

Will you be our Valentine?

February is the month of romance, at least for some. It is also the month that many think about the heart, both from a physical and a spiritual perspective. My heart is pretty healthy from a physical perspective, so I've been concentrating on my spiritual heart. Jeremiah 17:9 tells us that "the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Hopefully, since we have been given a new heart that is NOT what we show the world. Jesus tells us in Matthew 12:34 that "out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks." What do our words tell the world about what is truly in our hearts? What is spilling out of our hearts through our words? Love? Edification and the building up of the body? Or anger, hatred and condemnation. It is most humbling to consider the words of our mouths and what they say about our hearts. Our mouths will give us away every time. Let's let pure, living water flow from our lips. Let us be women of encouraging words.

Our February event unfortunately canceled due to weather. As a reminder, ALWAYS check Facebook and the T2W Group page for updates. It's my understanding that in spite of us publicizing it, someone still showed up. We will always let you know on the church page and on the T2W group page on FB, so if you aren't on either of those, you may want to text me if the weather is bad. We are almost out of this until December, though March and April can still be snowy, so please check before venturing out. Your safety is my number one concern!

So, we will be combining the Lap blankets for the Seniors' Homes with the March event which is Breakfast Burritos! Every Sunday, there is an entourage of folks who get to the church early to ensure that things are set up and ready to go. Everything from the temperature, to shoveled walkways, to clean bathrooms and a host of other things that we sometimes take for granted. In keeping with our theme for 2020, "*transforming our church, with the word of God, one woman at a time*", we will be gathering together to make breakfast burritos for the folks who minister to us every Sunday. There will be a signup sheet in the foyer for food that is needed. If we all pitch in, we can make this happen. Do you know there are over 60 people who are working behind the scenes to make our Sundays special? Let's love on them a little.

We will make up the burritos on Saturday, March 14th and serve the volunteers on Sunday, March 15th at both services. This is a way you can help out a little as we build our church by serving the ministries here. I hope I'll see you there!

My prayer this month for all of you is that you will focus on your hearts and what they say about you. There is a saying that goes, "when we get bumped, we spill what's inside of us". What's really inside of us, Ladies? Are we building up and encouraging our husbands? Are we showing our children, by example, how to deal with stress in a loving and understanding way? Do your co-workers see you as a woman of gentle encouraging speech, or are they calling you "Debbie Downer" behind your back? One of my favorite verses, and one that I pray every morning before my feet hit the floor is Psalm 19:14. "Let the words of my mouth and the

meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." Let the love in your hearts come out this month, Ladies as you strive to bless everyone around you. May the love of Jesus be evident fruit in each and every one of you.

May our Lord and Savior bless and keep you. May He make His face to shine upon you. And be gracious unto you. May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. I love you all. This month show the world Jesus' heart for them!

IHS and yours,
Karen