

# The R E A C H O U T

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*Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!*

Well, we hit the ground running and it does not seem to be slowing down. It actually seems to be speeding up. Here we are in February already. That wonderful, sweet, loving day we celebrate called Valentine's day is the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, and this year it is also the day we celebrate Ash Wednesday. From dust you came and to dust you shall return.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on a different date each year. How is the date of Ash Wednesday determined? There are two factors that determine the date of Ash Wednesday. The first is the date of Easter. Easter Sunday is a moveable feast, which can occur as early as March 22 and as late as April 25. The second factor is the length of Lent. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have desired to prepare for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection at Easter through a period of fasting and prayer that mirrors the 40 days that Christ spent in the desert at the beginning of His ministry. There was one little hitch because Sunday is the day of Christ's Resurrection. From the time of the Apostles, fasting has been forbidden on Sunday. No fasting on Sundays. So, while the Lenten fast is 40 days, Sundays are not included in the count, since they are days of feasting and not fasting. Therefore, in order to have a full 40 days of fasting before Easter, we have to count backward from Holy Saturday, while skipping every Sunday. When we do that, we find that we end up skipping six Sundays before we reach a count of 40 days, so Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls 46 days before Easter every year—40 days plus the six Sundays. While this may all sound rather complicated, the date of Ash Wednesday is actually easily calculated. Simply take the date of Easter for any given year and subtract 46 days.

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February 23

Or, to make it even easier, count backward six weeks from the date of Easter to get the date of the First Sunday of Lent; Ash Wednesday is the Wednesday before the First Sunday of Lent. by Scott P. Richert Updated March 08, 2017 Here's the formula for determining the date of Easter. In A.D. 325, the Council of Nicaea set the date of Easter as the Sunday following the paschal full moon, which is the full moon that falls on or after the vernal (spring) equinox. In practice, that means that Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon that falls on or after March 21. Easter can occur as early as March 22 and as late as April 25, depending on when the paschal full moon occurs. What is the significance of the paschal full moon? The Council of Nicaea decided that Easter must always occur on a Sunday because Sunday was the day on which Christ rose from the dead. Why is the paschal full moon used to determine the date of Easter? The answer comes from the Jewish calendar. Passover fell on the date of the paschal full moon in the Jewish calendar, and the Last Supper (Holy Thursday) occurred on the Passover. Therefore, the very first Easter Sunday—the day on which Christ rose from the dead—was the Sunday after Passover. For calculation purposes, approximate dates are necessary. The paschal full moon can fall on different days in different time zones, which presents a problem when calculating the date of Easter. If people in different time zones were to calculate the date of Easter depending on when they observed the paschal full moon, that would mean that the date of Easter would be different depending on which time zone they lived in. For that reason, the church does not use the exact date of the paschal full moon but an approximation. For calculation purposes, the full moon is always set at the 14th day of the lunar month. (The lunar month begins with the new moon.) For the same reason, the church sets the date of the vernal equinox at March 21, even though the actual vernal equinox can occur on March 20. These two approximations allow the church to set a universal date for Easter, regardless of when you observe the paschal full moon in your time zone. by Scott P. Richert Updated April 05, 2017

Please look deeper into your life and keep the flames of your heart (your altar to God) burning for God! Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened!! Ask and you will receive!! This Lenten season we will look for healing. Healing our relationship with God and asking Christ to uphold us, that we may be filled with grace, that we might know the healing power of His LOVE. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN!

*Pastor Ralph*

# Dorcas Circle ~ Hannah Circle

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

**HANNAH CIRCLE:** Second Tuesday at 10:00 AM

**DORCAS CIRCLE:** Second Wednesday at 10:30 AM

## PURPOSE:

As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.



## HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

We will not have meetings in January or February. Our next meeting will be March 13th at 10:00 am at the church.

Please save greeting and Christmas cards for Hannah Circle. We give them to St. Mary's Alzheimer's Center to be used in crafts.

Continue saving foil and aluminum cans for Hannah Circle as this is our only fundraiser.

Thank you

## DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

We will not be meeting in January or February. Weather permitting, we will get together in March.

## Stewardship Team

We did not meet in January. Our next meeting is February 6th at 7:00pm at Good Hope. We will be finalizing the time audit. New members and new ideas are always welcome!

# Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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| DATE          | EVENT NAME                  | COLOR  | READINGS  | INTRODUCTION   |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|---|--|
| February 4th  | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany | green  | Isaiah 40:<br>21-31<br>Psalm 147:<br>1-11, 20c<br>1 Corinthians 9:<br>16-23<br>Mark 1:<br>29-39 | In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.  |
| February 11th | Transfiguration of Our Lord | white  | 2 Kings 2:<br>1-12<br>Psalm 50:<br>1-6<br>2 Corinthians 4:<br>3-6<br>Mark 9:<br>2-9             | The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see. |
| February 18th | First Sunday In Lent        | purple | Genesis 9:<br>8-17<br>Psalm 25:<br>1-10<br>1 Peter 3:<br>18-22<br>Mark 1:<br>9-15               | On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.  |
| February 25th | Second Sunday In Lent       | purple | Genesis 17:<br>1-7, 15-16<br>Psalm 22:<br>23-31<br>Romans 4:<br>13-25<br>Mark 8:<br>31-38       | The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.  |

# Serving in God's House

THE REACHOUT

| <b>SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE</b>                  | <b>February 4th</b><br>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany             | <b>February 11th</b><br>Transfiguration of Our Lord | <b>February 18th</b><br>First Sunday in Lent  | <b>February 25th</b><br>Second Sunday In Lent      | <b>March 4th</b><br>Third Sunday in Lent                       |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Altar Guild</b>                             | Andy Tesyk   | Jackie Makowski                                     | Art & Barb Gray                               | Alice Haller                                       | Amber Powell   |
| <b>Acolyte/ Crucifer</b><br>8:00am<br>10:30 am | N/A<br>N/A   | N/A<br>N/A  | N/A<br>N/A                                    | N/A<br>N/A   | N/A<br>N/A   |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b>                     | Kathy Kramer   | Robin Marino  | Loetta Haller                                 | Kathy Kramer                                       | Robin Marino   |
| <b>Lector 8:00 am</b><br><br>10:30 am          | Nancy Crouse<br>Kathy Kramer                                   | Jane Peachey<br>Andy Tesyk                          | Greg Razo<br>Jean Sauerwein                   | Nancy Crouse<br>Ed Peachey                         | Jane Peachey<br>Pam Nock                                       |
| <b>Liturgy</b>                                 | Jane Peachey   | Pam Nock  | Sarah Deiger                                  | Sandy Kuntz  | Loetta Haller  |
| <b>Ushers 10:30 am</b>                         | Sonny Schneider  | Ed Smith  | Chuck Haller                                  | Sonny Schneider                                    | Ed Smith   |
| <b>Fellowship After 10:30 am Service</b>       | Jean Sauerwein   | Ed & Jane Peachey                                   | Sandy Kuntz                                   | Roberta McMurray                                   | Art & Barb Gray  |
| <b>Chrema</b><br>Head counter in bold print    | <b>Tammy Chuey</b><br>Ed Smith<br>Jim Frost                    | <b>Jeff Hum</b><br>Donna Haller<br>Ruth McMurray    | <b>Pam Nock</b><br>John Nock<br>Loetta Haller | <b>Nancy Barret</b><br>Sandy Kuntz<br>Sarah Deiger | <b>Tammy Chuey</b><br>Ed Smith<br>Jim Frost                    |
| <b>Anointers 8:00 am</b><br><br>10:30 am       | Nancy Crouse<br>Marlene Varvus<br>Nancy Barret<br>Robin Marino |   |   |  | Nancy Crouse<br>Marlene Varvus<br>Nancy Barret<br>Robin Marino |
| <b>Communion Bread</b>                         | Amber & Jimmy Powell   | Amber & Jimmy Powell                                | Amber & Jimmy Powell                          | Amber & Jimmy Powell                               | Tammy Chuey  |

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE **AFTER** you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we may change the office calendar. **If you would like to volunteer, please call the office (330-549-2406) and we will add your name to our list.** Thank you!

# February

| Sunday  | Monday                   | Tuesday                            | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday                   | Saturday   |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|----------|--------------------------|--|
|   |                          |                                    |  | 1        | 2<br>Office open<br>9-1  | 3<br>Worship<br>5:00pm                                   |
| 4<br>Worship<br>8:00am &<br>10:30am                               | 5<br>Office open<br>9-1  | 6                                  | 7<br>Office open<br>9-1                                  | 8        | 9<br>Office open<br>9-1  | 10<br>Worship<br>5:00pm<br>Beef tip and noodle<br>dinner |
| 11<br>Worship<br>8:00am &<br>10:30am<br>Congregational<br>meeting | 12<br>Office open<br>9-1 | 13                                 | 14<br>Office open<br>9-1<br>Ash Wednesday<br>service 7pm | 15       | 16<br>Office open<br>9-3 | 17<br>Worship<br>5:00 pm                                 |
| 18<br>Worship<br>8:00am &<br>10:30am                              | 19<br>Office open<br>9-1 | 20<br>Council<br>Meeting<br>7:00pm | 21<br>Office open<br>9-1<br>Lenten service<br>7pm        | 22       | 23<br>Office open<br>9-1 | 24<br>Worship<br>5:00pm                                  |
| 25<br>Worship<br>8:00am &<br>10:30am                              | 26<br>Office open<br>9-1 | 27                                 | 28<br>Office open<br>9-1<br>Lenten service<br>7pm        |          |                          |  |

# Our Prayer List

## NEW PRAYER CHAIN SYSTEM

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers.

If you would like a One Call sent out please contact:

Jane at 234-567-1461  
or the Church office at  
330-549-2406



|                           |                           |                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Leon Casity               | Ruth Thompson             | Baby Graham     |
| Judy Dickey               | Nancy Panneton            | Cassidy Kincaid |
| Bev Madden                | Barbara Hartsock          | Baby Grace      |
| Paul A.                   | MaryAnn Remner            | Debbie Frost    |
| Joan Mayberry             | Katherine Siegler         | Bob Haviland    |
| Linda Kapalko             | Deborah Haines            | Ronnie Rapp     |
| Vince Turnbull            | Frank Einzendale          | Carla Mackey    |
| Ray Klingensmith          | Joanne and Family         |                 |
| Ed and Shirley Heck       | Kim MacFarland and Family |                 |
| Family of Michael Bartell |                           |                 |

Serving in the Military: Morgan Ball, Alyssa, Bryce Liberty

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :



16- Sonny and Kathy Schneider

### February 4

Cindy Sauerwein  
Robert Schneider  
Kathleen Schneider  
Scott Shehan

### February 11

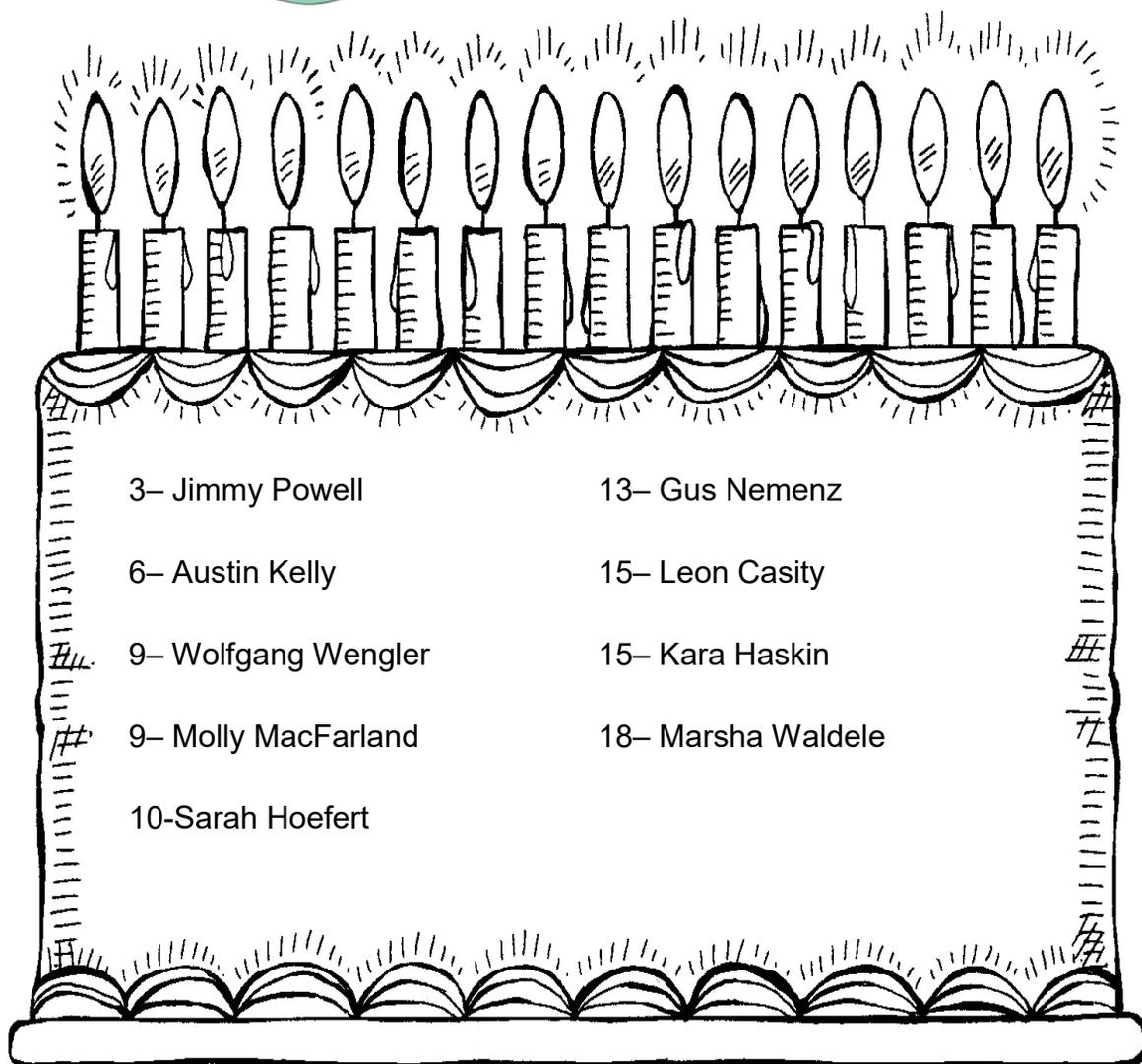
Sherri Shehan  
Cole Shehan  
Kaden Shehan  
Alexia Shehan

### February 18

Joseph Slifka  
Ed Smith  
Kim Smith  
Charles Smith

### February 25

Emily Smith  
Corey Smith  
Jennifer Stasiak  
Joe Stasiak



# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## Council Minutes January 16, 2018

Present: Joe, Kelsie, Andy, Greg, Jeff W., Jane, and Sarah

Excused: Jeff H., Brian, Pastor Ralph

Opening prayer was led by Greg

**Treasurer's Report:** Greg motions to accept treasurer's report pending audit. Andy seconds. Motion passed.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Jane motions to accept financial secretary's report pending audit. Greg seconds. Motion passed.

### Team reports:

Mutual ministry completed an African bible study to explore what different interpretations of the scriptures are saying to us.

Building maintenance has temporarily fixed the drain line from the sump pump.

**Secretary's/Youth Report:** The children have chosen to study the 10 commandments. I am reviewing our information onrealm and updating as more information comes in.

**Transformation:** All of the soup from our soup dinner was sold. Participants are giving positive reports about the dinner and enjoyed fellowship.

### Old Business:

Bell tower- Jeff was able to remove the old electric box and install the new one. The bell has been delivered and is being stored at Murphy Contracting. Once the weather breaks, the bell will be reinstalled.

Parking lot- Joe spoke to Tony about bids. If needed, he will obtain more quotes to clarify the scope of work needed to be done.

Sign and lighting- Jeff will replace the outdoor lights when the bushes are removed to install the bell.

Letters for signs- Jane will speak to Jean about getting new letters.

### New Business:

Jane has resigned as treasurer as of January 31, 2018. We will begin paying Sandy Huddleston February 1, 2018. Jane will continue to work with Sandy until April to familiarize her with our system. Jane motions to accept Sandy as treasurer. Kelsie seconds. Motion passed.

Jane motions to accept December minutes. Greg seconds. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

## Upcoming events

### **February 10:**

Beef tip and noodle dinner: Good hope's annual beef tip dinner is Saturday, February 10th from 4-7pm. The menu includes tossed salad, bread, beverage, cherry pie and ice cream. Take out is available. Tickets: Adults \$9, children \$4, and 6 & under free. Proceeds to benefit Transformation.

### **February 11:**

Congregational meeting: To be held on February 11th immediately following the 10:30 service. Agenda to include the parking lot project and end of year reports.

### **February 13:**

Shrove Tuesday: Mount Olivet UCC is hosting their annual pancake and sausage supper. All you can eat pancakes and homemade sausage. Tuesday February 13 from 5-7pm. Proceeds to benefit our community day camp.

### **February 14:**

Ash Wednesday. Imposition of ashes is 11am-1pm. Ash Wednesday service February 14th at 7:00pm.

### **February 21:**

Lenten service at 7:00pm.

## Special Event in March

### **Jason Volovar's Masters Degree Piano Recital**

Our very own pianist, Jason Volovar, has an important concert coming up and we are all invited! March 3rd at 2:00pm at the Bliss Recital Hall on the first floor of Bliss Hall, which is off of Wick Avenue on the YSU campus. Admission is free and the approximate length of the concert is one hour. It is an All American themed recital. Congratulations Jason!



**Good Hope Lutheran Church**

Dear Friends,

We are focusing this year on diverting more clothing items and textiles away from landfills and sending them to people who can use them around the US and World!

**If possible, we ask that you read the following note to your congregation on our behalf.**

—

Thank you for continuing to collaborate with us on the St. Pauly Textile clothing drop off shed project! In 2017 roughly 17,366 garments of clothing were donated to your shed. This was enough to clothe an estimated 2,105 people. This clothing is being used right now by people in one or more of 44 different countries (including the US) to which our clothing is likely to have been distributed this past year.

Your congregation raised \$1,075.80 in 2017 through hosting this shed.

We ask that you continue to spread the word about the clothing shed to other community members. Thank you for all your support, and please feel free to reach out to us at any time!

Sincerely,

The Team at St. Pauly Textile, Inc.

Thank you to everyone for your consideration and generosity in the giving of staff Christmas gifts. We appreciate your support and patience while we are learning to serve you. We value your support of the Transformation ministry. This year has been a year of transition, and hopefully moving forward as a congregation. With your support, we look forward to serving you and the community around us.

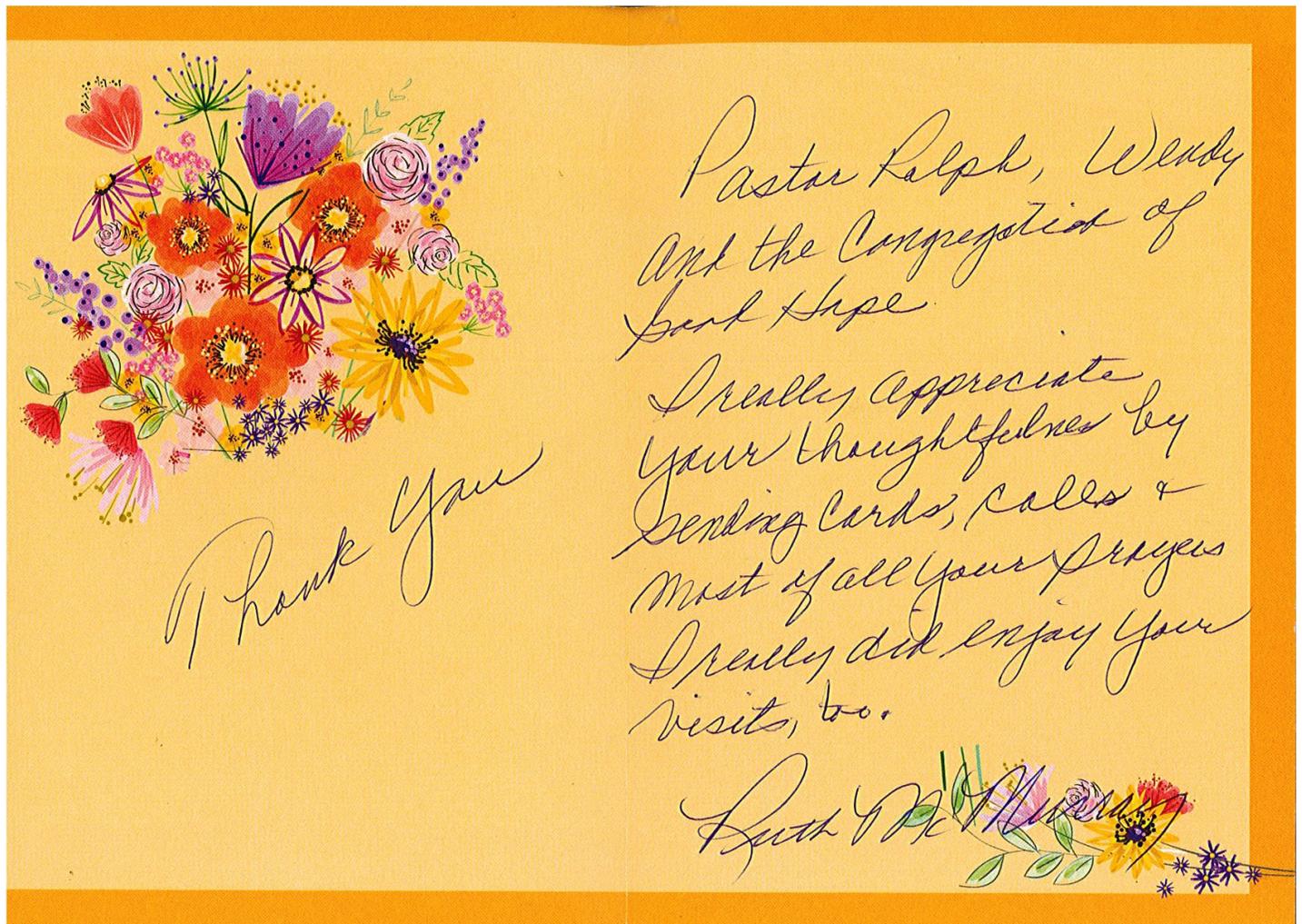
Yours in Christ,

Jane Peachey

Pastor Ralph

Wendy Stanley

Jason Volovar



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**Worship Services**

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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