

THE WINDOW VIEW

...those who hope in the
LORD will renew their
strength.
 They will soar
on wings like eagles;
 they will run and not grow weary,
 they will walk and not be faint.



ITEM OF THE MONTH

There is a decorated container in the office to receive your donations for GAP Ministries. And remember: If you forget to bring an item, you may always contribute cash or checks (made payable to GAP Ministries).



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 David Westin
- 1 Shirley Macuch
- 4 Angela Rees
- 8 Carolyn Kershner
- 10 Susan Bailey
- 11 Mary Ann Rimbey
- 12 Lisa Hill
- 17 Jackie Voss
- 18 Maria Rooney-Fenn
- 23 Barbara Wardlow
- 24 Patrick Prine II
- 25 Allison Rooney
- 27 Gregory Massey

FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

GREETERS

- Feb 4 Kathy & Jim Elder
- Feb 11 Janet & Bill Cravens
- Feb 18 Angie Rees & Gail Volz
- Feb 25 Jackie & Ken Voss

DOOR KEEPERS

- Feb 4 Jim Elder
- Feb 11 Bill Cravens
- Feb 18 Joe Lesniewski
- Feb 25 Ken Voss

LAY READER

Margaret Woodard

Christian Education Ministry**February 2024****Sunday School****Adult Sunday School Classes**

During the month of February all adult classes will meet in their regular locations.

The **Co-Ed Class** will meet in the Parlor and will continue to discuss the Scripture reading for that day's Worship Service. If you would like to read and study the Scripture reading before Sunday morning, you can find it in the Bulletin that is emailed out on Thursday. Jim Elder leads the discussion of this class and everyone is encouraged to add their thoughts and interpretation. This class is open to all adults.

The **Women's Sunday School Class** will meet in the Sunday School classroom in the Fellowship Hall. They are starting a new study led by Cindy Lesniewski. This class is open to all women of the church.

All Sunday School classes begin at 9:30 AM and finish by 10:15 AM

Children's Sunday School Classes

All Children's classes continue to meet in the Ark. Our theme for February is "**Love Like Jesus**". Are you ever too young—or too old—to learn to love like Jesus? These lessons are an exciting and hands-on program to learn the deep love of Jesus Christ. It encourages kids to show this love in real, everyday ways.

- February 4 – Witness: Seeing Christ's Love
- February 11 – Works: Demonstrating Christ's Love
- February 18 – Word: Exploring Christ's Love
- February 25 – Worship: Celebration of Christ's Love

As always, there will be Nursery Time for children age 5 and under to attend with a lesson and play time especially for them. Sunday School time 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM.

Wednesday Night Brown Bag Bible Study**There will NOT be Bible Study on February 14, Ash Wednesday**

Our Wednesday Bible Study will continue with two meetings on Wednesday, one mid-day and the other in the evening. Rev. Ed will continue with the study of the Gospel of Mark which includes DVDs, Bible study and time for questions and discussion. Following our usual format, we start with fellowship and food that you bring for lunch/dinner followed by the program. The classes will be 11:30 - 1PM and 5:30 - 7:15 PM. Both sessions will cover the same material so come to the one that's most convenient for you. Hope to see you there.

Christian Education Ministry Meeting for February

The next meeting of the Christian Education Ministry team will be February 18th in the Fellowship Hall from 12pm to 1pm. Everyone is welcome.

Latest news on "The Chosen": Season 4

Season 4 will be shown in theatres during February and March, 2024. The theatres include:

- Evans Cinema - Showtimes will be 2:30 PM and 7:00 PM
- Riverwatch Cinema - Showtimes will be 2:30 PM and 7:00 PM
- Regal Cinema - Showtimes will be 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM and 8PM

The episodes that will be shown and the total time for the showing is as follows:

- February 1 – 14: Episodes 1,2, and 3 Total time for the 3 episodes will be 3 hours and 20 minutes.
- February 15 – 28: Episodes 4,5, and 6 Total time for the 3 episodes is **not known**.
- February 29 - Mar.8: Episodes 7 and 8 Total time for the 2 episodes is **not known**.

See Fandango.com for ticket information. Reserved seating is required.

This verse comes from the account of a vision that the prophet Ezekiel received from God. The Lord took him and showed him a valley full of dry bones, and then asked Ezekiel a question: Do you think these bones can come to life? Now this vision pertained to the people of Israel, who at that time had been carried off into captivity in Babylon. So God is asking the prophet if he thinks it's possible that Israel, which at that point had about as much vitality as a heap of dry bones, could be restored and renewed. And Ezekiel, although he was staring at a valley full of dead and dried skeletons, knew when he was out of his league. So he puts the ball back in God's court: I don't know, Lord, but I'm sure you do. And in the vision, God tells Ezekiel to preach to the valley of bones, and in obedience, he does. In what had to be both an amazing and disturbing part of the vision, the bones are joined back together, take on flesh, and come back to life, *"an exceedingly great army,"* as v.10 puts it. God explains that the vision represents the restoration of Israel, which he is planning to deliver from captivity and restore to their homeland, and so he did.

The point of all this is that often, when we look at the state of the world around us, it can feel like we're standing in the middle of a valley of dry bones, with no hope for the future. Christianity appears to be declining, at least in this country, and often many do not seem interested in matters of faith at all. We need to remind ourselves, and each other, that our God is in the business of bringing the dead to life, and that, as the angel Gabriel said to Mary, *"For nothing will be impossible with God."* (Luke 1:37) Now we don't need to presume we understand what God will do, or how or when he will act; our position needs to reflect the humility of Ezekiel: *"O Lord God, you know."* What we can trust is that God has promised that sharing the Good News of Jesus is the catalyst that ignites faith in the hearts of those he is drawing to himself (Romans 10:14-17). The world needs that Good News now more than ever, and like Ezekiel, we are simply called to be obedient, and we can watch expectantly for new life to spring up, even in the most barren places.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Ed



*"And he said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?'
And I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.'"*

(Ezekiel 37:3)





“I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME.”

MATTHEW 25:36

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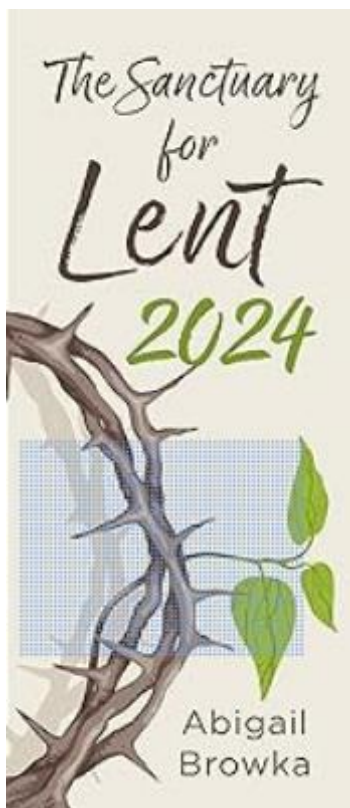
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NEWS HOT OFF THE PRESS

I know you must think that Christmas and Advent are barely over, but it is time to get your Lenten Devotional Book! Ash Wednesday is February 14. And we have **The Sanctuary For Lent 2024** Devotional books ready for distribution.

They will be available for you to pick them up after church on Sunday, February 4th and February 11th. There are readings for every day in Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday. I have always found more time to prepare for the celebration of our Risen Lord!

The author for this devotional guide is Abigail Browka, who is Pastor of a Methodist Church in Upstate New York. I think you will find her insight and thoughtful prayers each day leading us to the glory of Easter.

See you on Sunday!

Jackie Voss and the Christian
Education Ministry



**BIBLE IN A YEAR
READINGS
FEBRUARY**

- Feb 1** Exodus 8-9, Psalm 29, Mark 8
- Feb 2** Exodus 10-11, Psalm 30, Mark 9
- Feb 3** Exodus 12, Psalm 31, Mark 10
- Feb 4** Exodus 13-14, Psalm 32, Mark 11
- Feb 5** Exodus 15-16, Psalm 33, Mark 12
- Feb 6** Exodus 17-19, Psalm 34, Mark 13
- Feb 7** Exodus 20-21, Psalm 35, Mark 14
- Feb 8** Exodus 22-23, Psalm 36, Mark 15
- Feb 9** Exodus 24-25, Psalm 37:1-22, Mark 16
- Feb 10** Exodus 26-27, Psalm 37:23-40, Luke 1
- Feb 11** Exodus 28, Psalm 38, Luke 2
- Feb 12** Exodus 29-30, Psalm 39, Luke 3
- Feb 13** Exodus 31-32, Psalm 40, Luke 4
- Feb 14** Exodus 33-34, Psalm 41, Luke 5
- Feb 15** Exodus 35-36, Psalm 42, Luke 6
- Feb 16** Exodus 37-38, Psalm 43, Luke 7
- Feb 17** Exodus 39-40, Psalm 44, Luke 8
- Feb 18** Leviticus 1, Psalm 45, Luke 9
- Feb 19** Leviticus 2-4, Psalm 46, Luke 10
- Feb 20** Leviticus 5-6, Psalm 47, Luke 11
- Feb 21** Leviticus 7, Psalm 48, Luke 12
- Feb 22** Leviticus 8-9, Psalm 49, Luke 13
- Feb 23** Leviticus 10-11, Psalm 50, Luke 14
- Feb 24** Leviticus 12-13, Psalm 51, Luke 15
- Feb 25** Leviticus 14, Psalm 52, Luke 16
- Feb 26** Leviticus 15-16, Psalm 53, Luke 17
- Feb 27** Leviticus 17-18, Psalm 54, Luke 18
- Feb 28** Leviticus 19-20, Psalm 55, Luke 19



**TREASURER'S REPORT
DECEMBER 2023**

2023 Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$ 4,658.28
2023 YTD Average Weekly Income	\$ 4,590.29
Total Income December	\$ 26,724.57
Total Expenses December	\$ 26,883.44
Net (Deficit)	\$ (158.87)

MISSIONS

Saint Andrew supports our local community and worldwide partners with their mission needs. These are the monthly contributions/set-asides made to other ministries:

GAP Ministries	\$300 plus Pennies for Missions
The Samaritan Fund	\$200 (Counseling Center)
Thornwell Homes	\$100
Presb. Homes of GA	\$100
Pioneers	\$100
Cancer Support Services	\$ 50
iCare	\$ 50
Copeland Elementary	\$ 50

Greene St Diner Monthly meal – 2nd Sunday

Northeast GA Presbytery Shared Mission Support:
\$2000 per year.



MEET YOUR DEACON

Do you know who your Deacon is? The Deacons will host a "Meet Your Deacon" Coffee at 10:15 in the Parlor on Sunday morning, February 11th, to give you the opportunity to meet your Deacon.

February, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP NOON PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING	5	6	7 11:30 AM MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY 5:45 PM BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY 7:15 CHOIR REHEARSAL	8	9	10
11 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 "MEET YOUR DEACON" COFFEE 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP GREENE STREET DINER	12	13	14 6:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP	15	16	17
18 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP NOON BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ED MEETING	19	20	21 11:30 AM MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY 5:45 PM BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY 7:15 CHOIR REHEARSAL	22	23	24
25 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP NOON: CHILI LUNCHEON	26	27	28 11:30 AM MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY 5:45 PM BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY 7:15 CHOIR REHEARSAL	29		