

THE PASTOR'S PEN: STEWARDSHIP

Hello Friends,

These past several weeks in January we have placed our worship focus upon stewardship, "When is Enough...Enough". The topic of stewardship goes far deeper than just a financial request to support the church. Stewardship teaches us that God is asking for each of us to make a true commitment to First God, then the church, and finally our trust and faith.

As we enter 2026, we are called to recognize that in 1846 a group of settlers in Crawford County cast a vision for the future generations. Thusly, the birth of the Robinson Methodist church was announced to the community. The church started out in meager means but cast vision towards the future and serving the Kingdom of God. This mission has never wavered in all 180 years of our existence. We recognize that we, the current generation, are called to do our part to keep these dreams alive and well as we serve the people of Crawford County and the world.

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all who have played a pivotal role in helping to maintain our vision. Through your personal sacrifices and prayers our church is standing on solid ground and are making strides for tomorrow and the next generation.



This past year one of our greatest achievements was formed and reached through our Pastor Parish Relation team. We set out to meet the needs of our youth and young families by hiring a full-time "Youth and Family Engagement Director" (youth pastor). And I am happy to report that since October the program has already attracted over 50 youth from not only our church but the community. Let us continue to pray for our director, his family, and the program for continued growth and spiritual development.

We need your help to achieve our goals and service for 2026. We all can recognize that our economy is not the strongest it has ever been. We all can also acknowledge that nothing is getting any cheaper either.

As the church's expenses continue to be impacted, we pray that we can maintain the amazing ministry opportunities currently being offered and have continued growth in many more exciting ways.

Please prayerfully consider meeting our exceeding your financial pledge for 2026. In those prayers ask God to paint a vision upon your heart where your gifts and graces can be utilized by the church. It is through your commitment to faith and trust that God can cast new visions and goals into your life and the life of the church.

When our lives are full of love, obedience, and wisdom, we align our hearts with God's purposes and experience blessings only He can provide. Let us proclaim with David, "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!" (Psalm 34:8).

Thank you for your consistent and faithful giving to the ministry of Jesus through our church.

In your service and His,

Pastor Terry



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What's Happening at Robinson FUMC?

FROM THE NURTURE COMMITTEE

The Nurture Team is comprised of Kay Albin, Jan Stuckey, Jeanette Berty, Judy Rice, Annetta Evans, Tricia Anderson, and Amy DeDoming. Our mission is to focus largely on the internal needs of our congregation-what we do for those who come to our church via hospitality, church events, and support of other ministries of our church. We would like to thank all of those that helped make our January Second Wednesday meal a success. The food was delicious and plentiful and the fellowship was joyous! We want to recognize and give a big shoutout to those who volunteered to decorate the tables: Heidi Wright, Amy Kennedy, Kayla Holscher, Annetta Evans, Jeanette Berty, Judy Rice, Marcia Schmidlin, Brandon Harmon, Sandy Anderson, Jennifer Boatman, Lori Treadway, and Sheri McGahey. The tables were amazing! the Nurture Team is excited and looking forward to serving our congregation in 2026.

SECOND WEDNESDAY DINNER

February's Second Wednesday dinner is, in theory, scheduled for February 11th at 5:30 pm. However, at the time this newsletter was created, no one has provided any further information to the Pastor, the Church Office, or the Communications Coordinator.



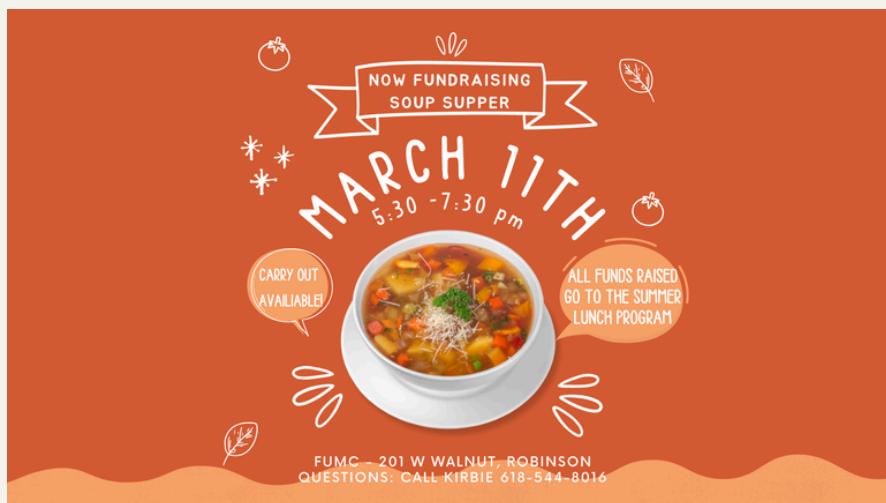
Robinson FUMC FREE Laundry Day



Saturday, February 7th
9:00 - 11:00 AM
at Country Washtub
1318 West Main Street, Robinson, IL



Please help us host these amazing, young athletes!
Donation sheet for the meal on the Care & Connections table!



SOMETHING TO ADD NEXT MONTH? EMAIL FIRSTUMCROB.COMMS@GMAIL.COM

Odds & Ends

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Mary Jane Parker, Nicholas Ramos
2/5 Allie Oxford, Nadene Keene
2/7 Taya Harmon
2/8 Brenda Graham
2/9 Heidi Wright
2/10 Jack Frakes
2/11 Dalton Davis
2/12 Lori Treadway
2/14 Dorcas Sills, Bonnie Banks
2/15 Stacy Baize
2/17 Roseanne Hart
2/20 Katelin Veenstra
2/21 Ernie Roales
2/24 Connie Carter
2/25 Laurie Kubiak
2/26 Trevor Carter,
Stephanie Townsend

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2/14 Stephanie Townsend &
Alex Lornes
2/28 Stacy & Jim Baize



PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Holley; Hazel DeDomino; Luke Campbell; Letha Stanford; Bonnie Smith; Michelle Hall; Mary Kindt; Doreen Elmore; Mike Brady; Les Thurston; Jeffery Roche; Brian Frost; Brad Salhani; Brody Keesling; Donna Beabout; Ivy Lee Murray; Tonya Hornback; Cora Childers; Ron Legg; Trevor Seed; Mike Tracy; Kent Tracy; Miranda Bedwell; Brenna Aydt; Jon Anderson; Louie Ferguson; Charlie Shupe; Johnny Berry; Addie Hastings; Mary Ann Kidwell; Amy Kennedy; Keegan Pigati; Crystal Werhle; Joe Davis; Bob Bell; Anne Tarran; Tanya Gullet; Tyler Wortheam; Raymond Reynolds; Jamey Drummond; Art Hall; Rita Dallimer; Brenda Richart; Karen Meeks; Brenda Graham; Paul & Kendra Jones; Pete Stubbs; Frank Bender; Brenda Graham; Aric White; Adam MacKendrick; Breann Quick; Tracy Jones; The Reynolds Family; The Hornback Family; Jennifer Boatman; Bonnie Banks

CARE NEWS FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

*A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength.
- Proverbs 17:22*

February is American Heart Month! Do you know what is good for your heart? Laughter! According to the Mayo Clinic laughter's short term benefits the heart by: stimulating the heart, lung and muscles, activating and relieving stress responses, and soothing tension. Laughter also has long-term effects including: improving the immune system, relieving pain, increasing personal satisfaction, and improving mood.

- Let's see if these fun facts make you chuckle or at the very least—smile:
- Cows have best friends.
- Almost 30,000 rubber duckies were lost at sea in the 1990s. They are still washing up on seashores today. (How do folks know the found duckies are 35+ years old?)
- There's a basketball court on top of the U.S. Supreme Court building. It's "The Highest Court in the Land".
- Goats have accents.
- Neil Armstrong went through customs after returning from the moon.
- Wombats' poop is cube-shaped, and they stack them up to mark their territory.
- Herring fish communicate by passing gas. (and adolescent boys)
- The tiny pocket in jeans was intended for pocket watches.
- Human ears and noses are always growing.
- Vikings gave kittens as wedding presents.
- The center of the Milky Way smells like rum. (How is this a known fact?)
- Turtles can breathe through their butts.
- Charlie Chaplin once entered a Charlie Chaplin look alike contest and lost.

If you are going through a difficult time and would like someone to talk with on a regular basis, please contact Janelle Oxford, (618 553-9598) or Marcia Schmidlin, (618 553-2710). Stephen Ministers are available to provide Christian Care.



WE ARE ALWAYS NEEDING VOLUNTEERS! CONTACT KIRBIE TO GET INVOLVED!

February 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am • Worship 10:15 am • Sunday School	2	3	4	5 9:00 am • CHEW 4:00 pm • NOW Bagging 6:00 pm • CREW	6	7 9:00 am • Laundry Day
8 9:00 am • Worship 10:15 am • Sunday School	9	10	11 4:00 pm • NOW Bagging 5:30 pm • 2nd Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm • CREW • Stephen Ministry	12 9:00 am • CHEW 6:00 pm • CREW	13	14
15 9:00 am • Worship 10:15 am • Sunday School	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17 5:00 pm • Nurture Meeting 6:00 pm • Team Meetings 7:00 pm • Church Council	18 11:30 am • Circle of Love	19 9:00 am • CHEW 4:00 pm • NOW Bagging 6:00 pm • CREW	20	21
22 9:00 am • Worship 10:15 am • Sunday School	23	24	25 5:30 pm • NOW Trivia at the Woods 6:00 pm • CREW • Stephen Ministry 7:30 pm • FCA Meeting	26 9:00 am • CHEW 4:00 pm • NOW Bagging 6:00 pm • CREW	27	28



WANT TO SCHEDULE AN EVENT AT THE CHURCH? CONTACT THE OFFICE.

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