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Dear Church Family,

We are entering the thick of winter. Cold temperatures, grey skies, frozen everything! I know many of us wish it would soon pass, preferring longer days, milder weather, safer driving conditions; I want you to look at what winter is. And I am not just talking about the Earth's tilted axis leaning away from the sun... look at what it means to winter (as a verb!).

Winter is a time when humans historically would have worked less, because it was too cold to do work, and the fields and lakes were frozen. It was a time of reflection, a time of pause. In our society we look at the new year as a time of growth and change, but that is not what winter is for. This is a period of dormancy when the extravagance of summer becomes a distant memory. The cold solidarity adds to the non-movement and stillness. Life waits, subdued and hidden in mystery, humbled by the pervasive strength of winter's presence.

I would like to share a poem about winter by Joan Chittister:

“Winter is a lesson about the fine art of loss and growth.
Its lesson is clear; There is only one way out of the struggle
and that is by going into its darkness,
waiting for the light, and being open to new growth.”

Use this winter as a time of slowing down. Reflecting on your priorities. Making the plans for the future that will develop in the Springs warmth and newness.

Blessings,

Pastor Matthew

ACTIVITIES

Ash Wednesday
March 5th



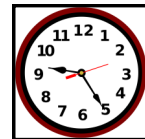
*We are always
looking for
volunteers for Coffee
Fellowship after
Church and
Liturgists
Thank You!*

Usher List:
Feb. 2-Jan Donkers
Feb. 9-Rich Hargreaves
Feb. 16-Suzette
Cooley-Sanborn
Feb. 23-Janet Goss

Lent
March 5-April 17th

SONSHINE CIRCLE!
This is a Women's Group at
Traverse Bay UMC! All
women are invited! They
meet every third Wednesday
in the library @ Traverse Bay
@10:30am.

*Daylight Savings Time
Begins
Sunday, March 9th
Move Clocks
Forward*



Our Noisy Offering in
February is supporting
Safe Harbor in Traverse City.
More information is on the
bulleting board in the
Narthex. Thank you!



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▶ February 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

* more info in newsletter

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AA SCHEDULE
Monday, 7:30pm
Saturday, 7pm

2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9am Worship/
Communion Svc/
Coffee

**Womens
Fellowship
Meeting**

9 10 11 12 13 14 15
9am Worship Svc.
Coffee Fellowship
**Super
Bowl
6:30pm**



16 17 18 19 20 21 22
9am Worship Svc.
Coffee Fellowship President's
Day
AD Council Mtg
9am
SONSHINE
CIRCLE *
10:30am @
Traverse Bay
UMC

23 24 25 26 27 28
9am Worship Svc.
Coffee Fellowship

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS!

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2nd Gavin Hamilton
 3rd Rich Hargreaves
 4th Jim & Evie Huver's Anniv.
 4th David Huver
 8th Jackie Axtell

9th Shawn Clone
 19th Hayden Thomas
 22nd Jerri Hubbell



Love Word Search

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Find the hidden words.



K Y D S N G E G I P B E E E H
 U P A E M L G A A V E A B O N
 W R T V Q F P R R J A T P W E
 U E I E Z J R B R Z R E O P Z
 U N R I G H T E O U S N E S S
 N E B L B Q P P G F M H C J K
 N S Q E K E R S A V P P R P X
 E J E B C O P T N C M L C X Q
 R N S C V O N E T N X J J T C
 D P D O I E M D E R E F F U S
 Y N K U I O R I J E A L O U S
 R E I T R D J O N F L C G V K
 D R A K F E Z E A G X M K O F
 Z P Y Z D A S R R R L S R A W
 Q T K X B W R E V E N Y Y C N

Is **PATIENT**

Does Not Take Into Account A Wrong **SUFFERED**

Is **KIND**

Does Not Rejoice In **UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**

Is Not **JEALOUS**

REJOICES With The Truth

Does Not **BRAG**

BEARS All Things

Is Not **ARROGANT**

BELIEVES All Things

Does Not Act **UNBECOMINGLY**

HOPES All Things

Does Not Seek Its **OWN**

ENDURES All Things

Is Not **PROVOKED**



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