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THE PASTOR'S PAGE . . .

A LOVE LETTER

We sojourn together now through the season of Epiphany, moving toward the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus and his friends, and then into the soul-searching and spiritual reaching of the holy season of Lent. In this Epiphany time of celebrating the light of God brought into the world through Christ, we can perhaps find a new way to appreciate the various forms of light that are evident in winter: the sparkling diamond lights that dance on snow in a full moon, the crystal clear light of a sunny, cold, blue-sky winter day, the softly enfolding light of a snowstorm! The beautifully varied lights of these winter days can remind us that God's love always breaks through into our own human places of coldness and darkness, beckoning us to receive God's constant transmissions of love and grace. The good gift of God's grace, the joy of caring human relationships, and the beauty and bounty of God's creation: these are love letters to us from God, with Divine affection written all over them!

This Epiphany is one in which I feel a deep sense of gratitude for our congregation, for its warm and adventurous spirit, its heart for mission and service in the world near and far, its affectionate relationships, its sense of humor, its great roll-up-the sleeves willingness, and its sweet and tender love for God and the world. Five years ago last month, we began our journey as pastor and congregation together. This walk has been very dear to me, and I am deeply grateful to our church members and friends for the richness of this sojourn. With each pastorate in a church's life, there are many opportunities for deepening the vitality of the church, and we have worked together on many endeavors that I dearly hope will be continual sources of strength well into the future.

Your resilient, willing, caring, committed faith, expressed individually in so many beautiful ways, and so powerfully as a whole congregation, is a continued source of inspiration in my faith walk. If anyone doubts that there is such a thing as "good religion," or questions whether organized religion has anything to offer the world (and that is an important question), all they would need to be convinced in the affirmative is a good dose of time in the midst of this congregation. How God's light shines through the presence, service, prayer and fellowship alive in this church! You as a congregation are a living Epiphany, and there is much more light to come!

So, let it be known that this little written appreciation is a love letter from this Pastor to the lovely congregation she is privileged to serve. Thank you for these five years together. I look forward with relish to all our future adventures in faith!

In the Light and Love of Christ,
Mary

*I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus...*
1 Corinthians 1: 4

COMPUTER CLASSES

Lance MacLean will offer computer classes beginning on February 2 at 9 a.m. The classes will run 5 or 6 sessions. The cost is \$28 per class per person. Class size is 4 minimum and 7 maximum. Lance will supply laptops for class use for those who only have a desktop computer at home. For more information, please call the church office at 522-3189.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to the Parish Helpers for their recent donation. It is much appreciated.

New titles on our shelves include two books by Katrina Kenison; *The Gift of an Ordinary Day: A Mother's Memoir & Mitten Strings for God: Reflections for Mothers in a Hurry*. The other recent additions are: *The Art of Comforting: What to Say and Do for People in Distress* by Val Walker; *You are the Best Medicine* by Julie Aigner Clark, (creator of Baby Einstein).

Also donated by Carol Jeffery, thank you, four titles in a series of nine, along with the following review: *At Home in Mitford* is the first in a series of nine books about Father Tim and the colorful characters of Mitford. Reviewed on Amazon, Gail Hudson says "Father Tim, a cherished small-town rector, is the steadfast soldier in this beloved slice of life story set in an American village where the grass is still green, the pickets are still white, and the air still smells sweet. The rector's forthright secretary, Emma Garret, worries about her employer, as she sees past his Christian cheerfulness into his aching loneliness. Slowly but surely, the empty places in Father Tim's heart do get filled. First with a gangly stray dog, later with a seemingly stray boy, and finally with the realization that he is stumbling into love with his independent and Christian-wise next-door neighbor. Much more than a gentle love story, this is a homespun tale about a town of endearing characters-- including a mysterious jewel thief--who are as quirky and popular as those of Mayberry, R.F.D."

A note to first time borrowers - please sign our guest book on the table, with your contact information .

Nancy Dee and Mary Beth Cook

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WINTER WARMING PANCAKE Z TEAM BREAKFAST

Saturday, Feb. 11th—7:30 – 10:00 a.m.



The griddles are heating up for a Warming Winter Pancake Breakfast. Our customary homemade goodness will include pancakes (blueberry, pumpkin, chocolate chip, and traditional), scrambled eggs, sausage, muffins, juice, and hot beverages.

Price is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Takeout is available by calling the church at 522-3189 the day of the event. All proceeds go the Zimbabwe mission projects. Take your sweetheart, your family or special friends out for a wonderful breakfast!

Connie Littlefield

PARISH HELPERS

Unfortunately, our January meeting was cancelled because of snow and we missed out on the "Wonders of Wool" program. We will try to reschedule the program next fall.

Do you have a good idea for a craft item for the Parish Helpers Fair or the Christmas Church Fair? If so, please bring it along to the next meeting. Let's see if we can get some inspiration for items we can make to sell.

At the February 9 meeting, we will hear from Beryl Donovan who will discuss the latest books and news from the Gafney Library. Please plan on attending for a special Valentine's treat! All women of the church and community are invited! Bring a friend!

Carol Jeffery

BUILDING USE RESPONSIBILITY

If you are using the church for a meeting or an activity/event, please be sure that the church office is aware of it!

Also, please be sure to clean up after yourself and when you are leaving, be sure to turn down the heat, turn off all lights, close all fire doors, and lock the outside doors! Thank you!

THANK YOU

The Decorative and Visual Arts Ministry would like to thank Berit Johannessen for helping with the "taking down of the greens" and Nate Fogg for removing the nativity banner. I want to especially thank Rachel White for overseeing all aspects of the Christmas decorations this past season.

Arlene Leyare, Coordinator

TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2011

Operating Budget (Non-restricted):

Income:	\$67,058.34
Expenditures:	<u>68,889.72</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (1,831.38)

Restricted Funds balance at 12/31/2011: \$7,801.08.

We are half way through our fiscal year. Where does the time go? I thought you might like to know that in this first six months over \$3500 has been received from our congregation for special donations which are not included in our operating budget. These special donations benefited the Christmas Fund (Christmas Eve collection), Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church, Kids Care, OGHS, Heifer and the Wakefield Food Pantry. Besides these things an additional \$800 was donated for the Federal Diaconate Discretionary Fund which is used to help needy individuals in our church and community throughout the year. We are a very giving church!

As we end this half of our church year, I think it is a good time to remember the volunteers who with love and much effort keep our church running smoothly while helping to keep our expenses down. You may not see them at work, but many people with vacuums, mops, dust cloths and toilet brushes create a clean church home for all of us to enjoy. There are also those who mow the lawn, plow the driveway and take the trash to the dump. During the summer and fall two volunteers covered Tuesday and Thursday office hours. The list goes on and on. Thank you to all our volunteers.

Janice Brejwo, Treasurer
jbrejwo@roadrunner.com

GOOD NEWS!

Our Church School is alive and well. George Ackerman has stepped into the temporary vacancy caused by Penny Ellis' move into the position of Administrative Assistant. Support and help are always welcomed, so please let us know if there is anything you could or would like to do to assist during this time of transition.

Please feel free to speak with either George Ackerman or Margie Galabrun. And "thank you" for continuing to support your Church School.

Margie Galabrun
Christian Education Coordinator

FIVE IMPORTANT YEARS.

Rev. Mary James has been with us five years this month. The Diaconate wants to celebrate the time Rev. Mary has been with us and honor her dedication, her depth of faith, innovation and inimitable sense of humor.

A cake won't do. So, we proposed a different kind of gift: A Sunday off from preaching. We requested her presence in the congregation on **Sunday, February 19th** as a churchgoer. Members of the church will take over the planning, preparing and running of the entire service, from choosing the hymns and anthems, writing and doing the call to worship, the sermon, leading the prayer, in other words from beginning to end, except for the Benediction.

Rev. Mary has embraced this "gift" wholeheartedly and offered to steer us if we need help. We hope all members will be present for this important celebration.

Titia Bozuwa

HEIFER PROJECT RESULTS



Christian Outreach is thrilled to report that the First Congregational Church of Wakefield reached their goal of supporting the gift of a full and complete heifer to the Heifer Program. This is not a "share" of a heifer, but the whole critter from nose to tail and all the beef in between. The cost of a heifer is \$500. But wait that's not all! Because the FCCW raised more than just a heifer's worth. We brought in an additional \$245. This will be distributed as needed in the form of various other critters as determined by the Heifer Program.

What can this heifer provide, you ask? Let me tell you. This means milk for a malnourished child. Gallons of milk can be sold to provide food, clothing, schooling and medicine for a family. In addition there is the opportunity to pass on to someone else in the village the gift of your heifer's offspring. But don't forget the possibility of sharing chickens, rabbits, ducks, or some other wonderful life sustaining critter that will come from the additional \$245 you have donated.

Please share this information with whomever you decided to give this wonderful alternative gift. Remind them that instead of receiving another ugly Christmas sweater, they are contributing to the prosperity of many lives. Thank you for your generosity and love. I'm already thinking about next year, maybe 4 goats and a pig, or maybe a couple of llamas, or better yet how about ...

Donna Ackerman

GOOD NEWS AND GREAT SOLUTIONS: A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMING OUR WAY!

At the meeting on January 22, the Leadership Council discussed a proposal for a Capital Campaign. Rev. Mary James and Carol Lundgren presented three options, two of which involve hiring a consultant to lead the Campaign. The Leadership Council, by consensus, recommended calling a **Congregational Meeting** to review the options and select a plan for implementation. This meeting will be on **Sunday, February 12**, following the worship service.

A document outlining the rationale and three options for carrying out a capital campaign will be made available to all well in advance of the congregational meeting; this is a very exciting endeavor, which will serve to strengthen our beloved church in carrying out its ministries! All members are urged to carefully read the document, jot down any questions or comments you might have, and attend the congregational meeting on February 12th to participate in discerning and voting on the direction we will take. Thank you!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

As coordinator of buildings and grounds, I would like to say that we are all a part of the ministry of caring for our facility. We need to be aware of our church spaces and keep them clean and clear.

- If you use a room or space, please see that it is clean and vacuumed before you leave. The vacuum is in the locked closet in fellowship hall, as are other cleaning supplies. The key is in the kitchen in the small drawer to the right of the entrance.
- If you don't know where something goes, please ask.
- Please do not leave items in hallways. We tend to gather items that, over time, become a mystery in terms of their origin and ownership!
- Please do not drop off unwanted items in the kitchen or the office. When we are need of particular materials, we will put out a call for the appropriate donations. We want our church to be a safe place. All fire doors must be closed before we leave the building, and doorways must be free of items to make a clear path.

Remember: caring for the building is not someone else's job. It is a job that belongs to all of us!

Ann Bilodeau



Kind thanks to Judy Trepal and Cameron Cook for design and print work!

Every Member at the Table: Let's have a conversation – a sacred conversation. An opportunity for all of us to be in conversation together about deepening our spiritual life will happen on Friday evening, February 17 (if snow, February 24) beginning at 5:30. This is an RSVP Pot Luck Supper.

Invitations will be given and/or mailed to members. Rides will be available to those who wish it. Responses are needed by February 12th by telephone to Ed and Florence Morrison at 522-0126 or by email to: fccw226@gmail.com. COME – there is room for you at the table!

Carol Lundgren

OUR CHURCH TO BECOME MENTORED PRACTICE SITE WELCOME TO MAUREEN STEER!

We will be most fortunate this spring semester to have in our midst seminarian Maureen Steer, a student at Bangor Theological Seminary. She is starting a class called "Mentored Practice," which immerses the student into the daily life of a church. The mentored practice experience is designed to give seminary students exposure to a wide range of ministerial activities. It is a very enriching experience for the congregation to get to know and love a seminarian!


Maureen was born and raised in Rochester, and now lives in Milton Mills with her husband Paul and her sons Stephen (age 12) and Matthew (age 8). She is a Master of Divinity student at Bangor Theological Seminary, with a projected graduation date of May 2014. She is looking forward to volunteering in the church and learning from the members and the pastor. We are looking forward to learning with and from her! Please be sure to give her a warm welcome.

Rev. Mary

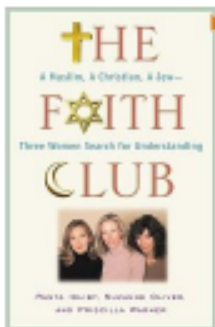
FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Diaconate 5:30	2 Scrabble 10 a.m. Weight Watchers—5:30 String Band 6-Beg. 7-Int./ Adv	3	4
5 Ukama Celebration of Our Zimbabwe Partnership Bells 9 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Church School—10 a.m.	6 Choir 6 p.m.	7 Bible Study 12 noon Centering Prayer 4:30 p.m.	8 Pairs and Spares 6 p.m.	9 Parish Helpers 1 p.m. Weight Watchers—5:30 String Band 6-Beg. 7-Int./ Adv.	10	11 Z Team Pancake Breakfast 7:30—10 a.m.
12 Worship and Church School—10 a.m. Coffee Hour Congregational Meeting Bells 6 p.m.	13 Choir 6 p.m.	14 Bible Study 12 noon	15	16 Weight Watchers—5:30 String Band 6-Beg. 7-Int./ Adv.	17 Every Member at The Table	18
19 Bells 9 a.m. Worship and Church School—10 a.m.	20 Choir 6 p.m.	21 Scrabble 10 a.m. Bible Study 12 noon	22 Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m.	23 Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. Weight Watchers 5:30 String Band 6-Beg. Level 7-Mixed Level	24 Snow Date For Every Member At the Table	25 “Prepared To Serve” All Day Pembroke, NH
26 First Sunday of Lent Book Group—9 Worship and Church School—10 a.m. Coffee Hour RSM Meeting Bells 6 p.m.	27 Choir 6 p.m.	28 Bible Study 12 noon Centering Prayer 4:30	29			

MARCH 2012

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<p>18</p> <p>Worship and Church School—10 a.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Choir 6 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Scrabble 10 a.m. Bible Study 12 noon First Day of Spring!</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. Weight Watchers 5:30 String Band 6-Beg. Level 7-Mixed Level</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
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**A GREAT DISCUSSION GROUP:
LET'S READ THE FAITH CLUB !**



On February 26th at 9 a.m., seminarian Maureen Steer will lead all interested in a discussion of the best-selling, enlightening, and profoundly honest book *The Faith Club* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner. The subtitle of the book is expressive of its soul-searching content: "A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew--Three Women Search for Understanding." **The group will**

meet for three consecutive Sundays: February 26th, March 4th, and March 11th.

The book is widely available in paperback; we may be able to purchase some copies to borrow from our own library. All are welcome to join in what promises to be a very rich learning experience.

Below is a review of the book from "Booklist" found on the website www.thefaithclub.com :

"Ranya Idliby is a Palestinian Muslim; Suzanne Oliver, an ex--Catholic now in the Episcopal Church; and Priscilla Warner, Jewish. Initially, the idea behind establishing a faith club was simple--the three women would collaborate on an interfaith children's book emphasizing the connections among Judaism, Christianity, and Islam that would reinforce the common heritage the three religions share. In post-9/11 America, however, real life began getting in the way. Almost from the start, differences that culminated in conflict emerged; at one point, the tension even jeopardized the project altogether. Prophetically, while searching for a story to help illustrate connections among the religions, Suzanne chose the Crucifixion, which immediately set off alarm bells for Priscilla. Yet they persevered. All three agreed that to work together they had to be brutally candid, "no matter how rude or politically incorrect." Eventually--and as they make abundantly clear, not easily--conflict and anger gave way to a special kind of rapprochement that merged mutual understanding and respect. Each woman brings to the table her prejudices, unique faith stories, and personal stereotypes and misconceptions (Priscilla, for example, had those of one who had never before met a Palestinian woman). Brimming with passion and conviction, and concluding with suggestions for starting a similar faith club, this is essential reading for anyone interested in interfaith dialogue." June Sawyers— Booklist

For those interested in wider discussion of the book, the Carroll-Strafford Association of churches of the United

Church of Christ will be hosting an Association-wide discussion of this marvelous book on Friday evening, March 16th. Time and location will be announced in our March newsletter. **To sign up for the Sunday morning study group here** at church, please call 522-3189, or e-mail Mary at fcewpastor@gmail.com.

We are very excited about this wonderful opportunity for conversation and learning!

Rev. Mary

**PREPARED TO SERVE: A WONDERFUL DAY OF
LEARNING, FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP**

On Saturday, February 25th, hundreds of your fellow UCC members will gather at Pembroke Academy for a stimulating and inspiring day of workshops, worship, and fellowship at Prepared to Serve. This annual event is truly a breath of fresh air (and a gathering of warm hearts) in the middle of winter! It is sponsored by the Commission for Congregational Life of the NH Conference of the UCC. The very reasonable registration fee includes up to four workshops. There will be an exhibit area with many interesting projects and organizations set up in a large common area, which is always fruitful and fun to explore.

Registration is \$32 per person, and includes breakfast and lunch! What a deal! The deadline is February 10th for pre-registration; after that, the fee is \$40. It is fine to come "the day of" without pre-registering.

A number of folks from Wakefield are planning to attend, so car pooling is definitely possible! In fact, your very own Calling and Discernment Team and Pastor will be presenting a workshop together on the adventure of our new structure!

There are so many workshops offered, there is truly something for everyone who wishes to explore a myriad of ways to "bring life and vitality" to the parish. There are sixty-seven workshops offered on a great variety of topics, including those in the areas of Spirituality and Worship, Church Leadership, Christian Education, Stewardship, Service/Global Mission and Witness, and Caring Ministries!

If you'd like to enroll, you may obtain the information at www.nhcucc.org, where you will a "Prepared to Serve" link, OR you may ask our church office for a paper copy of the brochure, and we will gladly provide one for you.

Rev. Mary

Z TEAM NEWS



Peg Harvey Classroom Block

Come, celebrate 14 years of partnership as the Z Team celebrates Ukama Sunday on February 5th! Our partnership has grown from a pen pal relationship to one that celebrates very deep friendships and amazing projects – the renovation of the Rufumiso Church building, the provision of school fees for students in the greater Rufumiso area, sponsorship of 31 children through Friends of Orphan Trust, the goats and chickens project at Dzika, the renovation (block by block) of the Dzika Primary School, Poultry Project grants to three unpartnered churches and the Christian Youth Fellowship at Rimbi, and our amazing shipping container endeavor which benefits many church groups and medical clinics within the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe.

Three or four members of the Z Team are planning a return trip to Zimbabwe this summer. We will have an opportunity to celebrate the life of Nelson Maheu at Rufumiso and to be reunited with our FOOT children. Additionally, we have discussed having two or three work camps in different areas where we will provide supplies and work with community volunteers – children, youth, and adults – to repair and paint some classrooms. We have been invited to celebrate the “official opening” of the classroom block completed in memory of Peg Harvey. I’m bringing an extra supply of tissues because I know it will be a joyful and emotional celebration of Peg and her love for the children of Zimbabwe.

Our dear friend Joseph Sibiyia writes the following: “In July the Goat beneficiaries 85 recipients are planning to have a feast with you as a way of appreciating your generosity. The child and the guardian will come to Dzika School roast and cook goat meat before the official opening of the completed block with the rest of the community. Be prepared to join in the dance.”

Three things jump out at me – our “Heifer style” goat beneficiaries have more than tripled to total 85, we will be

“feasting” on fresh goat meat, and a whole community dancing! No doubt there will be LOTS of pictures and stories to share after this family gathering.

Before each group trip to Zimbabwe we have held a service auction and this year will be no different. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 19th. Z Team members will begin calling in April to see what service you might like to offer. Please know that all money raised is distributed in Zimbabwe. In the past we have purchased building supplies, provided money for school sponsorships, made donations to rural clinics, the Daisy Dube orphanage, and the UCCZ Seminary Fund – all in the name of the Wakefield Congregational Church. Your loving and generous hearts make all of this possible. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this life giving partnership!

Connie Littlefield

MARTIN LUTHER KING SERVICE DAY OF LEARNING SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH

Youth and adults, are you ready for a day of FAITH, FOOD, AND FUN?

UCC churches in the Carroll-Strafford Association are planning a day of service in the Dover/Somersworth/Rochester area. The MLK event will begin with a continental breakfast and a group gathering. Mixed groups of teens and adults will be sent off to various worksites where all will be involved in some type of service through a local non-profit organization -- painting, preparing meals for the homeless, working with Habitat for Humanity and more. Participants will return for a time of reflection and a special closing celebration. Students in grades 7-12, along with adults of any age, are invited to attend. The cost is \$10 per person and will include breakfast and lunch. Interested in hearing more? Please see Connie Littlefield or Donna Ackerman!

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD: AN ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

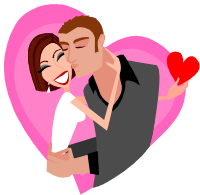
Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which will fall on February 22nd this year. To usher us into this holy and contemplative season of seeking to turn to God ever more in our daily lives, we will share in a service on that evening at 7 p.m. Sharing in prayer, song, silence, and the imposition of ashes, we will offer spiritual nurture for the profound 40 day journey of Lent, preparing ourselves for claiming the joy and astonishing reality of the Resurrection at Easter. We hope you will be able to join us for this centering and enriching service.

Celebrations

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Barbara Cawlina	15 Nicky Mercer	25 Cheyanne Boggs
2 Bob James	16 Chris Bozuwa	25 Garry Goslin
2 Marilou MacLean	16 Jessica Brown	25 Arlene Leyare
3 Kenneth Crew	17 Ryan Dee	25 Sid Silcocks
9 Diane Schnurbush	17 Anthony St Pierre	25 Kristin Weeks
10 Peter Foss	18 Maxine Chadbourne	26 Martha Charnock
12 Peter Connell	19 Lisa Robinson	27 Charlie Bilodeau
12 David Haag	20 John Hilderbrandt	27 Tom Weeks
12 Ryan McCarthy	23 Alisa Eaton	28 David Fairchild
14 Marion Blomster	23 Valerie Brown	28 Emma Royle
14 Ann Gehring	24 Curt Cook	28 Stephen Silcocks
14 Anders Jacobson	24 Barry Lockard	

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Paul & Agnes Carlson
- 10 Joe & Jan Brejwo
- 14 Lance & Marilou MacLean

Flowers for the altar may be ordered using the green forms found behind each church pew.



FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Connie B.	Maxine C.	Rick and Jennifer R.	George B.
Paul T.	Red C.	Joe M.	Sid S.
David H.	George H.	Catherine D.	Curt C.
Dot R.	Jo W.	Tom T.	Art W.
Andrew P.	Julia W.	Todd W.	Diane D.
Walter G.	Bob C.	Ginny S.	

Our countrymen who are dealing with the aftermath of natural disasters.

Our global neighbors in places in which there is great strife.

Our servicemen and women, especially those deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Our friends in Rufumiso, Zimbabwe

Residents of the Nursing Homes and Retirement Communities in our area

“Not every prayer can be answered. But every soul can find solace in prayer.”



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CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12
FOLLOWING WORSHIP
SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS

FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

February 5— 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39



February 19—7th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 43:18-25
Psalm 41
2 Corinthians 1:18-22
Mark 2:1-12

February 12—6th Sunday after Epiphany

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45

February 26—First Sunday in Lent

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9