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The Community Church of Vero Beach

Special points of interest:

- Connect! Worship on 2/2 at 10am in Commotion.
- 2/17 - Random Act of Kindness Day
- 2/26 - Ash Wednesday

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Community Kids Corner

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Love is in the Air

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

-Matthew 22:36-40 NRSV

Typically February is known for two things, Valentine's Day and getting an extra day every four years. And although we all have a different points of view on Valentine's Day, we can't escape the importance of love in our lives. The word "love" is mentioned over 700 times in the Bible! The exact amount will vary from translation to translation but love is obviously an important part of our Christian tradition. The difficulty in understanding what love means to our faith is that we have only one word for love.

You can use the word love to describe both how you feel about pizza, our favorite sports team, or our family. There is no way to say, "I love cookies," differently from, "I love my sister." We get one word and it can be hard to truly show the difference. In the ancient Greek of the New Testament, there were four different words that we translate to love:

- *Storge* – empathy bond.
- *Philia* – friend bond (aka brotherly love).
- *Eros* – romantic love.
- *Agape* – unconditional "God" love.

There is a deep range of meaning and emotion with the word love and we get to share that with the world. Remember that God loved us so much, that God sent Jesus to save the world (read John 3:16-17). This is a love that is given to us freely and without qualification. This is a gift that God calls us to share with the world so that all people can experience God's amazing, radical, and transformative love. And if you celebrate nothing else this February, let's celebrate and share that kind of love.

And hey, if you really love pizza, you can celebrate that too!



This Month in Godly Play



Each week our children do their "work" with the story through art and play.

Each Sunday morning we have two different Godly Play classrooms for our elementary children: a Pre-K - 2nd grade class and a 3rd - 5th grade class.

Godly Play immerses the kids in a different story each week based on different stories of the Bible, parables, church liturgical practices and other pieces of faith. After hearing the story the children "work" with the story through faithful play using the art and story resources in each room. This could be done with drawing, playing with the physical elements of the story, clay, yarn, glitter, glue, or simply reading the Bible.

This Month's Stories Are:

2/9 - Parable of the Great Pearl

2/16 - Parable of the Sower

2/23 - The Mystery of Easter

Souper Bowl of Caring

Join with the Community Church Youth on February 2nd, in this national campaign against hunger. The Souper Bowl of Caring was born from a single prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."



Our youth will be ready after services on 2/2 with their soup pots to collect donations for this worthy cause. All the monies collected will go to support hunger relief in our local community.

Join a Godly Play Teaching Team!

We have created new teams to teach Godly Play! If you would like to join one of these amazing teams we still have need for more teachers to help teach.

Sign up >>>

Teams teach no more than once per month. Teams always work together, so you always know your co-teachers.

Questions: Contact Doug Johnson



Random Acts of Kindness

Random Acts of Kindness Day is more than just a silly “holiday,” it is part of a global non-profit that supports the sharing of kindness for a better person, humanity, and world. Started over 25 years ago, Random Act of Kindness Day was a way to help spread kindness and positivity. Although it is not religiously affiliated, spreading kindness (and probably a little love as a consequence), is very much in line with the teachings of Jesus and the Gospel. After all, we are called to love God AND our neighbors.

To find out more go to: randomactsofkindness.org



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Artist Submission Info

Delivery: Thursday, February 20

Pick-up: Monday, March 1

9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

Gallery Hours

Saturday, February 22

10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

Sunday, February 23

8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

Monday, February 24-Friday, February 28

2:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

Saturday, February 29

10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

Sunday, March 1


8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.



What are some ways that you as a family can show love to:

- Your neighbors
- Your friends
- Your family
- Your pets
- Yourself
- Your school/work
- Your church
- Your community

FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Connect Service - 10am Souper Bowl of Caring after Services	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day!	15
16	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	18	19	20	21 	22 Celebration of Creativity (Gallery up through 3/1)
23	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday Service - 6:30pm	27 Angels' Attic Rummage Sale 5pm-8pm	28 8:30am- 12:30pm	29 8am-11am