



THE LAMPLIGHTER

YORK FIRST MORAVIAN

BIBLICAL VALENTINE'S DAY STORY: RUTH AND BOAZ

The Book of Ruth delivers yet another powerful Christian Valentine's Day message. You might recall Naomi's ordeal; she suffered great loss after her sons and husband died. When she decided to move back to Bethlehem, Ruth, one of her daughters-in-law who was widowed, decided to go with her. As Naomi transformed from despair to happiness, a love also forms between Ruth and a man named Boaz.

Ruth eventually marries Boaz, ushering in joy for the family and some Valentine's Day history worth noting. Ruth 4:13-17 (NIV) tells this part of the story:

"So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. The women said to Naomi: 'Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth.'

Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. The women living there said, 'Naomi has a son!' And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David."

This is just one of the many Biblical stories of love, offering some Valentine's Day quotes from the Bible that are worth pondering.

By: Billy Hallowell 2/14/2022



Elders News

The Elders met on January 16, 2023. Worship services were discussed, and pulpit supply was planned for the upcoming month. Calls and visitations were made to our shut-ins. There is a joint board meeting on Saturday, February 11th at 10am. The next Elder's meeting will be held on February 14th at 7pm via zoom.

Trustees News

The Trustees met on January 18th, 2023 via zoom. Maintenance on both the annex, church and parsonage were reviewed. There is a work date set for February 18th at the church if anyone would like to help. The Treasurers was reviewed and approved. The next Trustees meeting will be February 15th at 7pm via zoom.

Total Income & Offerings from Sundays 1/1/2023 - 1/29/2023

General	\$ 5,882.03
Refurbishing Fund	\$212.00
Smith Bood Fund	\$20.00
Emergency Needs Fund	\$10.00
Parking	\$50.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 6,174.03**

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 7,986.74**

Upcoming Guest Pastors

February 5th - Lloyd Purswell
February 12th - Rev. Ken Ross
February 19th - Cliff Bergstresser
February 28th - Rev. Terry Folk

Did you know...

We have an online giving portal! If you prefer to catch the service via Zoom you can send your offering online! Just go to

- mmfa.info
- click Giving Portal at the top
- Click 'F' and select First Moravian Church - York, PA

If you prefer to mail your offering you can send it direct to:

Wanda Hendricks
3715 Fox Chase Drive
Dover, PA 17315

February Birthdays

- 4 Jim Rabine
- 7 Paul Shouck
- 9 Presley Shealy
- 17 Cliff Rowell
- 19 Rev. Norman Prochnau*
- 23 Joann Henkelmann*
- 24 Myla Robinson
- 27 Jennifer Heffner

February Anniversaries

- 12 Cameron & Sherry Campanella
Timothy & Annette Tyson



For pastoral care until
our new Pastor is received,
please feel free to call any of the
3 elders listed below.

Jeannette Sprenkle 717-424-5636

John Knokey 717-848-9220

Steve Nicholas 717- 755-7412

*Please do not call Steve
on a Monday*

Prayer Concerns

- Amy Ardison (Betsy Senft's sister)
- Pastor Jeff Coppage
- Ann Coppage
- Don Eckert
- Mary Jones
- Kathie Nicholas
- Karrie Rishel
- Cliff & Elaine Rowell
- Ruth & Clair Seiple
- Jemon Grant
- Gary Paules

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2023 Watchword

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:7