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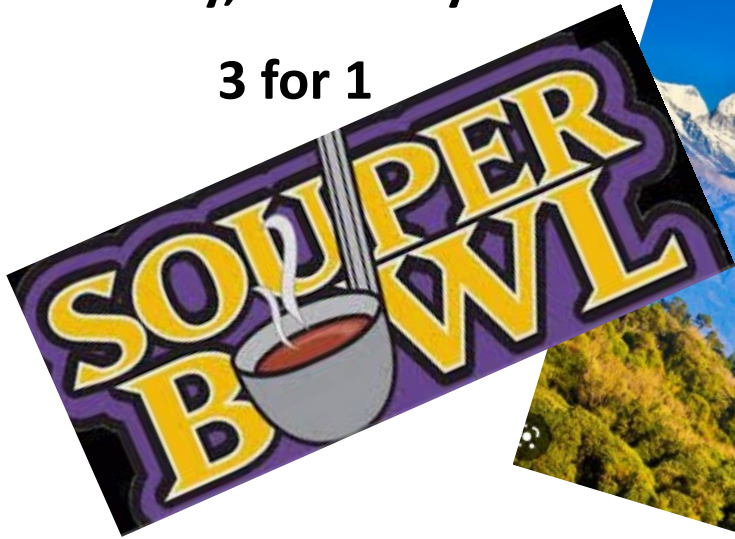
FINCASTLE, VIRGINIA

FEBRUARY, 2023

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 12

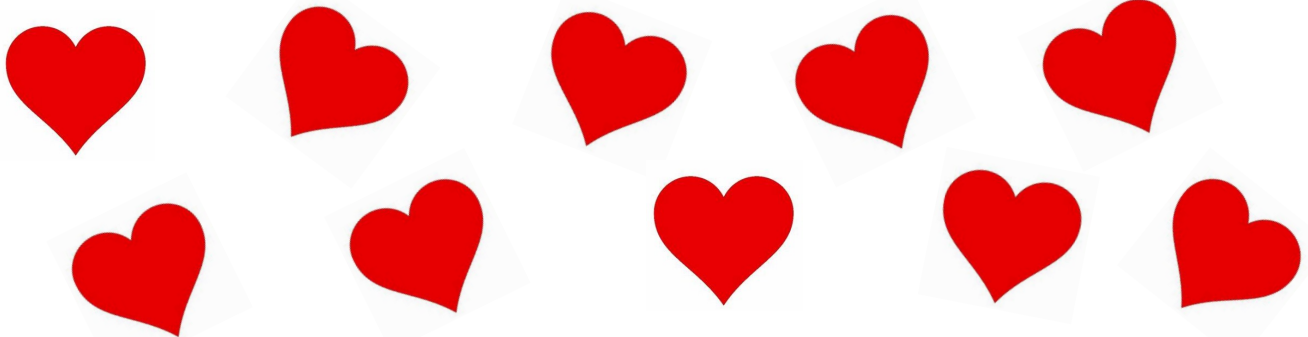
3 for 1



♥ 10:30—Church Service with Communion

♥ 11:45—Souper Bowl Lunch—bring cans of soup to donate to the food pantry and then enjoy a delicious soup lunch with dessert provided for you.

♥ After Lunch—Learn about Lori's trip to Nepal (pictured above) through pictures



From David's Desk

"Love"

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, that day when "love" is in the air, that day when we celebrate the romantic, the emotional and physical joys of being "in love" with our "beloved". Romantic love is, without a doubt, one of the most powerful forces in our human experience. Romantic love can make us soar with the eagles, or fall from the skies like a meteor in decay. Romantic love can make "good ole Charlie Brown" go to his mail box 7 times a day, eagerly hoping to find a valentine from "the little red-haired girl", only to find the rejection of an empty mail-box. Love is "a many splendored thing", but it is also a "fickle" thing. Even so, who among us wouldn't move heaven and earth for the sake of our "beloved" with whom we are "in love"?

And yet, there is a "love" that is even more powerful, more enduring, more divinely inspired than romantic love. Scriptures tell us:

That *"God is love"* (1 John 4:8)

That *"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son..."* (John 3:16)

To : *"love your enemies"* (Luke 6:27)

That: *"Faith, hope, love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love"*
(1 Corinthians 13:13)

That *"a greater love has no person than to lay down his/her life for a friend"*
(John 15:13)

There is a love that seeks, that wills, to do what is best for the sake of the neighbor, loveable or likeable; even if the neighbor is completely unlovable; even if the neighbor is an enemy!

But who can love like that? Well, God loves like that, for God loves you and me. God loves the world, the whole world, no exceptions.

Jesus said: *"A new command I give you: Love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* (John 13:34-35).

So, by all means, give your "beloved" a hug, a kiss, a bouquet of roses, a box of chocolates. Romantic love is also a gift from God to his people. But, more importantly, remember to love our neighbors as God loves us. In the Greek, such love has a name, "agape" (uh-gah-pay). By God's Holy Spirit may we love one another as Christ loves us.

Peace in Christ and "Happy Valentine's Day!"
David

Celebrate Black History Month

Howard Washington Thurman

(November 18, 1899 – April 10, 1981) was an American author, philosopher, theologian, mystic, educator, and civil rights leader. As a prominent religious figure, he played a leading role in many social justice movements and organizations of the twentieth century.^[1] Thurman's theology of radical nonviolence influenced and shaped a generation of civil rights activists, and he was a key mentor to leaders within the civil rights movement, including Martin Luther King Jr.



In 1925, he was ordained as a Baptist minister at First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Virginia, while still a student at Rochester Theological Seminary (now Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School).^{[3]:xcvi}

He graduated from Rochester Theological Seminary in May 1926 as valedictorian in a class of twenty-nine students.

*Listen to the long stillness:
New life is stirring
New dreams are on the wing
New hopes are being readied:
Humankind is fashioning a new
heart
Humankind is forging a new mind
God is at work.
This is the season of Promise*

[Howard Thurman](#)

Thurman served as dean of Rankin Chapel at Howard University from 1932 to 1944 and as dean of Marsh Chapel at Boston University from 1953 to 1965. In 1944, he co-founded, along with Alfred Fisk, the first major interracial, interdenominational church in the United States.^[2]

Howard Thurman died on April 10, 1981 in San Francisco, California.

(Contents from Wikipedia Search) (Mr. Thurman wrote the poem that was printed in the January Newsletter.)

Committee Notes

Property Committee

The property committee is working on a grant proposal to help fund some of the projects around the church that need to be “tackled”. More information will be forthcoming .

Congregational Care Committee

Mary Black, Nathalie Givens, Paul Langford (Dot Langford’s brother-in-law and Leigh Anne Martin’s uncle), Laura Holt McCann, Meg and Bob Omer, Doug Paysour, Mary Lee Reese, Doug Ross, Whitney Wolford (friend of the Baileys), Mike Goad who had double bypass at Lynchburg General Hospital (he continues to improve but remains in the hospital at time of publication)

Fellowship Committee

Pancakes and bagels!
Soup on Sunday!!!
YUM YUM YUM!!!



Worship Committee

Since this is February expect some spirited music during the worship hours!

Let’s work on learning our new “sending song” from Micah 6:8 “What Does The Lord Require of You? What Does The Lord Require of You? Justice, Kindness, Walk Humbly with your God? To seek justice, and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.”

Committee Reports

Missions Committee

Remember to save your **2 cents per meal**. It all adds up. If every person saved 2 cents per meal or 6 cents per day or 42 cents per week or about \$1.86 per month and if there were 30 people saving this money, each month, that would be \$55.80 collected each month. Each year that would add up to \$669.60, by each person saving 2 cents per meal per day. It all adds up!

Session Committee

Next Regular session meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23 at 7 pm in the fellowship hall.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee continues to FaceTime each Sunday and tries to keep everyone informed on the 'happenings in the church'. Thank Sandy and her committee for the excellent job.

Happy Valentines Day

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!!!

DON'T FORGET FEBRUARY 14

Other Dates in February to Remember:

Monday, February 20 ~ National President's Day

Wednesday, February 2 ~ Ash Wednesday