

United Christian Church, Yakima WA



Growing in Faith, Living in Hope, Serving with Love.

**FEB
2025**

From the Pastor's Desk :

Dear Church Family,

As we enter the month of February, a time often associated with love and affection, I find it fitting to reflect on the profound biblical meaning of love. In a world that often reduces love to mere sentimentality or fleeting emotions, the Scriptures remind us that love is much deeper and richer than that.

The Bible presents love as a fundamental characteristic of God. In 1 John 4:8, we read, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." This verse encapsulates the essence of divine love—an unconditional, sacrificial love that seeks the well-being of others. It is a love that is not just a feeling but a choice, demonstrated through action and commitment.

In 1 Corinthians 13, often referred to as the "Love Chapter," the Apostle Paul beautifully describes the attributes of love. He writes that love is patient, kind, and does not envy or boast. It is not proud, and it does not dishonor others. Love is not self-seeking; it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. This chapter serves as a powerful reminder of how we are called to love one another in our families, our communities, and the world.

Moreover, Jesus Christ exemplified the ultimate expression of love through His sacrifice on the cross. In John 15:13, He states, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." This selfless love challenges us to consider how we can reflect this same love in our daily lives. Are we willing to put the needs of others before our own? Are we willing to forgive and extend grace, even when it is difficult?

Services : Sundays at 10am

Bible Study : 8:30am on Sundays

317 S 41st St : Yakima, WA 98901 : 509.248.6104

As we celebrate Love this month, let us remember that true love is an action—a choice to serve, honor, and uplift one another. Let us strive to embody the love that God has shown us, not just in our words but in our deeds. This February, may we deepen our understanding of love and find ways to express it in our relationships, our church, and our community.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Stephen



Me yelling at squirrels in the street to move so they dont die is probably the same feeling God has watching me live my life most days.

.: Feb 1st WorkDay Meal .:

Main Dish: Melissa Jennings

Fruit/Salad: Sherri Peckman

Dessert: Robin Kabrich

.: Birthdays .:

2/12 : Nevaeh

2/29 : Sara Best

Serving This Month :

Elder : Dennis Peckman

Servers :

Sherri Peckman

Nevaeh

.: Anniversaries .:

2/14 : Dennis and Sherri Peckman

Calendar Highlights :

Feb 1st (Sat) : 9am Workday and Finance Board Meeting

Feb 23rd (Sun) : Potluck (after service)

Committee Reports :

Hands-On Mission:

Our January project was to make sandwiches for the homeless.

Thank you to our youth who helped Sue make the sandwiches Sunday morning!

The February project is to collect non-perishable food items for our local Food Bank in the Terrace Heights and Moxee area. We will have baskets at the church and we will take your donations and deliver them at the end of the month.

The youth will also assemble the "blessing bags" to share at one of their youth meeting afternoons.

It is great to have kids willing to help prepare items to share with others!

Hospitality Committee:

Mark the date: February's fellowship meal / pot luck will be February 23rd following worship!

We will have more details in the next week or two regarding theme and menu.

Monthly Scriptures :

Feb 02, 2025 : Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

- Jeremiah [1:4-10](#)
- Psalm [71:1-6](#)
- 1 Corinthians [13:1-13](#)
- Luke [4:21-30](#)

Feb 09, 2025 : Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

- Isaiah [6:1-8, \(9-13\)](#)
- Psalm [138](#)
- 1 Corinthians [15:1-11](#)
- Luke [2:22-40](#)

Feb 16, 2025 : Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

- Jeremiah [17:5-10](#)
- Psalm [1](#)
- 1 Corinthians [15:12-20](#)
- Luke [6:17-26](#)

Feb 23, 2025 : Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

- Genesis [45:3-11, 15](#)
- Psalm [37:1-11, 39-40](#)
- 1 Corinthians [15:35-38, 42-50](#)
- Luke [6:27-38](#)



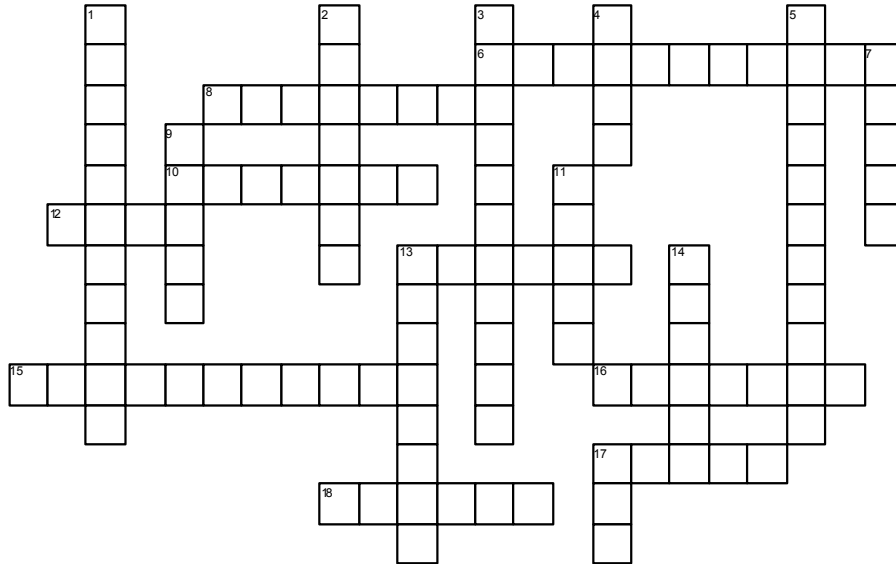
Visit us online:



uccyakima.org

GOD'S EVERLASTING COVENANT MADE TO ABRAHAM

Genesis 17



ACROSS

- 6 How old was Abram when God reaffirmed his covenant with him? (Gn. 17:1)
- 8 To Abram, God said he will greatly _____ his numbers, meaning his family.
- 10 When God finished giving this new everlasting covenant to Abraham, how did he respond to God's promise that Sarah would give birth to a son? (Gn 17:17)
- 12 As part of Abraham and his descendants' responsibility, every _____ child had to be circumcised. (Gn. 17:10-14)
- 13 God also told Abraham that through this everlasting covenant, what land would be an everlasting possession to all of his descendants? (Gn 17:8)
- 15 As part of the everlasting covenant responsibilities, at what age was Abraham circumcised? (Gn. 17:24)
- 16 What was the name of Abraham's son born to him by Sarai's Egyptian servant? (Gn. 16:3)
- 17 As part of this everlasting covenant with Abraham and his descendants, what would be Sarai's new name? (Gn. 17:15)
- 18 How old did Abraham say he would be when Sarah would give him a son? (Gn. 17:17)

DOWN

- 1 God said that this new covenant with Abraham and his descendants will be _____. (Gn. 17:7)
- 2 What new name did God give to Abram as a pledge of His promise? (Gn. 17:5)
- 3 How old did Abraham say he would be when Sarah would give him a son? (Gn. 17:17)
- 4 God also told Abraham that he and his descendants must _____ their responsibility of this everlasting covenant. (Gn. 17:9-11)
- 5 As part of Abraham and his descendants' responsibility, every male child had to be _____. (Gn. 17:10-14)
- 7 As a sign of the covenant between God and Abraham, God required that Abraham and all the male members of the household be circumcised. All the future male descendants were to be circumcised when they became _____ days old. (Gn. 17:1-22)
- 9 God told Abraham that he would _____ Ishmael to be the father of twelve rulers. (Gn. 17:20)
- 11 What name did God say Abraham's son was to be? (Gn. 17:19)
- 13 An agreement between two people: God and man. (Gn. 17:2)
- 14 God reassured Abram that he would be the _____ of many nations. (Gn. 17:4)
- 17 As part of this everlasting covenant with Abraham and his descendants, God would bless her and give her a _____. (Gn. 17:16)

God gives the Ten Commandments.

Exodus 19:1—24:18





Thoughts and Prayers

We humbly pray for those caught in the midst of conflict and strife. May your love and peace surround them, offering solace and guidance during these challenging times. Grant them strength, courage, and the wisdom to seek peaceful resolutions. Let your compassion and understanding fill their hearts, and may they find a path towards reconciliation and harmony.

Submit a Prayer Online! uccyakima.org/prayer

We encourage members to give as they feel led.

Your contributions enable us to continue our mission of service and love within our community and beyond. **Every donation, big or small, helps in nurturing the seeds of faith, hope, and togetherness.**

Whether it's supporting our local food banks, contributing to the maintenance of our sacred space, or funding community outreach programs, your generosity is the cornerstone of our growth and outreach.

Donate Online!



Via tithe.ly

317 S 41st St : Yakima, WA 98901 : 509.248.6104

FEBRUARY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February is African American History Month						1 9a: Work Day and Finance Board
2 8:30a: Bible Study 10a : Service	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 8:30a: Bible Study 10a : Service	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16 8:30a: Bible Study 10a : Service	17 Presidents' Day	18	19	20	21	22
23 8:30a: Bible Study 10a : Service ~11a : Potluck	24	25	26	27	28	Every 1 st Saturday - Work Day Every 3 rd Sunday - Potluck - (4 th Sun this time)

Services : Sundays at 10am
Bible Study : 8:30am on Sundays