



February 2025



Thoughts from Pastor Beverly

One of my favorite Psalms is 91 because it gives me confidence in God when the world seems to want to define me in a way I don't want to be defined. The poet wants to tell me that instead of letting the world determine how I feel, it is God who I need to look to for the lens through which I need to view current events. This is a Psalm that needs to be prayed when life does not seem to make sense.

PSALM 91:1-6, 10-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.' For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

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Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Gary, Larry, Annette, William, Nancy, Bill, Mike M., Diane, Nana Jo, Patricia K, Fr. John, Alec, David, Michael, Steve, Sue, Linda, Donna and Catherine: Deliver them from their distress.** Pray for those serving in our armed forces especially, **Mitchell, Michael, Ethan, Emily, Alan, Chris and Chelsey, the 200th Red Horse Squadron, and the 983rd Combat Engineer Battalion. Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.**

Prayer For Peace In The World

Lord, Healer of the Nations, from the noise of war and the drumbeat of vengeance, give us undiminished determination to wage peace. Out of brokenness, violence, and destruction let us plant seeds of hope. Out of chaos, confusion, and hatred, let us build bridges of love. Out of distrust, disunity, and distance, let us walk together in harmony. Heal our divisions, make us whole, and bring us peace. Amen. -Pastor Beverly

Upcoming Events

- **Ministry Opportunities**
- *Here are some ways to serve St. Thomas and our community.*
- **Ladies Luncheon:** Wednesday, February 19th Ciao Bella at 12pm
- **Men's Breakfast:** Next meeting will be Thursday, February 13th at Ala Carte After Hours on Madison Street, at 8:30 am in downtown Port Clinton
- **Community Meal:** February 20th at 5:00pm
- **Vestry Meeting:** February 19th at 4:00pm
- **Knitting Ministry:** February 4th & 18th at 1:00pm
- **Brynn's Blessings:** Congratulations to Carson, Nicole & Vienna on your new baby girl!! Anyone wanting to bring gifts or diapers can do so every Sunday!

Join us every Sunday at 10am for service or livestream is available at Episcopalportclinton.org



January 2025 Vestry Meeting

Pastor: Pastor Beverly will be attending the Winter Diocese Convention. She also talked about the monthly ministers meeting.

Larry: Larry talked about the plan for the boilers. The alley door take-out is working out great and should continue.

Dana: We provided food for 10 families last month. Dana would like to learn more about the Toft's Dairy Donation program.

Mike: Membership drive open house is in May. We needed and ordered a new Episcopal flag as the old one was shredded.

John: John would like to launch a capital donation campaign to raise funds for the boiler updates.



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Fabulous February

February 1st 1960 – Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, the space shuttle Columbia broke apart in flight over west Texas, killing all 7 crew.

February 2nd 1848 – The war between the U.S and Mexico ended with the signing of the Treat of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

February 6th 1799 – Massachusetts became the 6th state to ratify the new U.S Constitution, by a vote of 187 to 168.

February 8th 1910 – The Boy Scouts of America was founded by William Boyce in Washington, D.C., modeled after the British Boy Scouts.

February 10th 1942 - The first Medal of Honor during WW2 was awarded to 2nd Lt. Alexander Niniger (posthumously) for heroism during the Battle of Batann.

February 11th 1990 – Nelson Mandela, at age 71, was released from prison after serving 27 years of a life sentence.

February 14th 1889 – Photographer Mathew Brady took the first photograph of a U.S. President in office, James Polk.

February 17th – During the American Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina was returned to the Union after nearly a year and a half under Confederate control. The fort had been the scene of the first shots of the war.

February 20th 1962 – Astronaut John Glenn became the first American launched into orbit, traveling aboard the “Friendship 7” spacecraft.

February 23rd 1991 – In Desert Storm, Allied ground offensive began after a devastating month-long air campaign targeting Iraqi troops in both Iraq and Kuwait.

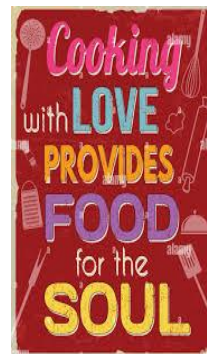
February 24th 1867 – The House of Representatives voted to impeach President Andrew Johnson. The effort to remove him failed in the Senate by just one vote.

February 27th 1991 – In Desert Storm, the 100 hour ground war ended as Allied troops entered Kuwait just 4 days after launching their offensive against Saddam Hussein’s Iraqi forces.

February 28th 1844 – One of the guns aboard the USS Princeton exploded, killing several top U.S. government officials and narrowly missed killing President John Tyler.

This Month's Birthdays

Sue Hejhal – 1st
Sue Homsy – 21st



Ingredients: 1/2tsp Paprika 1/2tsp Italian Seasoning
2 6oz Boneless skinless chicken breasts (1/2 thick)
1 ½ tbsp. olive oil divided 1 med shallot (finely chopped)
2 cloves garlic (finely chopped) 1 tbsp. tomato paste
¼ cup dry white wine 1/2tsp chicken bouillon
2tbsp oil packed sun dried tomatoes (chopped)
2tbs cold cream cheese, cut into small pieces Salt & Pepper
Baguette (for serving)

Directions:

1. In a small saucepan, stir together paprika, Italian seasoning and ¼tsp each of salt and pepper; sprinkle over chicken breasts on both sides.
2. Heat 1tbsp oil in large skillet on medium. Cook chicken until golden brown and mostly cooked through, 3-4 mins per side. Transfer to plate. Reduce heat to med-low. Add remaining ½ tsp oil to skillet, add shallot and garlic, cook covered, stirring often, until tender 4-5 mins.
3. Add tomato paste and cook, stirring until deepened in color, 1-2 mins. Increase heat to med, add wine and cook, scraping bottom of pan until most of liquid evaporates.
4. In measuring cup, whisk bouillon with ½ cup water, then whisk into skillet along with sun dried tomatoes. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a gentle simmer. Whisk in cream cheese until fully incorporated, then add chicken and juices to skillet. Cover and cook until chicken is cooked through (1-2 mins). Sprinkle with parsley and serve with baguette.



Special Days In February

February 2nd – Groundhog Day & Candlemas

February 5th – National Girls & Women in Sports Day

February 8th – National Boy Scouts Day

February 11th 0 National Inventors’ Day

February 14th – Valentine’s Day

February 15th – Susan B Anthony Day

February 17th – President’s Day

February 19th – Iwo Jima Day

February 28th – First Evening of Ramadan

Zodiac: Aquarius – January 19th – February 18th

Pisces – February 19th – March 20th

Birthstone: Amethyst & Jasper

Birth Flower: Violets & Irises

Weather Folklore: It is said that if the weather is fine and frosty at the close of January and the beginning of February, there is more winter ahead than behind.



Born in Umbria, Italy she dedicated herself to God at a young age. She is traditionally regarded as the foundress of the Benedictine nuns. Scholastica is honored as a saint of the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church and Anglican Communion. She was born to wealthy parents and a ninth-century tradition makes her the twin sister of Benedict. Her feast day is 10 February. C. 480- 10 February 543