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**FEBRUARY 2023** 

Serving Schedule for February 5, 2023 Worship Leader Gail Doss Communion Prayer Gail Doss Offertory Prayer Jack Maxwell Van Driver Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell

**First Sunday Fellowship Brunch** First Sunday Fellowship Brunch will follow worship on Sunday, February 5th in the Fellowship Hall The brunch will be potluck. Bring a dish and enjoy the fun!

Serving Schedule for February 19, 2023 Worship Leader Pat Fowler Communion Prayer Kay Gilbreath Offertory Prayer Jack Childress Van Driver Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell



Perfect Attendance for December 2022 Bill Clanahan Gail Doss Kay Gilbreath Gleta Gorman Mary Grobe Ed Lewis Jack Maxwell Anne Roberts Gene Roberts Eva Kay Smith

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship First Sunday Fellowship

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9:**5:30 p.m.Board Meeting

Brunch

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16:**1:30 p.m.CWF, Church Parlor

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20: President's Day - Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21:11:30 a.m.Senior Fellowship,<br/>Fellowship Hall5:30 p.m.Daycare Board Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

## Christian Women's Fellowship

Thursday, February 16th 1:30 p.m., in Church Parlor Hostess: Mary Grobe Program: LuWanna Forister



# Thursday, February 2nd Froundhog Day

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THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20th IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY



Senior Fellowship will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 21st. Please bring a dish and join in the enjoyment of fellowship.

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## SIGNS ALONG THE WAY

It's worth repeating. We become what we repeat. It's what we do over and over again that changes us. Defining moments get all the attention. They open our eyes and awaken us to new possibilities. They turn us in a new direction but don't transform us.

It's what we do after our defining moments that matter. The habits we practice.

I wish there was a sermon, an inspirational worship service, or a prayer that could change everything for us. It would be so much easier. Now and then someone will find sobriety after a prayer, or a marriage will be saved after an inspirational message.

But most of the time, if not all of the time, it does not work that way. It takes perspiration not inspiration. Sobriety comes after attending hundreds of AA meetings and working the 12 steps.

A marriage is saved by getting counseling and putting into daily practice what was learned.

One morning, as the sun was coming up on a crisp, cool day, I was fishing on the Spring River. I was overwhelmed with joy and gratitude as the sun rose.

But I didn't just get up one morning and decide to go fishing. It has taken me years of casting (and losing good lures I might add) to be a fairly good caster.

I still have my bad days casting for fish, but I have more good days.

I asked an old angler how you become better at fishing.

He said, keep going as many times as you can.

Repeat, repeat, repeat.

You can change your life. Stuck doesn't have to describe you. "All things are possible in Christ", says Paul in Philippians 4:13.

All you need is a little faith, some effort, and discipline. Take your best next step. Do it day after day. The impact is multiplied.

This is more than cheerleading. This is affirmed in our Christian heritage which has been practiced for thousands of years. They are called spiritual practices.

Spiritual practices open us up for God to change us. It's where God's grace meets our effort.

See you Sunday, Pastor Frank



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Valentine's Day	

Tuesday, February 1Ath



