

# Children and Youth

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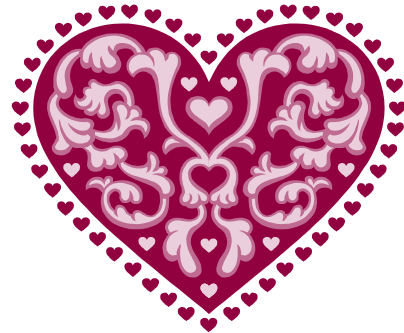
## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### A Note from Noelle

*Many of you are aware that I was able to attend a training event in Minnesota in January, called "Recharge". Melyssa Heintz came with me and I think we both really took away a lot from the experience, including some great new energy and ideas. What really struck me was the reminder of what a great opportunity we have working with the children and youth that come to our church. They are here, ready to learn, grow, and be inspired; and I am glad to have the opportunity to be part of that. I hope that all of us with spiritual gifts in that area will participate in leading our youth and children to a lifelong relationship with God.*

*I also had the opportunity to take several of our youth to Snow Camp at Clearwater at the end of January. It was really wonderful to see the youth enjoy that camp experience and the fellowship that exists there. We had a lot of great conversations in our small groups and enjoyed some of the winter weather. We are grateful to Reid for being the other adult chaperone, and to everyone that has donated to the Camp Scholarship fund which helps make this opportunity available to our youth.*

*February will have some events that you don't want to miss! First, there is skiing/tubing/snowboarding at Christie Mountain on February 12th. I am told*



*this is a yearly outing and a lot of fun! Be sure to sign up in the narthex. There is also a sign up for the fish fry February 17th. Then, February 19th we will have Family Movie Night, which will be fun for all ages.*

Noelle Chaltry

### FAITH QUEST

This month in Faith Quest we are studying the Parables of the Lost. They will be talking about how God always knows what we do and where we are, and that God can always find us if we seek Him with all our hearts.

They will also talk about the joy in heaven over the sinner who repents and is found.

We will be covering these topics using a different workshop each week. We are going to have a puppet show, computer lab, an

art project, and a science lesson. Teachers are needed for these workshops, so if you are able to volunteer please let me know. I am very appreciative of all who give their time to our children.

### Dates to remember

Joscelin Wundrow Birthday	2
Hazel Behling Birthday	6
Christie Mountain Ski Outing	12
Riley Buchanan Birthday	12
Ryan and Brandon Lindsay Birthday	13
Fish Fry	17
Family Movie Night	19
Avory Anderson Birthday	20
Zander Whelan Birthday	22
Kameri Meredith Birthday	23

### Try This: Chore Changeup Day

Designate one day to be Chore Changeup Day. Days prior to this designated day, have each person in the family write one of their main chores they do on a slip of paper. Put all these chores in a jar and let each person draw out a new chore they will do for the Chore Changeup Day. At the end of the Chore Changeup Day, gather together and have a family discussion about what you all learned from each other. Some questions you may want to ask are:

- 1) How did you like the new chore?
- 2) Was it easier or harder than your usual chore?
- 3) How does it make you feel toward each person who serves the family by doing chores?

## Youth Scoop

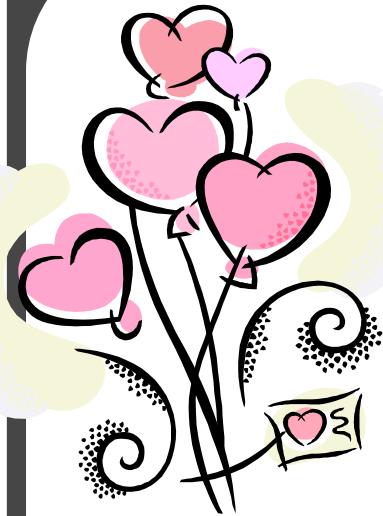
In Youth Group we are going to be talking about love and putting your faith in action. This is going to be done using a video series from Doug Fields entitled "Love Out Loud". Here is what he says about the curriculum: "I wanted to really challenge our students to take God's message of love to the people that need it most—those outside the church. Whether it's

talking to their friends about their personal story or doing a service project or just leading an unashamedly godly lifestyle, I wanted to encourage students to live life outside the church with the same love they see inside it."

Going forward I really hope to see us doing some meaningful service projects and I think this series will help prepare us to think about what that

means and what it will look like for our group.

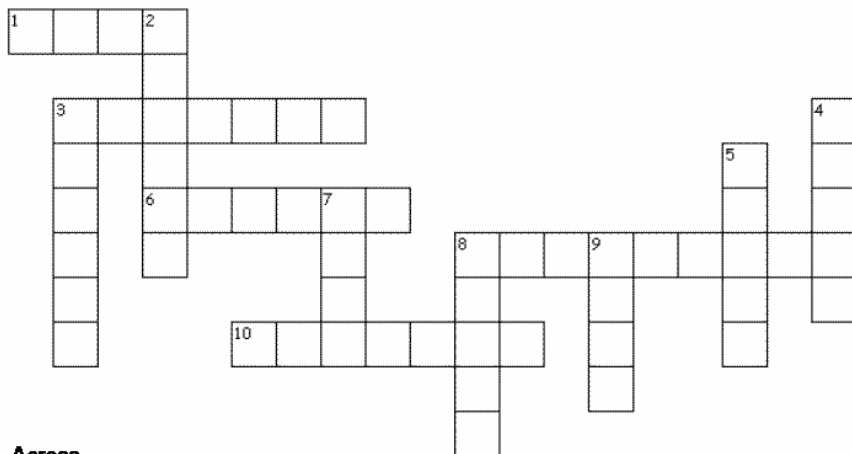
I want to also say that I am grateful to those who have already taken a part in our youth activities and hope to see many more of you join us going forward.



### Proverb Probe

Give your child a 3x5 card with a Proverb written on it in your handwriting. Using your handwriting is important as it is something very personal about you which they can cherish forever. Ask your child the following questions about the Proverb. Proverb 15:18 - "Losing your temper causes a lot of trouble, but staying calm settle arguments." - Each tell of a time when you lost your temper. Think of the stupid things that were said and the stupid behavior that was displayed. What was the result of that temper time? What would have happened if you had stayed calm? Each tell of a time when you wanted to lose your temper but you let calmness prevail? What was the result of that? What did you do to replace that release that losing your temper does?

## Valentine's Day Crossword



### Across

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and kisses.
3. They smell pretty.
6. On Valentine's Day you should hug and \_\_\_\_\_ with your loved ones.
8. Special treat loved by all.
10. Wrap it up and tie it with a bow.

### Down

2. Another word for kiss.
3. My best \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Delicate, red flowers (with thorns).
5. Valentine's Day shape.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ you.
8. Sugary treat.
9. Sign it and give it to a friend.

