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SNOWCRETE AND UNCLE EDDIE

Two and half weeks. 18 DAYS. That’s how long my front yard has looked like I live in Wisconsin. This snow/ice has been no joke, and it really has just settled in for a prolonged stay. And not the one you celebrate—no—like Cousin Eddie and his “tenement on wheels” arriving for Christmas and shacking up until January! If I had to use one word to describe this season, it would be that: **PROLONGED**.

February 7 was the 11-month mark of dad’s stroke and journey following. It has been a prolonged journey of ups and downs, unknown next steps, uncertain nights, and unexpected hospital stays. We continue that journey in hospice care now and, even in that phase, have settled in for a season of unknown length, cherishing the time we have together with him in the midst of it.

During that prolonged journey, my grandfather started and finished his final stage of life’s journey as well when he passed this Monday morning. “Grandpap” was my family’s pastor growing up, certainly one of the major pastoral influences on my life, and had a beloved extended family around him. We are all grateful for the time that we had to share with him, but now begin the next prolonged season of life that we will all inevitably face at some point—grief.

Grief is a season—like the hardened “snowcrete” in my front lawn—that just never seems to go away, isn’t it? It’s a hard thing to wrestle with daily, an opponent that we wish we could just beat into submission, but that never seems to be the case. Grief lingers on.

And in that way, it is certainly a burden. But not like the burden of an upset stomach after a Super Bowl evening eating far too many foods you shouldn’t have! It’s more like the burden of a tired body after giving it your all at a workout or a sport. It’s like the burden of a vacation that depleted your bank account, but left you with a lifetime of photos and memories. Grief is a badge of a life well lived, and a person well loved. I’ve heard it said this way, that “grief is love with nowhere to go.” I think that’s the truth. **Grief is prolonged where love persists.**

Love persists beyond struggle, beyond hardship, beyond suffering, beyond separation, even beyond death. There is no space or time that can sever it because, as scripture tells, God himself is love. We are learning that as a family as we walk through these days with loved ones, but I’ve been learning it as your pastor as well. It has been strange to be away from you all so much in recent days because of snow, suffering, and grief that just don’t seem to leave. But it has taught me that—as brothers and sisters of Christ—there is no distance that can separate or sever our love. Your constant prayers and words of support have been a blessing and gift in this time—for me and my family! And I’m grateful, that if this season of hardship has been prolonged, that your love and prayers have been as well. It is my great privilege and joy to serve as your pastor—in all seasons. **-Josh**

SUNDAY MORNING

9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP

SPECIAL ELEMENTS

Rev. Josh Beeler | “Moderation”
1 Corinthians 9: 24 ~ 27
Chancel Choir | “Our Great God”

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Feb. 15 Jesse Staton & Steve Owen

DEACONS SERVING FEB. 15

Marvin Hensley Steve Martin
 Ann Irvin Donna Massie
 Marvin Jefferson Billy Williams

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 OFFERINGS

Budget Envelopes.....\$ 17,842.00
(Weekly Budget Needs \$9,424.06)
 Plate Offering.....\$ 60.00
 Designated Offering.....\$ 2,110.00
 Miscellaneous.....\$ 0.00
 TOTAL DEPOSIT.....\$ 20,012.00
 Find Us Faithful.....\$ 940.00

**Check your email for your 2025 giving statement.
 You should also receive a paper copy in the mail.

MHBC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Personnel Committee is currently receiving applications for our new office position. Applications are being received until Sunday, February 15. If you would like to apply, please email Personnel Chair, Carl LaFerney at cjlaferney@msn.com or call with questions at **(434) 851-6003**.

To see a full job description, visit our church website:
madisonheightsbaptist.com/stay-connected

IN THE HOSPITAL & REHAB

Buddy Fisher - LGH

WINTER WEATHER WATCH

During these winter months, be sure to monitor our Facebook group for updates, postponements, and cancellations. When worship services are cancelled, it will also be posted on WSET 13.

WOMEN ON MISSION

Collecting cleaning supplies for Valor Farms (cleaning products, dish soap, gloves, scrubbers, etc.)



CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS

Collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES

This Wednesday, February 11 includes Children's Choir & Kids in Action, Youth Acteens (to Miller Home)/Man Up! & music, and Adult Prayer & Bible Study.



UNION LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday, February 18 at noon at Amelon United Methodist Church with Rev. David Garrison from Northminster Presbyterian preaching.

GENTLE YOGA CLASS

February Yoga classes will be held on Thursday, February 19 and 26 at 10:00am.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Our next fellowship dinner will be Wednesday, February 25 at 6:00pm with spaghetti and tossed salad. Hot Dogs and French Fries for kids.



FUNQUEST NIGHT

On Friday, February 27 the bus will leave MHBC at 5:30pm and return by 9:30pm for a children's and youth trip to Funquest. \$20 (payable in cash or to MHBC) covers unlimited activities plus pizza and drink. Sign up in main hall.

