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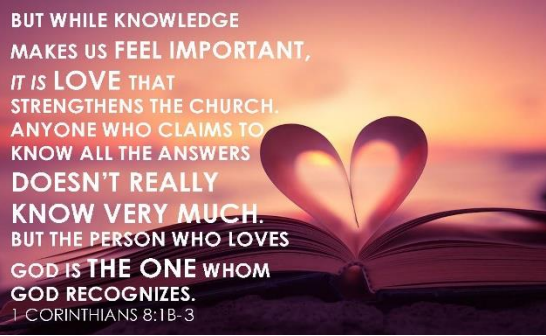
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Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Psalm 111 & 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Children’s Time

Sermon      “Recipe for Divinity”      Rev. Donna Murphy-Ceradsky

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\*Doxology (inside front cover of Hymnal)

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### **\*Hymn 297 vs 1 & 3**

*Trust and Obey*

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### **\*Passing of the Peace**

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**Circle of Freedom  
Grocery Drive**  
Now through February 4  
Grocery list by donation box

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**HCUMC Trustees Meeting**  
Sunday, February 4 @ 1:00 pm

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**Parish Council February 7**  
6:00 pm @ HCUMC

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**Fat Tuesday  
Chicken and Noodle Supper**  
Tuesday, February 13  
5 – 7 pm @ HCUMC

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**Ash Wednesday Service**  
Wednesday, February 14  
7:00 pm @ HCUMC

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**TUF Team**  
Wednesday, February 14  
Treats: Virginia Watson

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**Pastor Donna Out of Office**  
Wednesday, January 31  
For continuing education in Newton

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Names will remain on the prayer list for two Sundays following the first request.

**Concerns**

**Family of Debbie Shanks**

**Susie** – heart attack and triple bypass, Garland’s cousin

**Family of Jake Babcock**

**Amy** – in hospital with pneumonia, Pastor Donna’s friend

**Pam** – hospice, Cole Zimmerman’s grandmother

**Bill**– lung issues

**Patricia** – terminal lung cancer, Jayma Smith’s cousin

**Kinsley** – leukemia treatment, Tom & Linda Watkins’ great granddaughter

**Celebrations**

**Martha Shanks neighbor** – helped with snow removal

**Caden Carruthers** – playing ball again after concussion, Terry & Belva Snow’s grandson

**Jennifer Martinez** – traveling volleyball team doing great

**Isaac Porter** – turning 16 and getting driver’s license, Tom & Linda Watkin’s grandson

**Jamie** – second facial surgery, doing great, Virginia Watson’s grandson

**Paul** – stent inserted, doing well

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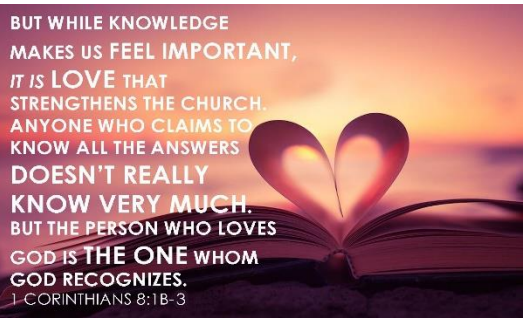
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**\* Invitation to discipleship**

**\*Hymn 127 vs. 1 – 3**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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**\*Hymn 672 vs. 1**

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