

# WEST ALEXANDER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Monthly Newsletter-February 2026

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### Greetings Corner

“I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all *people* will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another.” – John 13: 34-35

Jesus commands us to love. That is not always easy. Nevertheless, as difficult as that can sometimes be, we have a choice. We can choose love. A choice need not be based on feelings. Feelings can be deceptive. Choosing to follow God’s commands will always be true.

We can choose to be loving and kind-hearted or we can choose to be hateful and unforgiving. We can spend time doing good for others or we can ignore opportunities to do nice things for others.

We are fully empowered to do and love in the manner God calls us to.

Again, it’s a choice. Choose love.

1 Corinthians 13: 13 states that "faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

1 Corinthians 13: 8a – “Love never fails.”

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### Events Corner

*February 3, Session Meeting, 7:30 pm*

*February 8, after morning worship, there will be a time of fellowship in the back of the sanctuary hosted by the Deacons.*

*February 9, at 6:30pm Trustee Meeting*

*February 10, at 10am Deacon Meeting*

*February 17, at 5:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner*



*February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service*

Join us as we begin the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday reminds us of our need for grace and the hope we have in Jesus. Let’s walk together toward the cross and the joy of Easter.

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## Birthdays and Announcement Corner

February 2	Beverly Philabaum
February 3	Chris McCuen
February 6	Megan Teagarden
February 6	Doug Teagarden
February 6	Lee Ann Delbert
February 7	Mike Buckholt
February 7	Will Noble
February 8	Bethany Greathouse
February 18	Dwight Hunter
February 19	Lee Rodgers
February 20	Peggy McConn
February 21	Frank Glessner
February 27	Kathy Morgan



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## Missions/Outreach Corner

As a Church, through the Mission/Evangelism Committee, we give 10% of our monthly tithes to various missions.



Listed below are the charities we have supported for 2026:

January 2026: Coalition of Christian Outreach (Jubilee) benefiting local college students

February 2026: McGuffey Community Bible Program (Bible Release)

**"Human love is directed to the other person for his own sake, spiritual love loves him for Christ's sake."**

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

***"We love Him, because He first loved us."*** 1 John 4:19

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## Committee Corner

### Spring Cleaning for the Soul

Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2026, and it marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Lent hints of spring, a time when the earth begins to awaken from a winter's nap, and new growth bursts forth all about us.

More personally, it is an opportunity to enter into a springtime for our spirit. For centuries Christians have used the 40 days of Lent to seek spiritual growth. Sincere repentance, a changing of heart, casting off old sinful practices and seeking to commune with our creator help us go in the right direction. Spending serious time in silence and prayer focuses our attention. Reading spiritual literature, becoming more knowledgeable about the New Testament, meeting in small groups with other Christians to share personal stories of faith can all be immensely stimulating. Joining with others to serve the helpless and hopeless can strengthen our spiritual life.

Lent is a time to let God do “spring cleaning” within us. It’s our opportunity to allow God to help us toss out the “stuff” that hinders us and then freshen up the “new creature” we are meant to be as followers of Christ.

### Shine Without Wax

How sincere are you, really? How honest, dependable, and genuine? These are traits that shape our character and help others see Christ in us.

The word *sincere* comes from an old Latin phrase meaning “without wax.” In ancient Rome, potters sometimes used wax to hide cracks in flawed pottery. Buyers would hold each piece up to the sunlight to see if it was truly solid and not hiding any imperfections.

When we allow the light of Christ to shine through our lives, it reveals both our rough spots and our strengths. The good news is that Jesus never shames us for the cracks; he restores us. As his light works within us, we grow into people of integrity who are whole, authentic, and sincerely his.



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## Connections Corner

Sunday Morning Worship—11:00 am

Sunday Morning Adult Friendship Class-Choir Room 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Adult Praying Hearts Group-Fellowship Hall 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Children's Time-Youth Room 9:30 am

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## Prayer Corner

To request prayer by the church, call or email the church office. Praying Hearts Group will receive your request and honor it. Also, Elder Jane Noble, Clerk of Session, 304.639.9148 welcomes your prayer requests. Please tell us if your request is to be held in confidence or included in the Prayers for the People in morning worship.

### A prayer for spiritual growth

Lord, teach me to walk in kindness this month and beyond. May my actions reflect your love, and may others see your heart through mine. "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32, ESV).

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## Church Information

### Church Officers

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
<u>Session:</u>	Mary Lea Dutton Lynne Glessner Jane Noble, Clerk	Patty Johnson Jodi Noble Bob Morgan	
<u>Deacons:</u>	Gino Delbert Lee Ann Delbert Kathy Strawn	Peggy McCuen Beverly Philabaum Regina Wood	Dianna Smith
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