



A Light in the Country

God saw that the light was good.
Genesis 1:4

In Genesis, we read that God created light and separated it from darkness. With all of the dense fog we have been experiencing lately, we seem to be missing that separation - not quite light but not quite dark. It feels more like some kind of in-between time.

Which takes us to Lent, also an in-between time. From Ash Wednesday (this year on February 14) through the Saturday before Easter (this year on March 31) we enter a time of reflection. Christians devote themselves to thinking about their faith and how they live out that faith. Some people choose to give up eating a particular food to help keep them focused on thinking about God. Some people instead work on changing a specific un-Christian-like behavior, intentionally replacing it with one more in keeping with Jesus' teachings. These are worthy practices but let's expand that. What do you believe, why do you believe it, and what ways should you be living it out?

This year, I invite you to spend Lent considering what exactly your faith entails. Each Wednesday evening (February 14 through March 20) we will meet on Zoom to discuss and explore the Christian faith as we each understand it. In addition, the Sunday sermons during Lent will focus on a scripture that talks about belief.

All of this Lenten journey will take us steadily closer to the light of Christ's resurrection on Easter morning. The in-between fogginess disappears, and we hear Jesus say, "The time has come. The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15).

The light is indeed good.

Blessings,



Pastor Lauri

MAYFIELD ACTIVITIES

SOUP'S ON!

THE SOUPERBOWL IS COMING TO MAYFIELD!

For the month of February we will be collecting canned soup to donate to the GrowMobile Pantry, which is run through the DeKalb County Community Gardens (DCCG).

The food pantries are reportedly low on stock right now, and trying to meet the needs of residents who depend on these resources.

Please bring a can or two of soup in and we can help score a helping hand!



GUEST PASTOR BILL GRIESENAUER

Our service on Sunday, February 11, will be led by Pastor Bill Griesenauer. Please join us in welcoming him.



SIGN UP!

LET'S HAVE A MAYFIELD RUMMAGE SALE!

Let's have a rummage sale! Sign up in the Narthex to be on the committee for making this happen - the sheet is up now! Think of it as an open house, and a time when visitors can see the church and gardens, and do a little shopping!



Jen and Clifton at the annual meeting.

MEET *the* MEMBER!



Ann Thompson

Ann is a native of Rockford, IL. After graduating high school there, she went on to the University of Illinois where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Her first teaching job was in Springfield for an annual salary of \$3,800! Once she married and her two children came along, she focused on her family. As her daughter and son grew Ann volunteered for their activities, and accepted a teaching position at Federated's Preschool. She has been a long-time volunteer for The Country Store and the local chapter of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Education Organization). In her free time, Ann enjoys watching sports and playing any and every card game.

Ann says she has chosen to be a member of Mayfield for the last 10 years because she feels at home here.

MAYFIELD SNOW!



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Kids Sunday School 9a Worship 10a in person and FaceBook Live ANNUAL MEETING 11:30a						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Kids Sunday School 9a Worship 10a in person and FaceBook Live Communion	<i>Pastor vacation</i>	<i>Pastor vacation</i>	<i>Pastor vacation</i>	<i>Pastor vacation</i>	<i>Pastor vacation</i>	<i>Pastor vacation</i>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Kids Sunday School 9a Adult Sunday School 9a Pastor Bill Griesenauer Worship 10a in person and FaceBook Live <i>Pastor vacation</i>	Deacons 6p		ASH WEDNESDAY Lent Study 7p Zoom	Council 6:30p		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Kids Sunday School 9a Worship 10a in person and FaceBook Live			Lent Study 7p Zoom			
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
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Reports from the Council meeting – January 2024

Diane Hance, Clerk

Guest report: Nominating committee member presented slate of council positions for 2024

Pastor: Time report was submitted. Upcoming events and worship themes were presented and reviewed. Pastor Lauri will be on vacation Mon Feb 5 through Sun Feb 11. Ash Wednesday (begins Feb. 14), there will be no service at Mayfield but home devotional and ash package will be available 2/11. Lent theme is Believe. Discussion took place regarding new DeKalb County Interfaith Network being established. Possibility of showing a migrant movie.

Christian Ed: Weekly kids SS packets prepared, helpers needed. Adult SS on Feb. 11, Pastor on vacation, need someone to fill in. Adult Lent Study begins Wed 2/14 via Zoom

Deacons: Working on a pulpit supply for Feb 11. Letter written and given to Wonseok for schooling requirements, procedure manual to be developed, a "clean the room behind the altar" party being planned, looking at updating banners and a program for reaching out to those who haven't been in church.

Trustees: Various maintenance items around the church discussed and projects completed.

Stewardship: Preservation Fund (fund only for special projects) now at \$14,475. Kick off for next campaign in February. Reminder - Regular offering needed for general operating budget. Garage Sale and fundraiser at Culver's discussed.

Treasurer: Reviewed 2023, presented 2024 budget and reviewed profit and loss for 2023.

Clerk: Attendance averages for December: In-Person: 30.1, Facebook Live: 5, Sunday School: 3
Yearbook Hub Data Report to be completed. Total membership 80.

Moderator: A draft of annual report will be emailed to members prior to the Jan 28, Annual meeting. Revisited process for Jams donations, procedure in place.

Missions Report – thankful for Karen Johnson and her work as Missions chair on the council

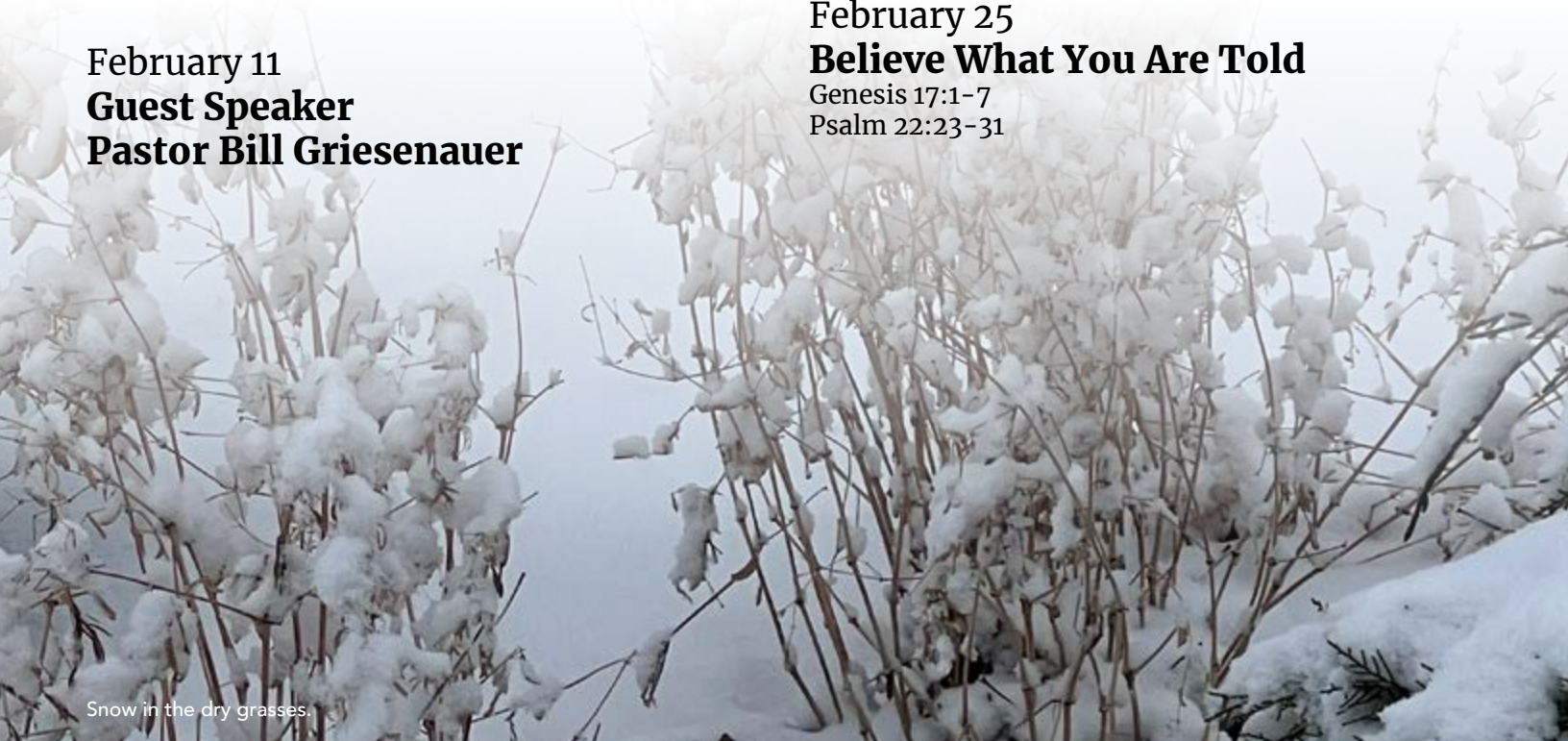
February Sermons and Scripture

February 4
The God Who Hears
Mark 4:35-41

February 11
Guest Speaker
Pastor Bill Griesenauer

February 18
Believe in the Good News
Mark 1:9-15

February 25
Believe What You Are Told
Genesis 17:1-7
Psalm 22:23-31



Snow in the dry grasses.



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Finding Jesus at Mayfield.