



# Mt. Union News

*Mission Statement-United in loving God, loving others, and making disciples...*

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## PASTOR CARY'S CORNER

From Matthew 5:16 Jesus shares these words; *“Let your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.”* (CEV) During these remaining dark and cold days of winter, it’s helpful to remember His Light. Sunday after Sunday we have the marvelous opportunity to gather for worship and celebrate God’s love for us in Word and Sacrament. Then, after soaking in His presence, we have the awesome privilege to be sent out to share His love and reflect His light to others. Needless to say, we live in a world desperately in need of both... His light and love! Below is a poem written by a well-known Christian writer and evangelist, Ed Delph, which reminds us of what a difference we really can make for His Kingdom.



### IF WE DO NOT SHINE, THEN WHO WILL BE THE LIGHT?

If we do not shine, then who will be the light?  
If we do not have influence, then who will be the influencers?  
If we do not speak, then who will be the voice?  
If we do not lead, then who will be the leaders?  
If we do not stay in unity, then who will be the united?  
If we do not go to the community, to whom will the community go?  
If we do not impart life, then who will be the life imparters?  
If we do not show the way, then which way will they go?  
If we do not lead against injustice, then who will the downtrodden go to?

If we are not the salt, then who will flavor our community?  
If we do not offer salvation, then where will they go to be saved?  
If we do not forgive, then where will they go for forgiveness?  
If we do not act wisely, then where will they go for wisdom?  
If we do not hear the community, then who will the community hear?  
If we do not incarnate good citizenship, then who will be the citizens?  
If we do not make Jesus known, then who will they go to for a hero?

In the days ahead, I look forward to seeing you in worship. And remember, the Season of Lent is just around the corner, beginning on **Ash Wednesday**. I hope all of you can join us for the Worship Service on **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm**. Whether here at Mt. Union, or at the shopping mall, at our workplace, or serving in the community...**Let your light shine, so others will praise God**. May the Lord fill you with His goodness and abundant blessings!

*Pastor Cary*



## **“TETELESTAI” IS COMING!**

**What:** The dramatic story of the final days of Jesus

**When:** March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7pm

**Where:** Elmer A. Wolfe Elementary  
119 N. Main St., Union Bridge, MD

**\*CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED!**

**\*For ticket reservations, call 301-514-6432**

## 2018 WOMEN'S RETREAT



### **Committed to Him-For Such a Time as This!**

In the books of Esther and Ruth, we see the commitment of two women who demonstrate what it means to follow God's leading for a greater purpose. What did you have to leave behind to serve, seek or find Jesus like we see in Ruth's story? And like Esther, how has God called you at this time?

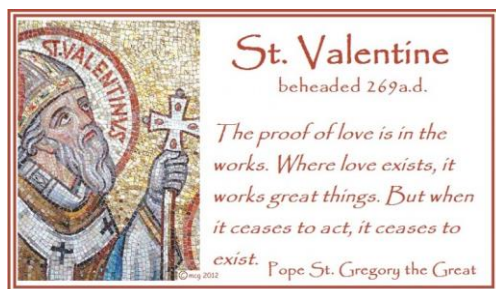
But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God" (Ruth 1:6).

**Sat., Feb. 24, 2018; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (with lunch)**

**Cost:** \$38.00

**Location:** Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
27015 Ridge Rd, Damascus, MD 20872

For more details and to register directly online, please visit the website at <http://intentionalsisterhood.org>. There are still spaces available and transportation will be provided as needed! You may contact Sandy Moorman for any questions.



### **ST. VALENTINE'S DAY**

There are various stories and legends surrounding the origin of Valentine's Day, but the following story is one of the most recognized and popular ones. I found the following version of that story on history.com.

On February 14, around the year 270A.D., Valentine, a holy priest in Rome in the days of Emperor Claudius II, was executed. Under the rule of Claudius the Cruel, Rome was involved in many unpopular and bloody campaigns. The emperor had to maintain a strong army, but was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues.

Claudius believed that Roman men were unwilling to join the army because of their strong attachment to their wives and families.

To get rid of the problem, Claudius banned all marriages and engagements in Rome. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret.

When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Valentine was arrested and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off. The sentence was carried out on February 14, on or about the year 270.

Legend also has it that while in jail, St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine." For his great service, Valentine was named a saint after his death.



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING**

For the Lord's healing touch: Thelma Bohn, Deb Coshun, Leroy Coshun, Dixie Davis, Caroline Devilbiss, Terry Harman, Janet Justice, Pastor Michael, Eva Michael, Ben Myers, Marvin Nelson, Marlene Petry, and Ray Tunder.

And for those serving valiantly in the armed forces: Brett Boston, Andrew McEnroth, Hunter Held, Warren Moore, Jeramey Justice, Ellie Giziński, Benjamin Shifflett, and Justin Frock.

In order to keep our prayers updated, please note there is a prayer list at the entrance to the sanctuary.

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