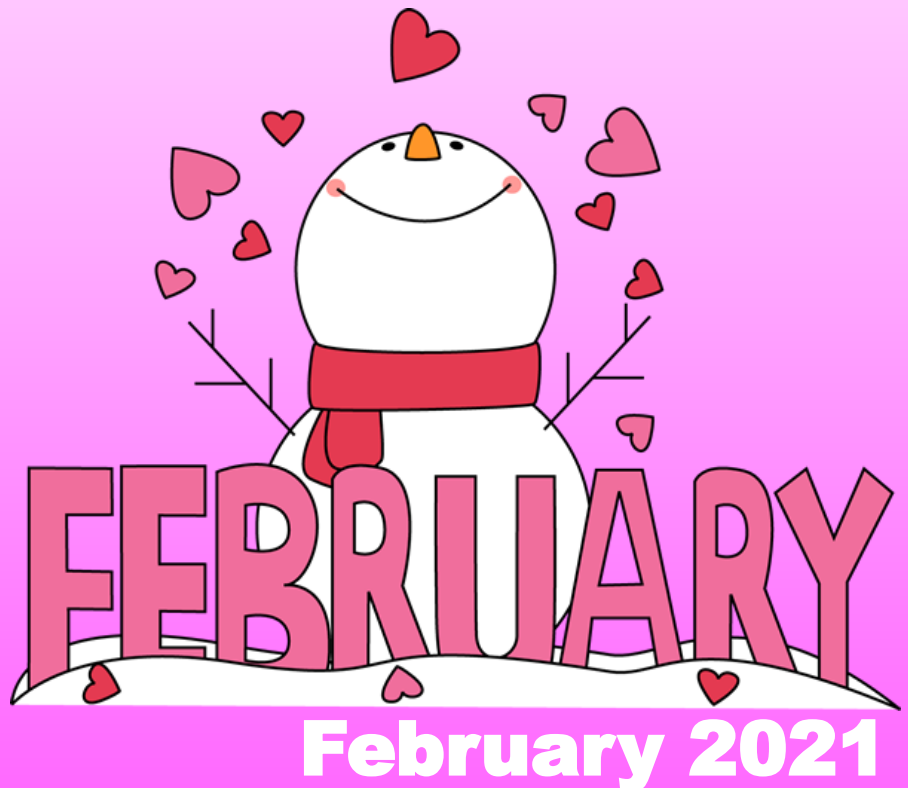
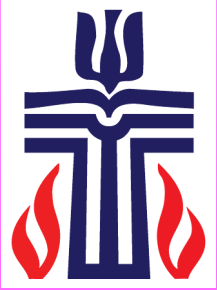
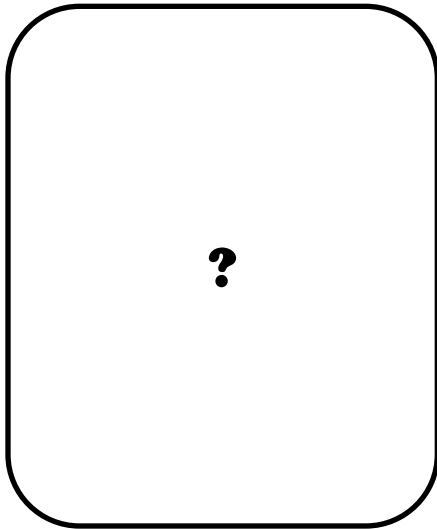


# Hillcrest Calling



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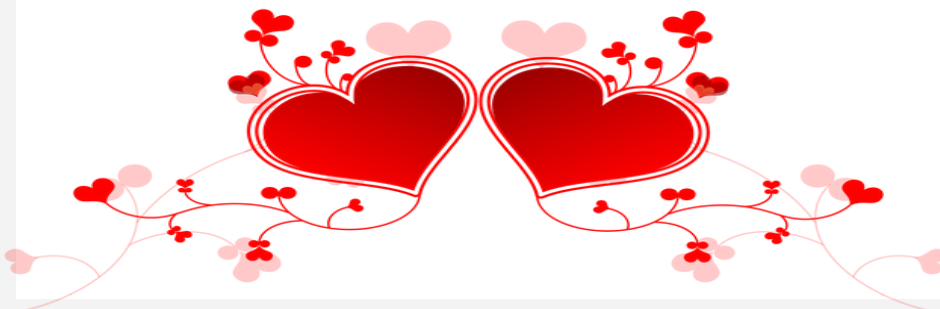
**Get in on the fun by sending Sue your photos either by email or by mail. We will send originals back.**

## **February** birthdays

Sue Jones, 1st  
Dianne Hutchins, 1st  
Kelly Clay, 3rd  
Harold Reynolds, 5th  
Ruth Poindexter, 6th  
Brandon Sigourney Jr., 7th  
Nancy Hackett, 8th  
Mitch Morrissey, 8th  
Lynn Clay, 10th  
Macy Scott, 17th  
Jo Lynne Palmerton, 18th

## **February** anniversaries

Larry & Jane Butler, 6th





I want to thank everyone for your prayers & cards. I appreciate it very much. I will be glad when I'm able to get out again and come to church.  
Ruth Poindexter

Thank you so much for the Christmas cards and beautiful poinsettias. It was such a thoughtful gesture that we really appreciated. Merry Christmas,  
Wayne, Pat and Leah Keltner

Thank you so much for the poinsettia! A bright spot in my living room! Hope to be back soon!  
Vi Brightwell

We want to thank you guys for the beautiful poinsettia sent to us as a Christmas present. We loved the visit at the door...God is good. He works in mystically ways. God bless you,  
Harold & Mary Jo Reynolds

We want to say a BIG thank you to Jan Zweerink for her many years of sending cards to everyone for their birthdays, anniversaries and when we've been sick or grieving a loss....bless you Jan!! We also want to let everyone know that Jennifer McCullough will be taking up this task and we all wish her our best for her willingness.

We are opening the church for those who would want to come and have some time in the sanctuary, but do not want to be with other people just yet. Jack is also willing to serve communion if you wish. If this sounds like something that you would like, please call Regina and she will set it up for you.

**The Book Club** is changing the time of day we will meet in the hope that it will be a time which is more convenient and allow more people to join us! We will still meet on the 3rd Monday of the month, but the time will change to 12 noon in the library. Bring your lunch if you choose and we'll eat and talk. Our book this month is "The Mystery of Mrs. Christie" by Marie Benedict. This story explores the mystery of what happened when the famous writer disappeared for 11 days in 1929 and then reappeared Apparently suffering from amnesia....a mystery never solved. Until now...maybe.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Monday – Saturday: Church events will be canceled on any day when the Springfield schools are closed due to inclement weather.

Sunday Morning: The pastor, and two members of session will make a decision no later than 8:00 am . Notification will be made by means of phone calls, emails, text messages and on Facebook.



### December Financials

Beginning Balance	\$ 5,387.86
Increase	162.03
Ending Balance	\$ 5,549.89
Building Load Balance	
12/27/20	\$286,808.48
Building Fund Balance	
	\$ 26,693.59

The electronic giving terminal is located in the Narthex.

Just know that God blesses a cheerful and generous giver.



**Thursday, February 11th the Shooting Fellowship will be meeting at 5:30pm**

**Monday, February 8th Session will be meeting at 6pm.**

**Monday, February 15th, the Book Club will be meeting at Noon. This month's book is "The Mystery of Mrs. Christie" by Marie Benedict**

**Please remember, you must wear a mask whenever you are in the church and please use our hand sanitizer whenever you enter the church. We do this to protect each other and in so doing show the love of Jesus.**

Reminder: Our church premises is weapon free, carrying firearms is

# Men of the Bible - Noah

Noah labored for 120 years at a God-given task everyone laughed at. He had enough faith to hold firm in God's promise until he experienced God's solution. Genesis 6 tells us that "After God created the earth and mankind, and as men became more numerous on earth, their sins multiplied. God grieved over their disobedience but saw in Noah a man who served him and was righteous." At this time, Noah was already 5 hundred years old. So because people were so wicked God decided to wipe out everyone except Noah's family. Imagine you're the only person on the earth who believes in God. That is what Noah faced. Now this doesn't mean he never sinned, but it does mean he loved, obeyed, and most importantly, walked with God.

God told Noah to build an Ark of very specific materials and dimensions. He wanted to provide protection for those who were righteous on the earth, but he intended to destroy everything and everyone else. The boat was to be made out of "gopher" wood (perhaps a type of cypress wood), 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet tall. To help us comprehend those dimensions, it was to be the length of one and a half football fields, and tall as a four-story building. It took Noah 120 years to build it. To make it watertight, the boat was covered inside and out with pitch. The weirdness of building a boat in an area not near water was a message to those nearby that God's judgement was coming. Noah preached this fact to those who would listen, but all he heard was laughter and ridicule.

The Ark was exactly six times longer than it was wide. Today, modern shipbuilders use that same ratio because the engineering efficiencies are maximized. How amazing that when Man's engineering skills were more primitive, God was already a master shipbuilder. Whatever one's attitude toward the Bible, the fact of the flood is written deeply in the mind of the human race. Approximately one hundred stories of a great flood may be found in various parts of the globe.

At the right time, God directed Noah to take his family and enter the Ark, along with seven pairs of every clean animal and two pairs of every unclean animal. For the first time, rain fell on the earth. It lasted until the earth was completely flooded, and everyone on earth died—except Noah's family. The timeline was:

Waiting in the Ark—7 days until rain starts

Water for 150 days – 40 days of rain and 110 of receding and then runs aground

Water receded 150 days – 74 days mountains seen, 40 more days dove & raven sent out & they return, 7 days more dove sent out returns with leaf and 7 days later dove sent out and never returns. Earth dries for 70 days then God tells Moses to leave the Ark

377 days were spent inside the Ark. A little more than a year they stayed in the Ark. Noah waited until God told him it was time to leave. Noah entered the Ark when God told him, and he exited the same way. The first thing Noah did on getting out of the Ark was to build an altar and worshiped God. Then God blessed Noah, second father of the human race, and made the first covenant with man. God promised never to destroy all of life again. He created a rainbow as a sign of that promise. Noah was told to be fruitful and multiply but was warned against killing men.

Noah must have felt lonely in his faith. His immediate family may have helped, but he didn't have any friends to share the Lord with. If we feel that way too, we can be encouraged that when we face spiritual isolation, we can still walk with God. Thankfully, other Christians are available, and God wants to provide Christian friendships. Having a close church family is key to this and asking God to guide you to those who can offer godly encouragement.

# FEBRUARY





Sunday Services:

Sunday School 9am  
 Worship Service 10am  
 Hillcrest  
 Worship Service 11:30am  
 Gibson Chapel

☞ Birthdays

♥ Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
☞ Dianne Hutchins ☞ Sue Jones		Outreach, 5:45pm ☞ Kelly Clay		☞ Harold Reynolds	☞ Ruth Poindexter ♥ Larry & Jane Butler	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Communion ☞ Brandon Sigourney Jr 	Session, 6pm ☞ Nancy Hackett ☞ Mitch Morrissey		☞ Lynn Clay	Shooting Fellowship 5:30pm		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Book Club, noon  President's Day		Ash Wednesday ☞ Macy Scott	☞ Jo Lynne Palmerton		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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