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## Grandpa's Valentine

I was the only family member living close by, so I received the initial call from the nursing home. Grandpa was failing rapidly. I should come. There was nothing to do but hold his hand. "I love you, Grandpa. Thank you for always being there for me." And silently, I released him.

Memories...six days a week, the farmer in the old blue shirt and bib overalls caring for those Hereford cattle he loved so much...on hot summer days lifting bales of hay from the wagon, plowing the soil, planting the corn and beans and harvesting them in the fall...always working from dawn to dusk. Survival demanded the work, work, work.

But on Sundays, after the morning chores were done, he put on his gray suit and hat. Grandma wore her wine-colored dress and the ivory beads, and they went to church. There was little other social life. Grandpa and Grandma were quiet, peaceful, unemotional

people who every day did what they had to do. He was my grandpa -- he had been for 35 years. It was hard to picture him in any other role.

The nurse apologized for having to ask me so soon to please remove Grandpa's things from the room. It would not take long. There wasn't much. Then I found it in the top drawer of his nightstand. It looked like a very old handmade valentine. What must have been red paper at one time was a streaked faded pink. A piece of white paper had been glued to the center of the heart. On it, penned in Grandma's handwriting, were these words:

TO LEE FROM HARRIET-  
With All My Love,  
February 14, 1895

Are you alive? Real? Or are you the most beautiful dream that I have had in years? Are you an angel -- or a figment of my imagination? Someone I fabricated to fill the void? To soothe the pain? Where did you find the

time to listen? How could you understand?

You made me laugh when my heart was crying. You took me dancing when I couldn't take a step. You helped me set new goals when I was dying. You showed me dew drops and I had diamonds. You brought me wildflowers and I had orchids. You sang to me and angelic choirs burst forth in song. You held my hand and my whole being loved you. You gave me a ring and I belonged to you. I belonged to you and I have experienced all.

Tears streamed down my cheeks as I read the words. I pictured the old couple I had always known. It's difficult to imagine your grandparents in any other role than that. What I read was so very beautiful and sacred. Grandpa had kept it all those years. Now it is framed on my dresser, a treasured part of family history.

By Elaine Reese  
from Chicken Soup for the  
Woman's Soul

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I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.  
John 10:10

### Food Rotation

February 1st	Yellow
February 15th	Blue
March 1st	Orange



### ATTENTION HARD WORKING MOMS!



If you have a home-based business that you would like to advertise in the 'Daisy News', please e-mail or call Melissa Istre with the information or provide her with a business card by Feb. 20th — [mistre@rainierconnect.com](mailto:mistre@rainierconnect.com) or 360-832-3408



### The Heart of a Mother Lives Here

Several years ago I read a comic strip in which the storyline was that a young couple, having tried for some time to have children of their own, had decided to adopt a child. The prospective mother was lying awake, tormenting herself with questions about what sort of mother she would be and whether she could

adequately fulfill such a major commitment. Finally she faced the big question in her mind: Can I really love someone who isn't my own flesh and blood? At that point she looked over at her peacefully sleeping husband and had her answer. She smiled and went to sleep.

—Janice Lewis Clark



### On Cloud Nine... Dinner for Two

Tuck the kids in bed and enjoy a late candlelight dinner with just you and your sweetheart!

#### Pork Cutlet Sauté

3 Tbsp. flour, divided  
1/4 tsp. rubbed sage  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
2 boneless pork loin chops  
1 Tbsp. vegetable oil  
1 Tbsp. butter  
8 medium fresh mushrooms, quartered  
1 cup beef broth  
2 Tbsp. dry sherry, or additional beef broth

In a shallow bowl, combine 1 Tbsp. flour, sage and pepper. Coat pork chops with flour mixture. In a skillet, cook chops in oil and butter over medium-high heat for 5-7 minutes on each side or until juices run clear. Remove and keep warm.

In the same skillet, sauté mushrooms for 2 minutes. Place remaining flour in a small bowl. Whisk in broth and sherry or additional broth until smooth; add to skillet. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat. Return pork to the pan; heat through.

#### Lemony Green Onion Rice

3/4 cup uncooked instant rice  
1/3 cup chopped celery  
1/3 cup chopped green onions

2 tsp. butter  
1/2 to 1 tsp. grated lemon peel  
1/4 tsp. salt  
Dash of pepper

Cook rice according to package directions. In a small skillet, sauté celery and onions in butter over medium heat until tender. Stir in the rice lemon peel, salt and pepper.

#### Strawberry Sundae Cups

4 squares (1 ounce each) bitter-sweet chocolate, divided  
1 cup strawberry ice cream  
Whipped cream in a can

In a microwave-safe bowl, melt three squares of chocolate; stir until smooth. Brush chocolate evenly on the inside of two foil muffin cup liners. Freeze for 10 minutes or set. Repeat brushing and freezing steps two more times.

Melt remaining chocolate; transfer to a small resealable plastic bag. Cut a small hole in a corner of the bag. Pipe two heart shapes onto waxed paper. Freeze until set. Just before serving, carefully peel liners off of chocolate cups and discard. Fill with ice cream. Garnish with whipped cream and chocolate hearts.



### God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us  
Was not a bunch of flowers;  
It wasn't candy, or a book  
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,  
So He could freely give,  
His sacrificial love for us,  
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and  
Instruction, good and true—  
To love our friends and enemies  
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,  
Let's thank our Lord and King;  
The reason we have love to give  
Is that He gave everything.

By Joanna Fuchs  
Poemsource.com

### Happy Birthday

Inger Owen 2/17  
Seselia Stevens 2/26  
Ann Ameil 2/28



### Little Breath of Heaven

Rachel Schindler  
announced her pregnancy to  
the group on Jan. 4th.  
This is her second child.





**Graham Emmanuel Baptist Church**

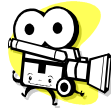
**Praise and Worship Night**  
February 2nd from 7:00-8:30pm  
Childcare is available

**Women's Breakfast**  
February 10th at 9:00am

Kids will eat breakfast in the Chapel while the women will be served in the Worship Center  
Sign up in the lobby

**Valentine's Banquet**  
February 11th at 5:00pm

Romantic dinner and night out with your sweet-heart. Cost is \$15 — Sign up in the lobby or call Geri Selman at 360-893-5139



**MOPS Mom's Night Out**

Friday, February 23rd  
7:00—9:30ish

**MOVIE NIGHT—PAJAMA CONTEST**  
**Chronicles of Narnia**

Bring a pillow and blanket.  
Popcorn and beverages provided.  
No childcare available.



**Mommy 'n Me Daisy Picnic**

Pack a sack lunch for you and your kids and join us after MOPS on Thursday, Feb. 15th for more...



**FRESH AIR!**

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**Breezy Crafts with Kids**

**Heart Picture:**

Paint both hands and have your child press their hands on paper to make a heart (palms on top and fingers angled in to touch)

**Heart Necklace:**

Cut two identical hearts from craft foam, about 3 inches wide. With a hole punch, make matching holes around the edges of the hearts but not the top. Cut a piece of plastic lanyard long enough to lace around the edges and tie for a necklace. Have your child lace the lanyard through the

holes and place a few plastic pony beads on each side of the remaining lanyard and then tie the ends for the necklace. Additional decorations can be made to the heart. You can then fill the pocket with candy, stickers or a small toy.

**Valentine Flower:**

Cut out 4 hearts plus 2 smaller hearts. On construction paper draw a long stem for the flower. Have your child color, glitter etc. the hearts as they wish. Then glue the 4 larger hearts onto the stem with the points of the hearts facing towards the center of the flower. Glue on the 2 smaller hearts as the leaves.



**MOPPETS BUZZ**



**It's the start of a new MOPS semester!**

Just a few quick reviews from the MOPS Handbook.  
Drop off of your children does not begin until 9:15.  
We are still setting up and waiting for all our workers to arrive and settle in before that time.

If your child is crying and you are called to their classroom, please remain in the foyer with them as to not disturb the MOPS meeting. Once they are calm, you may try to place them back into their classroom.

If your children are showing any sign of illness or have been sick in the past 24 hours, please make other arrangements for their care or keep them at home. We have to be respectful of the healthy kids and workers

that will be in contact with them.

We are still in great need of permanent workers. Because of our shortage of workers, we have moved the Dragonflies in with the Butterflies class.

If you have a friend, grandparent, or someone that is willing and able to provide care, please let us know. We still have gift certificates to give away to anyone that refers a worker to us!

A new 2nd Semester list is being passed around today. If you have not worked yet this year, please sign up to fulfill your MOPPETS commitment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rayna Porter at 360-832-4072.



**A**fter she woke up, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight." he said.

That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams."

**A**t the end of their date, a young man takes his favorite girl home. Emboldened by the night, he decides to try for that important first kiss. With an air of confidence, he leans with his hand against the wall and, smiling, he says to her, "Darling, how 'bout a goodnight kiss?" Horrified, she replies, "Are you mad? My parents will see us! Can you imagine if we get caught?" "Oh come on, there's nobody around, they're all sleeping!" "Oh please, please, I like you so much!!"

"No, no, and no. I like you too, but I just can't!"

Out of the blue, the porch light goes on, and the girl's sister shows up in her pajamas, hair disheveled. In a sleepy voice the sister says: "Dad says to go ahead and give him a kiss. Or I can do it. Or if need be, he'll come down himself and do it. But for crying out loud tell him to take his hand off the intercom button!"

**F**our-year-old Mitch loved candy almost as much as his mom Ann did. He and Daddy had given her a beautiful heart-shaped box of chocolates for Valentine's Day. A few days later Mitch was eyeing it, wishing to have a piece of it. As he reached out to touch one of the big pieces, Ann said to him, "If you touch it, then you have to eat it. Do you understand?" "Oh, yes," he said, nodding his head. Suddenly his little hand patted the tops of all the pieces of candy. "Now I can eat them all."


Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always

trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.  
1 Corinthians 13:4-8

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.  
1 Corinthians 13:13



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**2nd Semester Tuition of**  
**\$35 is Due today,**  
**February 1st.**

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### Calling All Moms

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- If you have an item that is too big to bring for the MOPS Boutique, please contact Melissa Istre to advertise in the newsletter.

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