

almond tree near his grave. Today, the almond tree remains a symbol of abiding love and friendship. On each February 14, Saint Valentine's Day, messages of affection, love, and devotion are exchanged around the world."

Faith, love and devotion. All of these are needed in a human relationship. They are surely needed in a relationship with our Lord and Savior. You can find this story in books, and on the internet. It is very easy to find words of love in cards. You can write letters and say nice things to people you love. Now! Faith is believing in things you cannot touch or see. God answered Julia's prayers. God does what is best for us if we only believe!

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7) May your Valentine's Day be full of love, happiness and know that God does what is best for Us if we only Believe.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Walter Coy



# Joyful Noiz

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1 Corinthians 13:4-8

**LOVE**

Love is patient,  
love is kind.  
It does not envy,  
it does not boast,  
it is not proud.  
It does not dishonor others,  
it is not self-seeking,  
it is not easily angered,  
it keeps no record of wrongs.  
Love does not delight in evil  
but rejoices with the truth.  
It always protects,  
always trusts,  
always hopes,  
always perseveres.

*Love never fails.*

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you  
are welcome here.*

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT ZION?

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God is still speaking,  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



### IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Bill Bertram, Dakota Miller, Marlene Rhueff, Elaine Panyi

➤If you would like to be remembered in prayer or know of someone who would appreciate being included in this list, please contact the church office.



February 8  
February 21  
March 15

### Happy Birthday!

Howard Ross  
Alan Coy  
Rev. Walter Coy



### PASTOR COY

If you would like to meet with Pastor Coy, please make an appointment with the church office at **740-282-1793**. If you would like to get a hold of Pastor Coy directly, his cell number is **330-301-0551**. Pastor Coy has **office hours Mon, Wed, & Thurs..**

### IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER

In the event that the weather is bad and you are unsure if church is open please call Pastor Coy. His cell number is **330-301-0551**.

### WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBER!!

Zion welcomes new council member: **Joyce Coy**

Officers for 2022:

President- Tom Kaufmann

Vice President/ Chairman of Trustees- John Diekmann

Secretary- Howard Ross

Treasurer- Renea Starkey-Hunt

Diaconate Chairperson- Joyce Coy

### MAUNDY THURSDAY LUNCHEON

Council is planning on having a luncheon **April 14 for Maundy Thursday!** It will be eat in or carry out. Look for more information in next month's newsletter!



## *Pastor's Pen*

### Story of St. Valentine

The story of Valentine's Day begins in the third century with an oppressive Roman emperor and a humble Christian Martyr. The emperor was Claudius II. The Christian was Valentinus.

Claudius had ordered all Romans to worship twelve gods, and had made it a crime punishable by death to associate with Christians. But Valentinus was dedicated to the ideals of Christ; not even the threat of death could keep him from practicing his beliefs. He was arrested and imprisoned.

During the last weeks of Valentinus's life a remarkable thing happened. Seeing that he was a man of learning, the jailer asked whether his daughter, Julia, might be brought to Valentinus for lessons. She had been blind since birth. Julia was a pretty young girl with a quick mind. Valentinus read stories of Rome's history to her. He described the world of nature to her. He taught her arithmetic and told her about God. She saw the world through his eyes, trusted his wisdom, and found comfort in his quiet strength.

"Valentinus, does God really hear our prayers?" Julia asked one day.

"Yes, my child, He hears each one."

"Do you know what I pray for every morning and every night? I pray that I might see. I want so much to see everything you've told me about!"

"God does what is best for us if we will only believe in Him," Valentinus said.

"Oh, Valentinus, I do believe! I do!" She knelt and grasped his hand.

They sat quietly together, each praying. Suddenly there was a brilliant light in the prison cell. Radiant, Julia screamed, "Valentinus, I can see! I can see!"

"Praise be to God!" Valentinus exclaimed, and he knelt in prayer.

On the eve of his death Valentinus wrote a last note to Julia, urging her to stay close to God. He signed it, "From your Valentine." His sentence was carried out the next day, February 14, 270 A.D., near a gate that was later named Porta Valentini in his memory. He was buried at what is now the Church of Praxedes in Rome. It is said that Julia planted a pink-blossomed