

February 2019



"Follow the Bells"

# *The Church Bell*



## *Cortland Christian Church*

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Assistant**

## *A Note from Your Pastor*

"True Love"

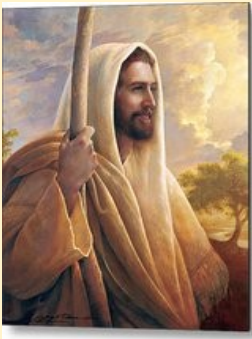
Pastor Casey Chapman

Have you ever wondered what "true love" is? I recently heard on the radio that at last count there were over 13,000 types of love that the world has defined. With all of our society's definitions and opinions on love it is no wonder many ask the question, "What is true love?" 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:8 tells us what love really is. "God is love." Our society has left the true definition of love. The world has discovered 12,999 pseudo types of love while in search of true love.

True love is measured in this way. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life," John 3:16. God sacrificing His only Son for you is what true love looks like. John 15:13 tells us that "No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends." That is what Jesus, the Son of God did for you. 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:7 tells us that "love is from God". If God is love, then why are people looking for love from everywhere but God? The truth is that Satan wants to deceive you. He wants you to move from relationship to relationship hurt. He wants you to feel like a failure so that you will curse God. God does not want to see you get hurt. As a matter of fact God loves you so much that He died for you and rose again to give you the gift of everlasting life in a place where there is no more suffering, no more hurt. God loves you.

My friends, as we approach Valentines Day, know that you are loved. You are very important. Humans fall and stumble and will hurt you from time to time, but God never will. He will show you His great love. So, whether you are spending this Valentines day with someone special or by yourself, know that God is looking upon you on this day as He does everyday with love....

*Res. J. R. Gallo*



## February 2019

### Worship Leaders

- Feb. 3 Jeff Byler and Amy Popichak  
Feb. 10 John Molnar and Carol Robinson  
Feb. 17 Ron Miller and Linda Swauger  
Feb. 24 Amy Seger and Amy Popichak

Deacons: Judene Ainsley 330-637-9938  
Brenda Byler , Chuck Corbet, Bob Bradford,  
Joyce Hall, Betty Evans, and Ron Miller

Deaconess: Susan McCrimmon

Organ and Keyboard: Jonathan Gallo

Musical Director: Darlene Ball

## Pastor Casey

is available Monday-Thursday  
from 8am-1pm

Need to see him? or speak to him ?  
call 330-637-4611 or 814-573-8148

### Office is open

Monday-Thursday

8 am-1Pm

Call or stop in!

## Happy Valentines Day



### February Coffee Fellowship

- February 3 Linda and Terri Swauger  
February 10 Chili Cookoff  
February 17 Spencer Chapman  
February 24 Sharon Polakoff and Dorothy Moss



## January 2019 Financial Report

### Month of January 1 - January 31, 2019

Offering Received	\$ 7,935.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$11,256.00</u>
Balance	\$ 3,321.00

### Year to date — Jan 1, 2019 to Jan. 31, 2019

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Monthly Mortgage Payment \$2047.67

Mortgage Balance \$59,570.63

## Happy Birthday

Feb. 1	Brenda Byler
Feb 1	Kay Payne
Feb 2	Devor Brown
Feb. 3	Ronna Nazarini
Feb. 5	Bob Johnson
Feb. 5	Celina Oriti
Feb. 13	Chuck Corbet
Feb. 13	Heather Lowrey
Feb. 16	Spenser Chapman
Feb. 20	Tony Niemi
Feb. 28	Grace Wagner



## Happy Anniversary

Feb 14 Tom and Gail Peura  
Feb. 28 Jeff and Brenda Byler



## Church Meetings

Tuesday, February 5

Financial Meeting

6:15pm

Board Meeting

7pm

## Elders Meeting

Third Sunday of the month



## Women's Fellowship

## "Brunch with Friends"

W.O.W

Saturday, February 9th — 10 am  
Four Star Restaurant

*As Always! Lets talk about.*

Ladies — Come join in and find out what is  
happening here at CCC.





Winter Time



February



Winter Time

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				 Aerobics	1.	2.  GROUNDHOG DAY
3. Sunday Service 10 am	4.  Girl Scouts Aerobics	5. Meetings Finance 6:15pm Board 7 pm	6. Meeting with SCOPE  Joyful Noise	LOAF	8.	9. Aerobics Breakfast With Friends 10am Four Star Rest.
10. Sunday Service 10 am  Chili Cookoff	11.  Aerobics	12.	13.  Joyful Noise	14.  Valentines Day	15.	16. Aerobics
17. Service 10am  Elders Meeting	18. P residents Day Girl Scouts Aerobics 	19.	20. S/S Prep Day 9am  Joyful Noise	21. Soup and Sandwich  Aerobics	22.	23. Aerobics 
24. Sunday Service 10 am	25.  Aerobics	26.	27.  Joyful Noise	28.  Aerobics		

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends" who would enjoy a Christmas card  
Send them a note of encouragement and let them know we care that we care.

Phyllis Beer

Lake Vista  
41 Heron Circle  
Cortland, Ohio  
44410  
330-637-1456

Grace Wagner

Gillette Rehab  
Room 613  
3310 Elm Rd. N. E.  
Warren, Ohio 44483

Bob and Mary Jo Johnson  
328 Orchard Lane  
Cortland, Ohio

Raymond Kline

502 Arcaro Street  
Cortland, Ohio 44410  
234-244-4241



Edwin Niemi

Lake Vista  
Apt. 207  
Mecca Street,  
Cortland, Ohio

Chuck Lucy

73 Lake Vista Drive  
Cortland, Ohio

Nancy Governor

5172 Ohio State Rt 46  
Cortland, Ohio

Lauralee Lawrence

124 Willow Street  
Cortland, Ohio  
44410

Kathy Miller

416 North High St  
Cortland, Ohio 44410

Kathie Bates

Room 105  
369 N. High Street  
Cortland, Ohio 44410



## All I Need To Know

A Sunday School teacher decided to have his second grade class learn Psalm 23, one of the most quoted texts from the Holy Bible.

He gave the kids a month to memorize the whole chapter. One of the girls was really excited about it, but she simply couldn't memorize the Psalm. Although she practiced hard, she could hardly get past the first few lines.

So the day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the school board and that little girl was nervous.

When her turn came, she stepped up to the microphone and proudly said, "The Lord is my Shepherd and that's all I need to know!"

*I would like to express my gratitude for the generous gift at Christmas from the congregation and board members.*

*I have been truly blessed to be working at Cortland Christian Church. You have all treated me very kind and with respect.*

*It is a gift just to be able to work with Pastor Casey, Gerry, Jonathan and Carol, our treasurer.*

*We all work well together.*

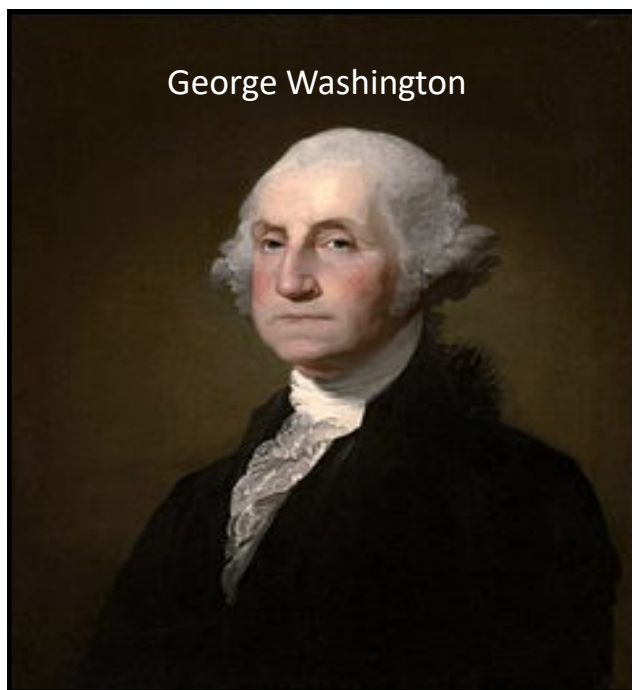
*Thank you Cortland Christian Church for another great year together.*

*Blessings to all*

*Joyce,*



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."



**February 18** is widely known as **Presidents' Day** and is often an occasion to honor the incumbent president and all persons who have served as president, not just George Washington.

**From:** God  
**To:** All His Children

## Effective Immediately:



Please be aware that there are changes you need to make in your life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill my promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. I know, I already gave you 10 Commandments. Keep them, but follow these guidelines as well.

### 1. QUIT WORRYING

Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

### 2. PUT IT ON THE LIST

Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to me. And, although my to-do-list is long, I am, after all, God. I can take care of anything you put into my hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.

### 3. TRUST ME

Once you've given your burdens to me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on my list. Problem with finances? Put it on my list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For my sake, put it on my list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

### 4. LEAVE IT ALONE

Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave me your burdens, and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with me and forget about them. Just let me do my job.

### 5. TALK TO ME

I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I want you to never forget. Please don't forget to talk to me - OFTEN! I love you. I want to hear your voice. I want you to include me in the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with me. I want to be your dearest friend.

### 6. HAVE FAITH

I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in me that I know what I'm doing. Trust me, you wouldn't want the view from my eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?

### 7. SHARE

You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who are mourning. Share your faith with those who have none.

Turn page to finish article.

## 8. BE PATIENT

I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes me a little longer than you expect to handle something on my to-do-list? Trust in my timing, for my timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

## 9. BE KIND

Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for my sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please know I love each of your differences.

## 10. LOVE YOURSELF

As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love me. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. It makes my heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget that!

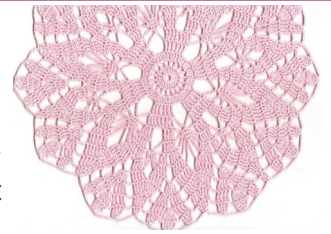
**With all my heart, I love you,**

**GOD**



## 2 Doilies

There once was a man and a woman who had been married for more than 60 years. They talked about everything. They kept no secrets from each other... except that the old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she cautioned her husband never to open it or ask her about it.



For all these years he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would never recover.

In trying to sort out their affairs the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed it was time that he should know what was in the box.

When he opened it he found 2 beautifully crocheted doilies and a stack of money totaling over \$25,000. He asked her about the unusual contents.

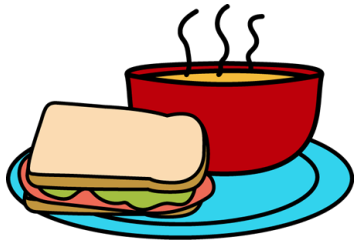
"When we were married," she said, "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doily."

The little old man was so moved, he had to fight back tears. Only two precious doilies were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with joy and happiness.

"Sweetheart," he said... "that explains the doilies, but what about all this money? Where did it all come from?"

Oh," she said, "that's the money I made from selling the doilies."

# Soup and Sandwich Luncheon



**Soup and Sandwich will  
resume on  
February 21, 2019**

**You know the needs,  
helpers and your "wonderful pies"**

**Prep day is the 20th at 9am**

**See you there....**



*Happy  
Valentines  
Day*



## L.O.A.F. Meeting

**Thursday,  
February 7th , 2019  
10 AM**

**St Roberts Church**

**Looking for a volunteer or two,  
to represent our church**

## A Piece of CAKE

A daughter is  
telling her Mother how everything is going wrong.  
She's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her, and her best friend is moving away.



Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack. The daughter says, "Absolutely Mom, I love your cake."

"Here, have some cooking oil," her Mother offers.

"Yuck" says her daughter.

"How about a couple raw eggs?"

"Gross, Mom!"

"Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?"

"Mom, those are all yucky!"

To which the mother replies, "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves, but when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"

God works the same way. Many times, we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times, but God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!

**Hope your day is a "piece of cake!"**





The long-running musical passion play Tetelestai

will be coming to

Campion Christian Church

on March 8,9, and 10, 2019.

The cast and crew of this visually moving passion play is excited to share the Good News of Easter with you.

Tetelestai, brings the Gospel to life with a cast and crew of over 100, full theatrical staging, sound and lighting, costumes and live singing, Watch for more on this as it comes closer. Seeing the passion reenacted

through

Tetelestai (It is Finished)

Is a powerfull and moving way to prepare for the holy season of Easter. It has become a tradition for families



**SAINT VALENTINE OF ROME, Known as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Century Roman Saint of Feb. 14 was associated with a tradition of Courtly Love. All that is known, he was martyred Feb. 14, 269. He was a Catholic and Lutheran of Eastern Orthodox Churches. He was a Bishop of compassion and refused to adore idols. He was happy conducting Christian marriages. Helping Christians at this time was a crime.**

**A Judge put Valentinus to a test and brought him before his blind daughter, "If you restore her sight you can have whatever is asked." He laid his hands on the child's eyes and her sight was restored immediately. He then told the judge to break all his idols, fast for 3 days and be baptized.**

**He was brought before "Claudius 2<sup>nd</sup> and told Valentine to renounce his faith or be beaten and beheaded. He was arrested again and gave his testimony in prison that through his prayers "healed the jailers daughter from blindness".**

**On his day of execution he left her a note that was signed 'Your Valentine.'**

**Submitted by Cherri Chapman**

# Just Curious?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

**How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?**

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?

**Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?**

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough money?

**Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?**

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

**Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?**

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

What do you want to happen on this crazy day in Punxsutawney, Pa. when the groundhog comes out of his hole? Will he see his shadow?

Buffalo Bert shows his face a week earlier than Phil and he saw the sun, which means bad weather ahead, so let's hope Phil doesn't see his shadow. Keep your fingers crossed.



We have lost two of our church family in the last 6 months. They are now in the hands of our Lord, and Savior. Go softly, my friends, live peacefully, and happily in the Kingdom of Heaven.

So long ....we'll miss you till we see you again.

## A Bridge Called Love



Florence King

It takes us back to brighter years,  
To happier sunlit days  
And to precious moments  
That will be with us always.

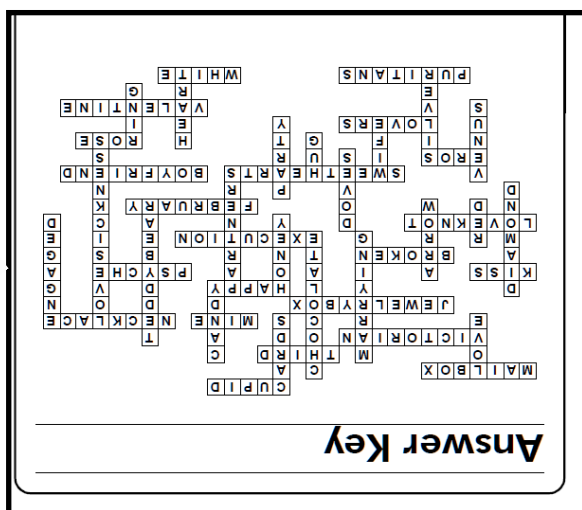
And these fond reflections  
Are treasures in the heart  
To bring us always close to those  
Whom we had to part.



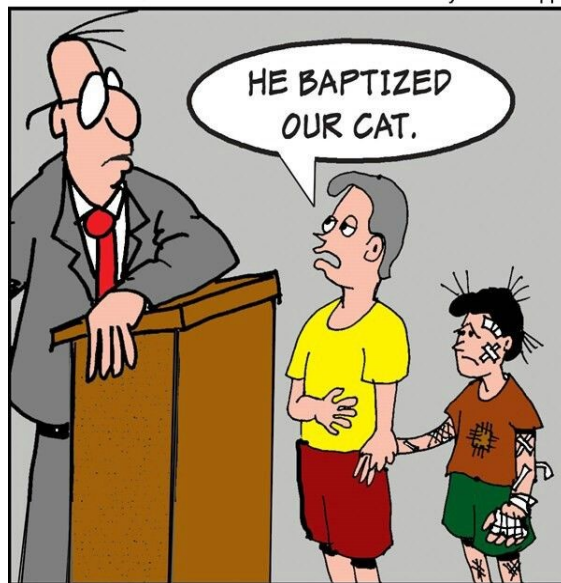
Lorin Hopkins

There is a bridge of memories  
From Earth to Heaven above...  
It keeps our dear ones near us.  
It's the bridge that we call love.

happy  
valentines

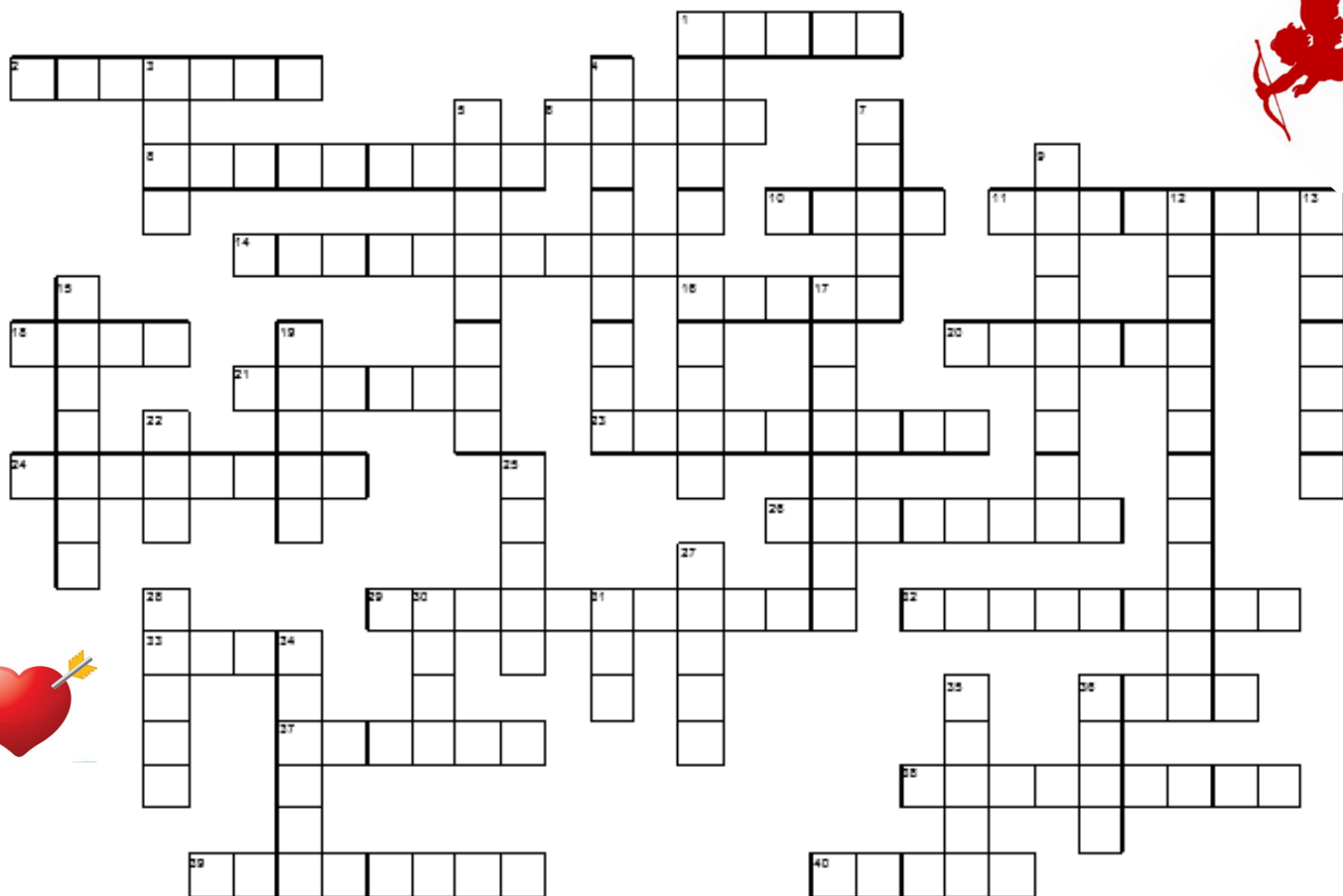


CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp





# Valentine's Day Crossword Challenge



## ACROSS

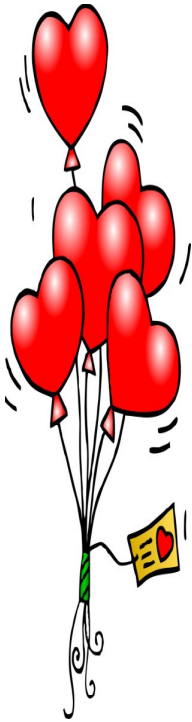
- 1 He shoots invisible arrows to make people fall in love.
- 2 Did the mail carrier leave any Valentines in your \_\_\_\_\_?
- 6 The legendary St. Valentine is believed to have lived in the \_\_\_\_\_ century after Christ.
- 8 This era is considered the golden age of the Valentine.
- 10 "Be \_\_\_\_\_."
- 11 A piece of jewelry worn around one's neck.
- 14 A safe place to store jewelry. (Two words.)
- 16 "\_\_\_\_\_ Valentine's Day!"
- 18 In "XOXOXOX," an X represents this action.
- 20 Cupid's wife.
- 21 Someone disappointed in love is said to have a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.
- 23 St. Valentine's \_\_\_\_\_ was on the eve of the Roman festival of Lupercalia.
- 24 This Valentine symbol consists of graceful loops, often in the shape of hearts, with no beginning or end. (Two words.)
- 26 Valentine's Day falls on \_\_\_\_\_ 14.
- 29 Two people in love.
- 32 \_\_\_\_\_ and girlfriend.
- 33 The Greek name for Cupid.
- 36 The most popular flower for Valentine's Day.
- 37 St. Valentine is known as the patron saint of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 38 "Will you be my \_\_\_\_\_?"
- 39 These people banned Valentine observances in Great Britain during part of the 17th century.
- 40 This popular Valentine's color symbolizes purity.

## DOWN

- 1 School children often exchange these on Valentine's Day.
- 3 "I \_\_\_\_\_ you."
- 4 My friend gave me heart-shaped box full of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 According to one legend, St. Valentine was executed for secretly \_\_\_\_\_ young couples in defiance of the emperor's orders.
- 7 Children may read and eat \_\_\_\_\_ hearts.
- 9 A stuffed animal often given as a Valentine's gift. (Two words.)
- 12 A "disease" that affects anyone struck by Cupid's arrows.
- 13 A couple that have promised to marry one another are said to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15 A man often purchases this gemstone for the woman he wishes to marry.
- 16 Bees make this substance, which is also a nickname for someone who is loved.
- 17 On Lupercalia, young people drew names to find \_\_\_\_\_.
- 19 Bow and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 22 This popular Valentine's color symbolizes warmth and love.
- 25 These birds that mate for life are a symbol of love.
- 27 School children sometimes celebrate with a Valentine's Day \_\_\_\_\_.
- 28 In Roman mythology, Cupid is the son of this deity.
- 30 Husband and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 31 In "XOXOXOX," an O represents this action.
- 34 Gold and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 35 This organ of the body is the most common symbol of love.
- 36 A piece of jewelry worn on one's finger.



# A Valentine Game — Word Search



ADMIRER  
AFFECTION  
ARROW  
ATTRACTION  
BISHOP  
BOUQUET  
BOW  
BOYFRIEND  
CAKE  
CANDLELIGHT  
CANDY  
CARD  
CARE  
CELEBRATE  
CELEBRATION  
CHOCOLATE  
COMPASSION

COOKIES  
COURTSHIP  
CUPID  
CUSTOM  
DANCE  
DATE  
DATING  
DEAR  
DELICIOUS  
DEVOTION  
DIAMOND  
DINNER  
DOVE  
EMOTION  
EMPEROR  
ENGAGED  
EXPENSIVE

EXPRESS  
FAMILY  
FEBRUARY  
FLOWERS  
FOURTEENTH  
FRIENDS  
GENEROSITY  
GIFTS  
GIRLFRIEND  
HEARTS  
HONEY  
HUG  
HUSBAND  
ITALY  
JEWELRY  
KINDNESS  
KISS

LACE  
LETTER  
LOVE  
MAILBOX  
MARRIAGE  
MARTYR  
MESSAGE  
MIRACLE  
MUSHY  
NURTURE  
PARTY  
PINK  
PRECIOUS  
PRESENT  
RED  
RELATIONSHIP  
RING

ROMANCE  
ROMANTIC  
ROME  
ROSES  
SAINT  
SAPPY  
SENTIMENT  
SMILE  
SPECIAL  
SWEETHEART  
SWEETS  
SYMBOL  
TRADITION  
VALENTINE  
WEDDING  
WHITE  
WIFE

State	Capital
Alabama	Montgomery
Alaska	Juneau
Arizona	Phoenix
Arkansas	Little Rock
California	Sacramento
Colorado	Denver
Connecticut	Hartford
Delaware	Dover
Florida	Tallahassee
Georgia	Atlanta
Hawaii	Honolulu
Idaho	Boise
Illinois	Springfield
Indiana	Indianapolis
Iowa	Des Moines
Kansas	Topeka
Kentucky	Frankfort
Louisiana	Baton Rouge
Maine	Augusta
Maryland	Annapolis
Massachusetts	Boston
Michigan	Lansing
Minnesota	St. Paul
Mississippi	Jefferson City
Missouri	Helena
Montana	Lincoln
Nebraska	Carson City
Nevada	Concord
New Hampshire	Trenton
New Jersey	Santa Fe
New Mexico	Albany
New York	Raleigh
North Carolina	Bismarck
North Dakota	Columbus
Ohio	Salem
Oklahoma	Harrisburg
Oregon	Providence
Pennsylvania	Columbia
Rhode Island	Pierre
South Carolina	Nashville
South Dakota	Austin
Tennessee	Salt Lake City
Texas	Montpelier
Utah	Richmond
Vermont	Olympia
Virginia	Charleston
Washington	Madison
West Virginia	Cheyenne
Wisconsin	
Wyoming	

## States and Capitals

Cover over the list of answers. They are upside down.

But all are there for you.

Try to answer these questions, see if you know them all.

It is amazing what you forget or maybe never knew.

Good Luck. Have fun and maybe learn something new today.

They may appear a little fuzzy or they will appear fuzzy.



*To all our church family,*

*May you have a wonderful "Valentines Day".*



*"Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again."*