

February
2017

What's Love Got To Do With It?

Ahhh....February! The smell of Valentine roses and fresh chocolate abounds! The one month of the year where hearts are brightly displayed with the blaring message that love is in the air. Our thoughts focus on our sweethearts and soulmates, we send love notes and warm wishes all in celebration of Valentine's Day.

Love...there is a song that claims that love can move mountains while yet another song poses the question, "what's Love got to do with it?" Which is a question that Jesus would readily address, as Jesus loved to talk about love. For Jesus love has everything to do with everything...He taught that love is the foundation for which we should base all of our thoughts, actions, and reactions every single day of the year. Why? Because He first loved us.

Loving one another was not something Jesus took light heartedly either, in fact, he commanded it as he spoke; *"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love...My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you...You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other."*

So how about we make sharing the love of Christ our mission this month and all the rest of the days of the year? Let us focus our hearts, minds, and souls on Him. Let's put a little love in hearts, so the world can be a better place, for everyone.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Amy



February Change for
Change is going to the
Kansas Food Bank
"Food for Kids"
program.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This group meets every Tuesday
at 10 A.M. We are studying of the
book of Mark. Everyone is
welcome to join us Tuesday
mornings. Come grow with us!



3D is in full swing!

3D on Wednesdays.

Join us for DINNERS,
DISCIPLESHIP, at DAWSON!!

Dinner will be served at 5:30,
Intergenerational worship at 6:00,
then small group studies for
Children and Adults from
6:15-7:00pm. Come and see how
fun and meaningful church can be!

Pancake Breakfast
Saturday
February 18th



*Church
Council* 2/21

@ 7 PM



CROSS WALK



All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to
join us for CrossWalk.
Youth will have a meal together,
then a time of biblical study
followed by closing worship.
Please see Pastor Amy for more details.



Be sure to update your Dillon's
Community Rewards program
designation so that Dawson
gets the rewards. This really
helps our budget and it is free
to do. Ask Shirley Dieker for
more details.



Christs' Community Cares Positive Outreach – C3PO

How often do you see that same person on the corner holding a sign
for help? The homeless and in need - we see them everywhere and their
numbers are growing. Often we don't have extra money to give or don't
know what we can do to help them. This troubled our youth who wanted
to do something to help and thus the C3PO project was born.

We kicked off our project last Sunday with Blessing Bags, which
contained some simple foods, hygiene products, socks, gloves etc. We
encouraged congregants to take a bag with them to keep in the car so
they are prepared to bless someone the next time they encounter an in
need neighbor.

Blessing Bags will be available at the church so we are prepared
when someone comes in for help. We will also be building a Blessing Box
to have outside our doors stocked with food and household items to fill
immediate needs.

Located in Finley Hall is a Blessing Tree which contains Hearts that
have items we need donated to keep our helpful cupboards stocked.
Congregants received hearts last Sunday and are already returning items
which is greatly appreciated and necessary to keep this outreach program
going. We will also be using the Blessing Tree for Family Promise needs
when our hosting times approach – these items will be listed on white
doves.

C3PO will also be partnering with Anderson Elementary to help fill
needs they have to help make our neighborhood students lives better.
Our first project will be repair of the school's safety patrol signs. In the
spring we will be helping create a garden in the school courtyard.

We are commanded to go and make disciples and show the world
God's love. What better way than through our children and in our own
church neighborhood. We can't wait for folks to come in to us looking for
His love we must take it out and show it to them. Want to help? Contact
Dulcie or Pastor Amy. If we all do our small part we can all be the disciples
we are called to be. Let us help one another to Go. Be. Do. Show His
Love.



Celebrate Scouting!

On Sunday, February 12 we will celebrate the scouting ministry during our weekly worship service in recognition of the national observance of Boy Scout Sunday. Please plan to attend to meet and greet the scouts, their families and adult leaders/sponsors. Following the worship service we will dine together during our monthly Potluck Fellowship Luncheon, so please bring a little extra as we will be extending an invitation to our guests for the day.



Begin the journey to the cross

An Ash Wednesday worship service is being planned for Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30pm. This intergenerational service will be a time of reflection as we begin the Lenten Season and our journey towards Easter.

New Lenten Study

Beginning on Wednesday, March 8, Pastor Amy will be leading a Lenten study, "Standing at the Crossroads" for high school youth and all adults. Come and join us for the regular weekly meal at 5:30, followed by the study from 6:15pm-7:00pm.

Workshop with the Bishop!

The Wichita East and West districts' Laity Connection Team invites the Great Plains Conference to take part in a one-day workshop featuring Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. speaking on church vitality.

The workshop, titled "Leading Vital Congregations," is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at First United Methodist Church in Wichita.

Vital congregations are led by clergy and laity who are clear about their mission and focused on achieving a vision that seeks the good of the communities where they are planted. Vital congregations are healthy, growing, committed to forming disciples through God's means of grace and open to transformational changes that will lead them from one level of fruitfulness and effectiveness to another.

This workshop will help you diagnose your church's current reality and provide you with the frameworks, tools and processes needed to implement for transformational change that will focus and direct your congregations toward transforming lives and communities.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please contact the church office, Dulcie Guinty or Pastor Amy.

Welcome to Laura Wassall Concerts .. our 1st season and what better way to kick it off than with Lindsay Lou & the Flatbellys on April 2nd ... Soaring vocals, fabulous songwriting and masterful musicianship. Then on World Fiddle Day .. May 20th from Kansas City, MO .. fiddle virtuoso Betse Ellis with Clarke Wyatt on banjo. Wrapping up our 1st season will be Mackie Redd and his band from Hillsboro, NM on July 15th, with deep and thought provoking songwriting and stories from the heart and real life. A musician and a modern American cowboy. Make plans to attend all three concerts in this series.

LAURA WASSALL CONCERTS

**Lindsay Lou
& the Flatbellys**
Apr 2nd @ 6 PM

Beste & Clarke
May 20 @ 7 PM

Mackie Redd
July 15 @ 7 PM

Tickets available at
the door for all shows.

All shows \$15.00

Advance Tickets:

916-999-0055

916-264-7435

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Wichita, KS
@ the corner of
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LOVE
always wins.



Love

IF WE LOVE EACH OTHER, GOD LIVES IN US, AND HIS LOVE
HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO FULL EXPRESSION THROUGH US.

1 JOHN 4:12