



# The Illuminator

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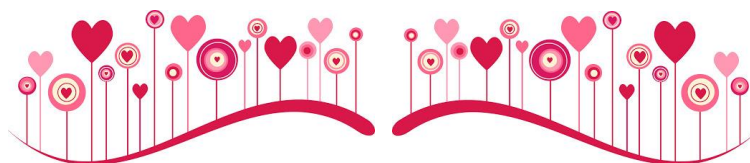
Have you ever misplaced your phone—which is on vibrate of course—and then asked someone to call it? We get still and quiet. Our ears perk up in all directions to be ready to hear that little buzz. It is a quieting down and high alert all at the same time. The same can be said about the church season of Lent. It is a quieting down and high alert all at the same time.

We will begin a forty-day journey (not counting Sundays) to Easter on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with a Mardis Gras meal at noon followed by an Ash Wednesday service. As we prepare for our Lenten journey, we “turn around” (the root meaning of the word “repent”) from the distractions of daily noise and focus our attention on listening in a deeper way. Writer Parker Palmer suggests we must listen “to what our life is telling us”—in other words, to listen to the deep wisdom God gives us as we connect to God’s purpose for us here and now.

During the six weeks leading to Easter, we’ll explore a worship series called “Listen” by Dr. Marcia McFee. There will be specific weekday opportunities to gather for conversation about what we discern to be God’s call on South Grand Lake Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

We’ll listen for ideas and projects to be birthed and we’ll share some that are already on our minds and hearts. Your pastor is keeping a list of what she is hearing these days about...a spring cleaning day, an updated church directory, a drama ministry, an additional Christian Education opportunity, social events to which neighbors are invited, a Disciples Women’s group, continued attention to online worship, a booklet with expanded definitions of committee work, and updates to the physical aspect our outpost ministry.

I’m eager to take this journey with you, *Pastor Gina*



## Each week ...

Sunday	Women’s Discussion Group - 9:00
M, W & F	Meals on Wheels
M, W & F	Happy Feet - 8:30
Wednesday	Bible study -10:30 to noon
Thursdays	Merry Mat Makers -10:00 to noon

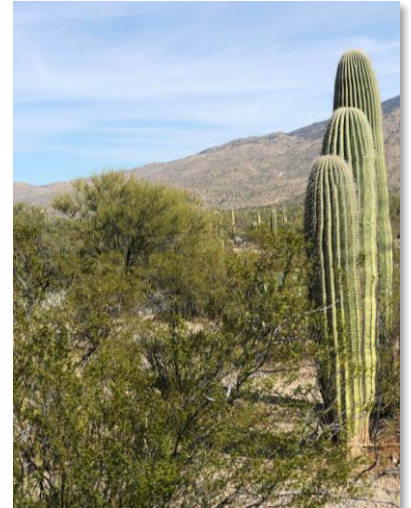
## Dates to remember ...

February 9	Elders, next meeting March 9
February 14	Sr. Food Distribution
February 26	Executive Committee
March 2	Lent begins with Mardi Gras Lunch and Ash Wednesday Service



## Hospitality of the heart in carhartt ☺!

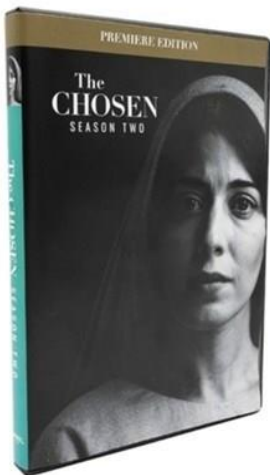
Many thanks to Ronnie Hardin for his warm greetings on a cold Sunday morning as he directed us all to safe places to park and walk as we entered the building for worship. His faithful service as Property Chair is a great blessing to our family of faith!



Hello Church!

Bob and I are on Day 26 of our desert adventure. Two of my goals were to seek warmer weather and to make new connections. In retrospect, I question my wisdom in planning our route to the mountains of Taos and Santa Fe. While lovely in the spring and fall, both are below freezing at night and many stores closed during this off season. Nevertheless, I made a connection with an interesting Taos artist who paints “from her emotions.” This reminded me of the video with Teena painting as Fran sang! Another artist wrote that her work is about JOY, believing that we are all blessed with the ability to recognize and create joy. These two artists resonated with a recent message from Richard Rohr - “the gospel is ultimately calling us to a stance of simplicity, vulnerability, dialogue, powerlessness and humility.” This adventure of ours is presenting many opportunities for these experiences. I will share more experiences as we continue our travels.

~ Lynne Kennedy



Our weekly Bible Study continues the exploration of *The Chosen series Season 2* during the season of Lent. All are invited to gather on Wednesdays from 10:30 to noon as we use our Hollywood vs Holy Word process to reflect on the life and teachings of Jesus and their relevance for our lives.



We are so very grateful for the ongoing work of Dale & Louise Compston to maintain our roadside witness!



Shane Ailey, Michael Ailey, Jessie Ary, Rick Atkinson, Wes Atkinson, Donna Belt, Betty Brautigan, Brian Cantrell, Russell Estes, Jim Griffith, Bill Lewis, Nancy Martin, Luke McCullar, Bill McCutchen, Marty McCutchen, Lisa Moore, Jane Ann Mosby, Marcy Munkirs, Sarah Pinney, Brigitte Ratzlaff, Vickey Rose, Lou Saunders, Gary Sharpe, Linda Taber, Chris Tribble, Tony & Dawn Tweedy, Sharon Walker, Diana Williams, Cindy Winters, Jenny Wood, Phil Wood, Mike Yancy, caregivers, first responders, Armed Forces, national and world leaders, those affected by acts of violence, addiction, mental illness and natural disasters.



02 Susan Miller                      17 Bob Weitzel  
 05 Ronnie Hardin                    19 Jennifer Hinson  
 13 Jenny Wood                        19 Matt Hinson  
 15 Trenton Bendabout              23 Vickey Rose



07 J.B. & Susan Miller  
 28 Bob & Lois Weitzel

January Financial Health				
	General Fund	Quarters	Designated	Total
01-02	\$3,914.07	\$27.59	\$2,430.00	\$6,371.66
01-09	\$1,557.00	\$28.68	\$5,000.00	\$6,585.68
01-16	\$1,490.00	\$16.14		\$1,506.14
01-23	\$2,711.12	\$28.10		\$2,739.22
01-30	\$2,497.00	\$10.29		\$2,507.29
			<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$19,709.99</b>

Blessing Quarters		
Balance Forward		\$0.00
January 2022		\$199.00
Year to Date 2022	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$199.00</b>

January Attendance				
Date	Members	Visitors	Total in Person	Total Online
01-02	29	1	30	82
01-09	34	7	41	76
01-16	21	2	23	99
01-23	30	2	32	84
01-30	34	3	37	68

