



THE GOOD NEWS

from the Belfry

a Monthly Newsletter of the

First Congregational Church of Haddam and
the Higganum Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



FEBRU♥RY

in the 2018th Year of our Lord

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FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICE – Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at HCC
Christian Education and Child Care provided during Sunday Worship Service

Church~

On a Sunday in February of 2015 when Jim and I were away on vacation on Cape Cod we decided to visit Dennis Union Church, United Church of Christ. They have 2 worship services each Sunday, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. with their fellowship time between them. We decided to attend the later worship service but I wanted to attend some of the fellowship time.

As we entered the church building in Dennis that morning we were warmly greeted by 2 men at the door acting as ushers. I was impressed because they asked us our names and introduced themselves, also asking where we were from. What happened next was wonderful— each person took us to someone else and introduced us to other church members. We were enthusiastically welcomed over and over. In their conversations they sought to learn more about us and connect us with others with whom we might have some common interest or experience. They were genuine in their welcome, despite their knowledge that we did not live there. It was obvious that they loved their church and they wanted to make us feel like welcome guests. One of their members and her husband even came to sit with us. We felt like honored guests with the red carpet rolled out. As we left that Sunday several folks urged us to come back again. It was great to share worship with them that day.

I pray each of us learn something from my description of the welcome Jim and I felt at the Dennis Union Church. Let me point out a few things: First, when we came in the building the ushers did more than greet us and hand us a bulletin. They asked us our names and introduced themselves! They asked us if we lived nearby or if we were visiting the area. They introduced us to others. Second, everyone in the church saw it as their responsibility to make guests feel welcome. They were in it together; it was not a task given only to someone handing out bulletins. Everyone in their church family felt obliged to welcome the stranger among them.

When someone comes to our homes to visit, usually everyone there greets them and welcomes them. We are friendly churches but we can do more to help others feel welcome than smile and say hello. We can all welcome guests by telling them our name and asking for theirs, by giving them our time and attention. Each of us can be ready to sit with newcomers and to introduce them to others.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.
Hebrews 13.2

Abundant Blessings,

Tomi

Worship Schedule:

Sunday worship services will be at
9:30 a.m. at the following locations:

February	Higganum Congregational Church
March	First Congregational Church of Haddam
April	Higganum Congregational Church
May	First Congregational Church of Haddam

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE:

The Committees responsible for hosting the fellowship hour after Sunday worship service for the upcoming months is as follows:

February (at HCC)	Music <u>and</u> Fundraising
March (at FCCH)	Christian Service <u>and</u> Prudential



To be sure there will be coffee and treats after each service, members of the assigned committees are asked to update the sign-up sheet in the normal places at each Church.

COUNCIL MEETING

FCCH

The next meeting of the FCCH Church Council will be at 7 p.m. **Tuesday, February 13**

HCC

The next meeting of the HCC Church Council will be at 7 p.m. **Tuesday, February 20** .

Council meetings are open to all Church members, however only members of the Council shall have a vote.



AN OPEN LETTER OF THANKS

January 2018

Dear friends at First Congregational Church of Haddam,

Re: **Total of your 2017 donations to Amazing Grace Food Pantry**

Our figures have not yet been finalized for 2017, but we know that during that year a total of at least 11,731 households were served at Amazing Grace Food Pantry and over 375,000 items of food were distributed throughout the year. Each month an average of 978 people came to Amazing Grace to select food – free of charge - for their families. We very much appreciate your many generous gifts of food items during 2017. These donations were essential to keeping the pantry shelves stocked and ready for shopping.

NUMBER OF POUNDS OF FOOD YOU DONATED IN 2017: 480

Amazing Grace is a program of St. Vincent de Paul Middletown, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

It is only with the year-round commitment of so many generous members of our community that Amazing Grace is able to provide food for families who are most in need. We are extremely grateful for your continuing support of this important mission.

With heartfelt thanks,

Mimi

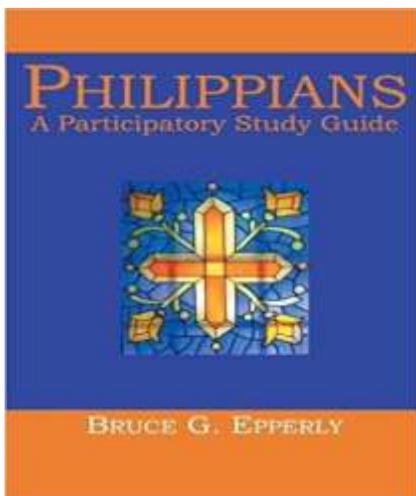
Mimi Rich
Coordinator
Families Feeding Families
Food Donation Program



St. Vincent de Paul
Middletown

MEETING NEEDS, OFFERING HOPE.

LENTEN STUDY



Using *Philippians, A Participatory Study Guide* by Bruce Epperly.

This guide brings it all: Historical and cultural information, theological perspective, and— most

important— encouragement for profound spiritual reflection. Since Tomi knows the author there will be a surprise bonus!

Beginning the week of February 14 (Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day). We will be meeting on Wednesdays at the Parsonage, time to be determined by the group (e.g., 10 am, 10:30 am or 2 pm).

If you let Tomi know she can order the books from the publisher— \$9.74 (just \$1 more than Amazon) which enables them to continue to publish. Please email Tomi as soon as possible with your interest and time preference.

PROUD MOMENTS

I wanted to thank all who attended and participated in the Epiphany Pageant! Special thanks to Dawn Alger for lending her vision and amazing talent as a director! I would also like to thank Eric Lundin and the choir for supporting us with their musical talents. To Brian Thayer for bringing the ever popular Donkey from HCC to FCCH, thank you!

The kids, and adults, did such an amazing job. I couldn't be any prouder! I look forward to many more productions! Thank you for your support.

Peace and Blessings
Amy Harlow

SO FEW DAYS, SO MUCH TO DO

As we head into February we continue our due diligence maintaining snow removal and safety of our sidewalks steps and parking lots.

That being said, we are hoping that on Groundhog Day (Feb 2nd) the furry little guy will not see his shadow and retreat back into his den looking forward to an early spring!!



Then we await the Super Bowl Game on Feb.4th to find out if our team becomes the gridiron champion.

Next up is Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, of course Valentine's day and finally Presidents' Day . None of which not to be taken lightly for different reasons and consequences.

As for now a steady pace of the season will keep us hoping for an early spring and warmer days ahead.

Submitted by Brian Thayer
Chair, HCC Board of Trustees

CLERGY GATHERING

Rev. Tomi will host a gathering of clergy at Higganum Congregational Church on Tuesday, **February 20th** from 9 am – noon.



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

How You Might Give Something of or to Yourself during Lent

Make a call or send a handwritten note to someone unable to come to church or you have not seen in church in awhile
 Bring flowers to someone
 Bring a casserole or dessert to someone
 Bring in food items for the food pantry every week during Lent
 Make a visit to someone in the hospital, nursing home or confined to home
 Invite someone to breakfast or lunch
 Shovel your neighbors walk or driveway
 Give someone a ride
 Pick up trash
 Put your cart away at the grocery store
 Spend a day per week relaxing, praying, reading, renewing
 Start that plan to eat better, exercise, take a walk, get a massage, anything for you
 Anything that reminds you of how much God loves you

A LOOK BACK . . . HCC TREASURER

HCC completed fiscal year 2017 with healthy financials due to numerous contributions from our church members, along with strong fundraising efforts. We ended the year with a \$3,831 surplus, while contributing \$5,000 to our capital reserves, \$4,084 to CT UCC missions, \$1,000 to the organ endowment fund, \$879 to local missions, and \$870 to the local backpack program. HCC collected \$3,038 to special offerings, which included Disaster Relief, Haddam Health Food Bank, One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, Veterans of the Cross, Middlesex Hospital Chaplaincy Program, Haddam Fuel Bank, and the Children's Mission. In summary, we donated nearly \$9,000 to our community during 2017, which represents about 7% of every dollar that we collected. If everyone donated 7% of their income to others, the world would be a better place.

*Submitted by Ken Wendt
 HCC Treasurer*

Let's Beat the Winter Ho Hums by planning some Food, Fun and Fellowship

The Deacons are looking for host homes to join in the fun. Our goal is to have small groups of 6-10 members from both churches and the minister, all get to know each other better.

We plan to have dates available in February, March and April. Members will be getting a call to see which date works for them after we have volunteer host homes established.

Please email or call Sue Henehan if you are willing to host at slhenehan@sbcglobal.net or 860-212-4807.

We bid a fond farewell . . . while we say "Hello"

The members of First Congregational Church of Haddam and Higganum Congregational Church bid a fond farewell in January to Ann Buracchi who served as our joint administrative assistant. We appreciate everything Ann did to help keep our Congregations running smoothly. We wish Ann much success in all her future endeavors.



We are pleased to share with you that we are welcoming a new shared administrative assistant to FCCH and HCC. Stephanie Fitzgerald Knopf will begin **Tuesday January 30th** and our *new office hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 am-3:30 pm.*

We are excited to have Stephanie join us. Stephanie is a wife and mother. She has lived in Connecticut for the majority of her life and loves New England. She is a customer service and administrative professional who has experience with blog creation and social media management. Stephanie is excited to work with us and join this fantastic community.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE NOTES

The pot-luck supper and game night held on January 13, 2018 was enjoyed by twenty-five adults and kids. The food was excellent. The games Balderdash and Chronology were fun and challenging to play. Hope you plan to come to the next event. More people increase the fun.

We are scheduled to provide a Sunday night meal at **St Vincent de Paul Center** on **February 25**. At this event, we prepare the meal, deliver it ready to serve to the kitchen on Main Street in Middletown at 4:30 pm. We serve, visit with the guests and clean up. Here is an opportunity for you to help with cooking, delivery, serving and clean up. There will be sign up sheets during coffee hour. No more than 12 people needed to serve. You must be at least 12 years old - kids need adults to chaperone.

Another chance to prepare a meal occurs on **April 22**. We are scheduled to prepare supper at **St. Stephens Church** in East Haddam. We bring the ingredients, arrive at 3:30 pm, prepare the meal and serve it between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Look for more details next month.

The FCCH Christian Service Committee is looking for new ideas for mission or fellowship. Please share your thoughts with any member of the committee: Ginny Evensen, Denise Bouchard, George Sima, Candy Casale, Nancy Soneson, Nancy Albert and Val Williams.

Submitted by Virginia Evensen



Everyday ways to show love of neighbor. . .



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

MUGS TO GO

In February, we will be collecting coffee mugs, new or used, to be delivered to **St. Vincent de Paul** soup kitchen. Here is a chance to clean your cupboard and find a good place for your large collection of coffee mugs. Look for the box in the Fellowship Room at HCC. The mugs will be taken to their new home at the end of February.

WELCOME BASKETS

During Lent we will be collecting items for Welcome Baskets to be given to youth when they enter the **Solnit Children's Hospital** in Middletown. There will be a list of needed items available and the baskets will be assembled in March. There will also be an opportunity to assemble fleece blankets for these kids.

Look for more information soon on these two projects.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Care Packages for our College students will be assembled in April. This is just in time for the study period before final exams. We have quite a few kids who have grown up in our churches who are away at school. This is a chance to let them know we care about them.

Submitted by Virginia Evensen

STATE OF THE CHURCH

Through a tremendous effort by our Assistant Treasurer, Judy Hodgson, we collected nearly 98% of pledges new and past; another herculean year by our Fundraising Committee, raising \$31,876 and even more important, the limitless energy and commitment of our church family in giving of their time and talents enabled HCC to exceed our 2017 budget expenses by only \$3,831!

Our endowment fund, managed by the New England Guild Wealth Advisors, Inc., performed in concert with the equity markets, delivering a gross yield of 12.66%.

The BOF realizes that as we are evolving, we will face new challenges in the coming year. It is our intent not to just stay the course but to position Higganum Congregational Church on a pathway of growth.

Above is excerpt from 2017 annual report of the HCC board of finance

The following goal statement was created by the joint Diaconate of both congregations and Rev. Tomi.

2018 Ministry Goals

1. Increase and deepen the ‘connection’ between members as well as with the minister.
 - a. Cottage Meetings: beginning in the winter have small groups (8-10 members split between each church plus the minister) for dinner at various member host houses to become better acquainted with each other
 - b. Develop a program to create a Deacon point of contact for all members – Each member will have their own Deacon. Deacons will make an effort to connect with their members to increase communication by phone, email and/or mail (hand written notes).
 - c. Prayers will be offered for members at each Deacons meeting— annually moving through all members. Deacons can contact their members for prayer requests and/or notify them that we have prayed for them.

2. Continue and increase our visibility and service in the community.
 - a. Backpack Program
 - b. Community Christmas Caroling
 - c. Food Pantry
 - d. Church Sponsored Community series on issues and advances dealing with Death and Dying. (Direct Cremation, Hospice, etc.)
 - e. Cookie Walk
 - f. Consider serving a meal to recognize community volunteers, such as first responders, volunteer fire department (Haddam, Higganum and Haddam Neck), volunteer ambulance service, etc.
 - g. Community Halloween Party following Trunk or Treat— CE project
 - h. Seek to identify community ‘needs’ and develop means to address them. Develop programs to serve local families
 - i. Be a presence at community events... with a table or booth— providing activities for children and families
 - j. Explore offering a live Nativity
 - k. Bread Ministry
 - l. Fall Fair
 - m. Easter Sunrise Service
 - n. Blue Christmas Service
 - o. Shoreline Singers
 - p. Quilt Show
 - q. Family Photos

3. Develop a plan for the Minister to make a home visit to all members open to or desiring a visit: create a ‘sign-up’ sheet for members. Develop questions to be asked of members during visit. Timing for spring, post Easter and October/November, 2018.

4. Plan and Promote an “Invite a friend to Church” event. Include a pancake breakfast or luncheon.

5. Increase participation and support the inclusion of children and others in the worship service. Invite children to ring the bells, take up the offering, hand out bulletins, read and more. (Change Deacon’s job from doing it all to involving others!)

6. Develop list of members desiring to be readers in worship.

TOGETHER, AS ONE

*Speaking the truth in love,
we must grow up in every way into the one who is the head – into Christ –
from whom the whole body,
joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped,
as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.
~ Ephesians 4:15-16 ~*



Following Jesus' call to discipleship, and bound by the covenant we share as siblings in Christ, we – the members of the United Church of Christ in southern New England – declare these values essential to our shared ministry together:

We understand the local church exists to make disciples of Jesus and we welcome all people unconditionally to share in this calling.

We commit to making God's love and justice real by loving our neighbors, children, and all of creation through our collective work, such as seeking racial, economic, environmental, and LGBTQ justice.

We believe God calls us to bring new life as agents of change and so we embrace and encourage adaptive and transformative leadership wherever the Body of Christ is gathered.

*I am about to do a new
thing;
now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the
wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

~ Isaiah 43:19 ~

We encourage local congregations and varied ministry settings, inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, to form covenant partnerships with all who work for the common good in their local communities and throughout the world.

*In union with the entire United Church of Christ,
we respond to Jesus' call and strive to live our faith by:*

God's Vision:

United in Christ's love, a just world for all.

The Church's Mission:

United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.

Our Purpose:

To love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength
and our neighbor as ourselves.

Our United Covenant:

Living the Love and Justice of Jesus.



Pray
FOR *Healing*



We pray for those members of our two Congregations who have recently experienced hospital stays. May your road to recovery be speedy and free of obstacles.

There You Grow!

A BULLETIN ON CHURCH REVITALIZATION AND GROWTH

By Rev. Dr. Randy Hammer

A Place Where *All* Are Welcome?

It was Palm Sunday 2005. Excitement was in the air. Palm leaves adorned the chancel. The “Hosanna” banner was hung. Attendance was above average. It was time for the festive music to begin.

At 10:28 a.m., I was standing in the narthex of First Congregational Church donning robe and stole as is customary in our congregation. The organist had already begun to play the Prelude. It was time for me to process up the aisle and take my place on the platform for the opening hymn. And then it happened.

In the front doors walked two men. I could not believe my eyes! One of them was carrying a giant, yellow Tabby cat. We were well into the “God Is Still Speaking,” “no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here” campaign. What should I do?

As “Darryl” (not his real name) walked up the steps to the sanctuary with cat in tow, I glanced over at our head usher, who was at the opposite side of the narthex, and quickly searched my mind for words that would be appropriate. “Hi, I’m Darryl,” the man said excitedly. The strong odor of alcohol struck me in the face the moment he opened his mouth.

“Good morning, Darryl,” I replied, with outstretched hand. “We are glad to see you this morning. However, we usually do not have cats in church,” I said as politely as possible.

“Oh, I know that, but he was following me down the street and I didn’t have time to take him back, and I couldn’t just leave him outside. And I *have* to be in church today.”

“I understand,” I assured him, “but if your cat gets loose during the service, it could cause quite a disturbance” I replied, again as politely as possible.

“Oh, he won’t get loose; I’ll hold onto him tight.” And with that Darryl bolted into the sanctuary with his friend right behind him and they took a seat near the front, about three pews from the pulpit and communion table. Soon after the service began, the friend’s cell phone rang, and he leisurely got up and left the service while talking to the person on the other end, leaving Darryl and his cat alone.

Well, as soon as the pipe organ bellowed the opening hymn, the cat became very unhappy and started clawing his way up Darryl’s chest and shoulders, frantically trying to escape. The cat started crying as cats in distress often do. As soon as the cat would claw his way up Darryl’s arms, chest and shoulders until it looked as though he would climb right down the back of the pew and escape, Darryl would drag him down again.

One of our members went and found a cardboard box and gave it to Darryl to house the cat, but the cat would have none of that so the box sat empty on the pew.

When it came time for cares and concerns to be voiced, Darryl jumped to his feet and said, “My name is Darryl, and I’m an alcoholic and I will be joining First Congregational Church. I’ll be going to rehab soon, and I want you all to pray for me.”

As I looked out across the congregation, and listened to the cat cry, growl and hiss, I could see the uneasy look on many faces. But no one really knew what to do under the circumstances. Somehow I managed to make it through the service, pretending that the cat’s presence was nothing out of the ordinary.

At the close of the service, many of our members made a point to be friendly to Darryl, and to his cat as well. After everyone had left, one of our ushers took it upon himself to clean the massive balls of cat hair from the pew cushion and the blood (yes, blood from Darryl’s arms) from the back of the pew.

Darryl returned about three times and was welcomed every time he came. Then he went off to rehab and we lost touch with him, in spite of my repeated attempts to contact him.

We have often wondered if God, by sending Darryl and his giant cat to us, was testing us to see if we really meant what we had been saying: “No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.” Nowhere is it written that extravagant hospitality is easy. But it has been written to be careful about welcoming strangers, because some have entertained angels without knowing it.

P.S. I was there that Sunday Darryl and his cat came to church! Tomi

Are YOU ready for summer?

Registration for the 2018 summer program at Silver Lake Conference Center is now open! Children and youth in grades 4 through 12 are encouraged to sign up for a week of fun, friendship, and faith. See full program descriptions online at www.silverlakeect.org. Register by **January 31st** to save \$50 with coupon code EARLY18.



My stay at Silver Lake was life changing. I will never forget the friends I met or the things we did. Also the food there was delicious. My favorite time of the day was when we played Nuke Em with the counselors. It's like volleyball and you have to catch the ball or you are out.

Everyday we had jobs, like to serve and clean. It was not hard at all. It was even a bit fun. I was in "The River of Dreams" and in my cabin there were just enough bunks for everyone to sleep in one side. I really hope to go again this year.

Connor Malone

Head-Two-Head Game

Resources

- Post-it-notes
- Pens

Preparation

Write names of different celebrity couples on post-it notes – you'll need one couple for every young person in the youth group.

How To Play

Put a sticky note on the forehead of each of the young people. They then have to go around the room trying to work out who their celebrity couple is.

Rules

They can only do this by asking Yes or No questions – no open questions are allowed. For example, if one of the couples was Beyonce and Jay-Z, the youth might be able to work it out by asking questions like:

- Are they still alive? (Yes)
- Are they over 50 years old? (No)
- Are they sportspeople? (No)
- Are they singers? (Yes)
- Are they both in bands (No)

They wouldn't be allowed to ask questions like:

- How old are they?
- What type of music do they do?
- What type of hairstyle do they have?

Winner

The first person to work out their celebrity couple. Keep going with the game though until everyone's managed to work out who their famous lovebirds are.

Valentine's
Day

FROM THE EDITORS

Counting the faithful

May 21, 2015



The Pew Research data showing a sharp decline in the nation's Christian population—from 78 percent to 70 percent in seven years—might be interpreted as one more sign of the collapse of Christendom. Occasional church attenders and nominal believers no longer feel obliged to tell pollsters that they are Methodist or Presbyterian. In that reading, the survey numbers don't directly touch the everyday realities of church life.

What does directly touch church life are Pew's numbers on generational change. Attachment to religion is declining across all age groups, but the rise of the nones is most pronounced among younger cohorts: the younger the age bracket, the less likely people are to belong to any Christian (or other religious) body. And of all Christian groups, mainline Protestants do the worst job at reaching and retaining younger generations.

One practical lesson of the Pew report, then, is on the crucial need for mainliners to focus on passing the faith on to the next generation. Mainliners may need to borrow some of the ethos of evangelical Protestants (who seem to do a better job at this) in equipping families to be primary incubators of faith and in forming identities that are distinct and (in some selective ways) more oppositional toward the culture than they have been.

Data on mainline decline invariably unleash a round of recrimination and defensiveness—assertions that if this or that vision of mission, or this or that theological or moral stance, had been embraced (or avoided) by the church, all would be well. After decades of such arguments, the claims are unconvincing. The fact that, in the Pew data, mainline Protestants and Catholics declined in parallel fashion indicates that a wider cultural phenomenon is taking place. Christian belief and churchgoing are and will be increasingly countercultural. Evangelical Protestants too face a stark challenge in reaching young people.

Jesus chose a fallible church to tell the truth about him, and he assured its members that they had everything they needed to do it. The truth about Jesus is that he is the one in whom all things were made, the one in whose name sins are forgiven, the one who will bring all people and nations to their fulfillment. Telling and showing that truth is what we are called to do whether or not it brings institutional growth.

Years ago, the Anglican writer Evelyn Underwood commented during a time of crisis in her church, when leaders were casting about for solutions to decline, that "God is the interesting thing about religion, and people are hungry for God." To which she added, with anxious church leaders in mind, that only those who are "soaked in prayer, sacrifice, and love can help us to apprehend God."

MEMBERS' CORNER

The following 'shout outs' have been submitted for your reading pleasure.

Thank you to Bruce Rieker and Kristin Battistoni for sergening our more than 50 applicants.

Rev. Tomi

Great job to Brian Thayer in renting out the HCC facility which adds to our bottom line.

Sam Crum

A big round of thanks go out to Linda H, Judy and Alexa for all their help in setting up and cleaning up from the small reception after the Shoreline Singers concert.

Brian Thayer

Do you have a special message to share? If so, send it in for the Members' Corner!



FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes for many more

Happy Birthday to:

2 Connor Wells
 5 Quinn Rebecca Steffens
 6 Paul Lewis
 8 Cassandra Pringle
 10 Judy Hodgson
 11 Jason Jansak
 13 Stewart Gillmor, III
 14 Sue Henehan
 15 Ruby Cameron
 18 Jim Ziobro
 20 Catherine Wendt
 21 Martha Wilson
 23 Lise Thayer
 25 Arianna Bloch
 28 Bryan Gras



Harry Evert

Carol Zanelli



Happy Anniversary to:

27 Jack and Jeanne Calhoun



From the Desk of the Editor

Wow, can you believe it is already February! Incredible!

What is more amazing is how many events can be packed into one short month. Brian touched on a few in his piece. There are more that deserve the limelight as well . . . the start of the Winter Olympics (*my personal favorite*), the granddaddy of all races, the Daytona 500, and of course Mardi Gras! But wait, that is not all. There are a slew of other less publicized days to celebrate in February including:

- ⇒ National Freedom Day – 2/1
- ⇒ Robinson Crusoe Day – 2/1
- ⇒ Weatherman's Day – 2/5
- ⇒ Boy Scouts Day – 2/8
- ⇒ Toothache Day (Yikes!)- 2/9
- ⇒ Love Your Pet Day – 2/20
- ⇒ Be Humble Day – 2/22
- ⇒ Quiet Day – 2/25, and
- ⇒ Public Sleeping Day – 2/28 (*go ahead and take a nap, I give you permission*)

Truly the things you can find out by Googling a topic.....what did we do before the days of the Internet?!

Whatever you choose to celebrate in February, may you have a grand time!

Sue

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