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**Valentine's Day Special Service: LOVE AND ALL THAT JAZZ**

With blues music by Di Anne Price and Her Boyfriends with Jim Spake and Tom Lonardo; and readings by Rev. Carley

Invite a friend!

**Church of the River Calendar  
Quotation of the Week**

"What if paradise is not in some other place?" bc

**Wednesday, February 10**

2:00 p.m. Shakespeare Readers will meet at the main library. Contact: Gale Mason; 725-7924  
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary.

**Thursday, February 11**

6:00 p.m. The Board of Trustees will meet in the Beacon Room.

**Saturday, February 13**

2-4:00 p.m. Knitting etc. will meet at the home of Jeane Umbreit, 158 S Rose Rd. Call Jeane at 374-9114 for directions or questions.  
3:30 p.m. St. John's Soup Kitchen at St. John's Methodist Church, Bellevue at Peabody. Contact Dan Bing—763-2384

**Sunday, February 7**

9:30 a.m. The Quest Group will meet in the Beacon Room to consider "The Bible—Down & Dirty"  
10:00 a.m. Questions of Faith will continue discussing *The Monk and the Philosopher* by Jean-Francois Revel. High school Class will meet to prepare for youth Sunday.  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
Childcare for infants and preschoolers  
Middle School meets in their classroom.  
River Explorers go to the Chalice Room and then go to their workshops.  
Coffee Hour in the Mississippi River Room.  
12:30 p.m. The Lunch Bunch will meet at Vien Dong, 305 N Cleveland.

**Wednesday, February 17**

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

**The Care Coordinator for February is Audrey Kalbach.  
You can reach Audrey at 757-2504**

**Announcements from the Children's Ministry**

On Sunday, the YRUU will meet at 10 o'clock to plan for Youth Sunday. They will also enjoy a lock-in Sunday evening to conclude their crafting of the service for February 28.  
Contact sponsor Tim Wheat or facilitator Lisa Nezwazky for details.

At 11 o'clock, church school for infants through 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth continues with childcare in the nursery and pre-school with Mary Park, *Treasure Hunting* in the kindergarten with Elizabeth Turner, a Chalice Service at 11 for River Explorers (grades 1-5) followed by *Toolbox of Faith* workshops led by Katy Jones and Taryn Spake. The tool this week is a mirror to encourage reflection as a spiritual practice.

The *Neighboring Faiths* class, grades 6-8, will meet with Martine Starck at 11:00. Thanks to Ginger Wheat, Ken Bauer, and Martine for driving the class to Eads last Sunday to visit the Indian Cultural Center and Hindu Temple.

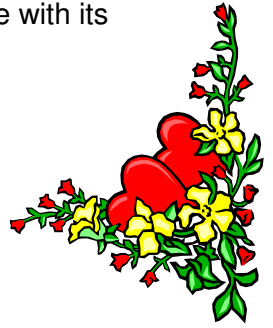
MIFA's "Souper" Bowl of Caring was February 7. We still have a few T shirts featuring our Church of the River logo for sale with all proceeds donated to the food bank at MIFA.

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ANSWERS TO QUIZ



The annual Valentine's Day quiz: match the quote with its author. Answers found elsewhere in the newsletter. - bc



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is no love which does not become help.</li> <li>2. Love dies only when growth stops.</li> <li>3. Love looks not with the eyes, but with the heart.</li> <li>4. If you judge people, you have no time to love them.</li> <li>5. It takes two flints to make a fire.</li> <li>6. When the evening of life comes, we shall be judged on love.</li> <li>7. It is love, not reason, that is stronger than death.</li> <li>8. We are shaped and fashioned by what we love.</li> <li>9. Who loves believes the impossible.</li> <li>10. I never knew how to worship until I knew how to love.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Louise May Alcott</li> <li>b) Goethe</li> <li>c) Thomas Merton</li> <li>d) Pearl S. Buck</li> <li>e) St. John of the Cross</li> <li>f) Eliz. B. Browning</li> <li>g) Henry W. Beecher</li> <li>h) Paul Tillich</li> <li>i) Wm. Shakespeare</li> <li>j) Mother Teresa</li> </ol> |
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**Church of the River Auction Party 2010 — Online Donation Form! The Auction is on April 9.**

Go to the church web site. In the "News" area, you will see information about donating online. Click the link called **Fill Out My Form**. This year in addition to traditional, handwritten donation forms, you have the opportunity to "go green" by using the online form. Photographs of items, if available, can be sent to Gwen Rose via email at [gkrose@msn.com](mailto:gkrose@msn.com)

**CHOIR SOUP SUNDAY**

The choir invites you to stay after church on **Sunday Feb. 21** for its annual Soup Sunday.

Ward off winter's chill with an interesting variety of tasty soups along with bread, salad and desserts prepared by our own Awesome Little Choir members. Your generous donations will go to the music fund supporting choral programs.



**Winter is always a good time to curl up with a good book!** Why not stop by our bookstore in the Mississippi River Room? Certainly the best **price** in town — \$1 for hardback and .50 for paperback — as well as a great selection, including contemporary authors and old favorites. Funds to the Alliance, so stop by and browse.

**Two Opportunities to Volunteer at Shady Grove**  
Thursday, February 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Shady Grove Elementary welcomes volunteers to read to small groups of students for "Heart to Heart," a reading event. Parents will also be there to encourage the habit of reading out loud to children.

Wednesday, February 24 from 12—1:30, Shady Grove presents Career Day and is eagerly seeking professionals and skilled laborers to speak to the students about their jobs. Come inspire a child!

For more information about either of these events, please contact Juliet Wischmeyer at 219-5817 or [julietwischmeyer@comcast.net](mailto:julietwischmeyer@comcast.net)

**Soup for the Soul Thursday, February 18**

Our get together will be at Nancy Mardis' home with T. Leigh Starns presenting a DVD her film company produced, I AM A MAN. It will be a great way for us to honor Black History Month. We gather at 6:30, enjoy appetizers and beverages until we sit for dinner around 7:15. Our program will follow dinner. Let Nancy know what you would like to bring to complement her soup by e-mailing her at [namarids@yahoo.com](mailto:namarids@yahoo.com) A website for a preview of the DVD is <http://www.bhurt.comiAmAMan.php>

**Church of the River Tote Bags for Sale**

The Welcoming Team is selling tote bags with the church logo on them. They are soft-textured polypropylene, tear resistant and water repellent, 16" by 12" with a flat bottom. The cost is one for \$5, two for \$8, or three for \$10. You can purchase them before church in the Mississippi River Room or contact Mimsy Conaway at [mimsyc@gmail.com](mailto:mimsyc@gmail.com) or 761-2825.

**Among Our Members** A Warm Welcome to new members Jason & Sarah Brown who signed the membership book

on February 7, 2010.

Jason is an air-conditioning technician and Sarah is an Editor. Both enjoy running. Jason & Sarah have one daughter—Sophia.



**Thanks**

to Paul Messina and Megan Bladen-Blinkoff for a gift to the Emergency Maintenance Fund in appreciation of the Church of

the River, Burton Carley and Betsy Mandel-Carley for making **Goldene Blinkoff's** last years comfortable, happy and part of a community.

Thanks, also to Mack and Doe Hamblen for a gift to the Memorial Garden in memory of **Margaret Deininger**.

**The Parallel Teachings of Jesus and Buddha — A Conversation with Dr. Marcus Borg**

Join [explorefaith.org](http://explorefaith.org) for an illuminating discussion of the key beliefs and teachings shared by Christianity and Buddhism led by renowned Jesus scholar Dr. Marcus Borg on Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Communion, 4645 Walnut Grove Rd. Advance tickets are \$25 per person. Reservations limited to the first 150 paid guests. Call Dorothy McClure at 525-6602/ext. 129 or email [contactus@explorefaith.org](mailto:contactus@explorefaith.org) for reservations and more information.

**Know Someone who may want to have an event, such as a wedding, at our church?** Your help is needed. We are creating a web page about our facilities so that those in the community will know how wonderful our church is! Please contribute photographs of the church (or of your own wedding!) so that we have pictures to go with the information. We would love to feature our own brides and grooms. Send digital pictures to [lindakgoodwin@comcast.net](mailto:lindakgoodwin@comcast.net) The sooner the better! Thank you!

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