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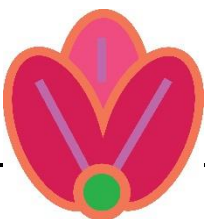
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FEBRUARY

## Dates to Remember:

- Black History Month
- Groundhog Day, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Boy Scout Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>
- Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>
- Valentine's Day, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>
- President's Day, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>
- Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>



## The parable of the lost ring

Only three years after Paula and Joe Walter married, her wedding ring was lost as she played catch with their son. Naturally, she was heartbroken. Over the years, whenever family and friends gathered in the back yard, she urged everyone to look for the ring — but to no avail. Because the yard borders on woods, Paula feared the ring had flown into the trees, never to be seen again.

But just before the couple's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, landscapers hired to do work in the yard brought her a surprise: They'd found the ring — right where Paula had been playing with her child so long ago! Like the woman in Jesus' parable who finally found her lost coin (Luke 15:8-10), Paula rejoiced. God too searches until every person who has strayed or been flung away from the faith is found.

Sometimes the place we rediscover faith is right where we've looked before. What makes the difference? A different person helping us search? Light shining in a different way? We may never know. We simply rejoice — and so does God.

—Heidi Mann

## Celebrating love

For 80 years, a couple in Ecuador was an exceptional example of marital love. Julio Cesar Mora Tapia, 110, and Waldramina Maclovia Quinteros Reyes, 104, were wed on February 7, 1941. Until Julio's death last October, they were reportedly the world's oldest married couple. Their large family includes nine great-great-grandchildren!

Good News Network recounts: "Julio Cesar fell in love with Waldramina's beauty, her conversation, and her big heart." Meanwhile, she found in him "a poet with a young spirit." The couple says the formula for a lasting marriage is "love + maturity + mutual respect," as well as patience, compassion and hard work.

That calls to mind Paul's words, often read at weddings: "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:4-6, ESV).



# February Birthdays

2/2	Valerie Ashton-Thomas	2/14	Kathy King
2/2	Lula Kelly	2/14	Courtney Savage
2/2	Carrolyn Bostick	2/14	Zaria Harris
2/2	Zoe McRae	2/15	Charles Harris
2/3	Virginia Gray	2/15	Maria Falade
2/4	Alan Harris	2/15	Allen George
2/4	Kameron Coleman	2/17	Fred Cook
2/7	Joe Walker	2/18	Linda Blanchard
2/8	Barbara Cato	2/18	Sandra Edgecombe
2/8	Wilny Edouard	2/18	Iris Jefferies
2/8	Orinthia Harris	2/19	Rose Miller
2/9	Sophia Alston	2/19	Nathaniel Butcher
2/9	Riley Savage	2/20	Theresa Jackson
2/11	Joanne Brooks	2/21	David Anthony
2/11	Regina Coleman	2/22	Benjamin D'Artagnan
2/11	Evelyn Gary	2/23	Mary Bush
2/11	Amaya Walker	2/23	Tracy Irvin

## ANNIVERSARIES

2/2	Jim & Henryette Neal	2/15	Skee & Sophie Bradford
2/10	Stan & June Horner	2/25	Richard & Tammy Walden

*Celebrate*  
**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**

*Lent:*  
A Season  
of Preparation

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!

**BLACK  
LIVES  
MATTER**