



February 2025

Lyndonville United Methodist News

Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs

Feb 2	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
	Worship Committee meets after church	
Feb 9	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
	Souper Sundae after church	
Feb 10	Hope Resales Meeting	6:00 PM
Feb 16	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
	Holy Baptism during service	
Feb 18	Ad Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Feb 23	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM

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Administrative Assistant Office Hours

Tues & Thurs

8am to 12pm

Service Times

Worship in the Sanctuary & Online
11:00 am

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Hope Resales Winter Hours

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

10:00 am—1:00 pm

Closed Thursday



February BIRTHDAYS

2 David Nellist, Ruth Hedges
4 Roger Thering
7 Gail Nellist, Sharon Allen,
10 Daniel Barry
13 Kevin Brown
15 Keenan Keryk
16 Megan Miles
17 Ethel Valentine
19 Patty Gawne
24 Wendy Barry



**It's that time
of year again!**

Souper Sundaes!

Sunday Feb 9

Join us after church!

**Nothing like
good food
and good
fellowship to get
ya'll ready for
(hopefully)
a great game!**



- The last word in the Bible is AMEN
- About 500 Bibles are sold every minute, over 100 million annually.
- The Bible is the world's most shoplifted book.
- The shortest verse in the Bible is "Jesus wept."
- The longest name in the Bible is Maher-shalal-hash-baz.
- The words "fear not" are found 365 times in the Bible.
- Dogs are mentioned 14 times in the Bible.
- Adam's name is from the Hebrew word *ada ma*, which means "the ground."
- The longest verse in the Bible is generally thought to be Esther 8:9.
- Methuselah lived to be the oldest man in the Bible, dying at the age of 969.
- The words grandmother, eternity, and gnat appear only once in the Bible
- All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

What's happening in Adult Sunday School?

On February 23 we begin a study of basic Christianity using Charles Swindoll's book Growing Deep in the Christian Life.

Contact the church office if you would like to participate: 585-765-9313 or



Letter from the Pastor
Pastor Pam Klotzbach

FEBRUARY
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Greetings!

People of the Lyndonville United Methodist Church:

Today, I am going to rant, rave, and rely on life experience to take a political stance. But first, I will make a medical diagnosis from a non-medical person. The man, our President, most surely has Asperger's! I see it in one of my children on a daily basis.

My son, is a supreme know-it-all and cannot admit anyone has better answers than he does. He has no remorse over telling people above him, how smart he is and how un-smart they are. He blurts out decisions, knowing that they are best for everyone. He is impulsive, corrosive, destructive and arrogant. But, heck, I love him anyway. ... and he is most likely born in Jamaica and abandoned in this country.

I believe our President is a genius wrapped in a coat of the abrasive Asperger's shell. He did such good to our economy in his first 4 years and I am relying on him to help us again in that part of our lives. That alone is why I thought him to be the preferred candidate.

Legal migrant workers are a blessing to the agricultural well-being in this country. I don't see natives of this country out in the field weeding and harvesting in the hot sun for long hours, only to send the bulk of their paycheck back to their family in their native land. I think it is admirable. I think, as a nation, we should work to make that process of seasonal working smoother and less accusatory.

I am not willing to throw stones as I sincerely believe our borders need some protection. We have too many criminal elements entering the country. We have children sent ahead without parents ever knowing if reunification can even happen. There needs to be a better element of oversight in the immigration efforts.

I apologize to those who do not agree with my train of thought, but I will support, as much as I can, our elected President.

May God bless you and yours.

Pastor Pam

Disciple Profile: Nathanael - the Guileless One

We can read the call of Nathanael in John's gospel, chap 1, vs 43. Being a close companion of Phillip's, Nathanael received his call at the same moment.

Nathanael is also known as Bartholomew, but in John's Gospel he is always called Nathanael and comes from the small town of Cana in Galilee where Jesus performed His first miracle—changing water into wine.

Drawing on early church history and culture MacArthur concludes that Phillip and Nathanael were very close, and likely studied the scriptures together. MacArthur posits: "Obviously the truth of scripture was something that mattered to Nathanael". "Philip found Nathanael and told him, *"We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."* (John 1:45) That Phillip introduced Jesus like this indicates that Nathanael understood the Old Testament prophecies.

That doesn't mean he was without preconceived ideas though. It seemed inconceivable to Nathanael that Messiah would come from such a place. Nazareth was a rough town. It's culture largely unrefined and uneducated. Much of Judea looked down on the Nazarenes. This prompted his now infamous question: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

The sincerity of Nathanael's character is expressed by Jesus himself in verse 47. ⁴⁷ *When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."* His response to Jesus was simply "How do you know me?" To which *"Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."* ⁴⁹ *Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."* In that simple conversation, despite his skepticism, because of years of studying scripture and because Jesus' words carry a certain clarity for those who believe... Nathanael recognized the truth of Jesus as the Messiah, accepting Him without further question. Because his heart was sincere and his faith was real Nathanael saw beyond his prejudice, so can we.

Adapted from Twelve Ordinary Men

—John D MacArthur

Expand your learning!

After reading the profile – dig deeper into the Bible find the verses that reveal the personalities and the activities of each disciple.



Self-Defense Seminar Saturday February 22 5pm to 7pm at the Webber Kitchen Main St Lyndonville Buffet Dinner Included!

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A long, time ago in the hearth & home department of North Pole Manufacturing Inc., a single Christmas napkin bearing a beautiful red and green poinsettia design was made. Not content to be one-of-a-kind, "Nappy" tried to enhance his appearance with some left over ink from his original printing. Unfortunately the over inking rendered Nappy unsuitable for use as a napkin. He was very bright and very nice but

he wasn't very absorbent and thus no good for his intended purpose. No one choose him. Nappy the misfit napkin ended up being donated to the church thrifty store last year and got buried in the bottom of a tote, cast-off and rejected. When it came time to set up the Crismassy store he was left in a box to be discarded because he had become faded and wrinkled and no one thought he would sell.

Come Chrismassy Eve Wilbur the church mouse was fraught with despair. Edith had been slavin' for a week bakin' crumbly cookies for Santa. She had asked him over a week earlier to find a nice napkin but he forgot cause the Bills were on TV. Wilbur headed out to the church dinin' room where the Crismassy Store was only to find that almost everything had been picked up and put away. In a last ditch effort to not disappoint Edith he scurried over to the pile of boxes waiting to be discarded. After a lot of diggin' he found the misfit poinsettia Chrismassy napkin and carried it home. Edith was aghast at the condition of the napkin but thought it would have to do 'cause there was nuthin' else to use, an maybe she could smooth it out some and make it look nicer.

Edith was too stressed out to sleep that night so she stayed up to watch for Santa. Long after the church people had left after the Chrismassy Eve service, an' Wilbur had fell asleep, Edith heard the gentle jingle of sleigh bells. Keepin' quiet as a church mouse, Edith watched as Santa filled their tiny stockin's and finished puttin' all of the gifts under the Chrismassy sprig they had for a tree. Edith then watched Santa sit down next to the Chrismassy cookies she had made. She heard Santa utter a gentle "Ho Ho Ho"... as he lifted up the napkin and looked it over with a big smile on his face. Edith heard Santa say "Well, hello my friend, I remember you!" "It looks like you've had a bit of a rough time of it, but I remember when you were made!" "You were not made to be wadded up in the bottom of a bin." "I know you wanted to be a very special Chrismassy napkin and that now you feel cast off and unloved." Santa then picked Nappy up and held him to his rosy cheek, "My friend, brilliant color or outward appearance isn't what makes you special or more beautiful... you are special because I made you. You are special to me!" Once Santa spoke those words to Nappy Edith thought she could see the napkin brighten up some and the wrinkles began to fall away... the paper layers puffed up a bit and Nappy was nearly restored to his original glory. Having finished the cookies, Santa tucked Nappy into his pocket to take him home. Nappy the misfit napkin was a misfit no more...

Edith was left to ponder all she'd seen that night... And now a few weeks later when she remembers it, she thinks that Santa reminds her of God, and how He loves his children, and how we all discover our true purpose when we find ourselves in the palm of God's hand.

God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift
of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.

His gift was
to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.

He gave us
sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true--
To love our friends
and enemies
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our
Valentines,
Let's thank our
Lord and King;
The reason we have
love to give
Is that
He gave us
Everything!

By Joanna Fuchs





When Pain Don't Hurt

Somewhere around the middle of October I stepped wrong and twisted my knee. It was a little painful and uncomfortable. I expected it to heal much quicker than it did. I limped, sometimes badly, and the more I walked awkwardly to avoid the pain the worse the rest of my legs felt. Eventually I was dealing with a lot of pain in my left knee and a lot of pain in my right hip. I had consulted my doctor, my chiropractor and had some physical therapy on it. The physical therapy helped.... But all three told me that knees take a long time to heal. One thing I know for certain... pain hurts and is exhausting. The quote "pain don't hurt" is attributed to Patrick Swayze and was uttered in a fictional movie. Pain hurts, but it can also be beneficial.

In my life, some of the times I have felt the closest to God were when I was in substantial physical pain. Some of the most significant spiritual clarity I've had has come while experiencing considerable physical or emotional distress. Someone recently asked if God causes pain... I don't believe that God exacts pain upon us. However, pain is certainly a reality in our earthly lives. I do believe that God will use our pain to teach us and to draw us closer to himself. I write from experience on this.

On one occasion, I had ruptured a disk, and found myself at home lying on my floor, by myself most of the time, barely able to move without inflicting some level of pain on myself. I endured a month like that. But it was during that month that God got my attention. I had been ignoring Him pretty much for the past 6 – 7 years.... Staying busy working, playing softball, volleyball, and all the other activities that come with being young and energetic. Until I got hurt playing softball.. suddenly I was at home, on the floor, alone, I finally had ears to hear.

In that month it was pretty much just me and God... and while I can't say it was much fun, I can say it was vital to my relationship with Jesus, to me becoming the person I was made to be, to me finally surrendering myself to God (although I confess, sometimes we still play tug-of-war over that.)

I believe that each of us will experience the pull of God in our lives. A call to spend some alone time, encouragement to lay down the stuff in our lives that keeps us from paying attention, compelling us to surrender. I literally had to be broken for God to get my full attention... but I wouldn't trade the experience for anything... I was stripped of all of my own strengths and abilities, I was broken and I needed God... it was just me and Him, on the floor. We all need that "rubber hits the road" time with God.

Oswald Chambers asks, "Have you ever been alone with God?" "Jesus cannot teach us anything until we quiet all our intellectual questions and get alone with Him." "When God gets us alone through suffering, heartbreak, temptation, disappointment, sickness, or by thwarted desires, a broken friendship or a new friendship – when He gets us absolutely alone, and we are totally speechless, unable to ask even one question, then He begins to teach us."

Being in that place with God is good stuff. When we come to the end of ourselves and there is only God... that is where the rubber meets the road of our faith and if we will surrender ourselves to it we will always be blessed by the experience and come out of it with heightened awareness of who God is and a far better sense of His immense and amazing grace.

Faithfully, Anne

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
2 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Youth Sunday School 10am Worship at 11 AM Worship Committee after service	3	4 Office Hours 8-noon	5 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	6 Office Hours 8-noon	7 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	8 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
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