



The Evangel

Church of the Brethren Akron Eastwood Church of the Brethren

God's Box of Chocolates--A Valentine's Day Devotional

by LauraLee Shaw

Everywhere I look near Valentine's Day, there's chocolate: boxes of chocolate in all the stores, chocolate on TV promising to be the only love you need, chocolate girl scout cookies--CHOCOLATE! I even saw chocolate Altoid breath mints in the grocery checkout aisle the other day! I think that's what led me to remember the famous quote from Forrest Gump: "Life is like a box of chocolates...you never know what you're gonna get." (I even remembered it with his accent.)



ise today as well as His hope of heaven in the future. Listen to how the verse above continues to encourage us: (vs.19-20)

"We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go. It's an unbreakable spiritual lifeline, reaching past all appearances right to the very presence of God where Jesus, running on ahead of us, has taken up His permanent post as high priest for us, in the order of Melchizedek."

In reality, that phrase can be true in many ways. We wake up every morning completely unsure of what the day may hold for us. We've made our plans. Sometimes they even happen the way we make them. But we never know for sure, do we?

I love the visual picture of grabbing on to Him with both hands as He runs ahead of me to the Father. That makes me able to get up today and praise Him for whatever comes my way. This faith, this confidence, this hope is our unbreakable spiritual lifeline--HIS love for us no matter what, when, how or why. Let's binge on His priceless box of chocolates today...the sweetest and most satisfying of them all.

The days that come with caramel in the middle are my favorite. The ones with the strawberry goo are just so so--but the ones with coconut--YUCK! I'd rather go back to bed. Then there's the days where tragedy or difficult times come out of nowhere, and the chocolate sits in the pantry untouched...there's no sweetness to be had in those moments, it seems.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him."

Psalm 34:8

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God knows that life as it pertains to circumstances is uncertain for us. That's why He comforts us and reminds us so many times that He is our constant companion, our steadfast friend, our consistently loving God and Savior. He doesn't keep promises the way we do:

"When people make promises, they guarantee them by appeal to some authority above them so that if there is any question that they'll make good on the promise, the authority will back them up. When God wanted to guarantee His promises, He gave His Word, a rock-solid guarantee--God can't break His Word. And because His Word cannot change, the promise is likewise unchangeable." (Heb. 6:16-18, the Message)

You see, no matter what chocolate we are "in the middle of" right now, He is there--with the certainty of His prom-

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February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Prayer, 9 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Every Sunday!			1 Quilting, 9-2:30 pm Bible Study, 7:30 pm	2 Choir Practice, 7 pm Adam Warnick, Don Warnick BD	3 Crystal Liu BD	4 Akron 1st COB Soup Supper, 4:30-6:30 pm
5	6	7 Deacon Meeting, 6 pm Maxine Belton, John Cremeans BD	8 Quilting, 9-2:30 pm Bible Study, 7:30 pm Raymond Liu BD	9 Choir Practice, 7 pm	10	11
12 Church Carry-in Valentine's Dinner	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Quilting, 9-2:30 pm Bible Study, 7:30 pm	16 Choir Practice, 7 pm Nora Turner BD	17 Jr. High Rally, Hartville COB	18 Jr. High Rally, Hartville COB Camp Rep Brunch, 9:30 am, at camp
19 Freeburg Youth COB Valentine's Day Fundraiser Lonnie Markland BD	20 Christen Stockdale BD	21 Board Meetng, 6:30 pm WAM Meeting, 7:30 pm Fran Hunsicker BD	22 Ash Wednesday Quilting, 9-2:30 pm, Bible Study, 7:30 pm	23 Choir Practice, 7 pm Evelyn Kaess BD	24	25 Free Meal, 11:30-12:30 pm Tina Brighton BD
26 1st Lenten Ser- vice, Center COB, 7 pm Colin Wagner BD	27 Sue Galloway BD	28	29			

Bulletin Board

Choir Festival The Easter Choir Festival of combined churches will be held March 25. Our choir will begin practice on Thursday, Feb 2 at 7 pm and continue through March 29. Our choir will be singing throughout the months of February, March, and April. Everyone is invited to come and be a part. See Debbie Brown for more information.

New Baby A special welcome to Andrew David Bomberger (Drew) who arrived Thursday, Jan 26, weighing in at 8 lb. and 12 oz. Congratulations to proud parents Melissa and Dave Bomberger, grandparents, Larry and Joy Croston and great-grandparents, Galen and Peggy Tobias!

Expecting Congratulations to Vince & Christine (Myers) Carman now living in Kentucky who are expecting their first child in September.

Please remember Please be sure to send a card or make a call to those on the prayer list and our shut-ins.

Membership Class

If you are interested in becoming a member, please see Pastor Paul or Linda Fuller.

Knitting The knitting group will be taking a recess over the Lenten season and will resume after Easter.

Bible Study Gary Griffith is leading a Bible study for anyone wishing to come on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm here at the church.

Youth Rallies The Junior High Winter Rally will be Feb. 17-18 at Hartville CoB.

Thanks Thanks to all who contributed refreshments and attended our hymn sing, January 29! Area Brethren churches were invited to share in our celebration.

Valentine's Day Couples Dinner

Freeburg CoB Youth is having a fundraiser on Sunday, February 19. There are four seating times available, 5 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm. The cost is \$20 per couple. Reservations are required. Contact Crystal Zellers at 330-705-0594 or crystal7605@live.com.



For more information, see the bulletin board. The church is located in Paris, OH near Louisville.

Akron 1st Soup Supper in February

Akron 1st will have its soup supper on Saturday, February 4 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. The church is at 1812 Marigold Ave. in Firestone Park. Cost is \$6 for soup, dessert, bread and beverages. The next soup supper will be Saturday, March 3.

Nominating and Personnel Committee

The Nominating and Personnel Committee (NAP) are beginning the process of filling vacancies within the church. We will be calling members in the next few weeks offering the privilege of accepting a position at Eastwood. We ask that you prayerfully consider what your response will be. Thank You! NAP Committee: Connie Moyers, Larry Croston and Christine Adhikari

It is Finally Volleyball Time Again!!

This year we will be starting Saturday, February 11. The season will last twelve weeks, with two weeks of tournaments. All games will be at the Hartville Church of the Brethren on Saturdays, and the first game starts at 4:00 p.m. Contact Mike Conner at 330- 289-4894 or E-mail at bunnycon@neo.rr.com for volleyball.



Inspiration Hills Brunch

Save the date for the Camp Rep brunch on February 18th at 9:30 am! You will receive the first copies of the summer brochure to distribute at your church, the new Summer Camp DVD, and some awesome ideas for getting kids to camp! Reminder: we are still in need of a camp rep. Check out the camp schedule on the our web youth page.

Church Cancellation Policy--Snow Day!

If the church services need to be cancelled for any reason, every effort will be made to contact you one of three ways:

1) through the prayer chair, 2) radio announcements on WAKR 1590 AM, and the FISH 95.5 FM or, 3) via email.

Witness and Missions

Thanks from Witness and Missions

Thanks to all who contributed to the Hat and Mitten Tree. We were able to collect 95 hats and mittens, 48 scarves and gloves as well as 3 pair of socks which were all given to local groups in the area who help those people in need. Thank you letters were received from Good Neighbors and Open M for our contributions to them over the Christmas season. See bulletin board.

Thanks from the Turners

The Turner family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to providing a Christmas to a number of selected Mexican neighborhoods. Richard, Judy and Nora were able to provide (food and gifts) for a few more families than expected with your generous donations!

Special Thanks Dear Eastwood, Thank you so much for the food and gas gift to the Warnick and Nolt families. It was much appreciated! Karen Warnick and Calvin Nolt.

Bring in your canned goods The “Witness Bin,” in the lounge, located in the back of the Sanctuary, is an ongoing program of collecting canned goods and non-perishables which go to our various community soup kitchens. Approximately once a month items are collected and distributed. See

Leone Gindlesperger or Edith Kieffaber.

Free Meal Free meals will continue the last Saturday of each month from 11:30-12:30 through May. Contact Sam Klingensmith if wanting to contribute a dessert for the meal.

Fundraisers

Campbell's labels: Please remember to bring in your Campbell's labels for Inspiration Hills. The container is on the welcome center in the lounge.

Recycling bin: Also, we continue to collect newspaper, phone books, junk mail, office papers, etc. in the bin in the parking lot. Thanks for your help!

ACME tapes: February 11 is the deadline for ACME tapes as a fundraiser for the church. ACME gives cash back to the church for certain items purchased. Thanks to all who participated.

Offering a Helping Hand The men of the church are available to help out where needed. Contact John Konst.

Disaster Relief Volunteers

Alice & Larry Petry as well as Richard Tobias volunteered the month of January at the newest project in Marshall County, Alabama. This project was started on November 28 based in the town of Arab, Alabama. They did home repair/rebuilding from destruction resulting from a tornado on April 27, 2011.

Disaster Relief Take time and look at the Brethren Disaster Ministries website. There is a great need for disaster relief health kits, clean-up buckets, school bags, and baby kits. For directions on kits go to: www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=kits_main, or talk with Alice and Larry Petry, our local representatives. Also, you can contact: District Disaster Coordinators-Mort Curie and Brenda Hostetler, Hjbrenda@aol.com <http://www.brethren.org/site/PageServer?pagename=BDM>



February Nursery Schedule

	<u>9:20—10:40 am</u>	<u>10:40—12:10 am</u>
February 5	Dale Brown Debbie Brown	Debbie Hajba Julie Croston
February 12	Tom S. Christen S.	Connie M. Angela C.
February 19	Roxanne S. Cliff J.	Deb Brautigam Cathy R.
February 26	Dale Brown Debbie Brown	Ida Gene J. Esther E.

If you are not able to serve as scheduled, please make prior arrangements to cover your time and inform the office of changes. Thank you.

Kairos Kookies



Wanted: Kairos Kookies by March 23

Gary Myers is active in the Kairos Ministry. He goes into prisons and takes cookies with him to give to the men. Usually 6,000 cookies are needed for a typical Kairos weekend. Homemade cookies are a tangible expression of Christian love and an indication of God’s concern for a group of people who seldom encounter either in the course of their daily lives. Your loving sacrifice will provide “bread” that shines the Light of God’s Grace into the darkest corners of a prison unit. May God bless you for the gift of baking!

Best choices: oatmeal, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter, Rice Krispie Squares, brownies, molasses, chocolate chip, ginger, snickerdoodles and sugar. Cookies should be between 2”-2-1/2” in diameter and not more than 1/2” thick. Do not use icing, sugar or any other type of coating on the outside of the cookie. Do not add any kind of fruit to the cookies other than raisins. Pack in gallon sized zip locked bags, 2 dozen to a bag. Pray that each cookie brings the inmate, officer or warden who eats it closer to God. We want every person to become part of the family of God.

Messenger Subscriptions

It is time again to renew your subscription or start a new subscription to Messenger. (1st time subscribers only pay \$7.25 for a year!) Messenger is the Church of the Brethren’s monthly magazine that keeps you informed on what is happening in the denomination. The last issue of current subscriptions is April 28, 2012. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or Viki Myes, our Messenger representative, along with your check by Sunday March 4, 2012. Checks should be made payable to the Eastwood Church of the Brethren with a note, “Messenger.” Call Viki (330-947-2733) with questions. Thank you.

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Will You Be My Valentine?

Valentine's Day was one of excitement and anticipation back in my elementary school days. We worked on building little paper baskets or boxes for the collection of valentines from our classmates. At home we'd choose the perfect valentine for the recipient. Perhaps the funny one went to the class jester; Friends Forever for our closest, treasured friends; anonymous ones for those we liked but weren't sure liked us; and always, special ones for the principal and teacher. After trekking around the classroom making our deposits, it was with a mixture of excitement and trepidation that we checked our own baskets to see who amongst our classmates deemed us worthy of receiving one from them.



Today, there is even more pressure put upon us to remember your loved ones on Valentine's Day -- so much so that one might wonder whether the expression received was given as genuine or obligatory. It is far better to say it and show it spontaneously throughout the year than in an over-abundant fashion on just one certain day. How does this compare with our expression of faith? Do we live our lives as He says, to do unto others each day, or is it easier to save it up and dole it out in bigger doses on designated days such as Christmas, Easter or Valentine's Day? *Prayer: Our heavenly Father, we thank you for these special times to remember those we love in special ways, on special days. May we remember to express our love to you, our loved ones and our fellow man each day, seeing these special days as an opportunity to augment that love, and not as an opportunity to absolve us for the remaining days of the year. In your name we pray. Amen.*

Mary Daniel <marydee@shaw.ca> Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

2012 Lenten Services

Puzzle Answers

February 22, 2012: Ash Wednesday

February 26, 2012, 7 pm

Center Church of the Brethren

Message: He was despised and rejected

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-3

Speaker: Tom Zuercher

March 4, 2012, 7 pm

Hartville Church of the Brethren

Message: Wounds that heal

Scripture: Isaiah 53:4-6

Speaker: Mike Zellers



March 11, 2012, 7 pm

Freeburg Church of the Brethren

Paris, OH, near Louisville

Message: Silence of the Lamb

Scripture: Isaiah 53:7-9

Speaker: Larry Bradley

March 18, 2012, 7 pm

Water Street Church of the Brethren (Kent)

Message: Intercessor for sin

Scripture: Isaiah 53:10-12

Speaker: Paul Bozman

March 25, 2012. 7 pm

Springfield Church of the Brethren

Celebration of Choirs

April 5, 2012: Maundy Thursday/Love Feast, Eastwood

April 6, 2012: Good Friday Service, Eastwood

April 8, 2012: Easter Sunday,

Breakfast 8 am; Service: 9:30 am, Eastwood

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**It's GrΣΣk to me
Sudoku Answer**

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February Cryptogram Answer
 February cryptogram hint: The letter 'G' is encoded 'T'.
 February cryptogram answer:
 Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love. ~Albert Einstein

Deacon Directory, 2012

Please feel free to call upon one of the deacons if you have any questions about the church, its ordinances such as baptism, anointing, membership, financial needs, loneliness, grieving, etc.

DEACONS: JOY/JUDY

Beaty, Lee & Karen
 Brautigam, Dan
 Callaway, John, Angie & family
 Croston, Clovis
 Dovala, John & Debbie
 Fuller, Jerry, Nicole & family
 Fuller, Mike
 Gryder, Marilyn
 James, Glenn & Ida Gene
 Jeffrey, Cheryl
 Klingensmith, Darryl & Sam
 Moyers, Terry & Connie
 Petry, Larry & Alice
 Swain, Brian & Jill
 Tobias, Rick & Peggy
 Vincent, Mike & Norma
 Warnick, Don Karen & 4 younger

DEACONS: GARY AND VIKI

Buckles, Merrell
 Burch, Bill
 Casto, Tim, Debbie & family
 Ebie, Charlotte
 Gindlesperger, David & Leone
 Kieffaber, Edith
 Konst, John, Hope & family
 Mackey, Roy
 Tobias, Richard & Xinia

DEACONS: CONNIE/PEGGY

Adhikari, Ron & Christine
 Brighton, John, Tina
 Brown, Dale, Debbie
 Clough, Jessica & girls
 Cremeans, John & Ashley
 Croston, Larry & Joy
 Flake, Chris, Amy & Kayla
 Fuller, Jerry & Linda
 Griffith, Gary & Linda
 Johnson, Mike



Kaess, Evelyn
 Koval, Dorothy
 Krauss, Brenda
 Markland, Paul & Judy
 Petry, Gene
 Richards, Cathy
 Schmidt, Roxanne
 Silvey, Russ, Jen & Lily
 Simpkins, Dave, Janice & family
 Stockdale, Tom, Christen & Logan
 Turner, Dick, Judy & Nora

DEACONS: BONNIE/LEONE

Bauman, Gladys
 Belton, Maxine
 Boganwright, Bud & Alice
 Choate, Ernie
 Coverdale, Janet
 Davis, Sue
 Echelberry, Harold & Esther
 Ellesin, Alice
 Evans, Edna
 Galloway, Sue
 Gray, Jeanine
 Herald, Ethel
 Hunsicker, Fran
 Matyja, Vanessa & Edward
 Newman, Charlotte
 Nolt, Calvin & June
 Oplinger, Patricia
 Poling, Jean
 Royer, Carolyn
 Shaffer, Don & Norma
 Simich, Tom & Martha

Sizemore, Karen
 Smith, Ron & Marge
 Spencer, Pearl
 Tobias, Galen & Peggy

DEACONS: LINDA/PAUL

Allman, Tammy
 Beaty, Angela
 Beaty, Justin
 Brautigam, Anthony
 Brautigam, Debbie
 Burke, Pamela
 Croston, Mike & Julie
 Ebie, Rebecca
 Griffith, Mark
 Hajba, Dave & Debbie
 James, Cliff
 Johnson, Tekesha
 Law, Dara, Ric & family
 Liu, Ray, Crystal & family
 Lorenz, Gary
 Myers, Gary & Viki
 Shives, Jim & Julie
 Stadler, Gil
 Swisher, Bonnie
 Tobias, Hanna
 Tobias, John & Donna
 Warnick, Adam



The Deacon's Corner

Remember those in our congregationContinue to pray for those within our church and community going through financial difficulties, facing physical challenges, grieving the loss of loved ones, as well as those unable to attend church regularly . As you pray for them, let them know that you are thinking of them and praying for them, either through e-mail, visitation, or a card.

Keep in your prayers:



Calvin & June Nolt—home
Karen Sizemore, hospital
The Brautigam family
Pearl Spencer, home
Michael Johnson, chemotherapy
Patricia Oplinger
Kendall Ohlson, Karen Sizemore's great-great niece
Dorothy Koval as she continues to muster strength to minister to others
Jacob Ronca, paraplegic, Norma Shaffer's grandson
Carol Curry, Merrell's sister, cancer

of the spleen

Charlotte Ebie, shoulder pain

Trinty Petit

Our shut-ins: Jeanine Gray, Roy Mackey, and Edna Evans.

Angela Beaty in her teaching position in Abu Dhabi located in the United Arab Emirates on the Persian Gulf.

Gary Lorenz, as he ministers to Akron First CoB

Pastor Paul as he continues to minister to us on a daily basis

Pray for peace and for all areas on our globe affected by natural disasters

Pray for our local, state and national leaders to make decisions that will reflect goodness and goodwill.

"You can do more than pray after you have prayed; but you can never do more than pray until you have prayed." A.J. Gordon

"We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties." Oswald Chambers

Deacon goals:

- To continue to provide opportunities for baptism, anointing, communion services, love feasts, and membership classes.
- To continue to serve the congregation with members & those who attend services regularly, having a team of deacons assigned as their shepherds. A list of all deacons will be posted and given to all. This list will be presented as a laminated book marker with names and phone numbers of all deacons. If a need arises, an individual may choose any deacon with whom he/she feels comfortable talking.
- To have regular training sessions
- To continue with an emergency fund to assist those in need. There will be fund disbursement guidelines.
- To have a list of resources available for deacons to use to inform persons with various needs.
- To work with the Witness Commission to continue the monthly free meal program. Included with this is to provide 10 boxes of groceries for needy families, including some in our congregation.
- To attempt to follow I Timothy 4:12b, "Setting an example for believers in speech, in life in love, in faith, and in purity."

We are here to serve you. We want you to be LAFIYA, which means to be whole physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We are your family as we are all children of God. Finally we have been commissioned by you, for you. Linda Fuller, Chair.



Camp Inspiration Hills

4819 W. Easton Rd, Burbank, OH 44214

888-462-2267



Inspiration Hills 2012 Summer Camp Schedule

Chaplain Training:	April 21	All summer Chaplains must attend
Volunteer Training:	May 19 or June 2	All summer volunteers must attend one of these dates
Staff Training:	June 3-9	All summer staff must attend
Work Camp:	June 3-6	All ages, minors must be accompanied by an adult at all times
Rental Camp:	June 10-16	All Facilities Reserved
Senior High Camp:	June 17-22	Grades 9-12 (minimum age, 14)
Junior High Camp:	June 24- 29	Grades 6-8 (minimum age, 11)
Senior Worship Arts Camp:	June 24- 29	Grades 8-12 (minimum age, 13)
Royal Family Kids Camp:	July 1-7	All Facilities Reserved
Greater Grace Church:	July 8-13 (AC)	All Facilities Reserved
Chippewa Football Camp:	July 15-18	Dogwood Reserved
Junior Worship Arts Camp:	July 15-20	Grades 3-7 (minimum age, 8)
Wilderness Camp:	July 15-20	Grades 8-12 (minimum age, 13)
Grand Camp:	July 18-20	Grandparents & grandchildren ages 3 and up. Camp begins at 3 pm on Wednesday and ends at 6 pm on Friday
3 Day Camp:	July 22-25	Grades 1-3 (minimum age, 6)
Mom & Me Camp:	July 26-27	Parent (s) and campers ages 4 and up Camp begins at 10 am on Thursday and ends at 6 pm on Friday
District Conference	July 27-29	Ashland University
Junior Camp:	July 29-August 3	Grades 3-5 (minimum age, 8)
Rental Camp:	August 5-10	All Facilities Reserved
Family Camp:	August 10-12	All Ages, minors must be accompanied by an adult at all times
Rental Camp	August 12-17	All Facilities Reserved
Bike Camp:	TBA	Grades 8-12 (minimum age, 13)
Intergenerational Bike Camp:	TBA	Ages 12 and up, minors must be accompanied by an adult

Talk about Jesus, our Teacher

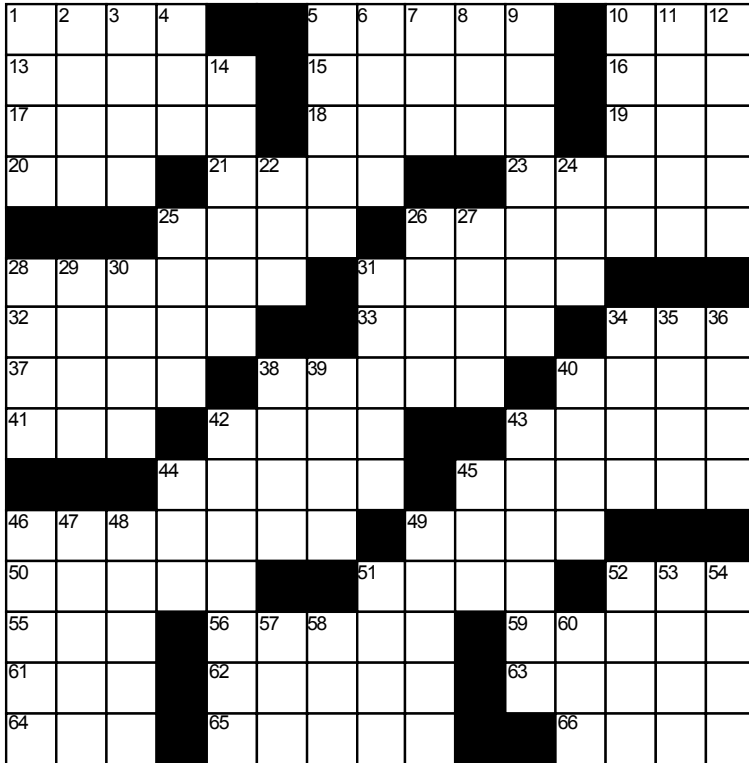
Gather 'Round Winter Calendar



January 29—March 3, 2012

<p>29 Being salt and light Matthew 4:23–5:16 <i>God, our hands are ready to work for you. Our voices are ready to share good news.</i></p>	<p>30 Read Matthew 5:3–5. Read it again substituting the word <i>happy</i> for the word <i>blessed</i>.</p>	<p>31 Crowds followed Jesus because he healed sickness. Tell about a time of getting well after illness.</p>	<p>1 “Blessed are the peacemakers” (Matthew 5:9). Name one way to be a peacemaker.</p>	<p>2 Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth.” Eat popcorn without salt; then add salt. Talk about the difference in taste.</p>	<p>3 Set a lighted candle near a window and briefly step outside. How far away did you see it shine?</p>	<p>4 What is the longest teaching of Jesus in the New Testament?</p>
<p>5 Giving, praying, fasting Matthew 6:1–18 <i>God, teach us to give and pray humbly. Teach us to love instead of being hard on others.</i></p>	<p>6 Read Matthew 6:5–6. Are there ways to pray humbly without “shutting the door”?</p>	<p>7 Walk across the room demonstrating a humble and quiet attitude; then show an “I’m better than other people” walk.</p>	<p>8 Have someone explain the practice of fasting.</p>	<p>9 We can give to people who don’t have enough. What can you give? To whom?</p>	<p>10 Repeat the Lord’s Prayer together each day at a specific time. (See Matthew 6:9–15 if needed.)</p>	<p>11 “Baba Yetu,” the theme song for the video game <i>Civilization IV</i>, is the Lord’s Prayer in Swahili.</p>
<p>12 Live truly Matthew 7:1–12 <i>God, you have promised that if we search we will find. We seek your wisdom.</i></p>	<p>13 Read Matthew 7:1–4. Why is it unwise to judge people?</p>	<p>14 Jesus talked about the good things parents do for their children. Tell what a family member gave or did for you recently.</p>	<p>15 Make a rap with the words of the golden rule. (See Matthew 7:12a.)</p>	<p>16 Read Matthew 7:4, then try removing a sticker from another person’s hand while wearing an oven mitt.</p>	<p>17 Who do you know who lives wisely?</p>	<p>18 One version of a Native American proverb says: Never criticize a man until you’ve walked a mile in his moccasins.</p>
<p>19 Jesus heals a servant Matthew 8:5–13 <i>God, hear our prayers. (Mention requests.) May the people we pray for feel your love.</i></p>	<p>20 Read Matthew 8:5–8. Why would the centurion think himself unworthy of Jesus’ visit?</p>	<p>21 Read aloud to appreciate the value of differences: <i>Swimmy</i> by Leo Lionni or <i>How My Parents Learned to Eat</i> by Ina Friedman.</p>	<p>22 Tell about a summer camp experience. Did you feel like an insider or an outsider?</p>	<p>23 Play an alternate version of musical chairs. Everyone fits into fewer and fewer chairs.</p>	<p>24 Do you know someone from another land? What have you learned from that person?</p>	<p>25 Centurions were commanders of one hundred soldiers in the Roman army.</p>
<p>26 Jesus walks on water Matthew 14:23–33 <i>God, be with us when we are in scary situations.</i></p>	<p>27 Read Matthew 14:26–27. Why did the disciples think Jesus was a ghost?</p>	<p>28 Draw a group picture of a stormy sea. Each person gets ten seconds to draw, and then the next person takes over.</p>	<p>29 Name some things you are afraid of or afraid to do.</p>	<p>1 Rub your hands together to make the sound of the wind or move your body as though you are in a great storm.</p>	<p>2 Share about a time you were in a storm.</p>	<p>3 What is another name for a sudden storm; often over a body of water?</p>

February Puzzles: My Valentine



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- 43 Spas
- 44 Craze
- 45 Plunder
- 46 End of the quote
- 49 Coin
- 50 French city
- 51 Galore
- 52 Winter malady
- 55 Queasy
- 56 Present for sale
- 59 Sign of the zodiac
- 61 Buck's mate
- 62 Burdened
- 63 Care for
- 64 Terminate
- 65 Speak in public
- 66 Loch monster
- DOWN
- 1 Unfreeze
- 2 European capital
- 3 Troops
- 4 Long time
- 5 Pain reliever
- 6 Waiting place
- 7 Headed
- 8 Self-esteem
- 9 Infant
- 10 Raccoon-like animal
- 11 Undo the laces
- 12 Stinks
- 14 Curler
- 22 Stale
- 23 Dye with wax
- 24 Creative work
- 25 Water pitcher
- 26 Commercial
- 27 Weight of a container
- 28 Chew
- 29 Jacob's son
- 30 Kiln
- 31 Befuddled
- 34 Test release
- 35 Neighbor of Kauai
- 36 Battlefield malady
- 38 Stab of pain
- 39 Car rental agency
- 40 Agora
- 42 Leia's pursuer (2 wds.)
- 43 Large fig tree
- 44 Least amount
- 45 Males
- 46 Suppress brand
- 47 Synthetic fiber
- 48 Handed out
- 49 Tampico Chili ingredient
- 51 Gather
- 52 Fervor
- 53 Not as much
- 54 Wields
- 57 Distant
- 58 Food watchdog
- 60 Course

ACROSS

- 1 Start of Valentine quote
- 5 Woody of film
- 10 Mutt
- 13 Respect
- 15 Vassal
- 16 Only
- 17 Type of acid
- 18 Render capable
- 19 Snacked
- 20 Dank
- 21 Part 2 of the quote
- 23 Dye with wax
- 25 Women's magazine
- 26 Part 3 of the quote
- 28 Radiated
- 31 Separated
- 32 Part 4 of the quote
- 33 Rent
- 34 Jazz
- 37 Declare positively
- 38 Glue
- 40 Protein provider
- 41 Gain
- 42 Part 5 of the quote

February cryptogram:
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 PXOQMLGRBX
 HMP QXMQBX HFBBGLT GL MYX.
 FBRXPK XGLOKXGL

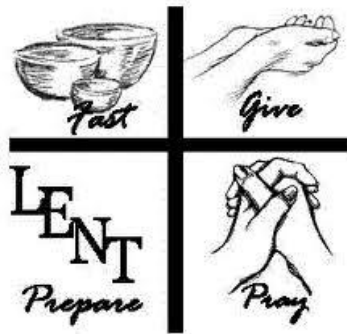
It's GrΣΣk to me
Sudoku
 Complete the grid to the right so each row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every symbol in the set:
 α β χ δ ε φ γ η ι

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LENTEN SERVICES 2012

As in the past years, the Church of the Brethren is holding Lenten Services to commemorate the sacrifice Christ made on Calvary's Cross and to celebrate His conquest over death.

This year's Lenten services commence 7 pm on February 26 and conclude 7 pm on March 25. It is important that we as a church make a concerted effort to offer our support by attending as many services as possible and to share our faith in fellowship with other families from our sister churches. If you would like to carpool to any of the Lenten services, please sign up on the bulletin board.



CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be choir practice beginning Thursday, February 2, 7 pm and continuing through March 29. All are welcome to come and be part!



COVERED DISH VALENTINES DINNER

Sunday, February 12 we will have a very special Valentine's Dinner following Sunday School. Please bring a covered dish to share. If more than two in your family, remember to bring two or three dishes to go around!



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To Nurture each other in Christ-like love
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