

**Words Matter**  
**February 2022 Harbinger**



**“May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.” Psalm 19:14 NIV**

**It is February of 2022!! And I want to ask how all of you are doing so far? It has been a rough couple of years and not much has changed beginning with this year. Well except for inflation going up, job losses, COVID seeming to be picking up again, etc. So how are you doing? For me, I am doing well, for I know who my God is, and I know my savior, Jesus Christ! Amen!!**

**It has been a trying time for us all and I know that we get frustrated at times, more so lately it seems on social media. I have never seen such anger, disrespect, and the putting down of others in the comments of other people’s posts. It truly breaks my heart and makes me downright angry at times! I know we grew up with the saying, “Stick and Stones can break my bones, but names can never hurt me!” I wonder who came up with that!! Broken bones hurt for a while but can be healed. Names and cruel words can cause so much more damage that can take a lifetime to heal from if ever.**

**We, as followers of Christ, are called to use our words wisely. With love, compassion, forgiveness, mercy and grace! I must tell you though, from some Christians that I have listened to on social media, I would have to say that is not the case. That breaks my heart! For you see, our words can either bring someone to want to know Jesus as their personal savior or words can push them away from even listening!**

**I would like to encourage us all who say that we are Christian, or even better followers of Christ, to continue to ask the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom before speaking and then speak to encourage, lift up, and lead others to Jesus Christ.**

**Words are powerful! They can lift someone up or they can beat someone down.**

**Let us lift each other up! It is so needed today! Many are feeling alone and fearful of the future! Let us tell them about the future they can have with Jesus Christ, Eternal life!!**

**Those are words I want to speak! How about you?**

**Have a blessed 2022 my friends! With God it’s going to be a great year!! I expect nothing less!**

**Love and blessings to you all,**

*Pastor Gwen*



Dear members of Grand Avenue,

On behalf of the local Salvation Army Advisory Council, I would like to extend to you our sincerest thanks for giving of your time and energy to ring the bell for us during our recent Red Kettle campaign. Through your generosity, we were able to raise just over \$15,000 for our local assistance program. Despite the many challenges of COVID, because of your willingness to ring and the generosity of those in our local communities, our campaign actually raised more than was initially estimated by our divisional headquarters! Very exciting! Your complete kettle total (includes all shifts) was \$771.92.

In closing, we again extend our appreciation to you for your willingness to invest in the Salvation Army, and we send our well wishes for a prosperous and blessed new year.

Regards, Tara Madden, Advisory Council Member

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### *February Birthdays*

- 12<sup>th</sup> Cindy Perez*
- 16<sup>th</sup> Kathy Terrell*
  - Robbie Geise*
  - Alex King*
- 25<sup>th</sup> Marvin Pitcher*
- 26<sup>th</sup> Janet Harmeyer*

### **Dates to Remember in February**

February 8 – Ad Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Chapel  
February 14 – Valentine’s Day  
February 21 – President’s Day

Every Wednesday – Piecemakers Quilters – time varies

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## A Short Quiz

The following short quiz consists of 4 questions and tells whether you are qualified to be a "professional." According to Andersen Consulting Worldwide, around 90% of the professionals they tested got all questions wrong. But many preschoolers got several correct answers!

1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe, and close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

Wrong Answer: Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant, and close the door.

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your actions.

3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All the animals attend except one. Which animal does not attend?

Correct Answer: The elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. This tests your memory.

OK, even if you didn't answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your abilities.

4. There is a river you must cross. But it is inhabited by crocodiles. How do you manage it?

Correct Answer: You swim across. All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Conference. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

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DATE	CHECK	PAYEE/CATEGORY	CREDIT	DEBIT	BALANCE
		Beginning Balance	\$ 12,898.96		12898.96
1/2/2022		Week 1 Deposit	\$ 2,144.05		
1/9/2022		Week 2 Deposit	\$ 1,750.95		
1/16/2022		Week 3 Deposit	\$ 2,939.00		
1/23/2022		Week 4 Deposit			
1/30/2022		Week 5 Deposit			
		Monthly Deposit Total	\$ 19,732.96		
		<b>Previous Month's Tithe</b>			
		Conference 10% Dec.2021 \$1,035.00)			
		District 2.0% Dec. 2021 (\$118.98)			
	ACH	MetroNet - sanctuary		x \$ 72.15	
	ACH	MetroNet-church office		x \$ 81.80	
	ACH	MetroNet - parsonage		x \$ 209.00	
	ACH	Duke Energy- church		x \$ 134.36	
	ACH	Duke Energy-office		x \$ 52.43	
	ACH	Duke Energy-parsonage		x \$ 231.76	
	ACH	Ohio Valley Gas-church		x \$ 129.32	
	ACH	Ohio Valley Gas-church office		x \$ 190.00	
	ACH	Connersville Utilites-Church		x \$ 199.78	
	ACH	Connersville Utilities-office		x \$ 70.37	
	ACH	Connersville Utilities-parsonage		x \$ 33.85	
		Everton Water			
		Rumpke Trash			
		<b>Taxes</b>			
	ACH	IRS monthly taxes thru G. O'Brian (Dec.)		\$ 178.49	
	ACH	State of Indiana-state monthly taxes (Dec.)		\$ 53.62	
		<b>Insurance</b>			
	ACH	INUMC - monthly health		\$ 2,042.22	
	ACH	INUMC monthly pension		\$ 972.47	
		<b>Payroll</b>			
	ACH	Pastor's salary - 1st half of month		x \$ 1,681.43	
		Pastor's cell phone		\$ 100.00	
		Pastor's Expenses			
	ACH	Pastor's salary - 2nd half of month		\$ 1,681.43	
1/19/2022	2996	Church secretary (monthly)		\$ 421.09	
1/30/2022	2998	Custodian - (monthly building)			
1/19/2022	2997	Custodian - (monthly office custodian)		\$ 51.50	
		Church Mutual (proprerty insurance)		x \$ 504.35	
	check	Church Mutual (workmans comp)			
	check	Office & Church supplies (mastercard)			
		Miscellaneous expenses			
29-Dec	2994	Furnace repair expense		x \$ 582.00	
1/9/2022	2993	Fill in minister 2 weeks 1/2 & 1/9		\$ 100.00	
1/11/2022	2999	Linda Fennell (cleaning supplies )		x \$ 48.28	
1/4/2022	2995	Linda Fennell (masks )		x \$ 44.97	
1/18/2022		Transfer to Mission Mart		x \$ 72.50	
Date	TOTAL	Deposits & Expenses/Balance	\$ 19,732.96	\$ 9,939.17	\$ 9,793.79

