

CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE LINK

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Colossians 3:14

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.

February is typically structured around love. More than 19 billion dollars was spent on Valentine's Day last year. Every year I find more and more people that have no idea that Valentine actually refers to St. Valentine. So, as Valentine's Day rolls around I think it's important to note the events that precipitated the event—or the legend about the event.

Like most legends, Valentine's Day is shrouded in mystery. Supposedly, Emperor Claudius II (268-270 AD) thought that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, so he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, seeing the inherent injustice with this edict defied the order and continued to marry young couples in secret. His actions were eventually discovered, and Claudius II had him imprisoned and eventually executed. Allegedly, he fell in love with a girl that visited him in prison and wrote her a note that ended with words, "your Valentine." This is a practice that still exists today when people ask one another to be their Valentine.

Valentine was executed on February 14, 270 AD. More than 200 years later, in 496 AD, Pope Gelasius established the feast of St. Valentine on February 14 to honor his memory and martyrdom.



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Monday through Thursday

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Music Ministry Notes From Gordon



As I was contemplating what to compose for this February article, the refrain of a well know hymn came to mind. Civilla Martin, wife of Reverend W. Stillman Martin, wrote the words to the hymn *God Will Take Care of You* at a time when she herself needed to learn the lessons of resting in God's care. This hymn (TUMH 130) continues to provide God's people with another endearing hymn that has ministered to hurting hearts.

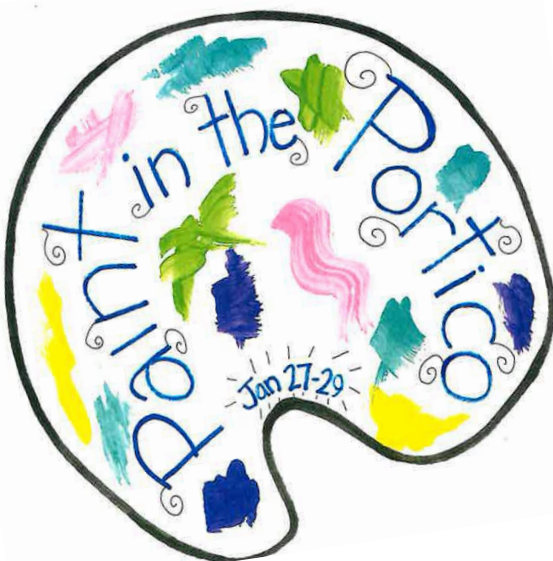
An aside—Reverend Martin composed the music for the hymn.

- 1– *Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you;*
- 2– *Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.*
- Refrain– *God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.*

*Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall.
(Psalm 55:22)*

We continue to be thankful for and blessed by the special music provided for Sunday worship by willing, committed musicians. As you have the opportunity, please offer your thankfulness and appreciation to these individuals.

Gordon



Leika's Outdoor Art Show
will be at the Windham Hall
Portico

January 27th-29th

Drop by and see the
wonderful art work made by
these talented students.



From the Children's Ministry - February 2021

I would like to thank each of you who has graciously given of your time and talent to help in our growing Church nursery and to teach our children's Sunday school classes. Sunday school is a time to Learn about God and His LOVE for us and to build a strong Christian foundation to help weather the storms of life. Your help and leadership is invaluable!

As we prepare for Lent, focus on seeing and acknowledging God's LOVE and His gifts to each of us. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" Galatians 5:22-23. During the month, do little things each day to show God's LOVE. Do something nice for a friend or a neighbor or a family member, buy a cup of coffee for a stranger in line at the coffee shop, show appreciation for a church member, buy the meal for the person behind you at a fast food restaurant . . . Show God's LOVE.

Here's a challenge for each week of the month of February:

Week One - Pray the Lord's Prayer each day. Then, sit quietly and reflect.

Week Two - Pray about the storms in your life.

Week Three - Focus on studying your faith.

Week Four - Begin the process of healing yourself by forgiving others.



Frances

**I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my....
PRAYERS**

Wood Spivey	Nan Callaway	Kathryn Hardy
Anita Waldrop	Dennis Sweeney	Russ Jackson
The Family of John Sherrer	Carolyn Canty	Bill Livingston
Suzanne Ingram	Allen Williams	Elizabeth Kilponen
Marsha Powe	Jeff Cogle	Clark Schatz
Caldwell	Jim Kennedy	Joanie Looney
DeBardeleben	Kent Sullivan	Shannon Miller Cook
Caroline Thomas	Amy & Jim Sims	Cassandra Steele
John Stringer	Keith Stephan	The Family of Mike Milligan
Lewis & Elizabeth Stone	Blake Flanagan	<u>Home Bound</u>
Jeanette Faile Hardin	Gary West	Eloise Trammel
Daniel Jordan	Gail Browning	Jean Walker
The Family of	Tommy Eiland	Nell Woodward
Richard Burke	Tracey Craig	Helen Rogers

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PRESENCE**

Average attendance in December

Sunday School: 48 Worship Service: 68



**We hope to see each of you each week for
our regular Sunday Schedule with Breakfast
at 8:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., and
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.**

**If you miss a service, be sure to listen to the
prior week's sermon on Sundays, at 9:00 am
on Dixie Country - WDXX 100.1.**

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GIFTS**

Memorials to Leika's Playground

Jim Wheeler

By: Claude & Caroline Anderson
By: Charlotte Speed
By: Lyle & Meg Smith
By: Judy Spivey
By: The Catherine Revell Circle
By: Wayne & Paula Vardaman
By: Bruce & Ann Adams
By: Randy & Cora Smith
By: Judy Moore

John Sherrer

By: Wayne & Paula Vardaman
By: Randy & Cora Smith

Kincey Green

By: Claude & Caroline Anderson

Bob Culpepper

By: Randy & Cora Smith
By: Bill & Donna Porter
By: Ed & Andrea Livingston
By: Wayne & Paula Vardaman

MEMORIALS

Jim Wheeler

By: Eleanor Reynolds
By: Robert Cunningham
By: Joe & Judy Hagood
By: Ed & Andrea Livingston
By: Friends of Drue Wheeler
Miller
By: Dan & Gail Hoke
By: J. Thomas Noojin
By: Sarita Deramus
By: John & Janet Calame
By: Steve & Erika Smitherman
By: Joe & Em Moore
By: Melanie Culpepper
By: Martin & Linda Young
By: Larry & Jan Justice
By: James & Julie Drinkard
By: Larry & Edie Jones
By: Kimberly Woodham &
Monica Loftin

John Sherrer

By: Larry & Jan Justice
By: Larry & Edie Jones
By: Bruce & Ann Adams
By: Ed & Andrea Livingston
By: Gail Hawkins

David Pearce

By: Gail Hawkins
By: George McInnis

Kincey Green

By: Leonard & Suzanne Ingram

Anita Williams

By: Victor Dillingham

Bob Culpepper

By: Leonard & Suzanne Ingram
By: Evelyn Register
By: Ed & Beth Williams
By: The Becomers Class
By: Steve & Erika Smitherman
By: Joe & Em Moore
By: Judy Moore
By: Judy Spivey
By: Eleanor Reynolds
By: Larry & Edie Jones
By: Charlotte Speed
By: James & Julie Drinkard
By: Gordon & Elaine Welch



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SERVICE**

Teams Serving in February

Ushers: Robert Beers, Matt Oaks, Buddy Perkins, Mike Bruner, Joe Moore, Randall Beers, John D. Stallworth

Security: Bart Adams, Butch Jones, Buc Shaw, Tom Lang, Leigh Lang, Judy Moore

Collection Counters: Myrna Hollis and Julie Drinkard

If you are unable to be present, please find a replacement and contact your captain.

February Meetings

Finance

Thursday, February 25, at 5:00 pm, in the Grist Library

Church Council

Thursday, February 25, at 5:45, in the Grist Library

Please contact your chairperson or the Church Office if you will not be able to attend.



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MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Remember that charitable contributions, in memory or in honor of someone special, are a great way not only to honor them, but to contribute to the work of the Church as well.

February Communion Offering

The Communion Offering on Sunday, February 7, will be given to The Bloom House.



Income vs. Expenses

4th Quarter 2020

Month	Income	Expenses	Month End Balance	
			Negative	Positive
October	34,894	38,522	\$3,627	
November	46,243	35,524		10,719
December	76,893	59,116		17,778
Year End Balance				
Year to Date	498,088	462,174		35,914



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