

# The Communicator



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When I was a little boy, my mom would give me a Valentine's Day gift every year it was candy. That giving has continued in my family throughout the years and it always reminds me that I am loved. Valentine's Day is right around the corner and it is tough day for many. Singles who wish they weren't, those struggling in their marriages and wish they weren't and those missing a love one who left too early. Valentine's Day is supposed to be about love, right? It seems like for many, it is a reminder that the love we want is indeed lacking.

As a follower of Jesus Christ, I am reminded of how much I am loved – and how much you are loved. This love is more than candy, more than a card, more than a day on the calendar. This love may be much more than the love we want and all the more about the love we need. This love changes everything. John 3:16 reads, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." God shows us our value and wants to be in relationship with us, because He loves us. When we say yes to Jesus, we truly experience true love.

As we move toward Valentine's Day, I hope we will all see that we are loved. I hope you will take this special date to remind those around you of just how much they are loved – today, tomorrow and every day. Happy Valentine's Day and God Bless!!!

Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 26, ending on Easter, April 12. It's traditionally a time of penance and reflection, and offers excellent opportunities for seeking our Lord's counseling on how we are to live. We remember how the prophet Isaiah, in referring to the coming Messiah, named Jesus, among other titles, Wonderful Counselor.

May we take him at His word, and seek His counsel this Lenten season through prayer, the study of Scripture, devotional reading, church attendance, and by reaching out to others in love. Remember our Lord's counsel is open twenty-four hours a day, and an appointment is not necessary. Neither is there a fee for His services, for He has already paid the price. How can we not take advantage of such an amazing offer?

Pastor Bill



**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 26th**  
**Soup & Bean Supper**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Ash Wednesday Services**  
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