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Sunday Worship:

Contemporary Worship 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.



Dixon Community Church

955 East A Street

Dixon, California 95620

**THE
CALLER**



February 2009





“Happy Groundhog’s Day”

I love Groundhog’s Day. Everybody has fun. Besides being an excuse to beat the winter blahs, its rituals tell us something of our selves and hope for something better.

The ritual goes something like this: civic dignitaries lead a rowdy procession to the den of an unsuspecting Woodchuck, sleepily minding his own business for the winter. Into his den thrusts the hand of a giant, who rudely drags out this dozing ball of frightened fur and blubber. The bacchanalian celebrants gaze in awe and wonder to see if the mystic rodent portends spring.

At this point, there is a meteorological paradox of a sort: Good news = bad news: if it’s sunny, he casts a shadow, which means six more weeks of winter; and bad news = good news: no sun and no shadow means spring will be here soon. No expensive gifts, no resolutions, no weird relatives. Everyone has fun ... everyone but Punxsutawney Phil, the Groundhog.

My heart goes out to Punxsutawney Phil. He was just doing what Groundhogs do, being what Groundhogs are. He didn’t sin or ask for trouble. Suddenly, due to no fault of his own, he is yanked out of his slumber, out of his home, out of safety and familiarity, into a cold world full of mocking, gawking predators.

What is he to do now? If he runs, they will catch him; if he bites and claws, they will kill him; if he surrenders, they will humiliate him; if he goes back to his den, they will find him again. Life is no longer the same.

Perhaps you know how Punxsutawney Phil feels: a gigantic hand has plucked you out of your safe den and thrust you into a cold world filled with predators: cancer, job loss, divorce, widowed, rape, addiction. These giants are rude, and they are mean: you can’t run, they will catch you; you can’t fight, you don’t have the power; you can’t surrender, you will die. You can’t go back, and life is no longer the same. There are not enough friends, money, toys, or self-help books in the whole world that can meet this cold new world. What you need ... what we all need ... is a miracle.

Jesus Christ is that miracle. Who he is, is unlike anyone else. What he can do, is unlike anything else.

First, he is the unexpected intruder of the best kind. He is God Almighty wrapped in humanity. He invaded your den because you could not enter his.

He is a paradox of the best sort. Because he became the child of a woman, you can become a son or daughter of God. Through his poverty, you become rich. By his death, you receive life.

He is not your enemy, he is your champion. By his death and resurrection, he slayed and mocked your predators: sin, death and the evil one. These giants no longer have the last word ... Jesus Christ has the last word, because he is the final Word.

HEARTS in the morning

Start your morning with heart. Enjoy this special breakfast with someone you love!

What you need:

- Your favorite pancake recipe and syrup
- Pan or griddle
- Cooking spray
- Liquid measuring cup
- One 5-inch heart-shaped metal cookie cutter
- Wooden clothespin
- Spatula
- Adult help

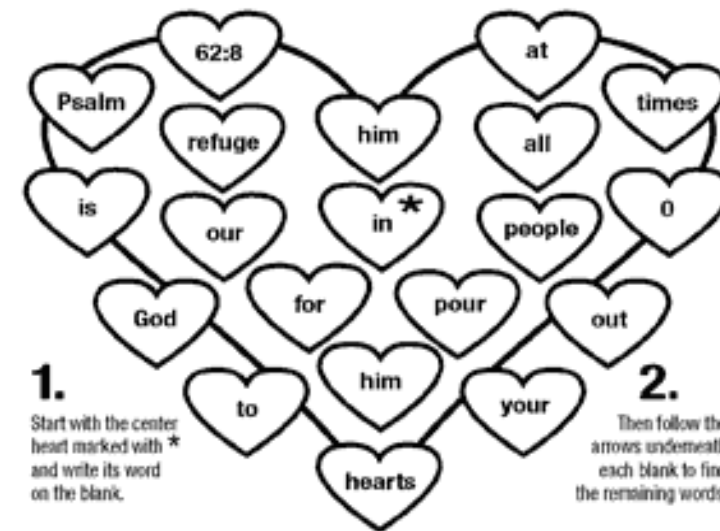
What you do:

1. With an adult’s help, follow your recipe to make your favorite pancakes.
2. Spray cooking spray onto your pan or griddle.
3. Pour pancake batter into a liquid measuring cup. (This helps with pouring individual pancakes.)
4. Place the cookie cutter on the pan or griddle. Then clip the wooden clothespin onto the cookie cutter to act as a handle.
5. Pour batter (about 3-4 Tablespoons) into the cookie cutter.
6. Cook until the top is bubbly and the pancake is dry around the edges.
7. When the heart is ready to flip, use the clothespin to lift and remove the cookie cutter.
8. Turn the pancake with the spatula and cook until golden on both sides. Enjoy with your favorite syrup or fruit.



OUR HEARTS

This special Bible verse from the NIV describes what God wants us to do with our hearts.

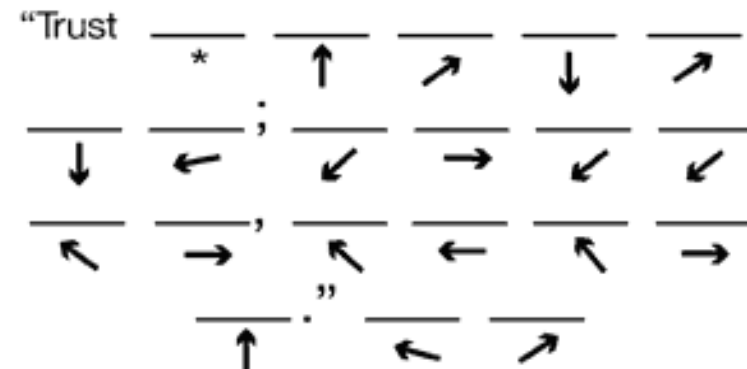


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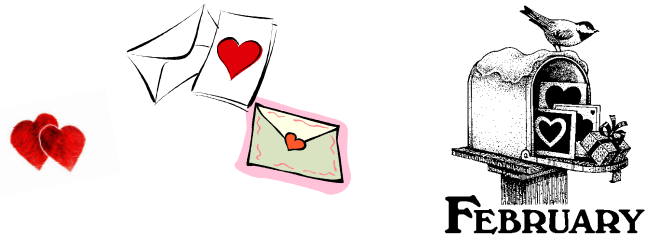
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Answer: "Trust in him at all times. O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge." Psalm 62:8

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – FRED BARRY
- 1 – STEVE DANA
- 2 – MIRANDA BARBER
- 3 – BOB CANTRALL
- 4 – KIERA MACKENZIE
- 5 – CUMINS JOHN
- 5 – MARIA CONRAD
- 6 – JESS JONES
- 6 – MADISON MUELLER
- 7 – BRAD NOLAND
- 7 – BRITTNEY CALLAWAY
- 7 – PAM WHITE
- 8 – JEANETTE FARRELL
- 9 – EMMA ROSE LYONS
- 9 – ERIC DANA
- 11 – RICHARD HAGUE
- 13 – DEBBIE FOWLER
- 13 – TIM HARNETT
- 13 – KRISTEEN TOBIN
- 13 – JENNIFER VAUGHAN
- 17 – PETE PETERSON
- 18 – JEANINE THIESSEN
- 19 – DOREEN BOOTH
- 19 – FLORENCE SALTZEN
- 20 – DEBRA MINNEMA –
DINGMAN
- 23 – NELS JACOBS
- 23 – RYAN JONES
- 25 – GARRET CONRAD
- 27 – DEWEY SMITH
- 28 – GLADYS HANNA
- 28 – JASON McNAUGHTON
- 29 – EMILY ZIEGLER



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 – JERRY & ALBERTA
TAYLOR
- 14 – RONICA AND RICHARD GARCIA
- 16 – GREG & STACY LYONS
- 17 – ALAN & KORRY
LINDGREN
- 21 – TEDDY & BETTY GREEN
- 26 – ROY & BETTY THIESSEN



<u>Income & Expenses for the</u> <u>month of December</u>	
Income	\$ 30,507.69
Expenses	\$ 20,324.88

He is not your mocker, he is your friend. He knows what it is like to be abandoned, rejected, humiliated, betrayed, tortured, afraid, terminal and damned. Because he is empathetic, because he is faithful, he chooses to trudge through this cold slop with you. True safety and security are found in the person and integrity of Jesus, who keeps his promise to be with his disciples now and forever.

He is not your tormentor, he is your healer. If you have sinned, he can forgive you. If you are wounded, he can heal you. If you are afraid, he can be your reassurance. If you are powerless, he can be your strength. If you are alienated, he can reconcile you to his Father.

He is not your destroyer, he is your maker. He is not finished creating. He can create in you a new desire to know God and do God's will. He offers you new life which is as qualitative [abundant] as it is quantitative [eternal], and can be experienced today. Life will never be the same.

Jesus Christ is the one who knows you, and who wants to be known by you. He offers himself to you. No ritual, just a relationship.

In Christ, you are no longer alone, therefore don't be alone. Nurture your relationship with Christ through daily prayer and Bible study. Cultivate your relationships with other Christians through worship and fellowship. Foster your relationship with yourself through honesty and service to others.

As you walk with Jesus in this cold world, you will begin to notice you are held by the best, most loving, most powerful hands ... hands that were once pierced. Winter will become spring. With the other Punxsutawney Phils, you will discover that you have been changed by the faithful one. And life will never be the same again.



Love in Christ, Pastor Dan.





FEBRUARY 2009



1 Sunday	2 Monday <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 Tuesday Women's Bible Study 9:30am	4 Wednesday Adult Bible Study 10am Family Night: Worship 7 pm Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study	5 Thursday <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i>	6 Friday	7 Saturday <u>Men's Breakfast 8:00am</u>
8 <u>Combined Service</u> <i>10:00 am</i> <u>ANNUAL MEETING</u> <u>TO FOLLOW</u>	9 Bell Choir 7:00pm sanctuary	10 Women's Bible Study 9:30am <u>Deacon's Meeting 7:00pm</u>	11 Adult Bible Study 10am Family Night: Worship 7 pm Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study	12 <i><u>Ladies Aid 12:00 noon</u></i> <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i>	13	14 
15 <i>Contemporary Worship</i> <i>9:00am</i> <i>Traditional Worship</i> <i>11:00am</i>  Valentine's Dinner 6pm	16 Bell Choir 7:00pm sanctuary <i>President's Day</i>	17 Women's Bible Study 9:30am	18 Adult Bible Study 10am Family Night: Worship 7 pm Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study	19 <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i>	20	21 <u>Women's Breakfast 9:00am</u>
22 <i>Contemporary Worship</i> <i>9:00am</i> <i>Traditional Worship</i> <i>11:00am</i>	23 Bell Choir 7:00pm sanctuary	24 Women's Bible Study 9:30am <u>Council Meeting 7:00pm</u>	25 Adult Bible Study 10am Family Night: Worship 7 pm Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study Ash Wednesday	26 <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i>	27	28
			 <p>February</p>			