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# NEWSLETTER

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## LESSON TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY 2023

### **FEBRUARY 5** "TEMPTATION"

Rev. Janet Friedline

Life offers a variety of options, inviting us to choose and decide. Personal standards and ethics govern our response; however, there are times when we are tempted to step outside our normal criteria, and we wonder why. What is the lure of the temptation, and who, or what, is the tempter? We must answer for ourselves.

### **FEBRUARY 12** "LOVE IS OUR MANDATE"

Practitioner Gene Policastrì

Jesus gave as a commandment that we should love each other. Love in the divine spiritual sense means that we come to an understanding of our at-one-ment – meaning an understanding that we are one in spirit. There is no separation – we are not in reality separate from the universe of which we are a part. This is our healing principle.



### **FEBRUARY 19** "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

Rev. Janet Friedline

Each of us remembers events in a personal way. Calling up memories of times past, we are certain that our recall is true and accurate. But is it? Lingered over remembrances, we discover things may not have happened according to our recollection. In retrospect, the good old days might not have been as memorable as we thought they were. Perhaps we should live each day knowing it is what we need, and not label it. Every day is God's day - good and very good.

### **FEBRUARY 26** "WE ARE FORGIVEN"

Practitioner Gene Policastrì

Forgiveness and gratitude are key spiritual principles that are often overlooked in our daily life. Usually when we find ourselves at odds, or diseased with what we perceive to be our surroundings, rarely do we first look within. Were we to do that, we would find that we are holding in some resentment, or we are neglecting to be grateful. Learning to forgive our enemies is a good first step towards healing.

## **Directions to join to our Sunday Services**

### **To join via telephone**

Call the toll-free number: 669-265-1582; and press#. You will be joined and be automatically muted. If you are asked to enter the conference ID, enter 721-672-3017, then press #.

### **To join via zoom app**

Simply enter our meeting ID: 7216723017. There will be no password required. You will automatically be muted and disabled to use your video.

## “A SPECIAL BLESSING”

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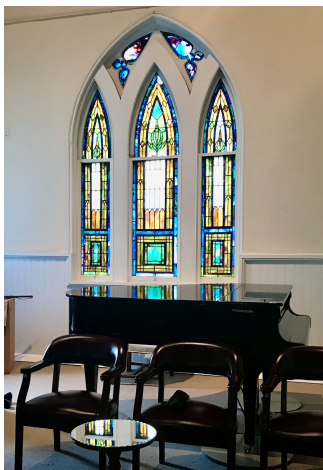
Rev. Pat Beach

In what we call our ordinary, everyday life, individuals seek comfort in any number of ways. This need to be free from worry, pain and difficulty is understandable but taken to an excess this will cause problems of its own. It is a special blessing to understand that this desire for worldly comfort is but a misguided attempt to meet a real and much deeper need. We come to this understanding by remembering Jesus' instruction to his disciples (John 16:7) when he said, *"for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you."*

His message was we are not to be distracted and look to anyone or anything in the outer realm for that which is in the Kingdom within. When we look amiss, we deny the true nature of God's creation and our role in it. As we seek and find God ever with us and in us, we have complete assurance that every perception of need is already being met and that we simply cannot get beyond being provided for. This peace and security give a level of comfort that the world knows not of and can never offer.

*"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever..."*

Thank you, God of All, that in quiet and confidence we may know the blessing of our true abiding place. Amen.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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1.

Even though we are not physically in the church building, we still must maintain its upkeep. In the January meeting, the Board reviews church expenses, projects for future needs as presented at that time and, when necessary, finds ways to streamline all of our costs. This year not much changed since we were only in full occupancy during the month of May. Profit and Loss statements were provided by Rev. Donna Gatewood and the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget as it remained from last year. We have in previous years curtailed as much spending as we can and still remain afloat thanks to our UBS account.

2.

The Board entertained discussion about presenting hybrid services. This means use of the church library for in person service for those who want to attend in person, and at the same time, keeping the zoom capability for those who wish to use that platform. We will continue these discussions and let everyone know what decisions are finalized.

3.

The Board is exploring the physical needs of the church by compiling a list of those folk who supply services to the church. This would include grounds, janitorial services, etc. For many years Rev. Wayne Gatewood did all of this solely. While we are very appreciative of his untiring contributions, we must look ahead to future services.

***but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.***

***They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint....Isaiah 40:31***

Shirley Taylor Moore, President  
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Office Coverage

The Church Office will remain closed until further notice.

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Ongoing Prayer and Study  
Group  
Conference call

Tuesdays  
6:30 pm

If you would like to join, you  
may do so by using the  
conference call number:

**605-472-5203**  
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