

February 2014

Blest Are They...

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

During the month of Valentine hearts, our scriptures reflect on Jesus' lessons of love. The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) start with the assumption that life is difficult and we don't always feel loved by God. However, Jesus gives hope and blessing to those who seek the spiritual things, "theirs is the reign of heaven". Last month, several beloved friends left this world. Jesus taught that when we love deeply, we will not regret that love, but be comforted by it. At the same time, the purest and most innocent babies are welcomed into this congregation. In February, we will baptize our newest child, Hope. Blest are you who yearn for God in all seasons of life. Come and be blessed by God's Word and our shared witness to Christ's Love.

"Be a Blessing, Be Blessed"

Pastor Deb

<i>February 2, 2014</i>	<i>Micah 6:1-8</i>	<i>Matthew 5: 1-12</i>	<i>Blest are you</i>
<i>February 9 2014</i>	<i>I Corinthians 2:1-12</i>	<i>Matthew 5:13-20</i>	<i>Pass the Salt</i>
<i>February 16,2014</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 30:15-20</i>	<i>Matthew 5:21-37</i>	<i>Choose Life</i>
<i>February 23,2014</i>	<i>I Corinthians 3:10-11</i>	<i>Matthew 5:38-48</i>	<i>Love Your Enemies</i>

March 2, 2014 One Service at 10:30 am (Candidate Preaching, communion)

11:30 am Congregational Meeting and vote on the Call of the new minister