

# Friendship International

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## HOW WE DEFINE LOVE MATTERS

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Even before Christmas is over, the next big commercial holiday starts to hit the shelves: Valentine's Day! When you look over those shelves you'll see it packed with cards, candies, stuffed animals and more. Ads will start selling fancy jewelry to give to a wife or girlfriend. Then as it gets closer to February 14th, you will see lots of fresh flowers (especially red roses!) show up in the stores waiting for all the men looking for that last minute gift. All these things you can buy for this holiday celebrating LOVE.

In my church, we have been challenged to memorize verses of the Bible throughout the year. The verse we are working on right now is from the book of 1 Corinthians, chapter 13, which is often read during wedding ceremonies and sometimes called "the love chapter." The verse we are working on (verse 7) says, "*Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*" So as I memorize this, I've been doing more thinking about each one of those descriptions the Bible uses to define love. I cannot write a lot about each one in this small space, but let's look quickly at each one.

To bear something means to carry to the weight of, or support. To believe something means to accept something as truth. To hope means to want for something that has not happened yet. To hope is to look toward the future with positive feelings for something to come. To endure means to last, but also means to suffer patiently through something difficult.

This week at Friendship we are going to make a fun Valentine's craft. And by all means, let's enjoy the fun parts of this holiday! The little (and big) gifts and treats are a wonderful way to express love. But let's also spend some time thinking about the beautiful deeper truths that define love, and what that means in our own lives.



## UPCOMING DATES

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| February 9  | Valentine's Day Craft   |
| February 14 | Valentine's Day   |
| February 16 | Honoring Our Heritage (No Classes)<br><i>More on this below</i> |
| February 23 | Tidbits About Kentucky with Katy                                |

## HONORING OUR HERITAGE AT FRIENDSHIP

Next week at Friendship, we need your active participation! You are invited to celebrate your home and culture by wearing a traditional outfit that represents your heritage. This is always a special week of the year. We can't wait to see what you wear!



## CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR AT LEXINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCHES

### Chinese Folding Fan Program

Friday, February 9th: 4:30 to 5:30PM  
Eastside Branch - Medium Meeting Room  
Age Group: Adults

Decorate a blank fan to create your own personal fan to celebrate the Year of the Dragon. **Registration IS required. Click the button below to register.**

[Click here to register](#)

**Can't attend?** [Click here to try this craft yourself at home.](#)

### Discover: Let's Celebrate Lunar New Year!

Saturday, February 10th: 2:00 to 3:00PM  
Central Library Branch - Meeting Room D  
Age Group: Preschool through Elementary

Happy New Year of the Dragon! Celebrate Lunar New Year with the Lexington Korean School! **Registration NOT required.**

[Click here for more info](#)



## TRY YOUR HAND AT MAKING SOME HOMEMADE VALENTINE'S CARDS: 25 CUTE CARD IDEAS



## MAKE CANNED CINNAMON ROLLS TASTE LIKE HOMEMADE WITH THIS RECIPE (ALSO ROLL THEM INTO HEART SHAPES ❤️)

