

Worship - Sunday 10 AM
Sunday School - during worship
(Sep-Jun)

Twins Talk

February 2026

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Pastor's Corner

Happy February! Our time to bundle and stay warm and shovel! The "deep" winter is proving reminiscent of what I recall from my youth, referred to by some as "the old days." Heavy snows, and now deep cold! A time for nature to rest!

We aren't given the chance to rest like nature because we invented commerce and jobs and families that thrive all year. So be happy, enjoy the unique beauty of the season and be calm a bit

more consciously than other times when you can.

While our church is relatively crisis free (Thank you God!) our country is not. The news is harsh as our government challenges so many established norms for kindness and acceptance in our society. It is very hard to not feel sad or angry and some of us experience the grief of our loss.

In so many of the newsletters I receive, the topic of grief seems to be at the forefront. As you know we had a small group meeting for many months to share grief. I learned so much from the participants; some lessons I had known but buried, others I simply did not recognize.

One of Jesus' tenets is to love and to trust. It is hard for humans to trust, and therefore to share their feelings with one another. When grief touches us, at any level, we can easily feel alone. It is in the sharing of our feelings with others at these times that we are able to move forward together.

This week Jay Shetty, author and Life Coach, shared these thoughts about grief:

"It's normal to hope there's an end to grieving... to hope there will be a moment when the pain disappears, and life returns.

But grief evolves over time, and the evolution can feel deeply isolating.

*When you are grieving, it can feel like no one else is speaking your language. That's why it's important to learn how others live with grief... **not how they move on from it, but how they move with it!***

In our shared stories, we remember we're not alone incurring what feels so heavy, and when we feel less alone, we have the space to notice how healing actually happens."

Find someone you love which must mean you trust them, and share your grief, or any thoughts that are pressing you down. I am fairly sure you can't shock anyone and together you can begin to move forward.

Steve

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us!" 1 John 4:12



Session Scene

- Communion will not be served on Easter Sunday, April 5, but will be served the next Sunday, April 12.
- Approved – moving the Annual Meeting back to the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour.
- Approved - Karen VanGorder to attend the Presbytery Meeting on Jan. 27.
- The next meeting will be on Feb. 22.



Thank you to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, hugs and kind words on the recent death of my dear brother, David Gingrich.

Also, thank you to the Deacons and the cookie bakers for the plate of delicious treats that they delivered.

With Love,
Lynne and Merritt Howard

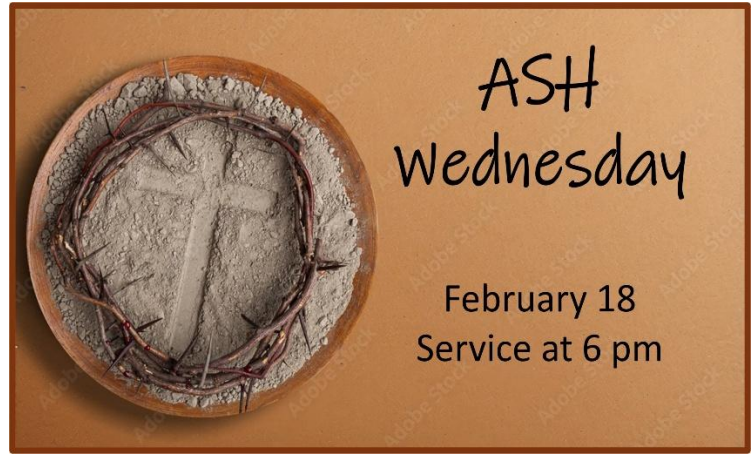


Sunday, Feb 8

Two Treats in One
after worship in the Fellowship Hall

Annual Reports are available in the Narthex.

Soups provided by Mission Committee
Donations of cash and food accepted for Foothills



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Wednesday

February 18
Service at 6 pm



Bad Weather Policy

If our Sunday service, or any other church activity, must be cancelled due to weather, check the following outlets for notification:

- Email notification to our mailing list
- Church Facebook page
- WKTV Closings and Delays

Please help us by notifying anyone who does not have access to these sites.

Elders/Deacons Installed Sunday, January 18, 2026



Pastor Steve Vance installs new officers: Janet Lanning (elder), Sonnel Suba (deacon), Sarah DePalma (elder), and Debbie Bliss (deacon – absent).

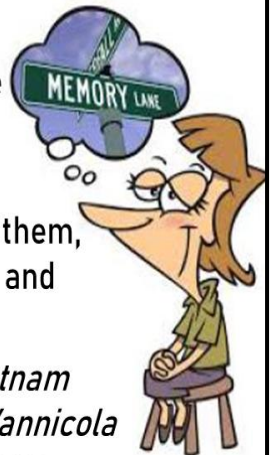


“Valentine’s Day is a very important holiday. It reminds you to take down the Christmas decorations.”

As we joyfully installed new officers, we sadly said goodbye last year to some of our past officers.

But did you know that between them, they served 56 years as Elders and 40+ years in Christian Ed?

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| Janet Broadbent | Gail Putnam |
| Barb Field | Cathy Vannicola |
| Gaby McGhee | Bob Wozna |



We remember, honor and celebrate their service to our small corner of God’s world.

If you have a thought, fun fact, or something else to put in our “Memory Lane”, send to Carol Heburn (phone 315-865-5307, text 315-725-3950, email carol.heburn@gmail.com.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



February

- 1 Jon Dziekan
- 7 Lori LeBuis
- 8 Mary Vannicola
- 9 Paul Sears
- 13 Larry Beasley
Laura (Kalk) Gurdo
- 14 Jim Moseman
- 16 Trent Fox
- 17 Kathryn Evans
Jim Marconi
- 18 Jim Vannicola
- 19 Sarah DePalma
- 20 Julia Racha
Scott Wozna
- 21 David Dunn
Allen Solomon
- 26 Joshua Dziekan
- 28 Heidi Taubert
Abigail Howard

Worship Schedule

- Feb 1 - Bonnie Tryon - *Communion*
- Feb 8 - Steve Vance - *Annual Meeting*
- Feb 15 - Janet Stengel
- Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday Service at 6 pm - Steve Vance
- Feb 22 - Steve Vance - *1st Sunday Lent*

Events

- Choir Practice** - Thursdays at 5:15 pm
- Feb 1 - Mission Committee meeting - after worship
- Feb 3, 10, 24 - Small Group - Learning to Pray
9:30 in meeting room
- Feb 4 - Stone Soup - *see Betsy Allen for time*
- Feb 8 - Annual Meeting/Souper Bowl after worship
- Feb 22 - Session meeting - *after worship*

Check our website at "twinchurches.org"
for a complete calendar of events



February 2026

- Feb 1 - Taylor Gaylord
- Feb 8 - Souper Bowl - Mission Comm.
- Feb 15 - Carol Heburn
- Feb 22 - Deb Rowlands

Janet Lanning - Phone 315-941-7409
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bits & pieces

Prayers are asked for:

- The family of Marilyn Racha who passed away on January 11. Services are being planned for April.

Joys are shared for:

- Mick and Andrea Howard welcomed another baby girl on January 27. A fourth granddaughter for Lynne and Merritt!
- Taylor and Alex Gaylord sharing the good news that Taylor's brother, Dawson's tumor is unchanged and no treatment is currently needed.

Prayer Chain - Peg Curtacci phone: 315-867-7898 or email: [pcurtacci.1947@gmail](mailto:pcurtacci.1947@gmail.com)