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President's Letter:

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. **35** By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35 (ESV)

Dear Aventurites,

We recently celebrated Valentine's Day. There is a lot of pressure to love and be loved on that day, and it can be a big letdown for many people. The Bible even tells us we should love, but this is an amazing selfless love!

The scripture I quoted above commands us to love on another... just as Jesus has loved us. What you might not know is that in the beginning of John 13 Jesus shows us the kind of love he means by washing the disciples feet. It's a servant love, putting the needs of others before our own. By doing that we give witness to the great love of our Lord, whose ultimate selfless act of love was to die on the cross for our sins.

Also, notice that Jesus didn't say, "tell people you love them". Love is action, it's what you do! Your actions speak louder than words and may be the only way someone will come to know Jesus.

I want to challenge you to be love for someone. One way you can do that is to invite them to go to a Reunion. We will make sure they have a good time and experience the love of God in a new way. I've heard Aventurites express interest in being on team, but they don't bother to come to Reunions. Aventura is not just a retreat. It only exists because of those who are involved throughout the year. Please make time to be a part of this wonderful, loving community. Our next Reunion is March 7th. We will be having an assembly meeting beforehand, starting at 6:30. Please come!

In the love of Christ,

Laura Roehl

Reunion Report:

A fun time was had by all at the 1st Congregational Church during the last reunion. Between sword drills (boys vs girls) and a personal scavenger hunt with people ripping buttons off of their jackets and shoelaces out of their shoes the laughter was constant. Emmy Mefford gave an wonderful talk regarding the way differences between denominations can drive Christians apart, but how it is very important to know what you believe and why. Hope to see you at the next reunion! Amanda J.

Upcoming Reunions and Other Dates:

March Reunion:

Saturday, March 7, **7:00pm** (Assembly Meeting at 6:30!!)
1st Congregational Church of Thomaston
135 Main Street, Thomaston CT

Prayer Requests:

Please join me in praying for the #42 Boys & Girls Chrysalis Flight in Evansville In for the weekend of March 6-8.

A request from an old Aventurite Hannah Blake: My sister (Kate) and her family are in Honduras on an extended missions trip, and my little niece, Elena, has just come down with Dengue Fever. Please pray for healing and that they are able to bring the fever down and that it will break soon. So thankful for doctors who are knowledgeable about this disease and know how best to treat it!

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our ‘**prayistas**’:

Barb Clavette (JEClavette@snet.netor 482-0172)
Sandy Miller (SanJeanM@AOL.comOr 482-5601)

Reminder!! We will be Voting on Changing the Bylaws at the upcoming Assembly Meeting so it is very important for as many to attend as possible!
Thank you!!!

They will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here and send out emails to the prayer chain. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don’t want the prayer published at all.

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