



Spirit of Faith

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Faith Presbyterian Church
Of East Wenatchee
February 2022nd Letter

...to inspire and challenge believers to seek deeper ways of serving Our Lord, to motivate all people to follow Jesus Christ, and to nurture one another.

A Time to Consider Love

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.”

First John 4: 7-8

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

John 15: 13

February is the month when we celebrate Valentine’s Day, and romantic love. However, it would be well for us to think about every kind of love this month: God’s love for us, and our love for our brothers and sisters, as well as romantic love.

The history of Valentine’s Day goes back to a priest or bishop named Valentine, who was martyred for his faith on February 14th, 269 AD.

Here is what one source had to say about him:

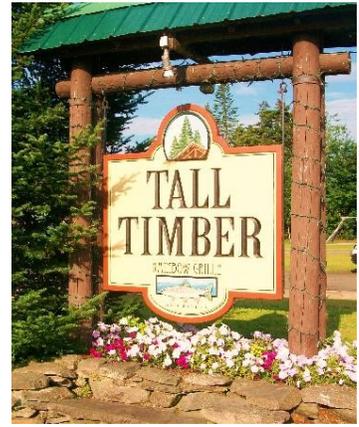
Valentine, who was a priest, defied the order of the emperor Claudius and secretly performed Christian weddings for couples, allowing the husbands involved to escape conscription into the pagan army. This legend claims that soldiers were sparse at this time so this was a big inconvenience to the emperor.[32] The account mentions that in order "to remind these men of their vows and God’s love, Saint Valentine is said to have cut hearts from parchment", giving them to these persecuted Christians, a possible origin of the widespread use of hearts on St. Valentine's Day.

What a commitment! Valentine believed in love so much that he risked the emperor’s wrath, in order to perform Christian weddings. His love for his fellow Christians ended up costing him his life. He truly was one who lived up to the scripture, “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down his life for his friends.”

Jesus uttered these words, and then demonstrated them, through his death upon a cross, for our sins. Let us remember God’s unconditional love this month, and always!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim



Tall Timber Appeal 2022 An appeal from the Executive Director of Tall Timber:

“We are in desperate need of new crucial equipment to help with snow removal and maintenance.”

Dear supporter of Tall Timber,

Due to an unprecedented winter storm and extreme weather conditions, our aging equipment is failing.

Tall Timber is looking towards a bright 2022. After a year of being mostly dormant, we have slowly welcomed guests and campers back to Tall Timber. We are anticipating a full year ahead, but need your help to keep up the momentum.

On January 6th we received almost **4 feet of snow in 24 hours** - resulting in power loss and dangerous road conditions. White River Road was un-plowable for 4 days, and since, has continued to be covered by various avalanches.

Our aging equipment is unable to meet these intense weather conditions - currently we only have two operational winter vehicles. With your help we hope to offset the costs of purchasing new snow removal equipment so we can continue to welcome guests. **Our goal for this reopening fund is \$60,000.**

Since December we have been unable to welcome a significant amount of guests and groups due to the winter weather. This has been unfortunate, because we have a great winter ahead of us, are well staffed, and have a brand new cabin for guest groups. Though we are through the worst of the storm, **we are in urgent need of financial support to replace our failing equipment and to help offset our loss of income.**

To donate, go to our website, talltimber.org, and click on the yellow banner at the top, labeled “Donate HERE”

Thank you for your continued support,

Zachary Miller
Executive Director

Scholarships Available Again

Faith Presbyterian Church will be announcing the availability of scholarships very soon for the fifteen year. Scholarships are offered to students actively connected to the Faith Presbyterian Church who are graduating seniors or others pursuing or continuing their higher education.

Applications must have the following qualifications:

- Completed senior year of high school
- Minimum 3.0 GPA for high school; minimum 2.5 GPA for college students
- School and community involvement

Leadership skills

Please keep your eyes and ears open and we will be certain to get more specifics, including brochures and application forms to you within the next month. The purpose of this note is just for a “heads up”. It will be more of a challenge to be certain everyone is informed during the pandemic, but we will do our best to get the information out to everyone. As in the past, we will be planning to identify the winners the last of April. If you have questions, please contact Pat Malone at 884-6349 or by email at patmalone2@frontier.com

Tall Timber News

Tall Timber offers various private cabins with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing recreational activities. Take a snowy walk or read by the fire. The White River Valley is yours to explore. Reconnect with each other in a beautiful place set apart for you and your family. For more information, see the camp website, talltimber.org.



<i>Walt Backus.</i>	<i>2/2</i>
<i>Loren Fischer.</i>	<i>2/4</i>
<i>Bob Arlt.</i>	<i>2/5</i>
<i>Danny Zumwalt.</i>	<i>2/13</i>
<i>Kathy Monroe.</i>	<i>2/14</i>
<i>Al Cordell.</i>	<i>2/24</i>

Happy Birthday

Mission Opportunities at Faith!

We offer several different ways for you to be involved with service to others, and missions at Faith!

Here are a couple:

Bring food for our food collection box! We collect food, and take it to the food pantry ministry at Serve Wenatchee Valley. The box is located in the foyer of our church.

Provide food, or help serve lunch at the Lighthouse Ministry! We serve lunch one Saturday every other month. Our next serving time will be March. Bring food, or bring yourself!

For more information on mission efforts, please contact Pat-ty Rush, our elder for Mission.

