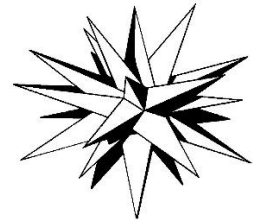


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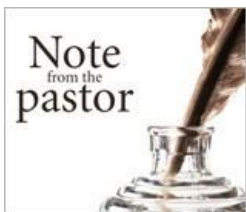
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A Word from Pastor Linda Wisser



“In All Things, Love...”

Unlike many people in North America, I have to admit that I am not big on celebrating Valentine’s Day. It’s not that I am cheap or that I have anything against gifts of flowers or chocolates. It just seems to me, that every day should be a day to show love and to share it.

Some consumer analysts project that Americans are expected to spend 23.9 billion dollars on Valentine’s Day this year... *23.9 billion dollars!* That’s an astounding amount of money. I see this as an indicator of people’s desire to love and to be loved (with a little bit of cultural obligation mixed in!).

In worship last week we heard what the Apostle Paul has to say about love. Paul’s letter to the early Christian church in Corinth was written to a diverse group of believers who had gifts and resources and ability to show and share Christ’s love in a variety of ways. In fact, they were doing a lot. But the conflict and power struggles and confusion caused by an absence of love, made it so that any good they did was hollow, empty. Without love as a foundation and motivation, the work of the church is noise or busyness that bears no fruit, Paul seems to say. It is not a call to further hone gifts or to do more, or sacrifice more, but for the church to practice a ‘still more excellent way’ (12.31).

Jesus showed and shared this excellent way, with us and with the world that God so loves. It’s a love that goes far deeper than feelings, a verb that compels and propels us to service in Christ’s name. Throughout this newsletter you will find many ways to worship, learn, serve,

and give as an act of love. Please come and be a part of the ministry at East Hills as we go about doing God's work in the world.

Valentine's Day is February 14th...go ahead and love in every way possible... do it on that day, and the next day, and the day after that, and so on. You get the idea, love...it never ends (13.8)!

Together in Christian Love,

Pastor Linda



pastorlinda@easthillsmc.org

484-764-8629



Prayer Requests: Have a prayer request? Please email the new “**Detail Form**” to the church office at office@easthillsmc.org. We will not be mentioning persons by other than first name during worship or delving too deeply into individual circumstances since the YouTube broadcast is literally available to the world.



Pastoral Care: Contact Pastor Linda via email at pastorlinda@easthillsmc.org, via phone or text message at 484-764-8629.

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FEBRUARY 2022 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 6th -

10:30 am Worship, Birthday Celebration
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

FEBRUARY 13th -

10:30 am Worship
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

FEBRUARY 20th -

10:30 am Worship
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

FEBRUARY 27th -

10:30 am Worship
ZOOM and YouTube Service also available.

Worship Information & Opportunities

**Come join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30!
In person, on ZOOM, or on YouTube.**



The church office is open Monday - Thursday from 9:00 – 3:00.

610-868-6481

office@easthillsmc.org

Please note that no one is checking voicemail or email outside of office hours.
If there is an emergency, please contact Pastor Linda at 484-764-8629.



ZOOM link -- Dial-in by phone -- YouTube recordings

Weekly Worship will be available live on ZOOM **Sunday mornings at 10:30.**

You may also dial in by phone or check YouTube for pre-recorded services and sermons each week.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83858077423?pwd=UFIBRDI3cG5jTHNNaGNTakhnU05vdz09>

Meeting ID: 838-5807-7423

Password: 175584

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oF67kiDFPgY>

Dial-in by phone: For anyone without a computer, tablet, or smartphone, wishing to join the Church

Service may do the following. This will be the audio only for landlines and cellphones.

1. Call 1-929-205-6099 (New York - other cities available on request)
2. At the prompt for the Meeting ID enter 838-5807-7423 followed by #
3. At the prompt for your Participant ID enter #
4. At the prompt for the Password enter 175584 followed by #

Christian Learning Opportunities



EHMC Sunday Morning Coffee Class - EHMC is inviting you join us via ZOOM. Please use the URL below to join the meeting with your computer, tablet or phone with a microphone and webcam. If you need to download the app, please approve it and join the meeting with computer audio.

Every week on Sun. at 9:30 AM ET in person in Fellowship Hall or on Zoom.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83108556340?pwd=aXNBVlltalp1ZjZtWFgvckVvaFJYUT09>

Meeting ID: 831 0855 6340

Passcode: 094254

Dial in for audio only: +1 929 205 6099

Dial-in by phone: For anyone without a computer, tablet, or smartphone, wishing to join the Church Service may do the following. This will be the audio only for landlines and cellphones.

1. Call 1-929-205-6099 (New York - other cities available on request)
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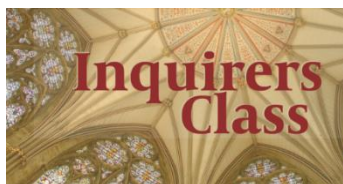


Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study!

Please join us on **Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge.** With Peter Diehl facilitating, we will begin with looking into the unique Gospel of John. We hope to see you there!



Children's Sunday School will be held the first Sunday of each month starting **Feb. 6th at 9:30 am.**



Inquirer's Class Now Forming!

If you or someone you know is curious about what it means to be a member of East Hills Moravian Church, or if you or someone you know would like to join the church, then Inquirer's Classes are for you! In 4 evening sessions, we will explore history of the Christian Church, highlights of Moravian history, what it means to be a follower of Jesus, how we nurture that through ministry and membership at East Hills. This class is interesting for both inquirers for membership or as a 'refresher' for current members of the congregation.

The dates are to be determined for these sessions, but our class is forming now. If you or someone you know is interested, please call the office. Registration is required so that books and materials may be provided.

Fellowship Opportunities

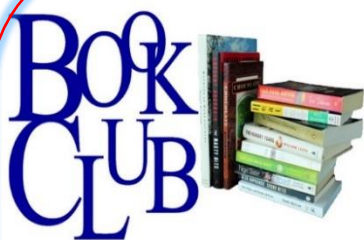


Online Giving: Please visit our website for online giving at

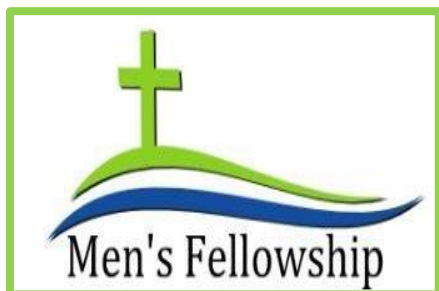
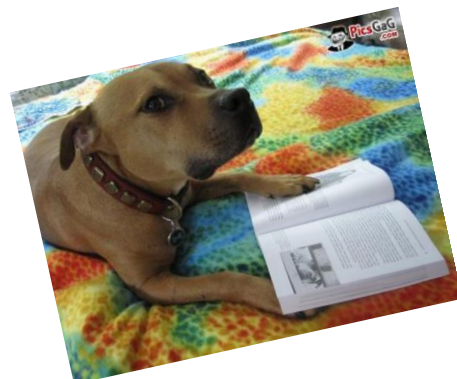
<http://www.easthillsmc.org/online-giving/>. You can donate using your checking or savings account, debit card from your financial institution, or Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express credit card. If you're donating for the first time, you'll be asked to set up a profile with your email address and financial information. Then you can schedule a one-time donation or weekly or monthly recurring donation. Your financial information is completely secure.



You may also send pledges to the office at the church. The mail is being checked daily so that no money or checks are sitting in the mailbox for long. 1830 Butztown Rd., Bethlehem, 18017



EHMC Book Club: East Hills Moravian Church's Book Club will meet at 7pm via Zoom on Monday, February 28th to discuss "Firekeeper's Daughter" by Angeline Boulley. All are welcome to join the discussion. Questions: Amy Frantz Gross, bartlet4pres@yahoo.com.



Men's Fellowship: Men's Fellowship Group wants to let you know we are still here. Many of our fundraising events were canceled and we had to scale back our donations to causes that we earmarked funds for. Men's Fellowship is available to assist members whenever possible. We have an email chain setup so that if a member needs some sort of assistance, an email can be sent out looking for the proper assistance. For example, if a member becomes ill and needs some temporary jobs/outside chores completed he/she can let one of us know and we can try to find a

volunteer to help accommodate that need. As of now, social distance and safety guidelines need to be met to safeguard each of us. If you need anything feel free to reach out to Pete Norman at petewnorman@gmail.com or Bob Wingrove at bobandkathyw@rcn.com. We will try to assist you as best as we can. We hope you all stay safe in this uncertain time.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship continues to meet on the first Tuesday evening each month, on zoom. We are discussing The Rev. Sam Gray's book "Fruitful Lives", but you do not need to have a copy of his book in order to participate. All women are always invited to join in this special time of fellowship and informal study.

Do you need any sweet or savory treats for Valentine's Day or your Super Bowl party?

Women's Fellowship BAKE SALE

Place orders by Saturday, February 5, 2022
contact Sue Larson at GSMom225@aol.com
or 610-737-0012.

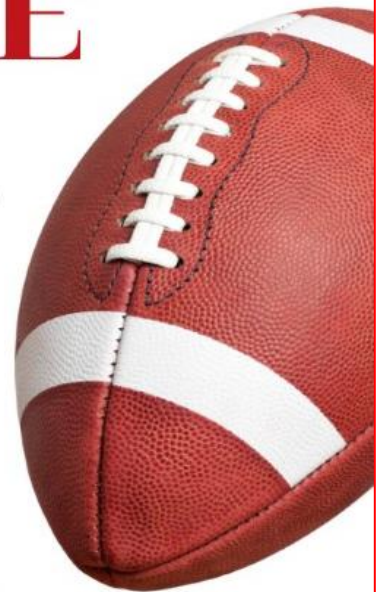
Pick up: Sunday, February 13, 2022.

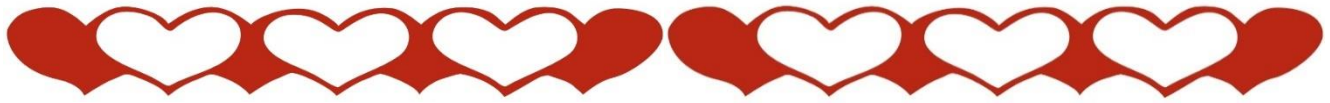
ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER ARE:

- 1 doz. Fudgy chocolate, chocolate chip cookies (GF)\$5
- 1 doz. Chocolate chip cookies\$5
- 1 doz. Oatmeal raisin cookies\$5
- 4 Brownies\$5
- 3 Rice Krispy Treats with white icing\$5
- 3 Peanut Butter Rice Cereal Treats with chocolate icing (GF)\$5
- Quart-size bags Chex mix\$5
- Quart-size bags trail mix\$5
- Pecan pie\$15
- Cherry crumb pie\$15

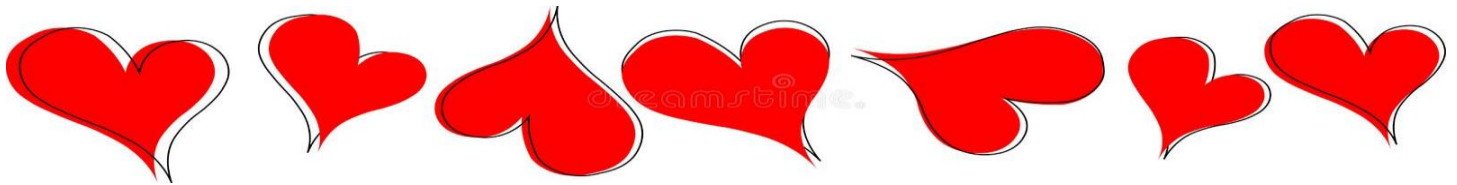
Please note some items contain common allergens such as nuts, wheat, milk, eggs.
If you have any questions or specific order requests, please feel free to ask Sue.

Arrangements for delivery can be made as needed.





Cash Cards - ShopWithScrip.com has cash cards for everyone. When you purchase physical cards or e-cards at face value, EHMC receives a percentage of that purchase. Consider retailers such as 1-800-FLOWERS, Shutterfly, eBay, Wayfair, Target, Walmart, L.L.Bean, Dick's Sporting Goods, Xbox, Sony PlayStation, Hulu, Uber, UberEATS, Instacart, or over 750 others for giving or your own shopping. Use enrollment code 8897CBD34973 to create an account at ShopWithScrip.com or on the RaiseRight app or contact Julie Del Priore (610-417-2071), Heather Frantz or Lucy Thompson to place an order. Cards for Giant, Wegmans, and Valley Farm are available.



Moravian Open Door, Inc. Thanks to EHMC –

“To the congregation of East Hills Moravian Church,
Thank you for your generous contribution of \$300.00 to Moravian Open Door. Your gift was received January 3, 2022.

This gift, along with others, enables MOD to continue its service to older homeless individuals by providing transitional housing, breakfast and nutrition education, counseling, and other direct services to restore dignity

and re-build lives. MOD is a community that rejoices when a resident is finally able to move to a private apartment or other appropriate accommodations, no longer homeless.

Your generosity keeps the mission and vision of MOD alive. On behalf of our clients, staff, and Board of Directors, again, thanks for your contribution, prayers, and support.”

Blondel Jones-Grant, President, Board of Directors
Susan Attzs-Mendoza, Executive Director



WHY KNOTS - members will be meeting on Wednesday, January 26, at 7 pm, masked, in the Parlor. We are entering the New Year with a ready willingness to provide items for sale as well as for donation to community groups. Would you like to join us? We are happy to share our skills and teach others, and we are also open to suggestions for future projects. For now, our leftover items remain available for purchase. Contact Bobby Shimer for information.



Dear Sue & the “Why Knots” Club,

On behalf of the staff of Northeast Community Center, I’d like to extend my most sincere gratitude for your and the **“Why Knots’ club** for your donation of hand knitted hats and scarves in November and December!

We handed out the hats and scarves to our homework club students in November and they were beyond excited, we are sure they will get great use out of them as the weather has gotten colder! We will be using the rest of them as Christmas presents during our Christmas Gift Distribution.

Often times, in this community, scarves, hats, gloves, and coats are highly sought-after items. We really appreciate you taking the time to hand knit these items and your generosity in donating them to NECC.

With supporters like you, NECC will be able to continue serving the community for another 40 years! Thank you for believing in our mission and the children and families of the Marvine-Pembroke community. Your gift truly makes a difference in the lives of those we serve.

With Sincere Gratitude,
 Chrisdee Lawyer
 Marketing and Development Director

Sanctuary Flower Process



SANCTUARY FLOWERS...

➤ **Sanctuary Flowers are available again! Please note the new process for ordering:**

- 1) Enter your name on the Flower Chart (on the bulletin board in the Narthex) on your preferred week.
- 2) Call florist - ***Mycalyn's - 610-759-9060*** by the Tuesday prior to your requested date.
- 3) Order flowers, pay florist directly, and have them delivered to the church for the requested date.
- 4) Provide the church office with the date and dedication you would like printed in the bulletin by the Tuesday prior to your requested date. You can fill out the form on the bulletin board and leave it in the basket on the office door, email it, or call the office (610) 868-6481.
- 5) **Take the flowers with you after the service! Please DO NOT leave them in the church. Bring your own vases or wrap them in paper towels. DO NOT TAKE THE FLOWER INSERTS, THEY CANNOT BE REPLACED.** Thank you.

Cost is: \$31.80 for one vase / \$58.30 for two vases



Christian Sympathy and Resurrection Hope



Our sympathy and hope is extended to the family of **Lou Jackson** who entered the more near presence of our Lord on January 18, 2022.

EHMC 2022 Watchword

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"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6

Hymn text #576

Where the many toil together,
there you are among your own;
where the solitary labor,
you are there with them alone.
You, the peace that passes knowledge,
dwelling in the daily strife:
you, the bread of heav'n, are broken,
in the sacrament of life.





East Hills Moravian Church Contextual Outreach UPDATES:

Dear Friends,

Another opportunity with East Hills Moravian Church: February 19th from 9 a.m. - 2p.m.

Is God stirring up a curiosity or energy for EHMC growth and neighborhood outreach? For many of us at East Hills, the answer is a resounding, "YES!". As we seek new ways to know our neighborhood and grow in our Christian witness and help others to know Christ, I invite all interested members of East Hills to join me and some of our Board members for EMERGE 2022, an event hosted by the Emerging Ministries Team of the Moravian Church, Northern Province.

Here is their invitation: "As you make the advancement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ a part of your 2022 resolution, allow us to help you fulfill it. The Emerging Ministries Team is hosting an event, EMERGE 2022. EMERGE 2022 will leave you with practical tools to begin growing your ministry, starting a new ministry, or creating a new church plant. **In addition, built-in teams will journey with you in your ministry endeavors even after the event is over.** "

Join this free empowering virtual event on **Saturday, February 19, 2022, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (EST) via Zoom.** Call-in options will be made available.

Register today via the link below:

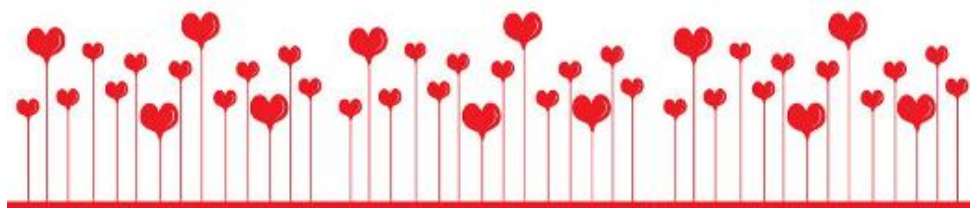
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emerge-2022-tickets-208111686657>

We hope to enjoy the video below:

https://youtu.be/Br_fFER_9hs

The event is free. Please register online and let us know if you have any questions about the event.

In the Joy of the Lord,
Pastor Linda



EHMC Support Team

**** For EOD, go to Sign-up Genius @ [EHMC: Elder on Duty \(signupgenius.com\)](http://EHMC: Elder on Duty (signupgenius.com)) to add yourself.**

	Feb 6	Feb 13	Feb 20	Feb 27
Sacristans/ Color	Koehler/Green	Kulp/Green	Marsh/Green	Ozimek/Green
Elders	TBD	Greg Costa	Jane Regina	Greg Costa
Liturgist in- person	Dave Sommers	Eileen Mera	Jon Burcaw	Candace Weiss
Liturgist online	Karen Davison	Amy Gross	Barb Hendricks	Karen Montgomery
Ushers	Jack & Jean Skillman	Bobby Shimer & Charmayne Stauffer	Jeff & Linda Adams	Jon Burcaw & Bobby Shimer
Counters	Ellen DeStasio & Phyllis Kulp	Nancy Costa & Phyllis Kulp	Sue Larson & Phyllis Kulp	Nancy Costa & Phyllis Kulp





What's Happening This Month at EHMC?

FEBRUARY 2022						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
30	31	1 5-6:30 PM Jesus Saves – Parlor 7 PM Women’s Fellowship	2	3	4 Joint Board Retreat	5 Joint Board Retreat
6 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 9:30 Children’s Sunday School 10:30 Worship	7	8 5-6:30 PM Jesus Saves – Parlor 7:00 pm Worship &	9	10	11	12
13 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship 6:30-8 pm Confirmation Class FH	14 Valentine’s Day	15 5-6:30 PM Jesus Saves – Parlor 7:00 Elders	16	17	18	19
20 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship	21 Presidents’ Day	22 5-6:30 PM Jesus Saves – Parlor 7:00 Trustees	23 7:00 – Why Knots	24	25	26
27 9:30 Sunday Morning Coffee Class 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Parlor 10:30 Worship 6:30-8 pm Confirmation Class FH	28	1 5-6:30 PM Jesus Saves – Parlor	2	3	4	5



Donation Opportunities



A CAN A WEEK/JOYFUL NOISE:

As we move into 2022, NOW is a great time to establish the habit of regular donation to the NECC foodbank. Donating A CAN A WEEK is quite simple to do. Watch the weekly announcements or the EHMC Facebook page for the most-needed items, make the purchase when you do your weekly food shopping, and bring your donation to church. At this time, there is a great need for PANCAKE MIX and INSTANT OATMEAL, and there is always a need for toothpaste, dish liquid, and grocery bags (paper and plastic). JOYFUL NOISE funds can be donated at any time and are used to fill gaps in available food. Most recent purchase was cold cereal. Thanks for your generosity during the past year!



Northeast Community Center: "Because He First Fed Us"

we respond with joy to feed others. In her book, Anita Hinkledey McVey writes that before God created us, "God created a garden. God was preparing a meal for us before we arrived." Jesus demonstrates concern for the food needs of others in feeding the 5,000, and he reminds us that when we feed the least of these, we are feeding Him.

Now is a good time to establish the habit of feeding others by joining our effort to provide A CAN A WEEK. It's simple to do. Put NECC on your shopping list and purchase just one can every time you shop. There are receptacle baskets in the Narthex which are emptied weekly, and your donations are taken to the foodbank for distribution just a few days later. To help fill the gaps in the most needed foods, watch our weekly announcement in the Thursday email blast or the updates on our EHMC Facebook page. At this time, the most-needed item is cold cereal, but there is always a need for toothpaste, dish liquid, and grocery bags (paper, plastic, and reusable).

Author McVey also says, "The way to make delicious food even better: share it." We share what we have "Because He First Fed Us." [There is always a need for Food Pantry volunteers](#) - email Paula Johnson at johnsonp@neccbethlehem.org!



Drive-By Food Pantry at Central Moravian Church

with much needed items for our next food distribution. The drive by is located in Central Moravian Christian Ed parking lot, access road between Kemmerer Museum & God's Acre (follow signs). **Sunday, Feb. 6th, 9:30 am -1:00 pm (rain/snow date, Feb. 13th).** Items needed: Boxed (shelf stable) milk, Cereal (sweetened and unsweetened), Flour, Sugar, Chicken soup-any sort, Kidney beans, Tomato paste, Spaghetti sauce, Ground coffee, Tea, Ketchup, Mustard, Spices-any kind, Toilet paper, Soap bars, Wrapped candy, Snack items. We are asking that donations come in paper bags (doubled) or cardboard boxes. Those can

be recycled or repurposed. We will accept donations in any form, but believe plastic is not the best for our environment.

TREX Plastic Challenge Update – BAM Churches – 2022



Can you believe it? East Hills has already reached its goal of 500 pounds of recycled plastics with the help of our BAM partner churches. Look forward in the coming months to the second bench on our campus!

The Trex company has posted a clear graphic of recyclable materials on their website, along with a FAQ to answer some of your recycling questions. Check it out:

<https://recycle.trex.com/view/educate#materials1>

Please continue to be vigilant to recycle only acceptable materials.

Your recyclables can be dropped off during normal Church Office hours and Sundays, before and after worship.

Keep Recycling!
Barb Hendricks

TREX Plastics Challenge volunteers: Lucy Thompson, John Kulp, Deb Spinney, Barb Hendricks (610-434-7305).
E-mail: bzhendricks@gmail.com

ACCEPTABLE PLASTICS

Plastic shopping bags
Produce and bread bags
Grocery bags
Cereal box liners
Ice bags
Wood pellet bags
Salt bags
Ziplock and other re-closable bags
Case overwrap
Newspaper sleeves
Dry cleaning bags
Bubble wrap & air pillows
Pallet wrap and stretch film

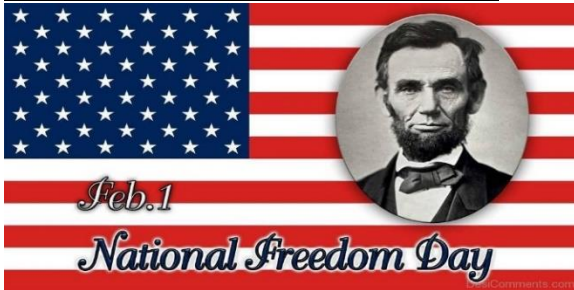
NOT ACCEPTABLE PLASTICS

Plastic bottles or other rigid plastic containers
Degradable/compostable bags
Pre-washed salad mix bags
Frozen food bags
Candy wrappers
Any Chip bags
Dried fruit and nut bags
Six-pack plastic rings
Pouch packaging
Cheese wrappers
Zip lock bags
Saran Wrap
Bread wrappers with little air holes
Cellophane wrappers
Bird seed or other bulk bags that are not #4
If material does not stretch easily or is shiny & crinkles or crunches.

**** All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue. ****

Serious and Silly Celebrations This Month

Feb. 1st – National Freedom Day



Feb. 2nd – Groundhog Day



Feb. 4th – National Wear Red Day



Feb. 13th – Super Bowl Sunday



Feb. 14th – Valentine's Day



Feb. 18th – National Drink Wine Day



Feb. 21st – President's Day



Every day...



Birthday Celebrations



FEBRUARY

- 4 Eric Evans
- 6 Nancy Gross, Grace Taylor
- 7 Gavin Stellato, Deborah Turton
- 8 Greg Bowden, Paul Lutz
- 9 Christine Trux
- 10 Tanamarie Williams
- 11 Nathan Bowden, Bob Wingrove
- 12 Peter Diehl
- 13 Jeff Adams, Gary Marsh
- 14 Alexandra Gaugler
- 18 Mikayla Bowden, Karen Davison
- 19 Chris Creswell, Francis Goyanes, Brandon Koehler
- 20 Patti Grube, Joshua Kemmerer, Mark Toth
- 23 Ellen Choi, Walker Levan
- 24 Joyce Eckerd, Matison Piripavel
- 25 Daniel Hull
- 26 Sandra Gichiengo, Sarah Soska
- 27 Jonah Ortwein, Elaine Riegel, Nancy Walz
- 28 Deborah Spinney, David Thompson
- *29 Christopher Beamer

Happy Birthday



*Please contact the office if anyone is missing or needs to be removed. Thank you!