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This coming Sunday is Scout Sunday here at FCCV. In recent days, between preparing for the service and meeting with the Scouts last night to sort out who would be doing what in worship this Sunday, I have found myself quite nostalgic at times. It's been over forty years since I was active in Boy Scouts and I'm fortunate to still be in touch with several friends I made in those formative years.

Deepening these nostalgic feelings in recent weeks is the realization that this is President's Day weekend. Of course, when I grew up, we celebrated Lincoln 's birthday on February 12th and Washington's birthday on February 22nd. We remembered the president's on those exact dates and when they fell on a weekend, there was no day off from school that year. And Washington's Birthday was known for its great sales. I remember one year when I was growing up, the hot item for sale that year was typewriters. (Parents, take some time to explain to your children what a typewriter is and when they stop laughing, explain to them about carbon paper.)

Nostalgia can be mildly comforting for a time. It can be an oasis of sorts as our memories are often gentle with the facts. However in the end, I believe most of us are glad we are where we find ourselves these days. Despite the ongoing challenges to many in these days, there have been so many improvements to the quality of our lives that we have integrated and take as normal and for which we are grateful at the end of the day.

Enjoy the nostalgic moments when they come into your lives, especially when you are with others who have been part of them, but then be sure to look ahead in faith and hope.

Last Sunday, Pastor Cindy taught our children and reminded us all of the qualities of love and the importance of the three different types of love most of us experience in our lives--*philia, eros and agape*. During the sermon, the respective efforts of faith and science to seek to understand truth in the world was celebrated and encouraged. We all have so much to benefit from in the continuing dialogue between faith and science. Thanks be to God, the Creator of all mystery and Source of all hope.

This coming Sunday is Scout Sunday. Our worship will be led by members of the Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops who we host here. These young men and women will fulfill the final law of the Boy Scouts--A scout is reverent--and we will all be blessed by their presence and leadership. The sermon is based on Mark 2: 1-12, one of the healing stories found in the Gospel.

Hope to see you there.....Pastor David

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 Next Wednesday, February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. There will be a service in the Sanctuary at 7 pm that night as we begin the season of Lent together. During this service, the imposition of ashes for those interested will take place.

On Tuesday, February 21st, the Ways and Means Committee will host their annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5:30-7pm. Those interested are asked to sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

On Sunday, February 26th, don't miss Judy Buch and the Hands of Peace Puppet Ministry. Judy Buch is a well known and very gifted speaker. We are very fortunate to be able to host this special Family Night to which all are welcome. This event, sponsored by the Family Life Ministry and the Ways and Means Committee, will consist of a Ziti Dinner at 5pm, followed by the Easter Story Puppet Show in the Sanctuary at 6:15 pm. Tell your friends and invite them to come along.