

FEBRUARY 2020

SCOTCH CHURCH



PARSON -TO- PERSON

“And Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” (John 13:34)

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, our thoughts turn to love. (Hallmark is counting on it.) With all this talk about love, I thought I would share a biblical perspective based on some of the final words of Jesus to the disciples in the Gospel of John.

Jesus' new commandment to his disciples was precisely this: Show your love. Love one another. By your love, they will know more about you than by anything else you could do. Love each other as I have loved you. The love Jesus wants his disciples to enter into — not just to “feel” — is action-packed. Love in action is sometimes embodied by the simplest of compassionate responses.

Sister Ann Manganaro, a physician and poet who lived, loved and died as a Sister of Loretto, worked with the poor and needy in Guarjila, El Salvador, . She died of cancer in 1993. She was only in her mid-40s. John F. Kavanaugh, who was with Sister Ann when she died, tells this story from her life.

“Once, while working in a neonatal intensive care unit, she struggled mightily to save a five-inch premature baby named Tamika. “The girl was left in the hospital, fated to die, unable to thrive, bereft of possibility. She smiled once, cupped in Ann's hands, after weeks of being held, caressed and gazed upon. Then she died. After we two buried Tamika with the help of a generous funeral director, I protested to Ann that it all felt so meaningless and bleak.

‘What on earth did Tamika ever have?’

“Well,” Ann said, “she had the power to evoke love from me.” (As cited in John Kavanaugh, “Imperceptible Life, Incomprehensible Death,” *America*, 4-11 June 1994, 31.)

An action-packed faith is the power of love in action, is the power of Christ incarnate in each one of our lives. Friends, let us love one another as Christ has loved us.

Peace,

Pastor Rich



February CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate your special day !



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

to...

7... Travis McKnight
8... Janice McKnight
12... Addison McKnight
12... Bryce Easterwood
14... Melissa Quintavalle
22... Leslie Hargrave
22... Michael Fisher

Email or phone your dates
to me to be added to the
calendar so that we can recognize
your family's special days.

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Life of the Church

**Feb 9 Annual Meeting of the
Scotch Church, with lunch served**

Feb 16 Next Session Meeting

**Feb 26 Ash Wednesday. 7:00 pm
worship service at the Scotch Church**

March 1 First Sunday in Lent

**Mar 8 Daylight Savings—
2 AM -Clocks spring ahead this
Sunday**

April 5 Palm Sunday

April 9 Maundy Thursday

April 10 Good Friday

April 12 Easter Sunday

Call for the Annual Meeting of Scotch Church on Sunday, February 9, 2020

"The Annual Meeting of the Scotch Presbyterian Church is called for Sunday, February 9, 2020 to hear the annual committee and financial reports for 2019; to present the 2020 Budget; and for the congregation to approve the financial package for our Pastor for the upcoming year."

Session will meet next on February 16, 2020 for their monthly meeting.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Dear Scotch Presbyterian family,

Shrove Tuesday. Fat Tuesday. Mardi Gras.... It is known by many names. It is the last day before Ash Wednesday—the beginning of Lent, traditionally a time for fasting, self-denial, and introspection. Shrove Tuesday is the “last hurrah” of revelry before the solemnity of Lent. It is the day housewives were supposed to use up all the fat in the house to prepare for the time of fasting. Traditionally, pancakes were fried in that last fat.

The Hinkles are hosting a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 25, 5:30-7:00 P.M., in their home. We will be serving up pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. Please join us for this last "fat" celebration before Lent.

ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, and throughout Lent, there will be a luncheon every Wednesday at Noon at the Waddington Methodist Church.

All are welcome!



COFFEE HOUR 2020

Coffee hour following worship has changed this year, in that we are asking folks to sign up for a particular Sunday and to provide a snack of your choosing. It can be an individual, or a couple people sharing the work of providing a refreshment. A calendar for sign-up is provided near the kitchen.

Coffee hour involves preparing, serving and cleaning up afterwards and is always appreciated as it gives us a chance to visit and catch up with members of our congregation.

The Church will provide the coffee and juices used at coffee hour.



FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES – *Christian Clichés*

Many of us Christians have things we believe, tell others, and even depend on. Some of the things we accept and repeat to others sound true and we've believed for so long, we consider them to be "the Gospel truth". It's not that these statements are untrue; they contain a kernel of truth.

However, if they are not carefully examined, they have the potential to do harm. During the month of February, Pastor Rich will lead a sermon series which will affirm the truth in these statements, but also point to the pitfalls of clinging to them without serious reflection.

Come, join us for worship:

February 2 – "God Helps Them Who Help Themselves"

February 9 – "God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle"

February 16 – "God Said it, I Believe it"

February 23 – "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin"

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Chipman Crew and Mission are preparing to send out the mailing of a Gift certificate to our students who are currently attending college.

If your student has moved since the Fall, please let Lesley Thompson or Mindy Fisher know — we will need their updated address. If you wish to contribute money toward this endeavor, please give it to Lesley or Mindy.

We often hear from these students how much they appreciate being remembered by the congregation.



February 2020



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9 5th Sunday after Epiphany Annual Meeting w/lunch	10	11	12 Happy Birthday Addison McKnight and Bryce East-	13	14 Happy Birthday Melissa Quintavalle	15
16 6th Sunday after Epiphany	17 Presidents' Day	18	19	20	21	22 Happy Birthday Les Har- grave and Michael Fisher
23 Transfiguration of the Lord	24	25 Shrove Tuesday— Pancake supper at Hinkles	26 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm service @ Scotch Church	27	28	29