

# The Church Mouse Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood  
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## February Message:

Writing a monthly piece for our Church Mouse makes me realize:

- a- How quickly time passes and
- b- How many church dates are truly interrelated.

Even though **January 6<sup>th</sup> Epiphany** has passed it will be our "Spring Break" to the next important observance which is **Lent**. This year Lent begins on **February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ash Wednesday**.

Remember these are church related seasons. Know the **Epiphany** marks the revelation of God's gift of himself to all human kind.

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday** and ends with **Holy Week**. This is the period of **joy** and **sorrow** that the church proclaims, remembers and responds to the **atoning death of Christ**.



Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

John 13:1

Did you ever "give up" something for Lent? Maybe as a kid, something like candy, or even as an adult you are give up something you enjoy. Giving up things represents a sacrifice. Some people continue this practice today. Some prefer to make an act of kindness or charity on a daily basis all being done in the Lord's name.

May all that we do and/or say be to the **Glory of God**.

With prayers and love,  
**Betty**



## The Clerk's Corner

Hello Everyone,

Here it is, **February**, the month of **love**! I think that we all try to live by the Golden Rule, paraphrased from **Matthew 7:12**, which states, **“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”** We try to love each other and take care of each other in the way that we would wish someone to do these things for us. All in all, I think this happens a lot in our little church. I see so much **reaching out**, a lot of genuine **love, caring, and concern**. That always brings me much joy. Usually when I write about caring and concern, I’m urging us to reach outward, and show our love to our community and to the greater world around us. This month, though, I’m focused more on our **little church family**, and on **our families**.

Once again it is the month of **heart health and stroke awareness**. Every year during this month I remind all of you to take care of your very precious selves, to have your blood pressure checked, to watch your diets, have annual physicals, etc. This year, though, has a special poignancy, and I write with tears in my eyes and a lump in my throat as I remember **Rob Taylor** and his last sorrowful days of life. As I ask you so often (only this time I am begging), let me know if you need **educational material, help, or a ride to the doctor**. Please go for your checkups and take your medications. Follow your health care provider’s recommendations. Exercise to the extent that you are able. Please reach out to each other if anyone is missing from church activities or seems unwell. When you have done all of that, **worship, laugh, sing, and enjoy** each other’s company.

**Live by the Golden Rule! Love!**

With hugs and prayers,

**Sheryl**

### Member Updates

Following the Church Service on **February 5th** there will be a **Congregational Meeting**...it's very **important** all members be in **attendance!** Thanks!



During our worship service on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> **Donovan and Ben Carberry** treated us to a special musical piece they had prepared called **Aura Lee**. Donovan plays the Tuba and Ben plays the drums! Everyone in attendance enjoyed it very much!

Don't forget our ongoing collection of **groceries** for the **Center for Food Action!**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:**

**Sarah Carberry - February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**RV Heffernan - February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Patrick Carberry - February 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Wishing you all a wonderful day and a great year ahead!**



☺ Just for laughs ☺



Apparently, little Moses doesn't want to take a bath!



Jesus working on his Valentine Cards...  
(Be Mine)

**Question:** Why did the Clydesdale give the pony a glass of water?

**Answer:** Because he was a *little* horse!

**Thought for the month:**

*"Keep your face always toward the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you."*

... Walt Whitman

