

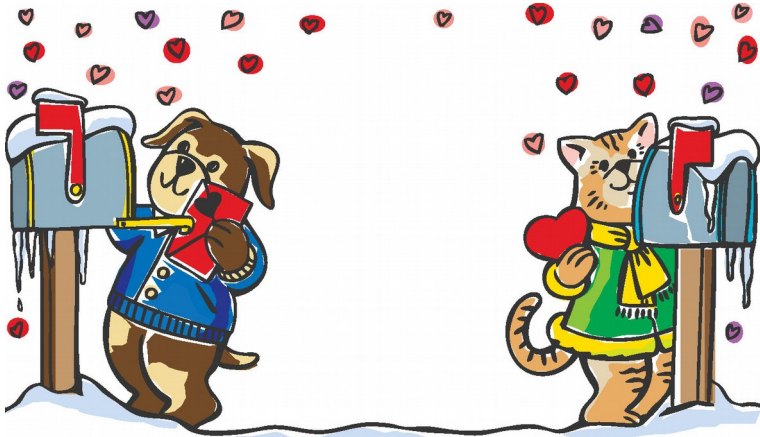
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# February



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*9:00am-12:00pm*

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*Mondays*  
*10:00a.m.-1:00 p.m.*  
*or by appointment*

*Sunday morning*  
*Worship time:*  
*10:30 a.m.*

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The News~n~Views newsletter is a great place for all groups, organizations and committees within the Sidney UMC to communicate with the congregation as a whole and to involve more of our church family in what they have going on. If you have an article of church news you would like us to include in the March publication, simply email or call the Church Office and let us know!



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### **“What Do I Have?”**

What do I have, Lord, that you would need me as a servant?

Eyes, he said,  
to see the beauty in all that I’ve made —  
and my children as they travel life’s highway.

Hands, he said,  
to reach out and touch hurting souls,  
to give a hug or encouraging pat on the back.

Feet, he said,  
to lead my children through this world of strife  
and to help them run from sin and follow me.

Mouth, he said,  
to lift up your voice and sing praises to me  
so others may hear the joy in your heart.

Ears, he said,  
to listen to my still, small voice of love  
and to hear my children when they cry for help.

Heart, he said,  
so you may know the full love of my Spirit  
and love my children as I have loved you.

—Thomas Butler

## **Windows Project Update**

Due to a very generous donation to the Board of Trustees, we have been able to replace the aged and discolored plexiglass cover on the front stained glass window. The window now is also back lit at night and the trustees have received many positive comments regarding this work. Several members of the congregation have expressed an interest in also donating to replace additional plexiglass covering on other stained glass windows in the Church. We have been in contact with the contractor who did the front window, FornoEnterprises of Trout Creek, N.Y. They have given us a proposal to replace the remainder of the discolored plexiglass with lexan in the amount of \$10,500. This would cover all 6 of the windows in the Sanctuary as well as the remaining 5 smaller square windows in the various entryways to the building.

The Trustees would like to get a signed agreement in place with the contractor so he can start work as soon as the weather breaks in the spring. Therefore, the Trustees are asking that if anyone would like to donate to a special fund to complete this work, please put your check donation in the collection plate and mark "Window Repair" in the memo line, or mail your donation, again with the notation "Window Repair" in the memo line, to the Sidney United Methodist Church, Attention Trustees, 12 Liberty St., Sidney, N.Y. 13838. If you would like any further information, please speak to any Trustee.



### **February Dates to Remember**

- African-American History Month
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 11, 2018
- Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2018
- First Sunday in Lent, February 18, 2018
- Presidents Day, February 19, 2018
- Second Sunday in Lent, February 25, 2018



### **Heart Sandwich Creative Snack Idea**

Show your love by making someone this heartfelt snack on Valentines Day <3

#### What you'll need:

Two slices of bread

Two heart shaped cookie cutters, one larger and one smaller

Lunch meat and cheese of choice, or peanut butter and jelly

#### What to do:

- 1: Cut a large heart out of each slice of bread
- 2: Cut a small heart from the middle of one big heart
- 3: With the small cookie cutter, make several heart shapes out of the meat and cheese and place between the slices of bread
- 4: If you're using peanut butter and jelly, spread onto the large, solid heart, then place the slice with the small heart cutout on top

### **Meeting Needs**

“My neighbor’s material needs are my spiritual needs,” said 19th-century theologian Israel Salanter. In other words, when someone else suffers hunger and poverty, when people endure a natural disaster and lack shelter, when another human being is sick or injured — in all such cases, God calls us to action. And God knows that whatever we do to meet those material needs will meet our spiritual needs at the same time.

It might be our spiritual need to expand our horizons into neighborhoods, cultures or situations where we’re uncomfortable. We might need to grow in love for people different from us. By serving others, we might find our own sagging spirits nurtured with a sense of well-being or even joy. And as we reach out to help, surely we’ll notice others doing the same thing, and our spiritual need for renewed faith will be met.

—Heidi Mann



### Lay Leader's Letter

Feb.1 Creator Father of all, lead us to see the light, and instruct us that we may be able to reason. Guard us against spectacular endeavors, that we may be genuine to you O' Father. Amen.

Feb.2 Almighty God, we thank thee for the courage that comes with a great life. Help us to be brave, even if it is only that others may be blest. May we lay a careful foundation and plan to build the best that we can afford. Amen.

Feb.3 Almighty God, we pray for the will to do our finest work. Disclose to us if we are being detained by serving selfishness in ourselves or in others. Lead us to what is right for us to do; and may we diligently tarry in it. Amen.

Feb.4 Loving Father, command our judgment for the influences which you permit to come into our life. Grant that we may not delay our purposes for the lack of comforts which are so often made more than life. With thy strength may we be steadfast in what we would achieve through your Grace Father. Amen.

Feb.5 Heavenly Father, We pray that we may not let pride keep us down when it may be ours to be carried to the heights. With tenderness take us out of ourselves, that we may see how pride deceives, and destroys our humble spirit. Help us to master both stubbornness and pride. Amen.

Feb.6 Lord God, may we not only feel the need of thee when we are burdened with sorrow and care, but may we have need of thee in our pleasures and joys. We thank thee for thy gracious kindness, thy mercy and thy protection and love. Amen.

Feb.7 Merciful Father, help us to know that our shadow cannot fall without us, and that our footprints cannot be found where we have not trodden. We pray that thou wilt make us familiar with the right path that it may be ours to have the privilege of leading others to the right places. Amen.

Feb.8 My Father, may we ever be kept in remembrance of our virtues, and may we be sensitive to its strength. As we go on our way, keep us within control of the impetuous desires of our nature, and in call of the duties and obligations of our daily life. Amen.

Feb.9 Gracious Father, help us to take of the wealth of our day, while it is in season, and accessible. May we not be ignorant of the abundance in which we live, and be found in overwhelming regret. Forgive us for all that we have missed in life, and make us more watchful of that which is yet to come. Amen.

Feb.10 Eternal God, who hath weighed the mountains and measured the seas, we pray that we may not be satisfied to wait in idleness, and let thy wisdom pass away from us as the days have passed. Steady us in our weakness, and reveal to us our strength as we draw near and ask of thee. Amen.

Feb.11 Gracious Father, thou knowest what we are and the condition of our lives. May we seek thy will for us. Grant that we may never struggle for consolation through indulgence and indolence, but in our sorrow and failure may we reach out for thy enduring comfort and love. Amen.

Feb.12 Our Father, help us to choose the road that leads to our work, and may we not fail to reach it, by wandering away from it. Keep us in touch with the human side of life, holding in mind that "Truth and honesty are the noblest works of God." Amen.

Feb.13 Almighty God, if we are uncertain, and tremble at the crossroads of doubt for the right way, may we wait and be led by thee, and follow on, even if the way be dark and rough. May we be faithful and have thy presence as thou promised at the end of our day. Amen.

Feb.14 Loving Father, may we not fall to nodding in the balmy air of luxury and miss the messages of love. Arouse us, that we may give and take in the treasures of love as they come our way, and that they may not pass us all unnoticed. Amen.



Feb.15 Gracious Father, we pray that thou wilt control our impulses, and protect us from false interpretations. May we have wisdom, and search for the high and holy ways. Help us to be patient for thy purposes, and may our relationships to life be triumphant in thy standards. Amen.

Feb.16 Our Father, we pray that we may not weight our lives with worthless efforts. May we be guided to the right work, and through the love of it and strength for our souls through you Father. Amen.

Feb.17 Almighty God, we would learn that while thou art a forgiving Lord, nature has no mercy on them that break her laws. Forgive us for all our neglect, and help us to see the way in which thou hast through mercy led us. Give us the power to endure and the strength to resist temptation. May we seek to understand thy laws, that we may not fail through ignorance. Amen

Feb.18 Lord Our God, give us the will to hold to the truth and the strength to help keep the world true; and may we help others to look up and catch the truth from the purest light. Amen

Feb.19 Lord God, we pray that we may not rest our hope in self alone, but know that the greatest joy is in the hope of the world. Help us to have faith in mankind; and with a loyal heart and a brave spirit be as kind to the world as we can be. Amen.

Feb.20 Precious Father, help us to survey our lives. Make us compassionate and considerate, that we may be qualified to promote that which is helpful. May we appreciate that what is worth keeping we can obtain from thee. Amen.

Feb.21 Almighty God, help us to have true conceptions, that our life may not be secured to needless purposes. May our souls be influenced by high ideals, and our work be the production of truth and not of selfishness. Protect us from evil that we may be kept pure and strong for your works, Lord. Amen.

Feb.22 My Father, may our daily work not be the means of separating us from thee, but may we have thee for our companion through our work. Forbid that we should ever submit to despair from weakness of body, but that we may be blest and grow strong as our spirit lives are in thee. Amen.

Feb.23 Lord God, we pray that we may not neglect the help and happiness that we may give with compassion and love. Make us strong in all the senses that answer to the call of humanity. Help us to guide and protect little children, and to care for the comforts and misgivings of the old. Amen.

Feb.24 Heavenly Father, may we not sorrow so that we fail to comfort the sorrowing, and may we not be so happy that we fail to see that others need to be happy. We thank thee for thy providences. May we serve thee in helping others to brighter lives. Amen.

Feb.25 Lord Our God, help us to lay our lives in the rocks of thy foundation, and not in moving sands which are tossed from shore to shore. May we cling to the rock of salvation that was cleft for us and trust for thy care. Amen.

Feb.26 Lord God, help us to feel the power of praise. "As words without thoughts never to heaven go," so the highest praises are never sung alone, but rendered with service and love. May we have the heart to sing out loud thy praises far and near, and rejoice in him from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

Feb.27 Gracious God, we pray that we may not neglect our souls in trying to fathom immortal life. If we may be hesitating between comfort and work, remind us of the greatness of the places which we started to reach. May we not grow weary of climbing and falter on the stair. Breathe upon us thy inspiration and love, that we may continue in faith all the way. Amen.

Feb.28 Almighty God, look upon us with pity; so often we have obeyed the thoughts that have been misleading and profitless. Make us more careful of what we think and say, may we learn from our mistakes of the forbidden paths. Help us to keep our minds in unity with thy will. Amen.

Feb.29 Lord, Jesus, help us to realize the influence of the individual life. And as we would care for our own family and friends, may we seek to do for others as we would do for ourselves; and may we not criticize others for our gain, but help all who are trying to make the world better place to live in. Amen.



### **A Penguin “Parable”**

During storms, emperor penguins huddle for warmth, taking turns at the center and on the perimeter of the group. While incubating eggs, up to 6,000 male penguins have been observed clustering for shelter against the harsh Antarctic winter. Partially grown chicks gather in protective “crèches” (French for “cribs”); often surrounded by a colony of adults, these groupings ward off predators and cold.

In stormy times, humans also need supportive groups; we can't survive alone. A church family allows us to take turns giving and receiving care. Amid social upheaval, injustice, illness, natural disaster and any loss or crisis, God invites us to gather for protection and warmth. In the church community, we support and strengthen one another and are empowered to go out again into the less-sheltered world



# A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

*Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.*

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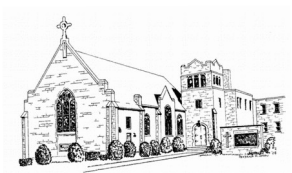
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JOHN 13:34, NIV

Answer: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34, NIV



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