

Dear Friends,

In February we celebrate Valentine's Day. We share sentimental thoughts and feelings with those we love and that is so appropriate and good. In fact we probably need to do it much more often.

In February we also will begin our journey to the Cross of Calvary. Ash Wednesday is February 17 and our focus is the cross and the love of God.

God's heart is so full of love for you. We saw that love in the manger of Bethlehem, now we see that love on the Cross of Calvary. ***"For God so love the world, that He gave His Son, that whoever believe in Him, shall not perish, but have eternal life."*** (John 3:16) That is the ultimate love gift. You, my friends, are always on God's heart and His heart is always turned toward you – loving you and rejoicing over you. He gave the gift of His Son because He could not think of spending eternity without you. In that gift of love we find forgiveness, peace and grace. It doesn't get any better than that.

It is great to have Valentine's Day and to share our love. Know that the greatest valentine and the greatest love shared is found in the heart of our Heavenly Father. May you rejoice and celebrate that gift of love in the living of your lives.

In the love of the Father,

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