



Kissinger's Church
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Kissinger's Caller
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What is the Origin of Valentine's Day? Should Christians Celebrate It?

The origin of Valentine's Day is unclear. February 14 is listed on the Calendar of Saints in both the Anglican and Lutheran churches. The Roman Catholic Church no longer lists Saint Valentine's Day on its official calendar and, instead, has made it a local celebration. The Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates Saint Valentine's Day, but in July. There are several Saint Valentines associated with February 14, but it seems the tradition revolves largely around Valentine of Rome.

Valentine of Rome is said to be a Christian martyr, killed on February 14, 269 under the direction of Emperor Claudius II of

Rome. Several stories about his persecution exist. One is that during the general persecution of Christians, Valentine of Rome was interviewed personally by Emperor Claudius II for sentencing. Evidently Claudius II was impressed by Valentine and offered that if he converted to paganism his life could be spared. Rather than convert, Valentine is said to have attempted to convert Claudius to Christianity, earning himself the death penalty. Prior to his execution. Valentine is believed to have performed a healing miracle for the jailer's blind daughter, Julia. Also, while in jail he fell in love with the jailer's

daughter. Prior to his execution he is said to have written her a love letter signed, "Your Valentine."

Another tradition suggests that Valentine performed weddings for soldiers who had been prohibited from marrying by rule of Emperor Claudius II based on the belief that single men make better soldiers. Valentine was jailed and supposedly those whom he had married passed him notes and flowers in jail.

There is also a tradition that Valentine gave hearts made of parchment to soldiers and persecuted Christians reminding them of their vows as well as

God's love. Some have linked Valentine's Day to a celebration of the start of spring. Others suggest that Valentine's Day has pagan roots and is associated with *Lupercalia*, a February pagan holiday centered on fertility and love. Others say that the connection between Valentine's Day and romance did not come about until the 14th Century with the English poet Chaucer's writings.

It seems the modern celebration of Valentine's Day as a romantic holiday that includes exchanging of cards, chocolates, and flowers came largely out of England and developed recently. The commercialized Valentine's cards came about in the early to mid-19th century. In the latter portion of the 20th century, giving gifts became popular. The celebration of Valentine's Day has extended from England to the Anglosphere and beyond.

Valentine's traditions, and even the date it is celebrated, vary depending upon the country. Many countries include the traditions of exchanging cards, candies, flowers, or other gifts with loved ones. In some countries

Valentine's Day is largely a celebration of friendship whereas in other countries it is a celebration of romantic love.

Attitudes toward Valentine's Day also vary. Some in Western countries view Valentine's Day as largely a holiday for the profit of greeting card companies, chocolate factories, and flower shops. Some couples treat Valentine's Day as a particularly important day to express their love for one another, whereas for others it is just another day. For some single persons wishing to be married, Valentine's Day is viewed as a hurtful reminder of their undesired relationship status. For others Valentine's is simply a day to express love to all manner of friends and family.

Christians are free regarding the celebration of Valentine's Day. There are many positive things about celebrating love for one another. There is nothing inherently wrong with expressing love through cards and gifts on a specific day of the year. But there is nothing inherently righteous about it either,

and we should also express our love for one another *throughout the year* and in a variety of ways. While there is no such thing as "Sainthood" in the terms meant by the Catholic Church, there is certainly nothing wrong with commemorating Christian martyrs or faithful Christians of the past. Neither is there a biblical mandate to do such things. The holiday is neither biblical nor anti-biblical. Christians can apply the principles found in Romans 14:5,

"One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind."



Coming Events!



Paolo's: Listen, Learn, Lunch
Thursday, Feb. 6 at 11:00am

Paolo's Restaurant (Shillington). RSVP to Andee Swoyer.



Game Night
Feb. 7, 7:00pm

Learn some new games; play some favorites. Bring your favorite board game and a snack or beverage to share.



Fellowship Luncheon
Sunday, Feb. 9, after the service

Join us for our monthly Fellowship Lunch. Sign up at the kitchen window to bring a potluck dish.



Patriot Night
Weds., Feb. 12, 7:00pm

Guest Speaker is Sam Rohrer.



Eat Well - Health Workshop
Sat., Feb. 22, 1:00pm

The 45-minute workshop will be presented by Dr. Clorinda Forte Katz. Please RSVP by calling the church office or use the sign-up at the kitchen window.

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Kissinger's Mission Statement

Where the Bible comes alive through worship, prayer, study and fellowship while serving others with love and respect.



March Dates for Your Calendar

(more details next issue)

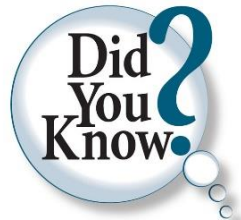
Movie Night: Friday, March. 6, 7:00pm

Chalk Talk: Sat., March 14, time TBA

Pot Pie Dinner & Concert: Sat., March 28

Dinner from 4:00-7:00pm

Concert 6:30-7:30pm



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...dreamt is the only word that ends in "mt".

...the smallest bones in the human body are found in your ear.

...money is the number one thing that couples argue about.

...honey is the only natural food which never spoils.

...that you burn more calories eating celery than it contains.

...on your birthday you share it with 9 million others.

...you burn more calories sleeping than watching TV.



You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks.

— Winston Churchill

The Faces of Kissinger's

*We continue our column featuring members of Kissinger's.
Each month a different member(s) will be featured.*



I am **Ron Heilman**. I have been a member of Kissinger's Church for some time now. Rev. Walton Horn married my late wife, Holly Heilman (Painter) and I in the original church in June 1989. The late Rev. Horn also baptized my only child, Shannon, in that church in November 1995. My daughter came to church with me when she was young; she also attended confirmation class here. She is now 25 years old and busy with her own life.

Kissinger's is a small church. But we do not always know much about each other's personal life. That is why I enjoy our Fellowship luncheons and learning what my church friends' lives are about, and for some, what they did before they retired.

My life and interests? There were a variety of things I wanted to do at an early age. Even in high school, I already had a list of things I wanted to accomplish once I was working and had my own money to spend. My parents did not have much money and could not afford to send me to schools that offered the things I wanted to study. So, on my list right after I got out of school was: to become a black belt in some branch of martial arts; to play drums; to become a mechanic; and to have a small engine business; and to learn how to do electrical work. After I got out of school, I pursued my ambitions. Once accomplished, I then moved on to more. I wanted to go to school and become a machinist, to take classes and learn how to weld. I was also starting to learn how to build and program robots where I worked.

With God's will and the support of my wife Holly, and quite a few other people. I was able to accomplish my goals. Today, I am employed at Brentwood Industries and am the Robotic and CNC Programmer, as well as a process specialist in my department.

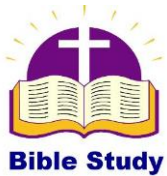
I am presently serving on the Church Council and I enjoy being able to contribute to the church, and the people of the church in any way I can.

Our Christian Sympathy is Extended to ...



The family and friends of **William Macauley**. Bill went to be with our Lord on January 8.

The family and friends of **Margarete Painter**, who passed away on January 23.



Bible Study Opportunities at Kissinger's



February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following friends and members of Kissinger's. Please notify the church office if your name was missed. We do not have complete information on all our members.

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| Amarylis Pagan | 2 |
| Jerry Trupp | 3 |
| Ralph Stock | 3 |
| Emily Bytof | 3 |
| Jose Feliciano | 3 |
| Miles Faust | 4 |
| Sterling Wilkins | 5 |
| Pat Titlow | 11 |
| Loretta Price | 15 |
| Annamae Painter | 18 |
| Richard Rogers | 24 |
| Roberta Hendrickson | 24 |
| Frances Rhodenizer | 25 |

Wednesdays at 1:00pm

The Pastor's Bible study focuses on the scripture passages from the Sunday Services.

Saturdays at 10:30am

This Study is held at the home of Barbara Adams.

The 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

6:30pm they gather for light refreshment. The study begins at 7:00pm.

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION



In case of inclement weather, closings or changes in worship time, will be announced on WFMZ (wfmz.com or the WFMZ TV, Channel 69.) and Facebook.

Still Looking for a New Year's Resolution?

Here are a Few More Suggestions!



Be Content with What You Have: It can be difficult to be content. There are always ads surrounding us, reminding us to want more, more, more. This year — maybe you want to get intentional about fighting that urge. Perhaps you'd like to try a "No Spend" month, and then save that money for something important or give it to charity?



Refuse to Gossip: Are you guilty of gossiping? Maybe this year is the year you decide to change that.



Set Aside 15 Minutes Daily to Pray: Carving out 15 minutes of quiet time in prayer doesn't have to be difficult

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

*We Have a Class
for You!*

Sundays at 9:00 AM

- ◇ Dave Kauffman is teaching the “Gospel of Luke”
- ◇ Bryan Seyler continues the “Study on Angels”.
- ◇ Pauline Seyler will be teaching classes for children ages 5 through 12.

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CHIPMUNK NEWS

Friends,

Since February is most known for Valentine’s Day, I thought that I would share some Bible verses about love. Always remember, love is *originally* from God. Here it goes!

- ♥ We love because he first loved us. - 1 John 4:19
- ♥ So, Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. - Genesis 29:20
- ♥ There are three things that amaze me— no, four things that I don’t understand: how an eagle glides through the sky, how a snake slithers on a rock, how a ship navigates the ocean, how a man loves a woman. - Proverbs 30:18-19
- ♥ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, 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. - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
- ♥ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. - Ephesians 5:33
- ♥ Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and truth. - 1 John 3:18
- ♥ And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. - Romans 5:5

You may have recognized some of these verses, some perhaps not. Regardless, may we receive God’s love, love Him back, and share His love with others.

Blessings,
Pastor Dave



Gift Collection Continues for Stabon Manor

Thank you for your generous donations of gifts for the residents of Stabon Manor. It was a very successful project and the folks at Stabon greatly appreciated our help. We have decided to continue that project throughout the new year.



Your donations, if you care to participate, may be left on the shelves above where the wheelchair is stored.

We are seeking donations of:

Clothing
Shoes

Sleepwear
Toiletries

Candy
Snacks

Slippers
Personal Hygiene Items



Recipe of the Month: Spaghetti & Meatball "Stoup"

(Thicker than a soup, thinner than a stew. – Rachel Ray)

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients

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| 2 Tble. extra-virgin olive oil | ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese |
| 1 carrot, chopped into small dice | (plus, more to pass at the table) |
| 1 medium yellow onion, chopped | ½ cup Italian breadcrumbs |
| 2 ribs celery (from the heart), chopped | 1 large egg, beaten |
| 3 cloves garlic, chopped | 2 tablespoons. chopped parsley leaves |
| 3 cups tomato sauce | ½ pound spaghetti, broken in half |
| 3 cups chicken stock | 1 cup basil leaves, torn or shredded |
| 1 pound meatloaf mix (ground beef, pork, veal) | |

Directions

1. Preheat a medium soup pot over medium heat. Add the oil, carrots, onions, celery, and garlic and sauté for 5 minutes.
2. Add tomato sauce and stock and cover the pot. Turn up heat and bring to a fast boil.
3. While soup comes to a boil, mix the ground meat with cheese, breadcrumbs, egg and parsley. Roll into 1 ½- to 2-inch balls.
4. Remove lid from soup and slide balls into soup. Return to a boil then stir in spaghetti. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes more, until pasta is tender, and meatballs have cooked through. Stir in basil and remove from the stove. Serve soup with crusty bread and cheese.