

Pastor’s Peace

“Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our HOPE is in you alone.”

– Psalms 33:22 (NLT)

“You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.”

(Jesus, in Luke 6:36)

Have you ever Googled “Holidays in February 2022?” It’s full of them. February is Black History Month. The first day of the month is also the Chinese New Year. It’s full of important birthdays from President Lincoln to Rosa Parks and even my mom’s. There’s Valentine’s Day and Groundhog Day (a great movie, by the way). Yet, tucked into this jam packed, short month is something that really should be celebrated all year long: National Random Acts of Kindness Day on February 17<sup>th</sup>, and National Random Acts of Kindness Week the entire 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February. Supposedly started in 1995, this celebration is all about spreading kindness by serving others. Doesn’t that sound wonderful?

2022 has begun with all the chaos with which 2021 ended. You know the headlines, the hurt and the hopelessness that seem to grip so many. That’s why the church being the church matters more than ever. As the verse from the ancient song above reminds us, when we are surrounded by God’s unfailing love, we find HOPE. The next verse reminds us that we are called to share that HOPE, through compassionate and merciful acts, to others. Whether it’s totally random or well thought out, when we experience God’s love and engage God’s world with compassion and love, we bring HOPE!

So let’s explore just how to be HOPE givers in 2022. Each of you has gifts, talents and passions that equip you to share kindness, compassion and love...and that yields HOPE. A great way to get started is to reflect on acts of kindness shared with you. Maybe you received a card in the mail that said, “Just thinking of you.” Maybe someone dropped off a plant or plate of goodies at your door. It could have been as simple as hearing a friendly voice on your voicemail with a reminder that someone was praying for you. You can do the exact same thing for someone else. The really radical part comes when you do it for someone outside of your normal circle of influence, not someone in your family or even within our faith family. A neighbor, a school teacher, a medical / healthcare worker, a grocery store employee, a fast-food server, a delivery person. Hand them a hand written card, a gift-card or a flower. Bake or buy them some goodies. Fill out a positive comment card. Buy a few gallons of gas for someone else. Tip a little bit more. Say thanks a few more times. Offer to sit with the lonely person at the restaurant. Such little acts multiply in both directions – both to and through the one who receives and the one who gives. We know this, yet we tend to fall back into keeping our kindness, compassion, love and HOPE within our tight-knit circles. That’s why these national days and weeks serve as a great catalyst to get us out of our comfort zone again.

HOPE is abundantly supplied through the unfailing Love of God. Yet, like our supply chain, HOPE requires those who can deliver “the goods” to all corners of the world or the shelves start to look empty to those searching. Are you ready to deliver? That’s what we’re called to do, and answering that call will change the world...and you...for the good.

Grace & Peace, *Pastor Scot*



Registration Due Feb. 13th

Friday, February 18, 5pm to  
Saturday, February 19, 10am  
5th-8th grade Cost: \$20

Pottery Painting - Pizza  
Scavenger Hunt - Mission Project

Sign up on bulletin board, in back of Sanctuary,  
or call church office (485-5681) to register



Sunday,  
February 27th  
4-5:30pm

K-8th grade - Cost: \$5

Children 2nd grade and below must  
have guardian remain on-site

Register by Sunday, Feb. 20th

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of Sanctuary, or call church office  
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TUESDAY, February 8th - 10:00am  
Super Seniors - Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, February 8th - 6:30pm  
Deacon’s Meeting - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, February 9th - 6:30pm  
Business Meeting - Sanctuary

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, February 18-19  
Youth Lock-in - Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, February 26th - 9:00am  
Men’s Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, February 27th - after wor-  
ship  
MPBC Lunch Bunch - KFC

SERMONS & TEXTS FOR FEBRUARY, 2022

February 6th: (Communion Sunday)

Text: John 4:46-54

Title: “Hope When You are Desperate”

February 13th:

Guest Preacher, Rev. Todd Padgett

Text: Job 38:1-11; 40:3-5 & 6-14; 42:1-6

Title: “Hope: Even Job had it.”

February 20th

Text: John 7:37-52

Title: “Hope In a Divided Crowd”



Sunday,  
February 13th

REQUESTED DONATIONS:  
Canned food for Gray’s Creek  
Christian Center

Cash donations for Backpack Bud-  
dies(please designate  
on check for WOM Souper Bowl)

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MPBC Lunch Bunch  
SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 27th

after Worship.

This month, we’ll  
gather at KFC.



Cost of lunch is on  
you....company is  
on us.

JOIN US!!!