

REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR MATLACK

I have not been able to get three songs out of my head from Sue Gate's Funeral. First of all, "His Eye is On The Sparrow."

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely, And long for heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy—I sing because I'm free—
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

What a testimony this song is! I have always loved it, but hearing the recording of Sue singing was the most meaningful.

YOU SAY

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
And you say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours
And I believe, Oh, I believe,
What You say of me, I believe

This song was written by Contemporary Christian Artist Laura Daigle. Her mother called her house "the music box" because she was always singing. Daigle did not consider music seriously until contracting cytomegalovirus at age 15. This diagnosis kept her out of school for the next two years. During that time, Daigle took voice lessons that provided her with a creative outlet.

TURN, TURN, TURN

To everything turn, turn, turn
There is a season turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose under Heaven

A time to be born, a time to die
A time to plant, a time to reap
A time to kill, a time to heal
A time to laugh, a time to weep

Turn! Turn! Turn!", also known as or subtitled "**To Everything There Is a Season**", is a song written by Pete Seeger in 1959.

The lyrics are taken almost verbatim from the book of Ecclesiastes, as found in the King James Version of the Bible, (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8) though the sequence of the words was rearranged for the song. Ecclesiastes is traditionally ascribed to King Solomon who would have written it in the 10th century BC, though modern scholarship dates its composition much later, up to the third century BC:

The song became an international hit in late 1965 when it was adapted by the American folk rock group The Byrds. The single entered the U.S. chart at number 80 on October 23, 1965, before reaching number one on the *Billboard* Hot 100 chart on December 4, 1965.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

ADULT BASIC YOGA CLASS with Instructor Tina Green meets Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Please bring a yoga mat for floor poses. The fee per class is \$5.00.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Coffee Hour area. Join us and bring a project to work on. The fellowship continues as we go out to lunch afterwards. We hope you'll join us!

MEN'S GROUP DINNER is Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. at CJ's in Commerce. Please use the signup sheet. We hope you'll join us!

DINNER WITH FRIENDS is Friday, February 14 at 6 p.m. at Don Juan's in West Bloomfield. Please use the signup sheet. We hope you'll join us!

WELCA POTLUCK DINNER is scheduled for Thursday, February 20 at 5 p.m. in the Coffee Hour area. All ladies of the church are invited. Please use the sign-up sheet.

BOOK CLUB meets Thursday, February 27 at 7 p.m. to discuss "The Love of My Life" by Rosie Walsh. Please speak with Janet Martin if you would like the book or have any questions.

CELEBRATING YOU IN FEBRUARY!

BIRTHDAYS!

Gina Carson	02/01
Catherine Martin	02/03
Ruth Dziuba	02/09
Shelly Holtquist	02/09
Jaci Green	02/12
Liz Dziuba	02/14
Nancy Green	02/24
Russ Prus	02/29

ANNIVERSARIES!

Bill & Sue Fodor	02/15
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NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 16!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Reader/Greeter: Rob Carter	Reader/Greeter: Tina Green	Reader/Greeter: Tom Sweda	Reader/Greeter: Dennis Kunkel
Ushers: Andy Meyer Bob Frick	Ushers: Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Tom Sweda	Ushers: Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich	Ushers: Janet Martin Hilda Sawicki
Counters: Janet Martin	Counters: TBD	Counters: TBD	Counters: Andy Meyer

FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sun. School 10:45 a.m. Souper Bowl of Caring	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Dinner w/ Friends 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sun. School 10:45 a.m. Souper Bowl of Caring	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Men's Group Dinner 6:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	<i>Faith & Community Alliance Meeting 12 p.m.</i> <i>Zumba) 6:30 p.m.</i>	Dinner w/ Friends 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sun. School 10:45 a.m. Souper Bowl of Caring	Finance 7 p.m. <i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Council 7 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	WELCA Potluck Dinner 5 p.m. <i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
23	24	25	26	27	28	
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YOU'RE WELCOME HERE!
Join us for worship, study,
and activities.

WORSHIP SERVICE
10 a.m. Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45 a.m. during the school year

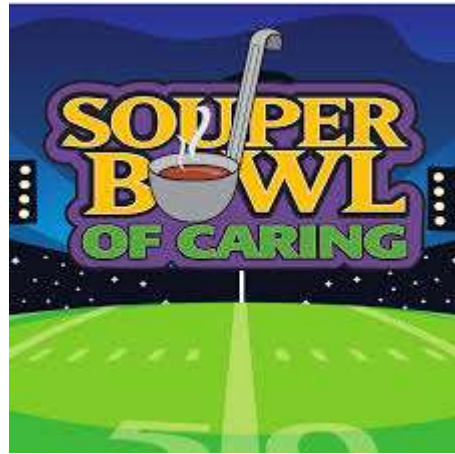
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MISSION STATEMENT

We are CALLED by Christ in our Baptism
GATHERED by the Holy Spirit to
celebrate God's grace in our midst SENT
to share God's blessings in our
community and beyond.



Join us as we help #TackleHunger through the Souper Bowl of Caring now through February 16! This year our contributions are going to the Micah 6 Community in Pontiac & Hospitality House in Walled Lake. Place your hunger ministry offering in the green Souper Bowl of Caring stockpot!