

## Calvary Presbyterian Church

*A Loving Community to Support you on Your Faith Journey!*



# Connections

Here's your February issue of Connections! Please remember: be sure to click **OPEN** when your email provider delivers your newsletter so you don't miss any content.

While you are reading this month's newsletter: if you see a word or phrase in **bold** and Valentine Candy **PINK** like **THIS**, or if you see the word **HERE** - click on it! These are links that will automatically open a website or document.

## Letter from Session



February is upon us. The month of Love! But you know that already. I have always wanted to know why such an otherwise dreary cold month is singled out for celebrating love. Oh, I know the Feast of Saint Valentine story or shall we say stories. There are many Valentine legends. Even the Roman Catholics have documented three Saint Valentines with February celebrations and countless churches are dedicated to a Saint Valentine. The martyred saint from the Middle Ages who ministered to persecuted Christians, doesn't quite live up to the cupid story we hail. The Priest who married young couples to spare the husbands from conscription into the army, leans more toward practicality than romance. Perhaps, the young lover who closed his farewell letter with "from your Valentine" before his death sentence in 496 AD, while tragic, gets a bit closer to adoration. But what is it about February and love?

Maybe there is more to it? Maybe February represents a Love far beyond our imaginations. The ancient Greeks had six words for love. Maybe there is a seventh. A Love that transcends people, pets, possessions, and places. A love that is all encompassing. A love that helps us stand taller, give freely, serve boldly. A love that cuts through February's long nights and chilly days.

Could February be a reminder of the indescribable love percolating in each of us for each of us? The "Love one another" aide-memoire. Transcendent love. It is not easy to fathom. Even with the bible's hundreds of references to love, love remains understandable and yet incomprehensible.

Those few missing days make February feel like it is over before it gets started. It is a month that can pass un-noticed. Perhaps the notion of love in February, helps us take the potential of love and ourselves more seriously.

It leads us to wonder what our community could be if unconditional love was our mission? Would we:

- Adopt an immigrant family
- Mentor at risk youth
- Staff the food bank
- Provide shelter for the homeless
- Comfort an addict
- Come together in prayer...

All this thought of love has given me something to ponder. A February challenge—commit to applying transcendent love as the filter for decision making throughout the month. Is it possible? Will it result in something good? Will others join in? Perhaps a box of chocolate and a few pink hearts would be easier, but easy doesn't often result in something great. Let's try this!

*Stephanie Zarus*

## February Worship Service

2/5 Bruce Main

2/12 Reverend Deb Brincivalli, Communion and Congregational meeting

2/19 & 2/26 Reverend Seth Kajang

We look forward to welcoming Reverend Seth Kajang who will be preaching on February 19 and 26!

Originally from Nigeria, Rev. Seth B. Kajang and his family moved to the United States eight years ago. Prior to that, he was a Pastor for more than ten years. He also taught at the Seminary back in Nigeria for seven years. While in the United States, he has assumed several pastoral roles and is often invited to preach in different churches.

Seth is married to Zainab and together they are blessed with three lovely children—a daughter (8) and two sons (6 & 4). Zainab is currently a student at Princeton Theological Seminary, NJ.

Seth has five graduate degrees, the most recent being a Master of Divinity from Westminster Theological Seminary, PA and a Master of Sacred Theology from Yale University, CT. He is the Founder of Replica Church and the author of the Motivation Bible Commentary Series.

## Be Social!

Links to our Facebook page, Live streaming services, YouTube and the Church Website all in one place. Just click on the buttons and stay connected!



Staying connected to your church family. Use the links below to worship with live streaming services on Facebook. Our YouTube channel is a repository for past services and music.

You can access videos, website and streaming services right from this email!  
Just click on the buttons for a direct link!

[Visit the Calvary Facebook Page](#)

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## February Music at Calvary

February 5 The Chancel Choir sings "I am the Way" by Louis Harris.

February 12 Handbells ring the gospel favorite "Give Me That Old Time Religion"

February 19 Transfiguration Sunday the choir sings "Beholding All Your Glory" by Bob Burroughs

February 26 The choir sings the lovely "Shepherd Me, O

God" based on Psalm 23, music by Marty Haugen, arranged by Mark Hayes.



*Diana Dohrmann*

Mark Your Calendar!



*Amore Italiano Dinner*

February 19th, Sunday, 6:00 pm

*Join us for a romantic evening, Italian-style,  
at Calvary Church*

Savor a delicious catered Italian dinner while enjoying live entertainment - classic love songs - courtesy of the Calvary Choir, under the direction of Diana Dohrmann. Basket raffle.

When: February 19<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

Dinner: salad, bread, entrée, dessert & beverages

Where: Calvary Church, 300 4<sup>th</sup> St, Riverton, NJ

Tickets: \$25pp

Tickets available now. Contact the Church Office to purchase 856-(856) 829-0783

Proceeds benefit Calvary Church, Riverton

Join us for a romantic evening, Italian-style! Savor a delicious dinner catered by Georgetti's.

Menu:

- Chicken Marsala,
- penne in blush sauce,
- roasted vegetables,
- salad & rolls
- and a creamy cheesecake for dessert!

There will also be a silent auction of baskets. The deadline to purchase tickets is February 12. Get your tickets at the Church Office. Don't miss this

wonderful event!

# Our Church Family



**Happy February Birthday to you!**

Pat Brunner, 4  
Debbie Cerra, 5  
Trevor Breece, 7  
Kathy Mesmer, 10  
Patrick Gallagher, 12  
Isabel Heck, 12  
Barbara Myers, 12  
Valaree Bower, 18  
Sarah Wood, 18  
Sally Dinn, 19  
Judy Jaghabreh, 19  
Pat Land, 20  
Beth Forman, 25

## **Calvary Thrift Shop February Sale!**

### **FEBRUARY SALE!**

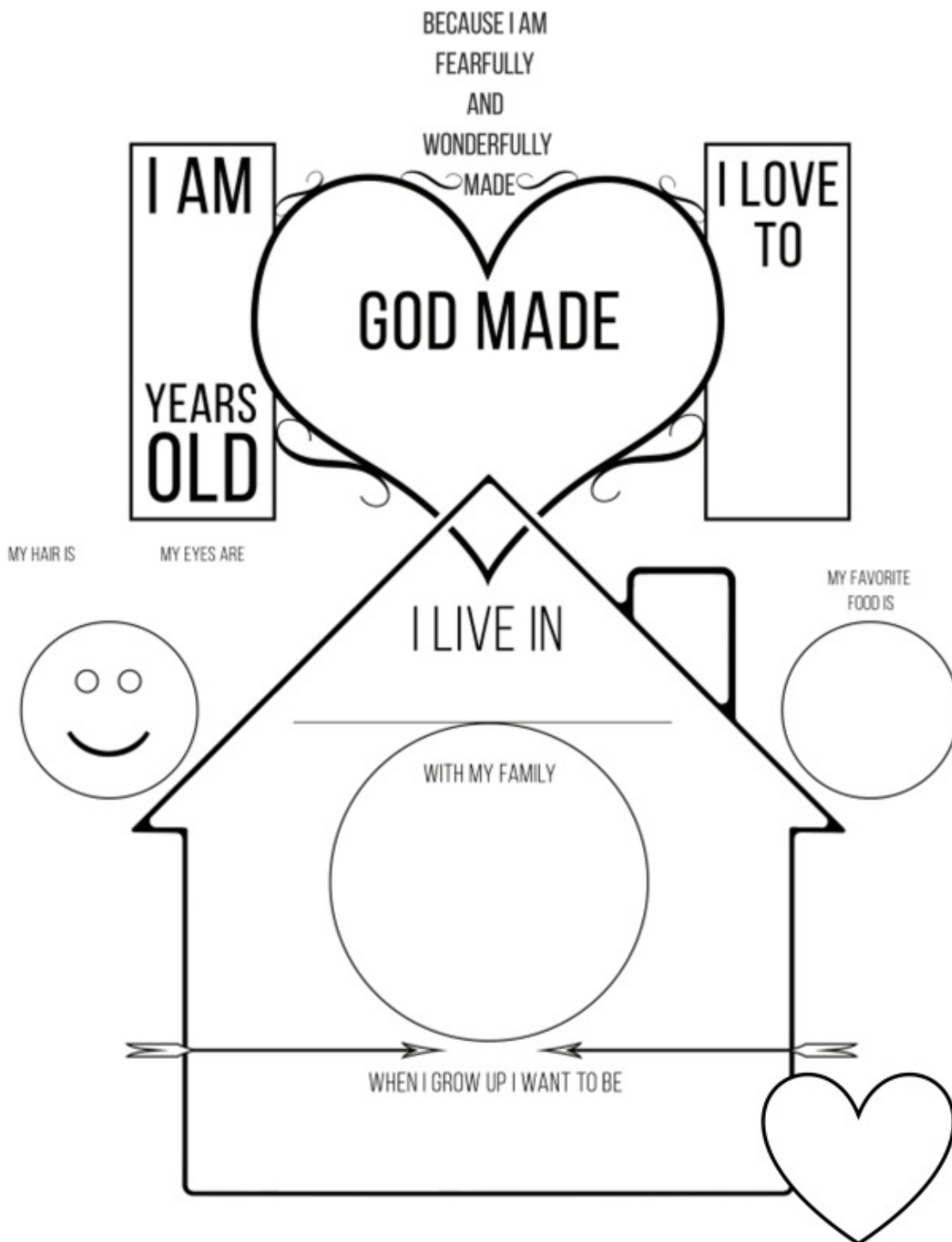
Starting February and throughout the rest of the month all items that have pink or red on them will be 50% off in celebration of Valentine's Day. And, just in time for COLD weather: all scarves on sale, 50% off.



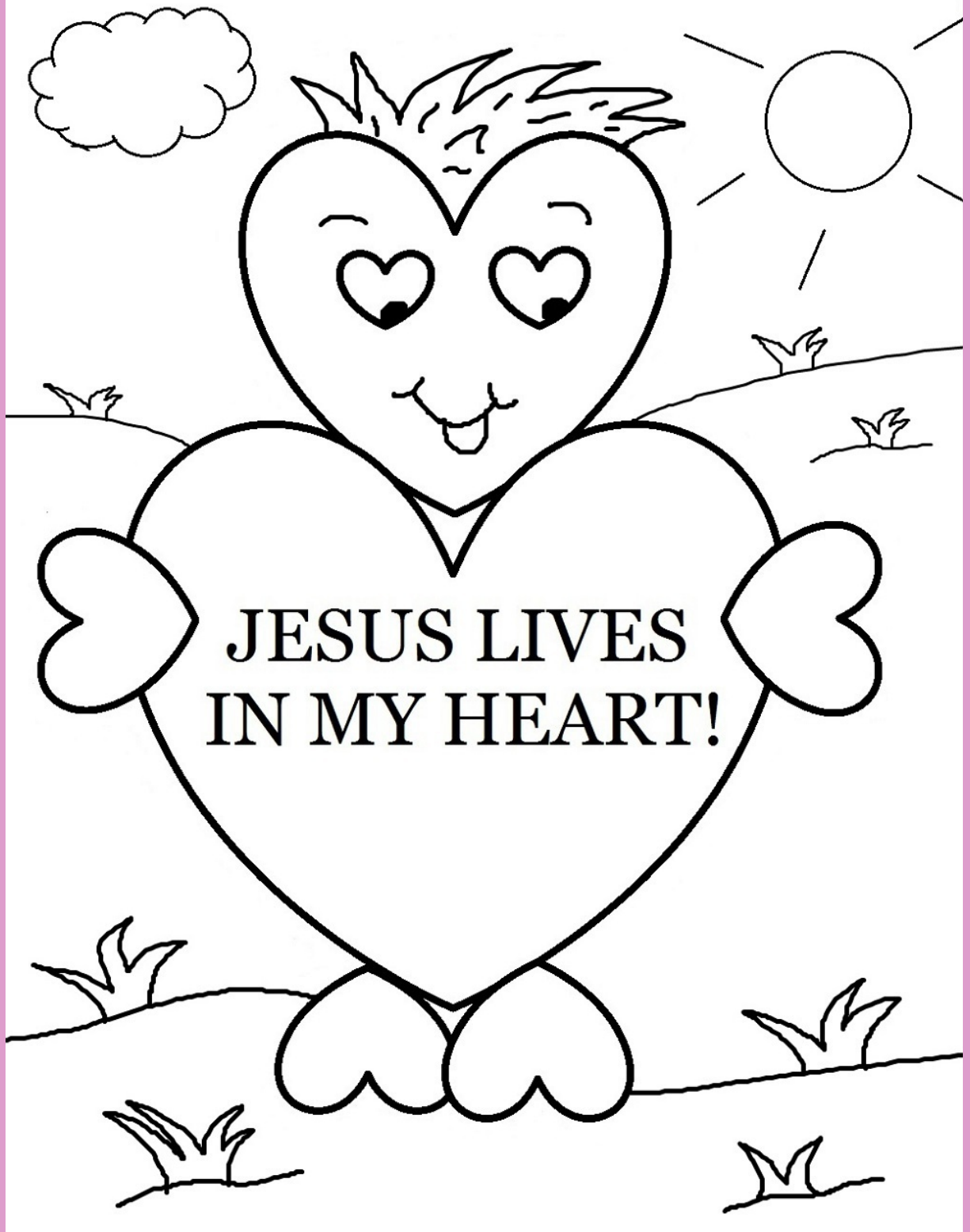
Check our **Facebook** page

# Fun & Games!

## Kids Korner Activities



[Click on activity sheets to open a printable .pdf version!](#)



**Adult Diversion: Word Search**

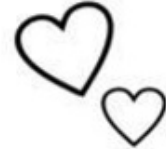
**Click any puzzle or activity sheet to open a printable version.**



# Love Word Search

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Find the hidden words.



K Y D S N G E G I P B E E E H  
U P A E M L G A A V E A B O N  
W R T V Q F P R R J A T P W E  
U E I E Z J R B R Z R E O P Z  
U N R I G H T E O U S N E S S  
N E B L B Q P P G F M H C J K  
N S Q E K E R S A V P P R P X  
E J E B C O P T N C M L C X Q  
R N S C V O N E T N X J J T C  
D P D O I E M D E R E F F U S  
Y N K U I O R I J E A L O U S  
R E I T R D J O N F L C G V K  
D R A K F E Z E A G X M K O F  
Z P Y Z D A S R R R L S R A W  
Q T K X B W R E V E N Y Y C N

Is **PATIENT**

Is **KIND**

Is Not **JEALOUS**

Does Not **BRAG**

Is Not **ARROGANT**

Does Not Act **UNBECOMINGLY**

Does Not Seek Its **OWN**

Is Not **PROVOKED**

Does Not Take Into Account A  
Wrong **SUFFERED**

Does Not Rejoice In  
**UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**


**REJOICES** With The Truth

**BEARS** All Things

**BELIEVES** All Things

**HOPES** All Things

**ENDURES** All Things



And now these three remain:  
faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is

*Love*

1 Corinthians 13:13

Faithfully Funny...



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