



Catch the Wave at Bayshore PC

Tidings

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Love, is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not
boast, it is not proud.
1 corinthians 13:4

DURING THIS
SEASON OF
LOVE FOCUS
ON LOVING
MORE THAN
JUST THOSE
CLOSEST TO
YOU
Love Everyone.

Just for fun...

February

1 National Freedom Day	2 Groundhog Day	4 Thank A Mailman Day
8 Boy Scout Day	9 Toothache Day	10 Chinese New Year
14 Valentine's Day	15 National Gumdrops Day	17 National Acts of Kindness Day
18 President's Day	20 Love Your Pet Day	22 Be Humble Day
26 Carnival Day	27 International Polar Bear Day	



*Our
Pastor*

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Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God

1 John 4:7

Hello, friends, as we come to the beginning of the season of Lent! I looked over my Tidings "letter" to you last year at this time and decided much of it was worth repeating. This season of Lent is about preparation, so that we can "Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. (Psalm 100:4). We long to arrive at Easter with the quality of renewed spiritual energy that comes in response to our discipline over the 40 days of Lent. We long to celebrate Easter's victory of light over darkness at its fullest.

Unfortunately, we often fail to use this time of preparation. We fail too to prepare for the significant meaning of Easter. We replace that unique meaning with secular values and dwell on bunnies, eggs and baskets. Failing to prepare during Lent, we often arrive at Good Friday having missed the focused opportunity Lent provides to share in the original disciples' experiences of sitting at table with Jesus and listening closely to his words of grace and hope and challenge. I urge each of you to begin a daily devotional during this season of Lent so that on Easter morn we are all ready to be Easter People that day and each day thereafter!

There are many Lenten devotionals available on line. One I can surely recommend is Reaching Toward Easter by Derek Maul, husband of Rebecca Maul who served many years as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Brandon. If you have any trouble finding a devotion guide that fits your needs, please give me a call and I will try and help!

We will again have a video study series at the close of our 10:30 services during Lent. We will have a series that focuses on The Apostles Creed. The Forum at 9:30 will then each week further study and discuss the particular phrase presented in the video the week before. This excellent opportunity should provide deeper insight and understanding to our video study. I hope that each of you will avail yourself of this added opportunity of study and find it helpful.

This season of Lent can be an emotionally charged season. This 40-day journey (not counting Sundays) provides us a glimpse of Jesus and the Twelve as they grow in faith to the loving God whom Jesus tenderly calls Abba. Our Savior confronts and overcomes temptation in the loneliness of the desert. His prayer reveals both his agony and his trust. There is practice and there is failure as the disciples face their own temptations as they are sent out to serve, heal, teach and proclaim the reality of God's kingdom on earth. Lent is a time of deep reflection as we consider the desert places of our own lives and as we consider our own quest for faithfulness to the God of love, peace, and justice.

I pray that each of you will take the time and the energy to make this time of Lent a special time for you individually. May the God of love and peace, who gives us both tears of joy and sorrow, comfort us when we mourn, soothe us in our distress, rejoice with us when we are glad, and be with us always. Amen.

Pastor Celie

Our Church



Souper Bowl of Caring and Scout Sunday



End 68 Hours of Hunger
BPC packing Team at work.

**February
Birthday**

Dick G. 2/24

**Birthdays in
MARCH**

3/1 Alex B.
3/2 SeEun S.
3/4 Paul S.
3/5 Greg B.
3/7 Gordon K
3/11 Anika S.
3/26 Helen A.
3/26 Cynthia U.

**YOU
ARE
LOVED
From God!**

Gasparilla Parking
a huge success for
BPC and the
Scouts!



Calendar

2/21 Presbytery Mtg.,
1st Presbyterian Church,
St Pete.
2/26 Worship Comm.,
5 PM at Debi's.
2/27 Small Church
Workshop at Lake
Seminole Pres., 11 AM
3/3 Begin Lenten
Series. Carolyn out -
Grigorious Z. here.
Set-up for elections.
3/5 City Elections