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*Revival- implies that what was once thriving and growing has begun to shrivel. In the life of a church it implies that a rejuvenation of our spirit through the ministry of the Holy Spirit is not only a desire but a sincere cry for HELP! Revival speaks of the renewing of the gift of joy and spiritual vitality. Revival prayerfully asks God to renew our vision of God's greatness and majesty, to renew our trust in God's power to make a way when we cannot 'see' the way. Revival asks that the ember of commitment to God's mission be fanned into a flame of work designed solely (soulfully) to serve others and bring glory to God. We have the promise:*

*Those who wait on the Lord  
Shall renew their strength  
They shall mount up with wings as eagles  
They shall run and not grow weary  
They shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31)*

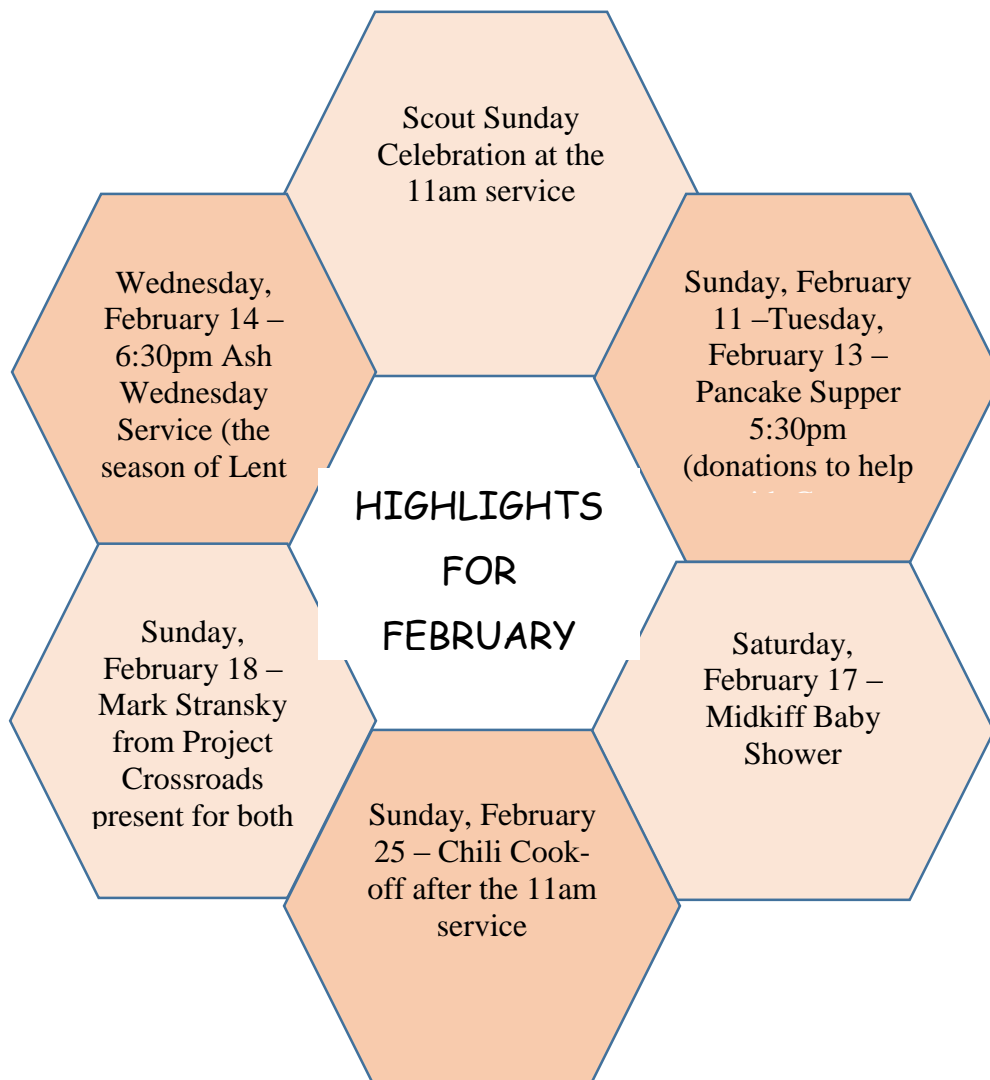
(notes from Pastor Jim's sermon – 11AM, 2/4/18)

You have been hearing about and will continue hearing about revival in our church. There will be an event called The Revival that will be *happening* April 13-15. This 3 day time of renewal with great preaching, great singing, great fellowship, and great food will be the culmination of the planning and preparation that is in process right now. That particular process of praying and planning, praying and reaching out through visitation of everyone connected to our church, praying and recruiting the people for the numerous tasks for the celebration, praying for the revival of our church will be what will in the end bring actual revival to us all. The understanding that the work of reviving our church is entirely the work of the Holy Spirit undergirds all that we are doing. The understanding that through God's grace we are called upon to join in, to prepare the ground so-to-speak, in cooperation with the Holy Spirit also undergirds all that we are doing. Now is the time for each of us to prayerfully consider how, when, and where we will want to serve and join in this great celebration.

**The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** and lasts for 40 days (not counting Sundays). We are bidden (a word that is a little stronger than invited) to examine our lives fully as we stand before the Cross of Jesus. We are bidden to observe the daily disciplines of prayer and scripture reading/meditation. We are bidden to regular participation in worship. We are bidden to fast. We call all of this “attending to the means of grace”.

For the Sundays in Lent (beginning on February 18<sup>th</sup> and concluding Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>) there will be an evening service of scripture, prayer and Holy Communion. The service will begin at 6:00PM. All are invited

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Sanctuary Flower		Team Schedule	
Feb 11	Joy McNelis	Feb 11	Team 5
Feb 18	Bonnie McLarty	Feb 18	Team 1
Feb 25	Sue Rinker	Feb 25	Team 2
Mar 4	Rosalie Russell	Mar 4	Team 3
Mar 11	Mike and Bev Earman	Mar 11	Team 4
Mar 18	Mike and Bev Earman	Mar 18	Team 5
Mar 25	Joy McNelis	Mar 25	Team 1

If you would like to volunteer to provide flowers for the sanctuary next year you can sign up in the social hall or call the church office.