



THE ROLLING STONE

Rollstone Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
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Pastor's View

FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Greetings on this cold winter day!

As I look out the window it appears to be cold and icy, plus the wind is rattling against the windows causing me to wonder when warm weather will return. It will return almost as quickly as it turned to coldness of the winter. The weather in New England is almost as predictable as everything else that hits our calendars.

We know that soon the warmth will return, and we resume opening our windows or returning to sit out on our porches and patios. In our haste to have perfect conditions around us, we fail to observe and appreciate what God has given us to enjoy. I often hear that people wish that the cold and snow would return just for Christmas Day, and then only across the street so that they can observe it without the bother. This creation that God has given us is beautiful and awe inspiring. It

may not always be convenient, but it still causes us to step back and observe God's handiwork and the beauty contained therein.

I have heard people grumble about life and how it is not all perfection. When I hear that I must stop and question, "why are you so upset or dissatisfied". Life is not perfect, and neither are the situations thrust upon us perfect either. The only perfection in this world is God. I hope that in all situations in life that we strive to be the best that we can be in God's eyes.

As we await the better weather may God continue to surround you with the warmth of His love.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Dave

THANK YOU

I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to each of you for your continued love, support, and blessings for the previous year. I also need to offer my gratitude for the generous gift that I was presented at Christmas.

The position of pastor requires enormous amounts of support on many different levels, and I am so blessed to have you not only as parishioners, but also that I can call you friends. May we continue to work together in the coming year as we work to minister to each other and this community.

Pastor Dave



Church School Message - February 2022

Happy Valentine's Day!



How Do We Show Love?

Theme: Showing the love of Jesus

Scriptures: John 14:15 and John 21:17

Valentine's day is coming this month. This is a day when we tell people how much we love them. How do we tell people we love them? Some people say I love you with a card. Some with a box of chocolates. And some with candy that has messages on it.



Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."

Jesus told Peter, "If you love me, feed my sheep."



I think what Jesus was saying was that we have to do more than say we love each other.



Be Kind

We show love when we take care of each other.

When we provide food to people who do not have any, we show love. When we pray with someone we show love. When we visit someone who is sick we show love. Showing love for others with kind actions...

...That is what Jesus meant when he said take care of my Sheep.

Show a little kindness on Valentine's Day and EVERY day! Hal and Beth

Bible Study

Our Bible Study is held on Wednesday mornings starting at 10:30. It is open to everyone to join us in a contemporary reading of the scriptures. We will discuss the Word of God as it applies to our world and lives today. Our discussions are intended to help each of us to see God in the world now and to help us deal with issues that surround us. Please be advised if there is a question about travel during the winter months or situations relating to COVID, please check with Pastor Dave (978-821-9571) before heading out to Bible Study.



Topics are as follows for these dates:

February 2 — “God Pitched His Tent Among Us” based on John 14:1-4, 18-27

February 9 — “Love Bears Fruit” based Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

February 16 — “The True Voice of Love” based on 1 John 4: 7-21

February 23 — “A Prayer” based on John 3:1-17

March 2 — “Distress Signal” based on Joel 2:1-2,12-17



REMINDER

Annual Meeting Is February 27th

Immediately following worship

EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Date	Time	Event	Location
February 1	9:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 1	7:00 PM	Deacon's Meeting	on ZOOM
February 2	9:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 2	10:30 AM	Bible Study	Cookman Hall
February 3	9:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 3	5:30-8:30 PM	Fitchburg Scouting	Cookman Hall
February 5	2:00 PM	Nashoba Symphonic Band	Mechanics Hall
February 6	10:00 AM	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary
February 6	11:30AM	Chinese New Year Celebration	Cookman Hall
February 7	9:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 7	5:30-8:30 PM	Girl Scouts	Cookman Hall
February 7	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting	on ZOOM
February 8	9:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 9	9:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 9	10:30 AM	Bible Study	Cookman Hall
February 10	9:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 10	5:30 -8:30 PM	Fitchburg Scouting	Cookman Hall
February 10	7:00 PM	Camp Wellville Annual Meeting	on ZOOM
February 13	10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
February 13	11:15 AM	Annual Valentine's Yankee Swap 	Cookman Hall
February 14 	9:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 15	11:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 15	7:00 PM	Camp Wellville BOD	on ZOOM
February 16	9:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 16	10:30 AM	Bible Study	Cookman Hall
February 17	9:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 17	5:30-8:30 PM	Fitchburg Scouting	Cookman Hall
February 20	10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
February 21	9:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 21	11:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 21	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting – if necessary	on ZOOM
February 22	9:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 22	10:30 AM	Bible Study	Cookman Hall
February 23	9:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 23	5:30-8:30 PM	Fitchburg Scouting	Cookman Hall
February 27	10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
February 27	11:15 AM	ANNUAL MEETING	Sanctuary
February 28	9:00 AM	Office Hours begin	Office
February 28	5:30-8:30 PM	Girl Scouts	Cookman Hall

Hi everyone!

I hope you are all doing well and staying warm! I can happily say, I am praying for a blizzard soon- like the ones where we get over a foot, so that we can have at least two days off from school. It's definitely one thing that I think every high school senior is hoping for!

I'd just like to pass along a quick note of gratitude to the congregation for all your love, support, and prayers over the past two years, as well as recently with the whole college application process. It's been a huge help to me, and now that we know where I am going to school, the huge pressure of not knowing has subsided. I am so happy to have grown so much both musically, and also spiritually over my time at Rollstone, and you all have made it very special and meaningful. I have made some great friends, and great connections that I know I will have for a very long time, and for that, I am very grateful. I will keep you all in my prayers, and I ask if you could keep me in yours as well. Though the college application process is behind me, I have a few recitals coming up that are not easy! So, I have a lot of practicing to do!

*I miss you all very much and hope to see you all soon!
And until we meet again, may God be with you.*

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Adult Fellowship

— February —

A Moment of Celebration

Saturday February 5th • 2:00 P.M.

Mechanics Hall in Worcester

Pastor has tickets – there is no fee – tickets required for admission

Help us support the NSB's Fifth Anniversary as the featured soloist is Gavin Klein. He will be playing several pieces demonstrating his grace and mastery of the organ.

Celebrate Chinese New Year "Year of the Tiger"



Date: Sunday February 6th

Time: 11:30 A.M.

Place: Cookman Hall

Cost: Approximate cost \$15 per person

We will be ordering from a restaurant menu, your cost is based on what you order!

Adult Fellowship



Valentine's Yankee Swap

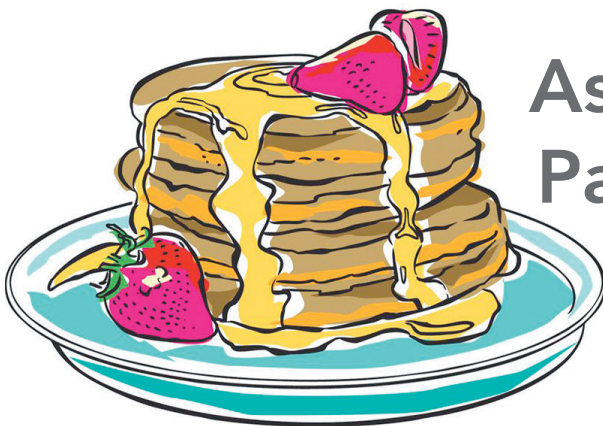
It is that time of year when we show our love for each other with the Yankee Swap Gift Exchange during Fellowship Hour.

Bring a \$5 wrapped present to participate.

Sunday February 13th

11:30 A.M. | Cookman Hall

— March —



Ash Wednesday Pancake Dinner

Join us for a free (donations accepted) pancake dinner prior to our Ash Wednesday Service (7:00P.M.)

Wednesday March 2nd

6:00 to 6:45 PM | Cookman Hall

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING
CAMP WELLVILLE
2022
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER COUNTY

*To the Active Members and all other persons having an interest in
Camp Wellville, Inc.*

Greetings:

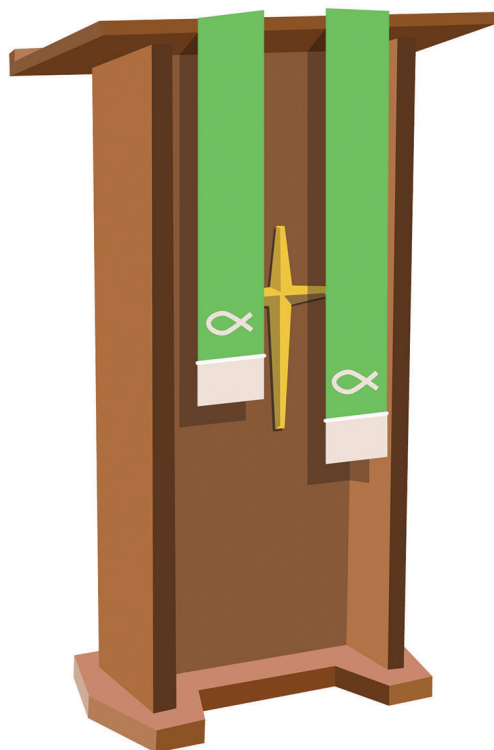
*You are hereby notified of, and encouraged to attend, the annual
meeting of said Corporation to be held via Zoom on Thursday,
February 10, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. to act on the following:*

- 1. The reports of the Board of Directors and Treasurer.*
- 2. The Report of the Nominating Committee, and the election
of officers and directors, including the filling of any
vacancies to carry on the charitable, religious and
educational work of the Corporation.*
- 3. The budget for the coming year, including any action
necessary to financially underwrite the work of the
Corporation.*
- 4. Any other business that may legally come before the
meeting.*

*Camp Wellville, Inc.
By vote of Board
of Directors*

LITURGIST SCHEDULE of WORSHIP SERVICES

Liturgical Date	Liturgical Designation	Liturgist	Notes	Time
Sun, Feb 6, 22	5th Sunday After Epiphany	Kathy Rowe		10:00 AM
Sun, Feb 13, 22	6th Sunday After Epiphany	Linda Haas		10:00 AM
Sun, Feb 20, 22	7th Sunday After Epiphany	Amy Larsen		10:00 AM
Sun, Feb 27, 22	Transfiguration Sunday	Ron Smith		10:00 AM
Sun, Mar 6, 22	1st Sunday in Lent	Andy Lipasti		10:00 AM
Sun, Mar 13, 22	2nd Sunday in Lent	Jean Suomala		10:00 AM
Sun, Mar 20, 22	3rd Sunday in Lent	Lois Schrader		10:00 AM
Sun, Mar 27, 22	4th Sunday in Lent	Kathy Rowe		10:00 AM
Sun, Apr 3, 22	5th Sunday in Lent	Janet Lane		10:00 AM
Sun, Apr 10, 22	6th Sunday in Lent	Marie Stansel	Palm Sunday	10:00 AM
Thu, Apr 14, 22	Maundy Thursday	Deacons		6:00 P.M.
Sun, Apr 17, 22	Easter Sunday	Andy Lipasti		10:00 AM



*Thank you for your
time and service.*

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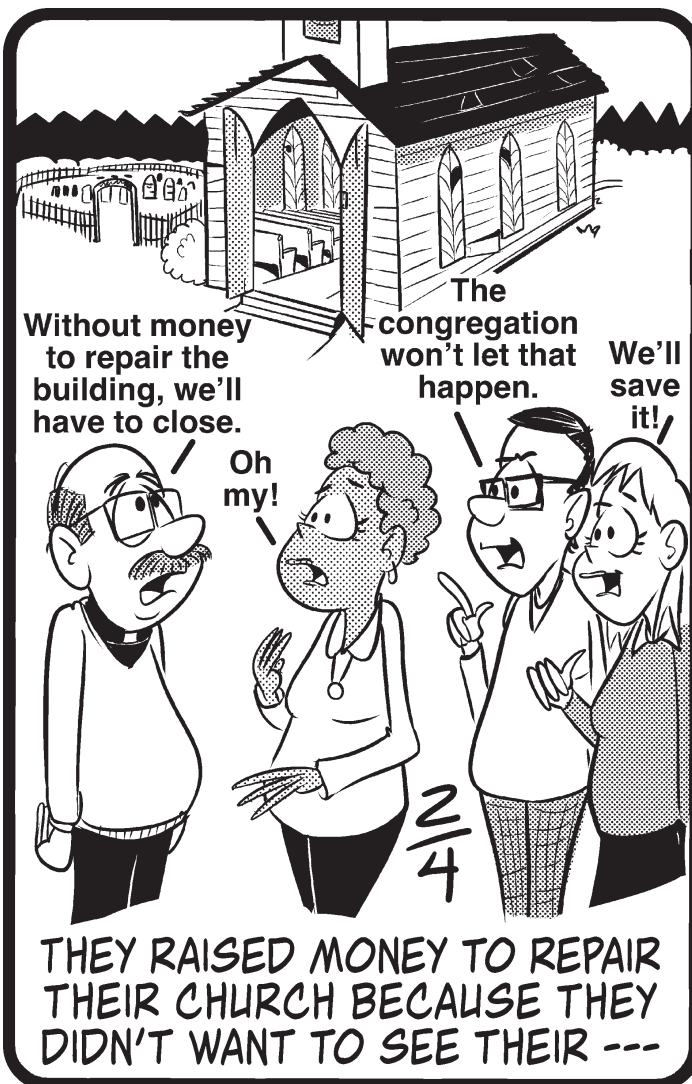
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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**YOU COME FROM
DUST.
YOU WILL RETURN TO
DUST.
THAT'S WHY I DON'T
DUST.
IT COULD BE SOMEONE
I KNOW.**



Birthdays in February

- 7 Lorna Chabot
- 14 Becky Colwell
- 16 Linda Gallant
- 19 Marie Stansel
- 21 Beth Porell

They raised money to repair their church because they didn't want to see their – PARISH PERISH

SPIRAL

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Jumble Answers

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