

## Calendar Events

**TODAY:** God's Explorers (K-5th grade),  
10am at the Schoolhouse

Saranac Community Meal, [South Building](#)  
5:15pm, Devotional & Hymn Sing  
6:00pm, Meal

**THIS WEEK, 2/20 to 2/26:**

**Monday:** Celebrate Recovery, 6:30pm

**Wednesday:** Supper's Ready, ROCK, & Trailblazers, 5pm

**Fri-Sat:** Ladies Weekend Out

**Sunday:** Communion Sunday

### COMING UP:

**March 1:** Ash Wednesday Gathering (Lent begins)

**March 2:** Wesleyan Women

**March 4:** Benefit Chili Dinner & Silent Auction

**March 9:** LBA Meeting

**March 16:** Wesleyan Women

**March 24:** Christian All-nighter at Craig's Cruisers  
for the Trailblazers (Drivers Needed)

**April 16:** Easter

**CHILI DINNER & SILENT AUCTION BENEFIT**  
**For Clarksville Firefighter Terry Furlong**  
**Who is fighting cancer**

**Saturday, March 4, 2017**  
**4:30-7:30pm**  
**At the Ebenezer Center**

**Sponsored by the**  
**Clarksville Volunteer Fire Department**

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### Gatherings:

**8:15am (West Berlin Chapel)**  
*Traditional Gathering*

**10:00am (Ebenezer Center)**  
*Contemporary Gathering*

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The Bulletin



BEING TRANSFORMED BY CHRIST, WE **LOVE, LEARN, LIVE AND LEAD**  
THE WAY OF JESUS, ADDING VALUE TO THE INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES,  
ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES AROUND US AND BEYOND SO  
THAT CHRIST MIGHT TRANSFORM THEM AS WELL.

**One in Heart**  
**and One in Mission**  
*Better together*

## WELCOME

. . . Let me rush on to that point which is explained by the Greek word *agape*. *Agape* is higher than all other types of love I have talked about. Why is it higher? Because it is unmotivated; it is spontaneous; it is overflowing; it seeks nothing in return. It is not motivated by some quality in the object. Utilitarian love is motivated by a quality in the object, namely the object's usefulness to him. Romantic love is motivated by some quality in the object, maybe the beauty of the object or the quality that moves the individual. A mother's love is motivated by the fact that this is her child, something in the object before her. Move on up to friendship, it is motivated by that quality of friendliness and that quality of concern that is mutual. Go on up to humanity, humanitarian love, it is motivated by something within the object, namely a divine spark, namely something sacred about human personality.

But when we rise to *agape*, to Christian love, it is higher than *all* of this. It becomes the love of God operating in the human heart. The greatness of it is that you love every man, not for your sake but for his sake. And you love every man because God loves him. And so it becomes all inclusive. The person may be ugly, or the person may be beautiful. The person may be tall, or the person may be short. The person may be light, or the person may be dark. The person may be rich, or the person may be poor. The person may be up and in; the person may be down and out. The person may be white; the person may be black. The person may be Jew; the person may be Gentile. The person may be Catholic; the person may be Protestant. In other words, you come to the point of loving every man and becomes an all-inclusive love. It is the love of God operating in the human heart. And it comes to the point that you even love the enemy. Christian love does something that no other love can do. It says that you love every man.

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
16 September 1962

"Levels of Love," Sermon Delivered at Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Atlanta, Ga.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE Colossians 3:12-17

LOVE LEARN LIVE LEAD

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMMUNITY DINNER at SARANAC HOUSING COMMISSION

We hope to see you tonight beginning at 5:15pm at the South Building of the Saranac Housing Commission. We will start with hymn singing and devotions and have dinner with the residents at 6pm. Please plan to join in this worthy ministry!

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE:

Boxes collected in 2016:

Grand Rapids Area	30,321
Great Lakes Region	917,050
United States	9,121,799
International	11,485,662

*Pathway* shoeboxes and all boxes collected at the Grand Rapids Collection Center went to Minneapolis for processing and from there went to: Madagascar, Namibia, Saint Lucia, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The National Collection Week for 2017 is November 13-20. Please mark your calendars and pray for the upcoming year.

### February Mission Focus:

*Haiti Missionaries Cory & Dr. Kris Thede. See the bulletin board for part of their story or pick up a flyer. To donate to their new mission initiative, mark your offering envelope "Thede". Thank you for your prayers and support for missions!*

### Trustees' Projects

<b>Generator</b>	<b>EC Parking Lot Extension</b>
Goal: \$19,175	Goal: \$20,000
Received to date: \$ 7,792 (41%)	Received to date: \$ 2,085 (10%)

### FAITH PROMISE-GLOBAL PARTNERS

June 1, 2016–May 31, 2017

Goal: \$5,500  
Rec'd Y-T-D: \$6,335 (115%)

Faith Promise donations over goal will be used to further enhance our sponsored missionaries. Thank you for your prayers and supportive giving!

2/05/17

GIVING

\$5,125

Attendance

109

**Sunday, February 19, 2017**

Series:  
*We are the Church*

**Worship Gathering 8:15am**

Joyful Gathering of the Church

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn #482      *“Grace Greater than our Sin”*

Hymn #31      *“To God Be the Glory”*

Scripture      1 Corinthians 1:10

Pastoral Prayer

Receiving of Tithes & Offerings

Message      What Happened?

Hymn #395      *“Be Thou My Vision”*

Benediction

Scriptural References:

Colossians 3:12-17

## **LIFE GROUPS**

Sign up for a small group and connect with others from our church and community. This is a great way to love, learn, live, and lead the way of Jesus. So, take a look and find a group that works for you. *Can't find one? Start one!*

### **Sundays:**

Vista Series, 9:00am at Church Building

Couples Bible Study, 6:00pm at Ferris'

### **Mondays:**

Willing Workers, 5:00pm at EC

Victory Series for Women (see Tonya Foster)

Overcoming Hurts, Habits & Hang-ups, 6:30pm  
at Church Building

### **Tuesdays:**

Men's Accountability Group 6:30am at EC

Bible Study\*, 6:30pm at Hutchinson's  
*\*reconvening soon*

### **Wednesdays:**

Studies in Spiritual Application, 6:15pm at EC

### **Thursdays (1st & 3rd):**

Wesleyan Women Bible Study, 1:30pm at EC

### **Fridays:**

Light From the Word Group\*, 10:00am at EC  
*\*beginning after Easter*

### **Saturdays:**

Men's Bible Discussion Group, 7:00am at EC