



# Union Presbyterian Church

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## From the Pastor

Happy Valentine's Day! My hope and prayer for each of you is that no matter your feelings about this day - joy, sadness, nothing at all - you know today and EVERY day that you are God's beloved. There is nothing you can do to make the Creator of the universe love you any more, and there is absolutely nothing you can do to make the Creator love you any less!!!! (Just for fun read more about Valentine's Day by clicking [here.](#))

This Sunday we will consider the Creator's amazing love, but it won't be all hearts and rainbows. Our first text, Deuteronomy 30:15-20, extols God's desire only for good for all of creation. I encourage you to read and to pray about the text. How would the original hearers experienced these words. How do we hear and understand them today?

Trusting God's loving purposes for all creation, read and pray about the next part of the Sermon on the Mount - Matthew 5:21-37. In true Sermon on the Mount fashion, Jesus takes what people thought they knew and expands it. This text has everything - murder, adultery, divorce, and swearing!!! Remember that Jesus is taking what people thought they knew and expands it. How would those gathered listening to Jesus have heard these words? What might have been the challenge? What might have been the encouragement? What might this text be saying to us today? It's not hearts and flowers but it IS good news!

*Peace, Pastor Lisa*

## Mark Your Calendars Thursday, March 12th



Our youth will once again be partnering with the NKY Women Entrepreneurs to host a Quarter Auction fundraiser.

Youth are currently collecting gift cards to local restaurants and attractions as well as gift basket items to be raffled. You may drop off items in the church office. Start gathering your friends for a fun-filled evening. More details to follow soon.

### Schedule for This Week

6th Sunday after Epiphany  
**February 16th**  
9am Adult Sunday School  
10am Worship



ALL Youth Lunch & Cornerstone

**BIRTHDAYS**



