



We think of giving gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, Valentine's Day but there are, among us, those who go above and beyond those set days. They give "I was thinking about You" or, "I wanted you to know

that I love you" or, "Happy Monday!" gifts. Are you a gift giver? Do you see something that makes you think of someone so you pick it up and give it to them, knowing they will love it? I can testify that there are a few right here in our congregation and what a blessing they are! I don't say that to guilt anyone. It is a spirit of generosity that I greatly admire! For me, I find that I'm too pragmatic. My gifts tend to be "useful" (insert grimace face here) and the stress of choosing gifts often overwhelms me to the point of freezing procrastination. Twice in the past week I have received an unexpected gift. I came home from work to find a card addressed to me in the mail pile. (Notice: it's not Christmas nor is it my birthday—the two card occasions in our house). I don't know if you are like me, but I get almost giddy when I receive mail that is not junk, or a bill. I opened it and was immediately uplifted in my spirit. You see, our Sunday School class is studying prayer and each week, those who wish, write down their name and a prayer concern from their life. At the end of class, those requests are randomly exchanged and for the next week you pray for that person and their specific request. The person who had my request took the time to send a little card of encouragement. Even if she hadn't written a single word, just the fact that she took the few minutes to send it meant so much. I felt loved. I felt valued. I felt worth. In the words of Joe Morris—I felt edified. Do you see how little effort had such a big impact? A few years ago Sara challenged our congregation to do something similar...to take a few minutes to write a note to someone simply telling them a few things that you appreciated about them. I was blessed to be a recipient of one of those notes as well. Again, little effort, BIG impact!

Here in our church, we have been working to inform our congregation of ways they can "plug in" using their gifts and talents to edify our church family and continue to reach out to share God's Love with others. In committee and planning meetings we talk about ways to get every member of our congregation active in the Body. Based on my experiences this past week, I believe I have found a simple way each of you could spread the love and joy God has given you. It's cheap for those who have few funds available. It's simple for those of you who don't have a lot of time. It can even be done by children! Yet, it has a Big Impact on others. So, in this month of showing love, I encourage you to reach out to someone (if someone doesn't immediately pop into your mind, stop to pray—I'm sure God will guide you). Pick up a card (\$1 at Family Dollar), or grab a piece of paper and send a word of encouragement, a word of appreciation, an unexpected little gift that made you think of them. You can start with one note this week. Who knows? Perhaps you will want to send one a month...or even one a week! Add a little prayer for the person you've chosen and I know God will use it to edify and fortify us as we seek to spread the word of His Redeeming Love to the lost and dying.

(We have a church directory with addresses, or you can contact me and we'll help.)



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Sunday School 9:30

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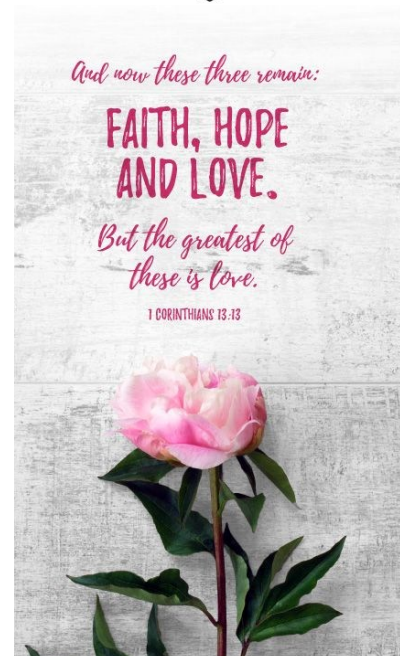


Alicia Stewart	Dutch Fork—Pastor Search	Melissa Carnahan	Skylee
Baby Ickler	Edie Ward	Michelle	Spencer Carnahan
Barb Fairbanks	Ethel Scherich	Mike Murray	Steve Hickey
Barb Moore	Harold Hunt	Mrs. Safreid	Tim Jesky
Belinda	Jan Spangler	Olive Turner	Thomas Ball
Bo McConnaughey	Jim B.	Pam Shram	Tommie & Brittany
Bonnie Bonar	Jimmy Hinegardner	“Peanut” Van Horn	Travelers
Bonnie R.	Joe Vinka	Peaceful Presidential Transition	Unsaved
Brad McMillen	Kevin McKee	Penny Morris	Unspoken
Carol Steele	Kristen Hawkins	Rachel Clampitt	US: Country & Government
Ceasefire in Gaza	Lexie	Rona Dailey	Virginia Loew & Friend
Daniel Britt	Lolly Ann Ward	Ron Thomas	Wellsburg Christian Church— Pastor Search
Debbie B.	Lori Grimes	Sammy Moore	
Dorothy Barker	Maryann McCardle	Scotty Rodger	
Doug Hummel	Megan Williams & Children	Sherry (Wellsburg)	



Looking for a way to Help?

- Bus Drivers needed—even if only for special events
- Sunday School Teachers—children, youth
- Tech Team
- Church Directory Coordinator
- Service Valets
- Greeters



February

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						
2 Building & Grounds 12:15 Revelation Class 4-7:00	3 Evangelistic 6:00 Lantz Home	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Choir 6:30	5 Bible Study 7:00	6 After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00	7 	
9 Revelation Class 4-7:00	10	11 Choir 6:30	12 Bible Study 7:00	13 After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00		
16 Elders 12:30 Revelation Class 4-7:00	17	18 Membership 5:30 Choir 6:30	19 Bible Study 7:00	20 After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00	21	22
23  Worship 3:00 Revelation Class 4-7:00	24	25 Choir 6:30	26 Bible Study 7:00	27 After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00	28	