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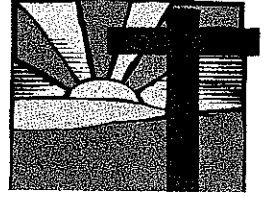
February 2012

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

7<sup>th</sup>-Taelyne Shuman  
12<sup>th</sup>-Steve Andorfer  
14<sup>th</sup>-Jason Horne  
16<sup>th</sup>-Hannah Fromm  
16<sup>th</sup>-Steve & Connie Andorfer  
17<sup>th</sup>- Clarence McAfee



## Hugs and Kisses :)



You're a 19 year old kid. You're critically wounded and dying in the jungle somewhere in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam .. It's November 11, 1967. LZ (landing zone) X-ray. Your unit is outnumbered 8-1 and the enemy fire is so intense from 100 yards away, that your CO (commanding officer) has ordered the MedEvac helicopters to stop coming in.

You're lying there, listening to the enemy machine guns and you know you're not getting out. Your family is half way around the world, 12,000 miles away, and you'll never see them again.

As the world starts to fade in and out, you know this is the day. Then - over the machine gun noise - you faintly hear that sound of a helicopter. You look up to see a Huey coming in. But.. It doesn't seem real because no MedEvac markings are on it.

### Captain Ed Freeman is coming in for you.

He's not MedEvac so it's not his job, but he heard the radio call and decided he's flying his Huey down into the machine gun fire anyway. Even after the MedEvacs were ordered not to come. He's coming anyway. And he drops it in and sits there in the machine gun fire, as they load 3 of you at a time on board. Then he flies you up and out through the gunfire to the doctors and nurses and safety.

And, he kept coming back!! 13 more times!! Until all the wounded were out. No one knew until the mission was over that the Captain had been hit 4 times in the legs and left arm. He took 29 of you and your buddies out that day. Some would not have made it without the Captain and his Huey.

Medal of Honor Recipient, Captain Ed Freeman, United States Air Force, died last Wednesday at the age of 70, in Boise, Idaho

May God Bless and Rest His Soul.



## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT...TIM AND TONIA EVANS!

Happy February to our new church family! Tim and I would just like to take a moment and thank all of you for being so open and accepting of our family. I would like the opportunity to tell you all a little about our family. Tim and I have been married for 5 years. We are a blended family and have children from previous marriages. Tim has 2 girls; Bethany who is 18 and Rebecca who is 16. I have 2 girls. Charlie Sue is 15 and is a sophomore at Norwell. Devin is 11 and is a 5th grader at Lancaster. We have one together...Alexis who is 4 and goes to Itty Bitty Einsteins Preschool. I was born and raised in Wells County. I graduated from Norwell and I'm currently working at Bluffton Regional Medical Center as a phlebotomist. Tim was born and raised in Allen County and works for Hosetract Industries. (He builds hose reels.) Tim enjoys watching sports especially the Steelers and the White Sox. I enjoy hanging out with the girls and playing softball. We both enjoy being outside. I enjoy the snow, although, I do not like shoveling. Tim and I are looking forward to getting to know each and everyone better. Thanks again for making us a part of your church family!!

Tim, Tonia, Charlie Sue, Devin and Alexis

## A note from the parsonage...

Dear Church Family,  
I want to share with you a short devotion I found in a book entitled, "100 Favorite Bible Verses for Women" (sorry men, but you can still learn something!)

Read Ruth 1:16

One of life's most joyous elements is relationships. All people are relational, building intimacy and love with relatives, friends, and acquaintances. Undoubtedly, you have many important and close contacts in your life that you value and cherish. You want to build and sustain close relationships. You want to make them even more intimate and more compelling.

This most important passage from the Bible shows Ruth relating to her mother-in-law, Naomi. With both of their lives devastated by death and disease, they ended up widows in a foreign land. When Naomi told Ruth to return to her people, Ruth resisted. Her loyalty to Naomi was so intense that she wanted

to go with Naomi back to her homeland. Ruth said she would stay with Naomi, live where she lived, accept Naomi's people as her own, and worship the same God Naomi worshipped.

What drove Ruth to this commitment? Scholars might answer many ways—love, a sense of moral right, a realization that without Naomi she had nothing...but one answer is paramount; Ruth chose to remain loyal to Naomi. She could have gone back to her people, no questions asked. But she chose to love, follow, and live with Naomi. Ruth's decision to stay with Naomi demonstrates the essence of commitment to another person: it is a choice you make every day.

Take a look at the choices you make in your relationships. Work at being loyal, loving, giving, being honest, forthright and vulnerable. Loyalty will seal your relationships and make you one who is trusted and loved. ~Pastor Troy & Mindy!

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**\*\*We have lots of open spaces for various tasks during the church service—please sign up!!**

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				26	27	28
29 Greeters: _____ & _____ Sound board: _____ Jr. Church: Deanna Acolytes: _____	30	31	1	2	3	4 Faith Circle at 2:00 pm
5 Pulpit Exchange Greeters: _____ & _____ Sound board: _____ Jr. Church: Elaine & _____ Acolytes: _____	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mission Luncheon Greeters: _____ & _____ Sound board: _____ Jr. Church: Claudia & Elaine Acolytes: _____	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Breakfast: Elaine & Larry Greeters: _____ & _____ Sound board: _____ Jr. Church: Claudia & _____ Acolytes: _____	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Greeters: _____ Sound board: _____ Jr. Church: _____ & _____ Acolytes: _____	27	28	29			

## Confessions of a Single Girl, living in a small town

"I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon." ~Author Unknown

**Valentine's Day.** Those words make me want to yell very loudly. I've never been a fan of V-Day. Granted, I've never had a special someone to celebrate it with, but I'm thinking that even if I did, I still wouldn't go crazy about the day. I feel like Valentine's Day is very over-rated and very much over-commercialized. Flowers die and chocolate has too many calories. (Not that I don't love chocolate!!) I know. I'm being very cynical when it comes to Valentine's Day. But I've never had a good attitude regarding V-Day. Perhaps deep down I'm bitter because I've spent many Valentine's Days eating chocolate bought by myself?!?! I hope not. My thought is...shouldn't we take each day to show our loved ones we love them? Sometimes it's easy to get busy in life and we take for granted the people we have in our lives. Yes, actions do speak louder than words...most of the time. However, as humans, we were made to love and be loved. We have a desire for that love. God also created us to love as He first loved us. Despite my "hate" for Valentine's Day, it reminds me to not take for granted the loved ones in my life. I'm a person that regardless if I'm talking to a family member or a dear friend, the last words before saying goodbye is usually, "I love you." There are times when we're frustrated or upset by the people we love. However, God loves us regardless of our actions, words and attitudes and we should take each day to love one another. (And don't worry, I'm sure that I'll eat my share of chocolate for Valentine's Day!!) Here's to you!!

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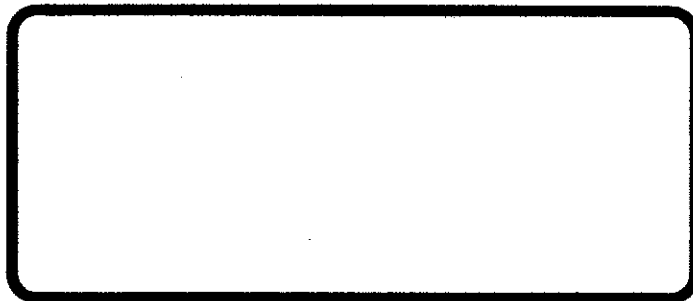
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***Upcoming Events and Opportunities!!***

February 5th—Pulpit exchange, no communion

February 12th—Spaghetti lunch fundraiser for Missions--

A RSVP sign-up sheet will be available in the back. If you are interested in helping Mindy, please let her know!

February 12th—Communion

PLEASE check the Sunday morning sign-up sheet!! We need lots of help and people participating in the worship service activities. Every job is important!!

Mindy also needs a volunteer to help Barry during Sunday school on March 11 & 18—  
thank you in advance :)