

**This Week**

TODAY 9:30am Sunday School  
 10:45am Worship Service  
 6:00pm Youth Group Super Bowl Party at Miller's Home  
 6:00pm Super Bowl Party at Pavelski's Home

MONDAY 7:00am Men's Breakfast  
 9:15am MOPS Steering Team Meeting  
 6:30pm Community Bible Study  
 7:00pm Elders' Meeting

TUESDAY 7:00pm Pavelski's Growth Group

WEDNESDAY 9:15am Ladies' Bible Study  
 6:30pm Ideal Senior Living Center Service  
 7:00pm MacQuarrie's Growth Group  
 7:00pm Wagner's Growth Group

THURSDAY 6:30pm Pioneer Club  
 6:30pm Pennington Growth Group

SATURDAY 1:00pm Sledding Party at Arnold Park ~Everyone Invited!  
 6:00pm MOPS Ladies' Night Out

SUNDAY 9:30am Orientation Class  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 10:45am Worship Service  
 6:00pm Youth Group  
 6:00pm Annual Meeting & Congregational Prayer Meeting

**Sunday, February 2, 2014**

***Glorify God...***

Opening Song  
 Welcome  
 Praising God with Songs, His Word & Prayers  
 Communion  
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 Kids' Worship Dismissal  
 For kids through fifth grade

***Connect with Each Other...***

Praying for Each Other

***Grow in Christ...***

Genesis 13:14-18  
 Pastor Art's Sermon  
 "Favored Following"

Praising God with Song

***Share the Gospel...***

Announcements  
 Benediction

**OFFERING:** Since worship is a response to God's person and provision for us, tithes and offerings are as much a part of worship as our prayers and praises. An offering box is on the wall in the foyer for your contributions. A benevolence offering is taken monthly during the service.

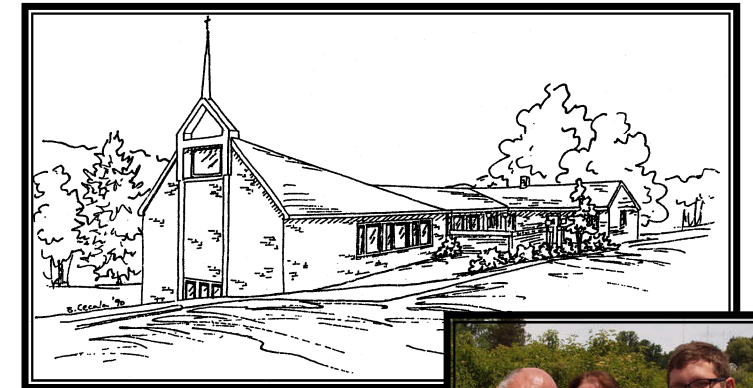
***Our Vision:***

To be a full house of  
 Transformed & overflowing people  
 Looking up in passionate & thoughtful worship  
 Bound together in harmony with each other  
 Increasingly reaching out in personally invested service  
 Helping to meet spiritual, emotional & material needs  
 In Vestal and beyond

**Sunday's Servants**

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Tech	Craig H	Dave S
Greeter	Art W	Elizabeth P
Nursery (entire service)	Mindy, P, Tim M	Sherilyn D, Aaron W
2 & 3 year olds (entire service)	Grant H, Elise M	Karris P, Sarah M
4 & 5 year olds	Ashely H	Erin S
Grades 1-5	Laura M	Jane M

**Welcome to  
 Pierce Hill  
 Christian Fellowship**



*Pastor Art, Mindy,  
 & Ryan Pavelski*

Our Mission is to:

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- ***Grow in Christ***
- ***Connect with Each Other***
- ***Share the Gospel***

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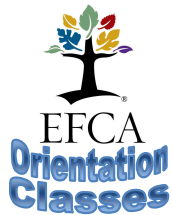
With respect to those who need to be gluten free, **our communion is now entirely gluten free with gluten free rice crackers.**

## Change for Life



"If you think you might be pregnant, they will do a free pregnancy test, ultrasound and talk to you about your options. They are always there for you like a good family." This is a quote from Jamie, a pregnancy test client at Life Choices Center.

There is an easy way that we as a church can help others like Jamie find what they need at Life Choices Center. Simply **pick up a baby bottle today**, fill it with cash, check or coins and return it by Sunday, March 2. If you donate \$20 or more, you may submit a Receipt Request Form in the baby bottle. These forms are located with the baby bottles in the foyer. Life Choices Center has a goal to raise \$48,300 during this year's *Change for Life* campaign - all to help women and men in our community before, during, and after unplanned pregnancies. Let's join them in making this campaign a huge success! To learn more about the work at Life Choices Center, visit: [LifeChoicesCenter.org](http://LifeChoicesCenter.org)



If you are interested in learning more about our church, our ministries and the Evangelical Free Church of America, then plan to attend the **orientation classes**. They will start **next Sunday, February 9 during Sunday school and will meet in Pastor Art's office at 9:30am**. This five week class led by Terry Blanchard is not a membership class. It's simply an opportunity for you to find out more about our church and see if you are potentially interested in becoming a member.

Plan to attend one of our two **Super Bowl parties TONIGHT!** Invite your family and friends!



- **The youth group party** will be held at Jared and Sarah Miller's home at 3100 Knapp Road, Vestal. Plan to arrive between 6:00pm and 6:20pm. Football and some neat advertisements will be included! Youth group members bring a bottled beverage and a snack to share. Invite your friends to come! Parents please pick up your kids right after the game is over. Questions can be addressed to any of the leaders or sent to [YouthGroup@piercehill.org](mailto:YouthGroup@piercehill.org).
- The Pavelskis will host a party at their home for **everyone else starting at 6:00pm**. Kids of all ages are invited. Kick off is at 6:30pm. Bring your favorite food to share, and Pastor Art and Mindy will provide the beverages. Their address is 85 Brown Road, Vestal NY.

If you are not a football fanatic, still come to enjoy the food and fellowship. For directions to the Pavelski's home, ask Pastor Art or Mindy at [pastor\\_art@piercehill.org](mailto:pastor_art@piercehill.org) or 237-0111.



Pick up your **annual report** today to review before the annual meeting next Sunday, February 9. Copies are available in the foyer for your reading pleasure.

**Commissions are now recruiting new members.** Put your God given gifts to use. Contact a commission chairperson today to volunteer or just inquire about their commission and responsibilities.



### Christian Education

Joanne Crosby [jjcrosby3@gmail.com](mailto:jjcrosby3@gmail.com) (607) 748-9624

### Missions Commission

Debbie Holman [dahteacher@stny.rr.com](mailto:dahteacher@stny.rr.com) (607) 240-8999

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John Mayer [hjmayer96@stny.rr.com](mailto:hjmayer96@stny.rr.com) (607) 761-5484

### Worship Commission

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Mark your calendar. **The Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **next Sunday, February 9 at 6:00pm**. Everyone is invited. You do not need to be a member to attend.



Christian Education is hosting a **sledding party** at **Arnold Park this Saturday, February 8 from 1:00pm - 2:00pm**. The entire church family is invited! Bring your sleds, tubes, snow play items and friends to the park. Hot chocolate will be served. Come prepared to have lots of fun! The

alternate date is February 15 at the same time and place. An insert is included in the bulletin for you to invite your friends. If you need extra invites, more are available in the foyer.

**Pastor Art's February monthly musing**, "The Love of God," is available for you to pick up in the foyer.



**Make plans now to attend the church camp out Thursday, July 10 (check-in) - Sunday, July 13 (check-out)**. We'll be camping at Sampson State Park in Romulus, NY. **Make your reservations ASAP on [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com)**. The loops we will be on are loops 4 and 5 (mostly 5 at the

moment). However, all sites are relatively close for walking. Sites are going fast. If you have any questions, contact Jim Crosby at [jjcrosby3@gmail.com](mailto:jjcrosby3@gmail.com) or 748-9624. We hope you join us! Nine families are registered.

**A leadership contact list has been created for a simple quick reference.** This should

assist you in knowing who to contact for various questions. This contact list has been emailed to you as well as posted in the church office and on the bulletin board in the hallway. Paper copies are available in the foyer if you would like a print copy.





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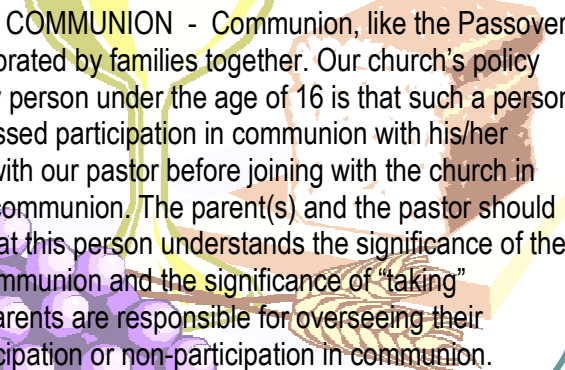
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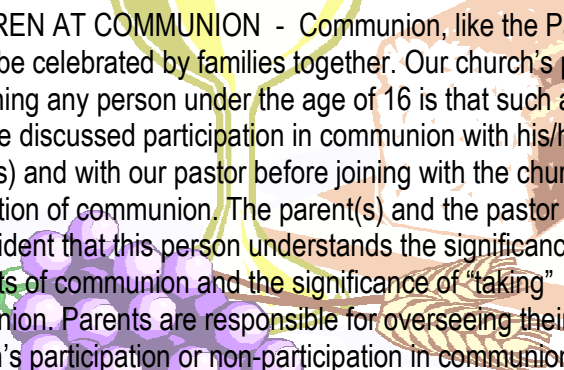
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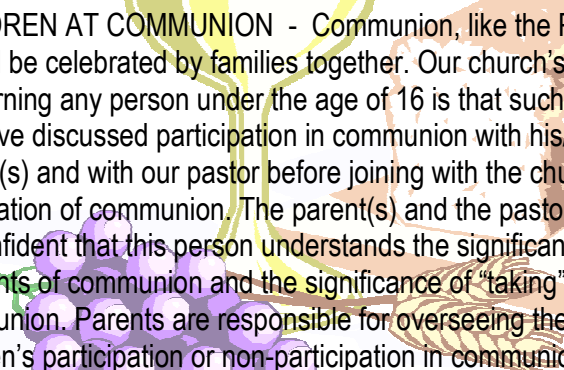
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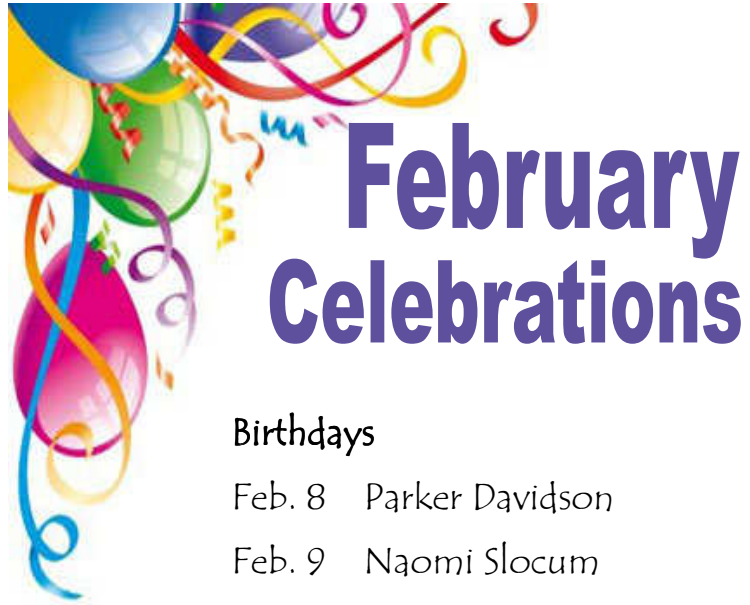
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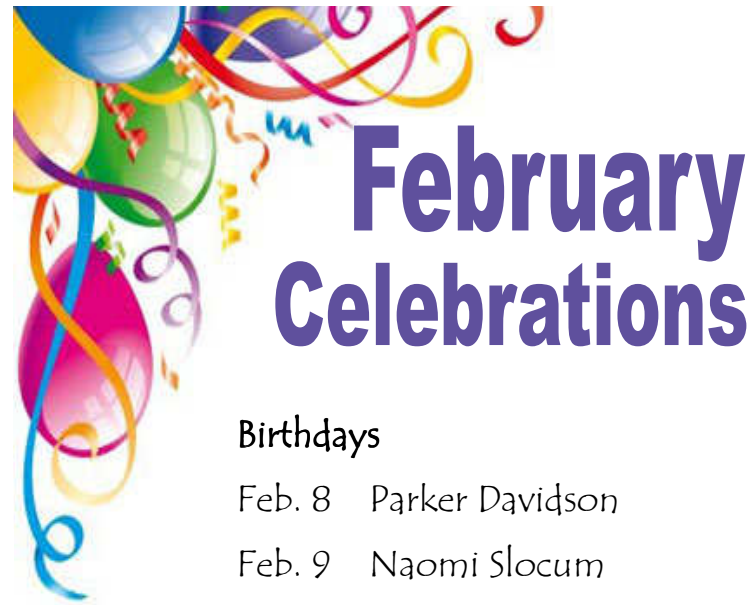




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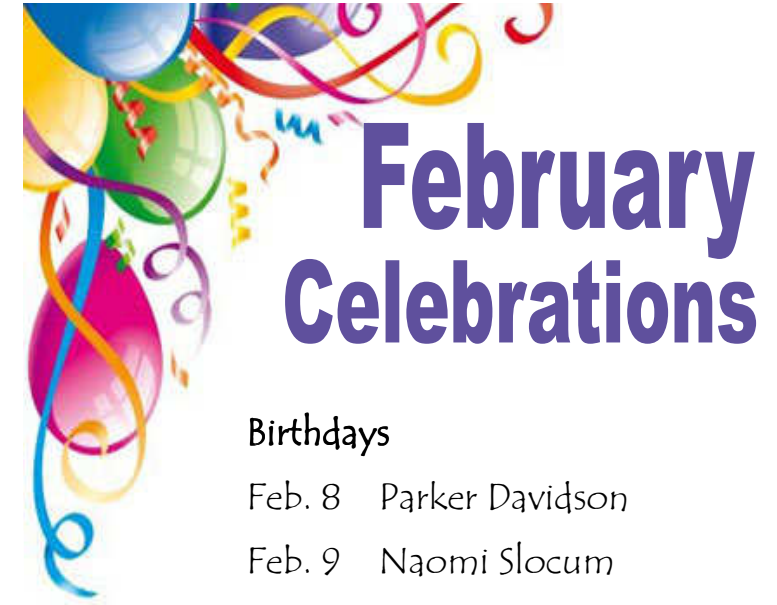
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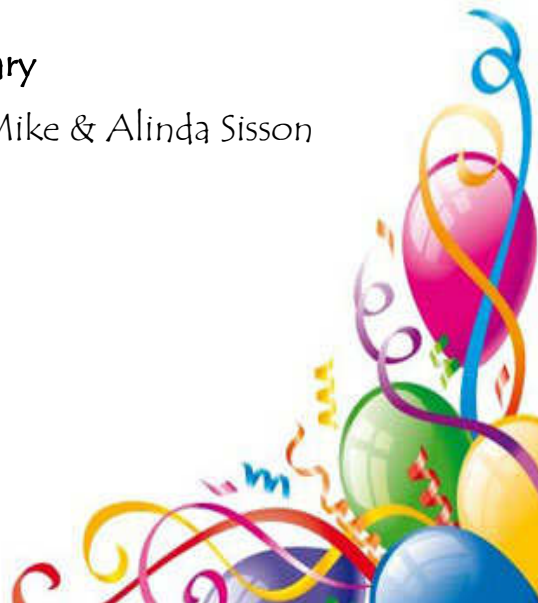
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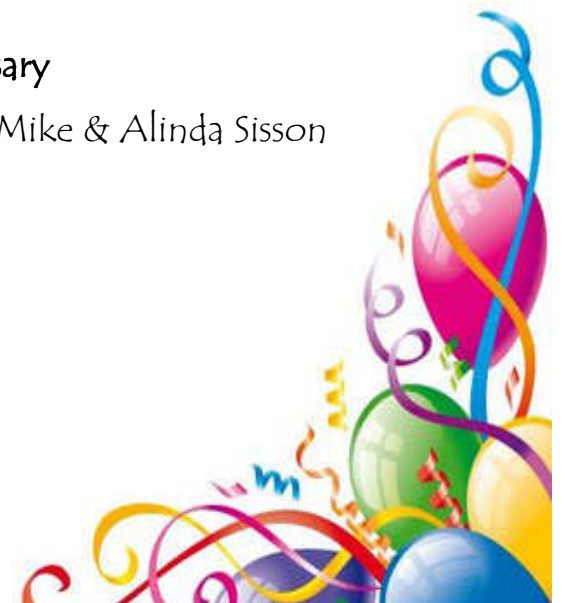
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