



# St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

**Our Vision:** *Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Our Mission:** *To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.*

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## The Chatter

FEBRUARY 2022

### **MAKING YOUR TIME HOLY!**

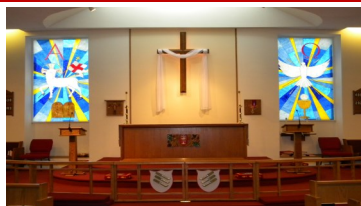
Now that we are well into the new year, how are you doing with your use of time? Time is one of God's greatest gifts. Everyone has the same amount each day. However, the question remains, how are we using this gift? Are we making our time holy for the Lord? While only God is truly holy, He has the power to make us holy! The word holy means *"to be set apart for God and His purposes"* as well as to be *"morally and spiritually pure."* He makes us holy by virtue of the grace we have in Jesus Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit in us. However, once we are born again, we are then given the capacity to use God's power and presence to make our daily lives holy and that includes our time. If we are to make our time holy it begins by recognizing what God first declared holy in Creation. **Gen. 2:1-2** says ***"By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done."*** Did God need to rest? No. He rested on the seventh day and made it holy *for us!* In other words, God set apart the seventh day of the week for our benefit; to show us the need to discipline our time so that we *together as the Body of Christ* could focus on God and His Kingdom as well as rest from our daily routine and work. **The Sabbath rest is so important that it became the fourth of the Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:8)!** The tradition of celebrating the Sabbath on Sunday began in the early Church. It served to highlight the New Covenant established by Jesus, the significance of His resurrection, and to distinguish the new movement from Judaism.

Whether one honors the Sabbath on Saturdays (e.g. Messianic Jews and Seventh Day Adventists) or on Sundays (most Christians), it doesn't matter. It's the principle behind the commandment that is most important. In other words, when we take time out one day a week and make it holy to the Lord we are declaring to the spiritual realm and the natural world that God is most important to us. We also are affirming that our time is a gift that should be ordered according to the will and kingdom of God. Besides worship, we can enjoy the Sabbath by having alone time and/or quality time with family and friends. Even some recreational time can be a "restful" experience. Recall Jesus' words in **Mk. 2:27** that ***"the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."*** Similarly, our days throughout the week should have some time alone with God and time for others. God's priority for us is our relationship with Him and other people, hence the two great commandments ***(Continued on page 2)***

St. Bart's Web Information

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to love God first and then to love our neighbor as ourselves. Unless we are willing to put God first in our use of time, we will fall victim to either being too busy and stressed out, or too wasteful and unproductive. Both will lead to failing to accomplish God's purposes in our lives and create missed opportunities for our own good and the good of others.

That's why it's always wise to review your daily and weekly schedule periodically to see how you are actually using your time. For some motivation, I would like to challenge you to answer the question, *How did Jesus use His time?* The answer becomes apparent when you study Jesus' life in all four gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. In short, Jesus used His time to invest in His relationships with His Father, His family, His disciples, and people!

Some other helpful verses on the use of time and its importance include **Ps. 39:4; 90:12 and Eph. 5:16.**

There's an old saying - *"Time is like money, once you spend it, you can never spend it again!"* So let's make the most of our time by making it holy, not only because it is passing away quickly but because it is one of God's greatest gifts!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Ward



**Fr. Jerry and Stacy Kramer** will be with us **February 5 and 6** for all three services. They will also give an in-depth presentation on their *"Love for the Least"* ministry in the Middle East on **Saturday at 10:30am**. Please join us in person or watch livestream on our website, **[www.stbartston.org](http://www.stbartston.org)**

# VESTRY

**2022 Vestry:** Fr. Ward welcomed new members, Donna Daniele, Molly Sammarco, and Jim Thompson to the vestry. The returning members are: Lori Abramo, Mike Brylinski, MJ Brzeczowski (Junior Warden), Rich Heer, Carl Hoffman (Warden), Adam Kowalyk, Tony Luckoski, Dan Tobin.

**2022 Budget & Pledge Cards:** Thank you to everyone who sent in their pledges. For others, please send in your 2022 pledge cards because it helps the vestry and budget committee with overseeing the approved budget.

**Air Conditioning Update:** Because the units currently in use are old, inefficient and not working properly, the Vestry and Building Committee are pursuing different options for updating the air conditioning in various sections of the building, including the kitchen and Fr. Amend Hall. Requests for quotes have been sent out; further details will follow as they become available.



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please keep those from our Parish Family who are serving our country in the Armed Forces in your prayers. Please let the church office know if there is anyone that should be added to or removed from this prayer list.

*Virginia Boy– Navy*

*Amanda Brzeczowski– Reserves*

*James Kerins– Army*

*A.J. Matteliano– Army*

*Matthew Prohaska– Air Force*

*Andrew Rebl– US Army*

## We pray for our Military

*Those at home -  
and those overseas*

- \* ARMY
- \* NAVY
- \* MARINES
- \* AIR FORCE
- \* MERCHANT  
MARINES
- \* COAST GUARD



## FOOD PANTRY

A Thank You for the donations was received from the Food Pantry. They are extremely grateful for our church's continued support. Remember that we collect for the Food Pantry the **first weekend of every month**. Leave your bags in the front hall as you enter the building. Or, consider making a financial donation to:

**North Tonawanda Food Pantry**  
100 Ridge Road N. Tonawanda 14120

**MONDAY, February 28**  
**at 6:30pm**

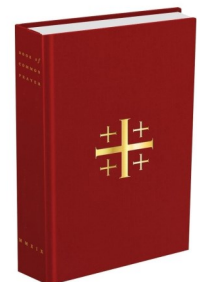


The next **Men's Breakfast** will be **Saturday, February 19** at 9am. Please join us as we fellowship together.



## PRAYER BOOKS

Just a reminder that you can have your own **Book of Common Prayer** for only \$15. They are available in the Church Office, 9am-3pm Monday thru Friday, or after services on Sunday.





# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Remember to join us for an  
**EVENING OF PRAYER,**  
Thursday, February 17 at 7pm.  
We meet the 3rd Thursday of  
every month.



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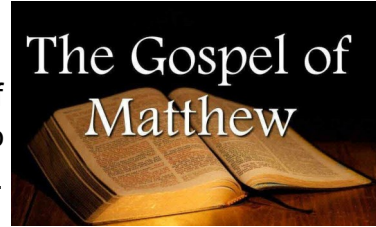
It was comforting to have our St. Bart's family praying for my 10-month old great-granddaughter, Ellie Grace, as she battled Covid-croup in the ICU at Children's Hospital. Three of our family members were also fighting Covid at home. Thank you Fr. Bush and my St. Bart's family for your prayers and support. And a special Thank You to our wonderful, awesome God.

Judi Curtis

# BIBLE STUDIES

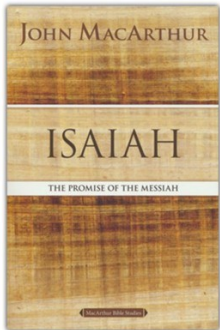
## Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

We are just beginning a new Bible study on the book of **Matthew**. Think of miracles and parables! It promises to be a wonderful study. Study materials will be provided. Bring a Bible- a study Bible if you have one.



We will be meeting: **February 1 & 15; March 1, 15, & 29 in the large fellowship room, from 6:30-8:00 pm**

In case of bad weather and we have to cancel, our meeting will be the following week. Notifications of cancelations are sent out by email or telephone. Generally, if the schools are closed, so are we! Come and join your sisters in Christ for study and fellowship. **Questions? Call Louise Jones at 874-0526**



## The Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Will be studying the book of **Isaiah**, using John MacArthur's study guide. Watch the bulletin for a starting date.



**Men's Discipleship** meets **Tuesdays at 6:30pm** .

All men of the church are encouraged to join us.

Contact John Krull for more information.



# Next Steps

A Generation Next Newsletter

February 2022

## What does God have to say about Justice?



**Imagine if you had a time machine; what would you do?** Would you go back in time to stop yourself from saying something stupid? Would you fast forward to see where you are in, say, ten years? Or would you go back to experience your favorite moment in history? While time machines don't exist, the Bible can feel like a time machine. It's the story of God creating and redeeming, a collection of books that speak to what has been and will be, with Jesus being the central theme connecting the prophets to the gospels. In this 4-week series, we'll discover that Jesus' mission was to set people free and rebuild what has been destroyed – and we can join Him on that mission, in part, by living justly and remembering all that God has done.

### Next Happenings

#### **Wednesdays, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

Join us for our regular meetings filled with engaging Bible lessons and fun activities

#### **Friday, February 4th**

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Winter Comps  
2022 Color Wars at Kenmore Alliance Church

#### **Friday, March 18th**

7 p.m. Casting Crowns concert at The Chapel in Getzville, N.Y.

#### **Friday, April 22nd**

Our Bowling Event will take place from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Tonawanda Lanes 574 Young St. in Tonawanda.

*"Beloved, let us love one another, For love is From God:"*

**1 John 4:7 NASB**



## A Letter From our Director



Liz Burkett



Hey there everyone! Wow, I can't believe it's February already! Time is flying by, and speaking of time, I'm looking forward to the series we will work through in youth group this month titled "Back to the Future." Have you ever thought about God's Word as a time machine? How about a love letter, or one super long and detailed valentine? As we read through the Bible, we discover just how much God loves us, that He chose us from the beginning! And we find the fullest expression of His love in Jesus. Let me encourage you the next time you are at the end of yourself, frustrated in the struggle, to take a minute to be quiet and still and allow the love of God to pour over you. You may even hear God whisper, "I love you!"

In Christ,  
Liz

Friday, February 4th, 7-10 p.m., Join youth groups across the Buffalo area as we enjoy a night of friendly competition at the Winter Comps Event at Kenmore Alliance Church (175 Bonnett Ave. Tonawanda, NY 14150). We will meet at Kenmore Alliance at 6:45 p.m. to check in, and pickup will also be at Kenmore Alliance at 10 p.m. The cost is only \$5 a person and is due at the door. Registration for the event will take place online. A link for the registration will be emailed once it is available. If any parents are interested in helping at this event, please let me know.



Friday, March 18th at 7 p.m. I am so excited to share that Casting Crowns, with special guests We Are Messengers and Jonathan Taylor, bring The Healer Tour to The Chapel in Getzville, NY. For those of you who haven't been to Kingdom Bound yet, this concert is the perfect preview of the kind of music we will experience there. Feel free to invite your whole family and friends to this incredible event. If you haven't ordered tickets yet, you need to do so ASAP before they sell out. The ticket cost is \$20 per person. For more information about this concert go to [Kingdombound.org](http://Kingdombound.org)

Our Bowling Event will take place on Friday, April 22nd, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Tonawanda Lanes at 574 Young Street in Tonawanda. The cost is \$10 and will include bowling ball and shoe rental, pizza, and pop. Please let me know by ASAP if you and any of your friends will be joining us for this fun event!



*"And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." - Ephesians 5:2*

Love is commonly the theme for the month of February. Think about some ways you can express Christ's love to others. One simple act of love can make a big difference in someone's life!





# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| 2 Allison Hillery  | 23 Laina Morgante, Lorna Williams   |
| 3 Barbara Chiaravalle, Brittany Wilkowski                            | 25 Brenna Luckoski                  |
| 4 Carol Brock, Dorothea Haase,<br>Constance Prohaska                 | 26 Deborah Zurzuski                 |
| 5 Daniel Arnold, Elijah Wahl   | 27 Scott Socha                      |
| 6 Gino Forte   | 28 Sonia Delisante, Jessica Passino |
| 7 Earl Farley Jr.  |                                     |
| 8 David Saunders   |                                     |
| 9 Michael Chiaravalle, Linda Doran,<br>Connor Moyer, Theresa Shipman |                                     |
| 10 Judi Curtis, Lauren Gradzewicz,<br>Maddalena Prohaska             |                                     |
| 11 Jason Simon, Evelyn Stacks  |                                     |
| 12 Matthew Fildes, Michael Hilliker,<br>Doris Hurren                 |                                     |
| 13 Colton Machelor   |                                     |
| 14 Anthony Horvath   |                                     |
| 15 Emma Hillery  |                                     |
| 16 Gertrude Hedges   |                                     |
| 17 Peter Militello Jr.   |                                     |
| 18 Mark Rieman   |                                     |
| 19 Donald Symons   |                                     |
| 20 Mary Gray, Sharon Tarapata,<br>AnnaLee Wilkinson                  |                                     |
| 21 Marie Crosby, Minor McCorkle                                      |                                     |
| 22 Tyler Delisante, Brooke Ganci                                     |                                     |



## MARCH

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|---------------------------------|
| 1 Tina Gwizdowski               |
| 2 Morgan Simon                  |
| 3 Lynn Farley                   |
| 4 Richard Storey                |
| 5 Donna Daniele, Rosemary Taber |

If you notice a mistake in the birthday list please call (716) 831-1777 or email the secretaries: [secretaries@stbartston.org](mailto:secretaries@stbartston.org)

# PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>February</b>	<b>1</b> <b>BANGLADESH</b> Pray for Shilpi, who was seriously injured when Muslims burned down her house.	<b>2</b> <b>TUNISIA</b> Pray for the protection of Tunisian believers.	<b>3</b> <b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b> Pray for missionaries seeking opportunities to reach Emiratis with the gospel.	<b>4</b> <b>SAUDI ARABIA</b> Pray for the encouragement and faith of those who must worship in secret.	<b>5</b> <b>MALAYSIA</b> Pray that locals and foreigners will work together to engage the unreached.	
<b>6</b> <b>LIBYA</b> Pray for new churches that are being established.	<b>7</b> <b>BURKINA FASO</b> Pray that God will change the hearts of Islamists, converting them like the Apostle Paul.	<b>8</b> <b>CHINA</b> Pray that house church leaders will know how to shepherd the Lord's sheep in difficult situations.	<b>9</b> <b>ISRAEL</b> Pray for Messianic congregations that have been increasingly targeted by anti-missionary groups.	<b>10</b> <b>TAJIKISTAN</b> Pray for the training of future Tajik church leaders.	<b>11</b> <b>MEXICO</b> Pray for towns in Chiapas, where violence and civil unrest hinder church attendance.	<b>12</b> <b>CAMEROON</b> Pray for Christians rebuilding their livelihood after Boko Haram attacks.
<b>13</b> <b>CUBA</b> Pray that those opposed to the gospel will be powerless to stop its advance.	<b>14</b> <b>CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC</b> Pray that Christians who have been in refugee camps for six years will not lose heart.	<b>15</b> <b>LEBANON</b> Pray for the continued translation of Christian literature used throughout the region.	<b>16</b> <b>TURKMENISTAN</b> Pray for believers trying to return to the country to be witnesses for Christ.	<b>17</b> <b>YEMEN</b> Pray for local fellowships meeting in secret throughout the country.	<b>18</b> <b>MYANMAR</b> Thank God that the church in Myanmar continues to stand strong.	<b>19</b> <b>SOMALIA</b> Pray for believers who are isolated and unable to fellowship with other Christians.
<b>20</b> <b>PHILIPPINES</b> Pray that cross-cultural workers will reach out fearlessly to those in dangerous, unreached areas.	<b>21</b> <b>PAKISTAN</b> Pray for the protection of Christian young women against kidnapping and forced marriage to Muslims.	<b>22</b> <b>KUWAIT</b> Pray that Kuwaitis who hear the Good News of Jesus Christ will put their faith in Him.	<b>23</b> <b>EGYPT</b> Pray for the encouragement and growth of those who receive Bibles throughout the country.	<b>24</b> <b>MALI</b> Pray that churches in the north will shine the light of Christ while being marginalized and mistreated.	<b>25</b> <b>UZBEKISTAN</b> Pray that house churches will be established throughout the country.	<b>26</b> <b>BAHRAIN</b> Pray for Ghaleb, who is ostracized by his family and harassed at work for placing his faith in Christ.
<b>27</b> <b>TURKEY</b> Pray that efforts to reach university teachers and students will be fruitful.	<b>28</b> <b>ETHIOPIA</b> Pray for pastors in Tigray who are suffering during the conflict.	<b>NOTES:</b>				

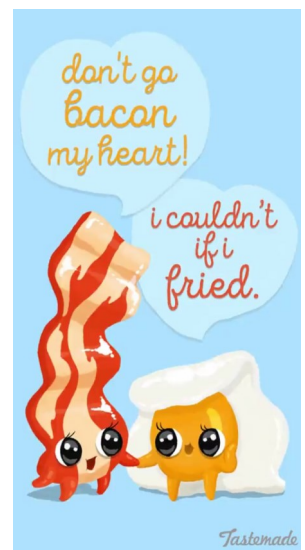
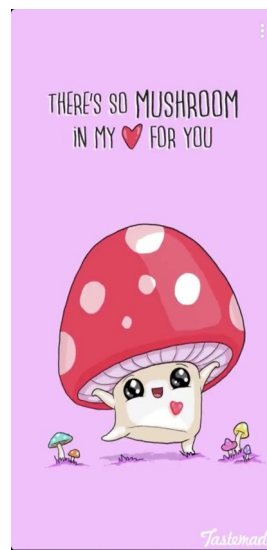
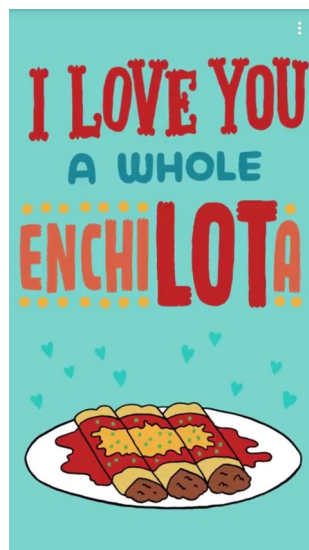
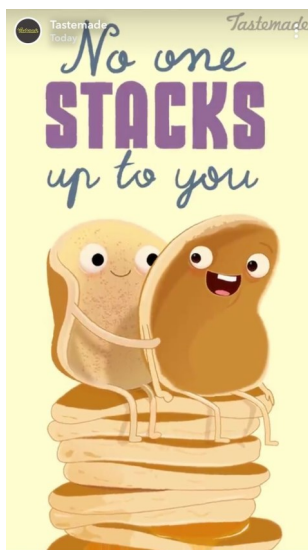
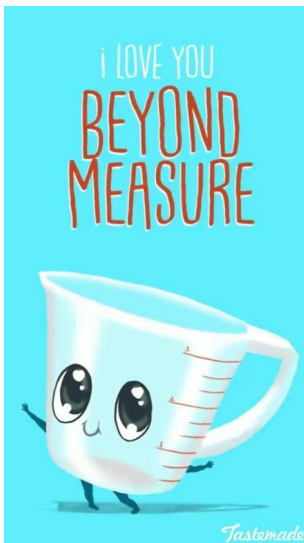
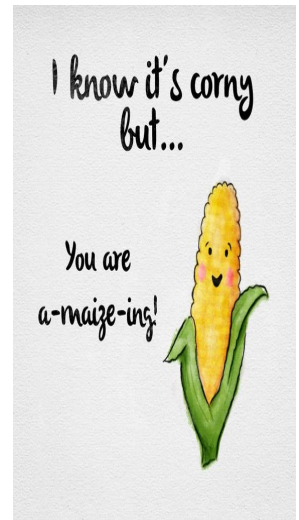
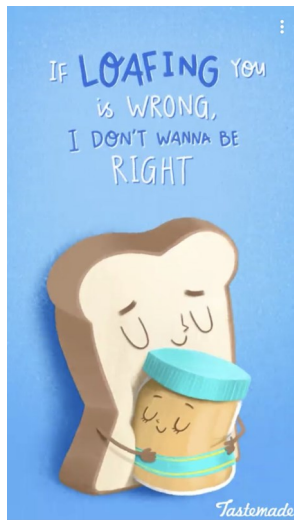
# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

## February 2022

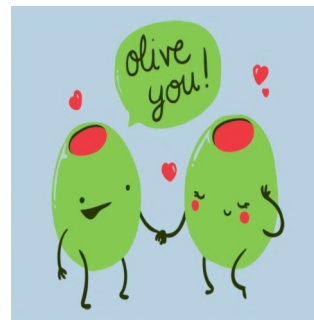
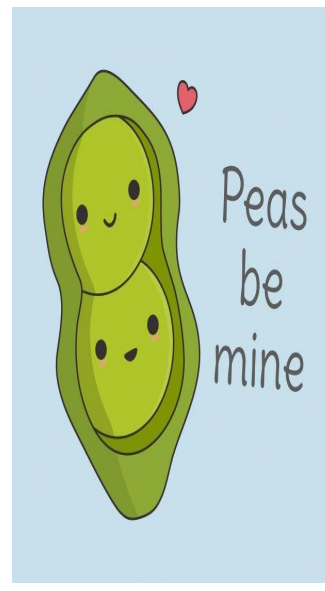
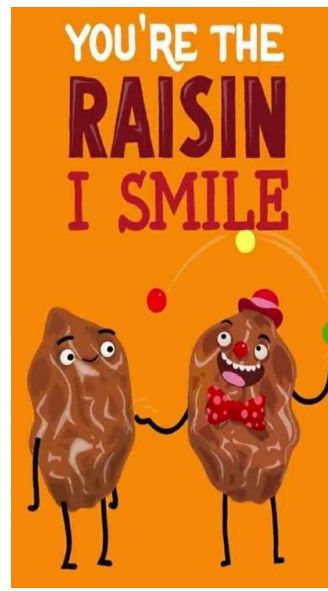
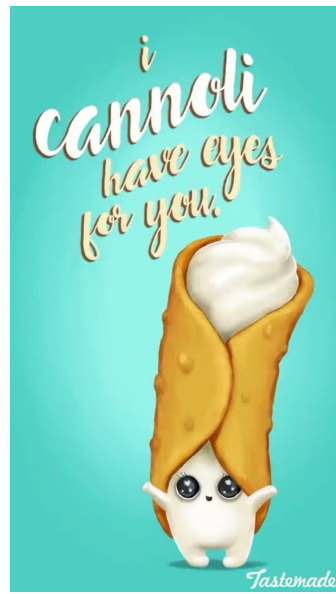
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		1 6:30 Men's Disc. & Women's Bible Study 7 PM Vestry	2 9:30 AM HE 6pm Youth Group	3 7pm Art & Faith Book study	4	5 10:30am GriefShare 4:30 PM HE
6 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School	7	8 6:30 Men's Disc.	9 9:30 AM 6pm Youth Group	10 7pm Art & Faith Book Study	11 Rivendell Celebration of Learning	12 10:30am GriefShare 4:30 PM HE
13 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	15 6:30 Men's Disc. & Women's Bible Study	16 9:30 AM HE 6pm Youth Group	17 6pm Art & Faith Book study, 7pm Prayer Night	18	19 9am Men's Breakfast 4:30 PM HE
20 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School	21 PRESIDENT'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED 6:30pm BARRA	22 6:30 Men's Disc.	23 9:30 AM HE 6pm Youth Group	24 7pm Art & Faith Book study	25	26 4:30 PM HE
27 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School	28 6:30pm Movie Night					



# LOVE PUNS



# MORE LOVE PUNS



*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*