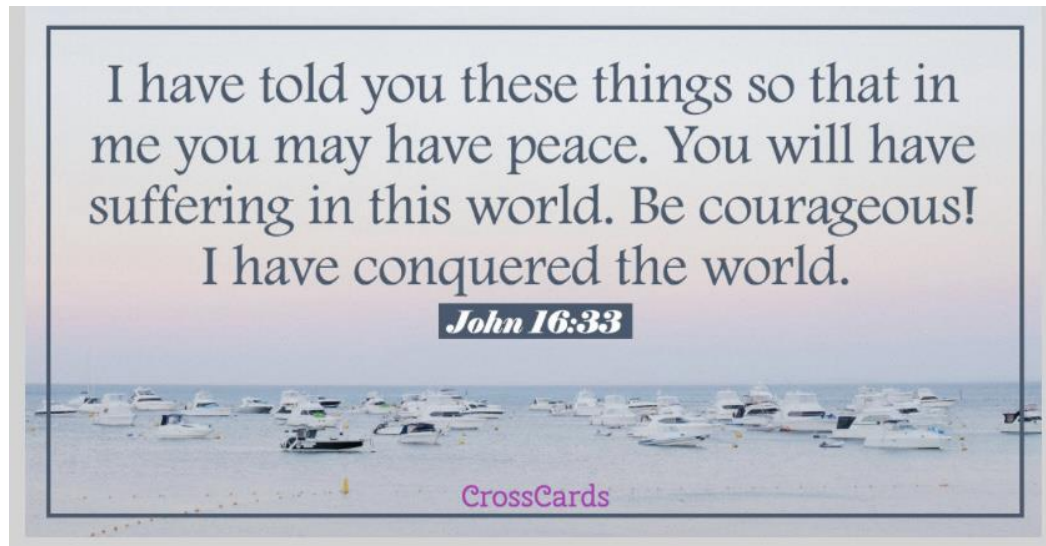
Which included Jill Consie, RuthAnn Kamerad, Deb Wilke, Rebecca Wright, and Mary Jane Stevens got together on January 29<sup>th</sup> to sign “Snowbird” cards and make up some special Valentine Boxes for those congregants that are unable to get out and attend our church services. These will be dispersed right before Valentines Day. Plans are being made to meet once a month for various projects.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR:**

**USHERS**

**LITURGISTS**

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**



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PASTOR: Terry Muck

CLERK OF SESSION: Mary Jane Stevens

TREASURER: Bill Raduege

THANKS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE PAST,  
THE PRESENT, AND YET TO BE

ELDERS:

Glenn Morrison

Owen Karlmann

Ralph Kerler

Jill Consie

Mary Jane Stevens

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