



# The Shepherd's Voice

February 2025

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

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Dear Members and Friends in Christ Jesus,

Happy Valentine's Day! As we celebrate Valentine's Day 2025, we think about hearts and our love for others. So, I share with you a Valentine gift – a Bible verse that reminds us of God's love for us not only at Valentine's but always:

***“We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love; and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in them.” (1 John 4:16)***

And, this precious gift of God's love is a wonderful gift we can share with others.

In this passage, we hear the testimony of one who speaks from the heart. Only a person who has experienced the unconditional and transforming love of God can speak with such conviction. Such an experience does not move a person to withdraw but rather draws them more deeply into community. When we are filled with God's love, our response is to reach out to others. God's love is something which must be shared as a precious gift. We see this in the love of the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. The Trinity is a community of love which overflows into all of creation. We are offered the gift to know and believe in the unconditional love of God and to share it with others.

**Questions for Reflection:**

*Who has helped me come to know the overflowing love of God in my life?*

*Have I given thanks to God for that person(s)?*

*As the gift of God's love fills my heart, how might I reach-out with God's love to others today?*

**Give thanks for God's love using these words or your own:**

*"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen"*

**A Stewardship Snippet For February**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7** – *Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

This passage provides a good roadmap of how to be good stewards of our loving relationships. **Read this over again, memorize it, print it out. Live it!** (Snippet borrowed from The Rev. Rob Blezard)

**Looking Ahead:**

2/9 "Food For the Poor" will be present for our 10:00 AM Worship Service. Pastor Bob Berger will be sharing a message about this important community ministry.

2/16 You are invited to "Pasta with Pastor" following our 10:00AM Worship Service. Look of for further details in this Newsletter or in upcoming Sunday Bulletins.

3/5 Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will be at 6:30 p.m.

**In Christian Love,  
Pastor Bob**





## Church Council News

The Council met on January 9th and approved the following items:

- Approved reducing the Spanish Language Church monthly fee from \$100 to \$50.
- Approved to construct a wall with a lockable door to enclose the nook in the Nursery.
- Approved Cub Scout Pack 975 to hold their Pinewood Derby on January 25th.
- Approved Cub Scout Pack to hold the Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday on March 4.
- Approved purchasing banners to have four hanging in the Sanctuary for all the Church Calendar seasons.
- Approved Use of Building request from Weight Watchers for meetings every Tuesday, 8:45-10:45 AM.
- Approved Worship & Music recommendation to resume the passing of offering plates.
- Approved bringing into membership Bonnett Washington.
- Approved Pasta with Pastor luncheon following service on February 16th.
- Approved Use of Building request for Fairview Estates annual POA meeting on Tuesday February 4, 2025 and Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

### Executive Council Meeting

February 6th @ 9:30 AM

### Council Meeting

February 13th @ 3:00 PM

**REMINDER:** Sundays are a day of worship for **ALL**. That includes the clergy and council members. Please do not bother them with church business. Contact them Monday through Saturday.

## President's Message

You may have noticed lately we have not been emailing our Church family. The reason for this is we are having issues with the office email address we have been using. We have a fix to this problem, but we need your help. If you could send a quick email to Sue Fowler, who is filling in temporarily with the office duties, to [administrator@gslchernando.org](mailto:administrator@gslchernando.org) and in the subject line write **Updated Info** so Sue can track them. In the email, please include your phone numbers, birthdays, and anniversaries. This will help us to update our records.

I am pleased to announce that Weight Watchers will start meeting at Good Shepherd in our classrooms every Tuesday starting on February 4th at 9:00 AM. I understand they have not had a meeting place in Citrus County for quite some time, so this is exciting for us to continue our Outreach in the community. The leaders of Weight Watchers have offered two free visits for our members. A big thank you to Sue Fowler for her help in facilitating this to make it happen.

Finally, if you have not received a copy of the Annual Report, 2025 budget, or end-of-year financial statement for 2024, please contact the Church office and we will make sure you receive them.

Grace and Peace,

Joe





# Fellowship

Our Fellowship Committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 10th at 1:30 PM. We are asking our committee members to attend if their schedule allows.

We are having an event called Pasta with Pastor on Sunday, February 16th, after worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers will be needed to prepare pasta casseroles and/or crock pots of meatballs, sausages, and extra sauce. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex on January 26th for the donation of prepared food and the number of people attending. Please sign up so that we can prepare food for everyone. The Fellowship Committee will provide salad, dressings, bread, and cheese. This will take the place of our regular coffee hour buffet.

On Tuesday, March 4th (Shrove Tuesday), the Scouts will have a Pancake and Sausage dinner. We are asking our congregation to support this event for the cub scouts.

If you would like to help with serving coffee, tea, hot chocolate, or with clean-up after worship, please sign your name on the volunteer sheet near the coffee bar in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping when you can. It will take about an hour of your time once a month and will be greatly appreciated. We are asking our congregation to occasionally help with bringing a dessert. It does not need to be homemade. Anything from a bakery whether it is gluten free, sugar free, or a regular dessert will help with making our coffee hour special for our members. Thank you in advance.

Elaine Giammasi, Chair  
John Giammasi, Co-chair



## PASTA WITH PASTOR

February 16th





# Serving Our Savior

## Update from December 2025

Families served: **392**

People served: **1080**

Pounds of Food: **23,995**

Average pounds per person: **22.2**



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### 2024 SOS Annual Food Distribution

MONTH	FAMILIES SERVED	PEOPLE SERVED	TOTAL LBS
JANUARY	508	1463	34,835
February	703	2024	44,045
March	533	1499	36,650
April	557	1392	31,840
May	675	1833	46,545
June	531	1502	29,865
July	496	1374	29,615
August	683	1889	40,300
September	411	1155	21,950
October	427	1119	57,360
November	415	1131	24,815
December	392	1080	23,995
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6331</b>	<b>17461</b>	<b>421,815</b>
<b>AVERAGE/MONTH</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>1455</b>	<b>35,151</b>

**Pantry was closed 5 times for hurricanes, holidays and equipment down**

<b>TOTALS FOR 2023</b>	<b>6707</b>	<b>18502</b>	<b>432,918</b>
<b>COMPARISON</b>			



# Craft n Share

Craft and Share will meet again on February 26th. We meet from 10AM to 2PM. We take a break for lunch. Please bring your lunch.

We met in January and made Valentine's Day cards and book markers for our shut-ins. We'd like to thank all the Eucharistic ministers for delivering them.

We will be making clothing protectors for our local Assisted Living facilities. We have a good amount of fabric but are in need of hand towels for the back of this project. If you are out shopping, please consider picking up a couple.

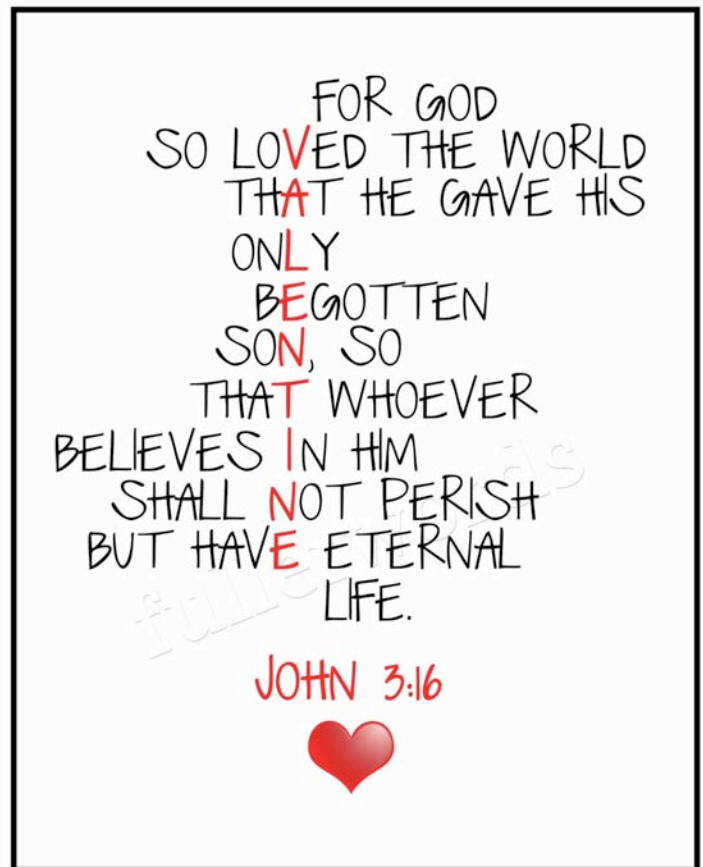
I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to lead this group and hope to inspire you to help the community with creative crafting.

Nancy Justiniano  
(352) 270-2575

*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

- Ephesians 2:10

*"The world needs your unique creativity. Don't let fear stifle the gifts you have to offer."* - Beth Moore



# Worship and Music

February 4th @ 1PM - Meeting

Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM - Bells

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM - Choir



## Bible Quiz



The short Old Testament book of Lamentations is a set of communal laments (sorrowful songs) about the destruction in 587 B.C. of which city, by which people?

- A. Babylon; the Assyrians
- B. Jerusalem; the Babylonians
- C. Rome; the Greeks
- D. Caesarea Philippi; the Romans



Answer: B (See Bible commentaries.)

# Health Ministry



Health Ministry

Your Faith Community Nurse is Kathy Metz, she can be reached @ 352-746-1911 and the Health Team members are: Barb Lauer, Donna Pease, John Colson, and Leith Masters. We will provide blood pressure screenings on the last Sunday of the month after worship.





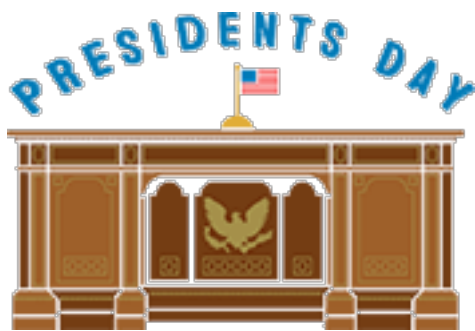
## Special Dates

1 - 28 - Black History Month

2 - Groundhog Day

14 - Valentine's Day

17 - President's Day



**Bread Pick-up this month by:**  
Harv Johnson and Betty Sanger

Deliveries to:

Family Resource Center  
CUB

# February 2025



Wednesdays @ 9 AM  
A Time for Prayer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM</b> Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe</p> <p><b>First Thursday @ Noon</b> Lunch @ Angelotti's</p>						1
<p><b>2</b> <b>10A - Worship</b> <b>Sunday School</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>1:30P Social</b> Ministry Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>9 A - Weight</b> Watchers <b>11A - WELCA</b> Board Meeting <b>1P - Worship</b> &amp; Music Meeting <b>6P - Scouts</b> <b>6:30P - Bells</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>7:30A - SOS</b> <b>10:00A- Quilters</b> <b>11:00A - Bible</b> Study <b>1:00P -</b> Newcomer's Club <b>6:30P - Choir</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>7:30A - SOS</b>  <b>9:30A</b> Executive Council <b>1P Outreach</b> <b>2P</b> Stewardship</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>8:00A -</b> <b>Workday on</b> <b>Grounds</b></p> 	8
<p><b>9</b> <b>10A - Worship</b> Food for the Poor <b>Sunday School</b></p> <p><i>Equal Exchange</i> <i>Coffee &amp; Tea</i></p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>1:30P -</b> Fellowship</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>9 A - Weight</b> Watchers  <b>6:30P - Bells</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>7:30A- SOS</b>  <b>11:00A - Bible</b> Study <b>6:30P - Choir</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>7:30A - SOS</b></p>  <p><b>3:00 P</b> Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>8:00A -</b> Workday on Grounds <b>Happy</b> <b>Valentine</b> <b>Day!</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> 
<p><b>16</b> <b>10A - Worship</b> <b>Pasta with</b> <b>Pastor</b></p>  <p><b>Sunday School</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>  <p>Presidents Day</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>9 A - Weight</b> Watchers <b>1P - WELCA</b> Bible Discussion <b>6P - Scouts</b> <b>6:30P - Bells</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>7:30A-SOS</b> <b>10:00A- Quilters</b> <b>11:00A - Bible</b> Study <b>6:30P - Choir</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>7:30A - SOS</b></p> 	<p><b>21</b> <b>8:00A -</b> Workday on Grounds</p> 	22
<p><b>23</b> <b>10A - Worship</b></p> <p><b>Sunday School</b></p> 	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>9 A - Weight</b> Watchers  <b>6:30P - Bells</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>7:30A-SOS</b>  <b>11:00A - Bible</b> Study <b>6:30P - Choir</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>7:30A - SOS</b></p>  <p><b>10A</b> Christian Education</p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>8:00A -</b> Workday on Grounds</p>	10

# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Dan & Linda Cashman	02/10/68
John & Melissa Gifford	02/11/06
Randy & Carole Wagner	02/14/78
David & Elish Lewis	02/14/70
Frank & Elfrieda Romanelli	02/16/63
Jerry & Susan Dawson	02/19/77
Mel & Donna Pease	02/28/76



3 - Kevin Towne

13 - Pat Yoho

24 - Jane Isenstead

4 - Lois Knight

20 - Dan Cashman  
Shirley McField

28 - Norma Engle

5 - Barbara Lackner

23 - Rick Mainster

29 - No Birthday until  
2028



2 CORINTHIANS 4:16, ESV



Let us remember:

Benefiel family	Jimenez, Jeanette	Lauer, Barbara	Mongardi, Eloise
Brit-Busler, Elizabeth	Johnson, Carol Lee	Lawrence, Ivalee	Page-Wood, Jeremy
Cashman, Dan	Kauth, Gerry	Lepore, Linda	Pawelko, Diane
Clark, Dawn	Koch, Michael	Masters, Leith	Peterson, Gloria
Costa, Denise	Krenauer, Linda	McField, Shirley	Wagner, Carole
Hassinger, Doug & Donna	Landfried, Bob	Meltesen Family	

Those who are shut in or residing in assisted living homes:

Chacon, Carol	Frost, Joann	Hartsfield, Sylvia	Lowe, Faye	Moll, Bob
Philipp, Dick	Pufahl, Jean	Whitcomb, Ray		

All who serve our country in the military:

Burba, Jake	Jackson, Brad	Radosevitch, Eric
Ceballos, Jason	Johnston-Garcia, Christian	Springer, Dennis
Corsino, Mykael	Luchay, Alan	Stroble, Jeramy
Day, Kenneth	McCann, Jim	Swain, Jr., Terry
Harrington, Bryan	Miller, Tyler	Thomas, Peter Chris
Heinz, Karinne	Much, Jason	Thompson, David
Hickman, Richard	Piott, Trenton	Timpe, Chris
Hicks, Nathan	Posa, Codymicheal	
Holman, Evan	Radloff, Steven	



Relatives and Friends:

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Campano, Thomas	Fowler family	Hunt, Jim
Balastieri, Casey	Cato, Cecelia	Fratto, Joseph	Iudiciani, Georgia
Barber, Steve & Kitty	Cipollone, Elaine	Garling, John	Johnson, Jim
Beeftink, Paul	Crooks, Candi	Gifford, Judy	Kraft, Carter
Bluver, Linda & son	DeVenuto, Lisa	Goetter, Lisbeth	Koch, Dennis & Linda
Blyth, Ruby	Dortin, Rachel	Goetter, Thomas	Lahera, Andy
Brace, Quin	Drake, Matthew	Goforth, Jeffrey	Lavaja, Jim
Brugger, Tristan	Eckloff, Dennis	Goodloe, Ernestine	Lewellen, Emily Anne
Burkhardt, Faith & Dina	Farmer, Tom	Graves, Janice & Declan	Lobenthal, Jean
Cahoone, Bill	Fidwell, Eloise	Hertel, Karl	Loftin, Tracy



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|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Longworth, Kathy                | Pach, Barbara       | Rothmeyer, Heidi        | Vulkelich, Alejandra |
| Lublemon family                 | Page-Wood, Jake     | Sbani, Carol            | Welch, George        |
| Lundsford, Victoria             | Pulcrano, Sandra    | Scheetz, Cathy & Family | Wells, Emmarie       |
| Magnotta family                 | Parruche, Linda Ama | Sillen, Rita            | Wierzel, Rosalee     |
| Magrum, Corbin                  | Pope, Jeff          | Small, Brenda & Steven  | Williams, Dorothy    |
| Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah | Pope, Rick          | Smrdel, Terri           | Wilson, Karen        |
| McHugh, Mark                    | Queen, Max          | Stewart, Sam            | Wizard, Joe & Dana   |
| Meidl, Nancy                    | Rajotte, Keith      | Stuart, Neil & Family   | Wolff, Jack          |
| Mena, Steve                     | Ralph, Bruce        | Thatcher, Jean          | Wood, Harper         |
| Nickerson, Mike & Beth          | Rambaldini, Jim     | Thompson, Lori          | Woods, Donna Jean    |
| Nine, Tim                       | Riccio, Gino        | Traywick, Edward        | Woolf, Nick          |
| O'Berry, Darlene                | Robertson, Jeanine  | Tuegel, Chuck           | Wright, Matthew      |
| O'Keefe, Chris                  |                     |                         |                      |

Please take this prayer list and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military. Contact [gslchernando@gmail.com](mailto:gslchernando@gmail.com) for any updates.

## Newsletter Editor

**ALL** submissions for the **newsletter** or website should be sent to [gslchernando@gmail.com](mailto:gslchernando@gmail.com).

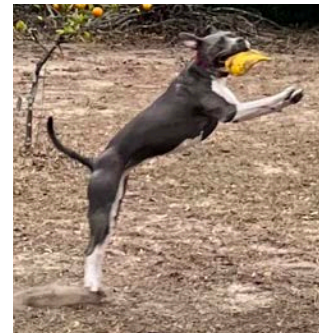
Stephanie

February Deadline is **February 15th**



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Never  
Give  
Up

Philippians 4:13

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY**

Susan Fowler

**USHERS**

**February 2nd & 9th**

Mike Busler  
John Kivat  
Vera Swade

**February 16th & 23rd**

Sue Buldiger  
Lois Lenhart  
Ann Serafin

**MEDIA CENTER**

Fran Stetson  
John Gifford  
Joe Adams  
Dan Cashman

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**LECTORS**

**February 2nd**  
Carol Lee Johnson

**February 9th**  
Margot Berger

**February 16th**  
John Giammasi

**February 23rd**  
Brenda Landfried

**DEACON in Training**

John Colson





God's work. Our hands.

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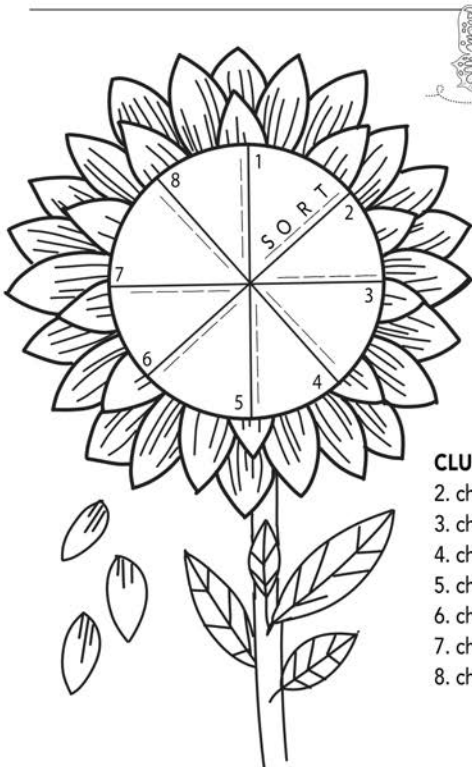
# Kid's Corner



## THE LOVE CYCLE

In 1 John 4, God instructs us to love other people. Where does our love come from?

Directions: Starting at #1 and going clockwise, solve each clue to create a new four-letter word. Then write the eighth word in both blanks below to complete 1 John 4:19, NIV.




We \_\_\_\_\_  
because [God] first \_\_\_\_\_ d us.

1 John 4:19, NIV


### CLUES

2. change 1 letter: a tent to play in
3. change 2 letters: a crease in paper
4. change 1 letter: a precious metal
5. change 2 letters: a beautiful dress
6. change 1 letter: opposite of up
7. change 2 letters: a type of bird
8. change 1 letter: God is this (see 1 John 4:16).

Answers: fort, fold, gold, gown, down, dove, love; We love because [God] first loved us. 1 John 4:19, NIV



a lovely  
aroma



Make this  
sweet-smelling  
gift for a friend  
or valentine.

**What you need:**

- Colored felt
- Scrap paper
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- String
- Essential oils (rose, lavender, etc.)

**What you do:**

1. Draw a flower shape on paper and cut it out.
2. Place the flower template on felt and draw around it with the marker.
3. Cut out the felt flower. Then cut a small slit or hole through it.
4. Cut 8 inches of string. Thread it through the felt flower and tie to form a loop for hanging.
5. To the felt, add 3 to 5 drops of essential oil. This air freshener will last about 2 weeks.
6. Revive the scent, as needed, by adding a few drops of essential oil.

