



LAMPLIGHTER

Let your light so shine before others... Matthew 5:16

Up River Friends | Belvidere, NC | February 2022 | Vol. 36 No. 2



**Challenging:
Much Like the
Christian Life** Pg. 8



**Do Everything
in Love** Pg. 2

If you would like to download back issues of the Lamplighter, or if you had rather read the newsletter on your eReader, you can now download both a PDF or ePub version. Merely go to the website: <https://www.upriverfriends.org/lamplighter2022> or scan the QR code.

SCAN



Thank You

Sonya And I wish to express our gratitude to everyone who gave us gift certificates for meals or brought us a meal during Sonya's surgery and recovery. Your generosity has been greatly appreciated, especially as dad has undergone a third foot surgery, and I have been summoned for jury duty in the process. We also thank everyone for their prayers, support, cards, calls, and visits with Sonya when I needed to be away. Your expression of care is felt tangibly. The URF family is incredible. May God continue to bless each of you.

Up River Staff

Chuck Hartman - *Pastor*
 Lynwood Winslow - *Minister of Music*
 Caroline Sweeney - *Minister of Children & Youth / Christian Ed.*
 Adam Lassiter - *Minister of Praise & Worship*
 Amanda Winslow - *Preschool*
 Anna Hooten - *Preschool*
 Kelli Price - *Preschool*
 Rayan Hooten - *Preschool*
 McKinsey Hooten - *Preschool*
 Conie Baker - *Caretaker*
 Lynda Givens - *Caretaker*
 Jon Bean - *Caretaker*

Elizabeth White USFW Circle News

The Elizabeth White USFW Circle met Monday, February 14, 2022, in the home of Lois Faye and Paul White. Veronica Rountree presented the program "Resting in His Shadow... Surrounded by Loving Community," written by Nancy McCormick. Nancy told of she and her husband taking a work team of students from Wilmington College in Ohio to Belize planning to minister to the students and community at Belize Friends School/Center. While in Belize, her husband experienced a medical emergency. She shared how the medical personnel and the staff of Belize Friends School/Center ministered to them. This trip turned out to be where they gave and received ministry.

This month our outreach contributions went to three areas: 1) \$150 to Kenya for Turkana/Samburu-Girls Secondary Education; 2) \$50 Friends United Meeting Covid Solidarity Fund; 3) Friends Emergency Materials Assistance Program in High Point.

Veronica and Paul served delicious refreshments supplemented by lemon cookies and goodie bags sent by Judy Parsons. The next meeting will be Monday, March 14, 2022, at 2:00.

Word Search

```

X V P M L Q Z O V F
C U A T J A M E S E
B P E L X J O V R B
T B J Q E R I T I R
B I D E U N R L V U
V S T O S A T F E A
L N A U H U K I R R
O O P S S Z S E N Y
V W W K C F H A R E
E F R I E N D S X M
    
```

Words

| | | |
|-----------|----------|---------|
| Valentine | Titus | James |
| Up | River | Friends |
| Quaker | February | Ski |
| Snow | Love | Jesus |

Do Everything in Love

by Chuck Hartman *Pastor*

There is a Scripture that expresses the idea that the child of God should do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:14). Now, first and second Corinthians are not books one would want to take a single scripture out to make a point, but this verse can stand by itself, because if one looks at the verses around 1 Corinthians 16:14, one will quickly discover that Paul meant what he was writing: 'do everything in love.' If one reads the entire chapter, one will soon understand that Paul reminds his audience (including contemporary believers) to always act in love.

Our human nature probably wants to look for the loophole: 'do everything in love except...' fill in the ellipse with what is most relevant to you and your current circumstance. Paul is not writing in a vacuum; Paul agrees with the entirety of Scripture in this one verse. I will explain more momentarily.

First, let us look at 1 Corinthians 16:14 word for word. In the King James, the verse reads: "Let all your things be done with charity" 1 Corinthians 16:14. If we examine the words in their original meaning, here is what we discover: The first word of the verse is 'Let.' The term 'let' is a prolongation and middle voice form of a primary verb. The Greek means: 'come to pass.' The next word, 'all' translates as 'everything.' The term 'your' means 'you.' Then the word 'things' means 'whatsoever.' Next comes the phrase, 'be done,' which is also a prolongation and middle voice form of a primary verb meaning 'come to pass.' We come to the word 'with' next. Looking to the original language, 'with' is a primary preposition denoting a fixed position in place, time, or state. The final word is 'charity,' and in the original Greek, the term 'agape' is used. We understand the word 'agape' refers to God's kind of love. So literally, we could interpret the words: 'let everything come to pass, that you do; and let it come to pass fixed in God's way of love.'

Looking at the original language helps me understand just how much emphasis is placed on the Christian's responsibility to love like God. So, how does God love? I'm glad you ask. Remember I wrote: 'Paul is not writing in a vacuum; Paul is agreeing with the entirety of Scripture?' Now I will explain as I address this query.

God loves us with a desire to make amends or reparations. The theological word that describes this

act is 'atone.' Thus, God loves us with an atoning love (John 3:16); this is a big deal because it is not God Who needs to ask forgiveness. We have wronged God, yet God has provided forgiveness through His dear Son's work at Calvary. So, to love like God—to do everything in love, in part, means I love and work to bring reparations even when I am not the one who has committed the wrong.

God's love is also restorative. The theological word to describe this is 'redeem.' God has made the believers' redemption possible (Romans 8:3-4; Galatians 3:13). Again, this is awesome because humanity chose to set itself away from God. God never moved away from humanity, yet God, moved by compassion, made the way of redemption possible for humanity through Christ Jesus. So, to love like God means I work to restore relationships that others have severed, and this does not come naturally to our human nature. Human nature says, 'They have cut ties with me, good, who needs them.' The Christians' new nature in Christ should attempt to restore our human relationships. Sure, some people will reject this expression of love, but your responsibility is not to make them accept your restoration; your obligation is to offer restoration. God provides restoration for everyone, but only some receive His expression of love (Matthew 7:14). Offer restoration to all; this is another way we do everything in love.

I could continue to describe attributes of God's agape love and how the Christian should mirror His agape love by 'doing all things in love.' Nevertheless, we have considered two of the most demanding aspects of 'doing everything in love.' My challenge to you (and me) is to try these two aspects. Attempt to do everything in God's agape love. It is not easy, nor does it come naturally to the flesh. By His Holy Spirit's indwelling presence, ask Him to help you do everything in agape love, and watch how His Spirit will help you love like He loves and execute all things in His agape love. 🏮

Birthdays & Anniversaries for March

| | |
|------|--|
| 2nd | TOM & JENNIFER McCLAREN |
| 3rd | Eliza Grace Jethro, Jessa Spivey Pope |
| 7th | Amber W. Mitra |
| 9th | Hudson Jethro |
| 10th | Joy Riddick |
| 13th | Lee Dail |
| 14th | Brenda Lassiter |
| 16th | Ashley Russell Winslow, Kaeli Alice Price |
| 18th | Jonathan Winslow |
| 19th | Georgia L. Stallings, Sarah Nelapaty |
| 21st | Kelly B. Winslow, Carter Alan Lowe |
| 22nd | Charlotte Hayes Sweeney |
| 23rd | Nicole B. Barton, Sherree Winslow |
| 24th | ARLAND & HELEN WINSLOW Nathan Glenn Williams, Carlie Lynn, & Carmine Michael Salvatore |
| 26th | Chuck Hartman, Bella Noelle Price |
| 28th | Kacie Lee Sanders |
| 29th | Angela Renee W. Pope |
| 31st | Matt White |

**Please let us know if you do not
see your birthday or anniversary.
urfmeeting@gmail.com**

Calendar of Events Mid-February 2022

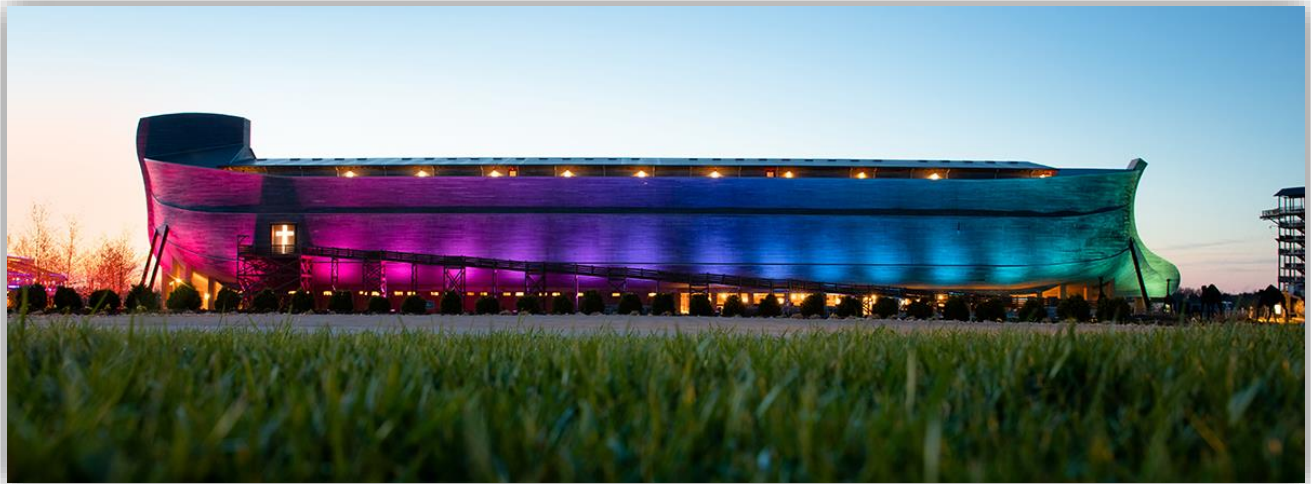
| | |
|------|---|
| 14th | Elizabeth White Missionary Circle at the home of Lois Faye 2:00 pm |
| 15th | Preschool Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm |
| 16th | Preschool |
| 17th | Preschool |
| 20th | Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Youth at the home of Jason & Caroline 5:00 pm |
| 22nd | Preschool Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm |
| 23rd | Preschool |
| 24th | Preschool |
| 27th | Praise & Worship 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Youth at the home of Jason & Caroline 5:00 pm The Refuge Worship & Word Night 7:00 pm |

March 2022

| | |
|------|---|
| 1st | Preschool Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm |
| 2nd | Preschool |
| 3rd | Preschool |
| 6th | Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Youth at the home of Jason & Caroline 5:00 pm |
| 7th | Ministry & Counsel 7:00 pm |
| 8th | Preschool Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm |
| 9th | Preschool Monthly Meeting |
| 10th | Preschool |
| 11th | Ignite |
| 12th | Ignite |
| 13th | Daylight Saving Time Praise & Worship 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Youth at the home of Jason & Caroline 5:00 pm |
| 14th | Elizabeth White Missionary Circle at the home of Lois Faye 2:00 pm |
| 15th | Preschool Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm |
| 16th | Preschool |
| 17th | Preschool |
| 20th | Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Youth at the home of Jason & Caroline 5:00 pm |
| 22nd | Preschool Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm |
| 23rd | Preschool |
| 24th | Preschool |
| 27th | Praise & Worship 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Youth at the home of Jason & Caroline 5:00 pm The Refuge Worship & Word Night 7:00 pm |
| 29th | Preschool Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm |
| 30th | Preschool |
| 31st | Preschool |

We wish to thank everyone who has contributed to this issue. Please get in touch with us if you want to share in an upcoming Lamplighter. Additionally, do not hesitate to contact us if you know someone who would like this publication or if you no longer wish to receive the Lamplighter: urfmeeting@gmail.com.

Page 3



The Creation, The Ark, & The Amish

5 Days ~ October 18-22, 2022

Meals Included: 4 Continental Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 2 Dinners

Day 1: **KENTUCKY:** Today we make our way through the Smoky Mountains as we travel west into Virginia, West Virginia & Kentucky. Our home for tonight is on the West Virginia, Kentucky border.

Day 2: **THE ARK ENCOUNTER • DINNER:** Today we "board" the life-sized Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Dozens of exhibits within this unique attraction bring to life the biblical account of Noah's Ark. We learn how Noah and his family could have fit and cared for the animals on the Ark. Other exhibits showcase what Noah and his world were like before the flood, while others highlight the enormous impact the flood has had on our world. We enjoy an evening out and included dinner before checking into our hotel. **(D)**

Day 3: **ANSWERS IN GENESIS CREATION MUSEUM • AMISH COUNTRY • DINNER • AMISH COUNTRY THEATRE:** After breakfast we visit the Answers in Genesis Creation Museum. The museum will proclaim to the world that the Bible is the supreme authority. You'll journey through a visual presentation of the history of the world based on the "7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation." After lunch we travel to the largest Amish and Mennonite settlement in the United States. We check into our hotel before enjoying a delicious dinner together. This evening we take our seats for a hilarious family-friendly variety show at the Amish Country Theatre. This will be a fun-packed 2-hour comedy adventure. **(D)**

Day 4: **OHIO AMISH FARMLANDS TOUR • AMISH LUNCH • LEHMAN'S HARDWARE • AMISH SHOPPING:** This morning we depart on our countryside tour with a local step-on guide who

will explain the history and culture of the area while we travel deep into the heart of the Amish Farmlands. We enjoy a family style “all you can eat” meal in an Amish home. After lunch we visit Lehman’s Hardware where you step into an 1840’s era barn. You feel like you’ve stepped back 100 years in time. Today, Lehman’s ships old-fashioned, non-electric merchandise all over the world through their catalog and online. This afternoon we take time to visit the unique shops here in the Amish country, including a cheese shop and bulk food store. We travel on to Pittsburgh, PA for our last overnight. **(L)**

Day 5: **HOME:** On our way home, we’ll recall the fun we’ve had, the places and sights we’ve seen and the meals we’ve enjoyed these past five days!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Price Per Person:

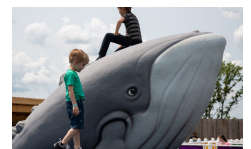
Double \$1029 Triple \$965 Quad \$935 Single \$1265

A deposit of \$350 per person is due with each individual’s reservation. Final payment will be due 30 days prior to departure. Cancellation penalties will begin 30 days prior to departure. Cancellation insurance is available and highly recommended. Insurance Payment is due with deposit at time of booking. Insurance prices are as follows: Double, Triple & Quad, \$101 per person; Single, \$121 per person.

An Early Booking Discount is available!! When a reservation / deposit is received prior to July 15, 2022 a 2% discount will be applied. If full balance is paid prior to July 15, 2022 AND all payments are made using cash, check or money order (NO Credit Cards), a 5% discount will be applied.

Mail your reservation form/deposit/payments to Christian Tours at P.O. Box 890, Newton, NC 28658. You may also call-in credit card payments to 800-476-3900 or 828-465-3900. Contact your group leader if you have questions: Cheryl White, 252-340-1979 or cherylwhiteobx@yahoo.com.

This trip is open to everyone!



The Creation, The Ark, The Amish 5 Days ~ October 18-22, 2022

For more information, contact Group Leader - Cheryl White

NAME: _____
(First) (Last)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ - _____ - _____ PRIMARY PHONE: _____ - _____ - _____

EMAIL: _____

ROOM-MATE(S)

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

NAME: _____

I require the following accommodations: (Please check)

___ **Double \$1029** ___ **Triple \$965** ___ **Quad \$935** ___ **Single \$1265**

Deposit of \$350 per person is due at time of booking.

TOUR PRICE \$ _____ X _____ = \$ _____
(Amount) (No. of Persons)

Less Gift Certificate or Christian Cash = \$ _____

Less Early Booking Discount, 2%-5% (if applicable) = \$ _____

Sub Total = \$ _____

Plus Insurance \$ _____ X _____ = \$ _____
(Amount) (No. of Persons)

Total = \$ _____

Less Payment *(full payment or deposit & insurance selected)* = \$ _____

Balance Due = \$ _____

FINAL PAYMENT is due on or before September 18, 2022.

Form of Payment: ___ Cash ___ Check # _____

***Credit Card:** ___ VISA ___ MasterCard ___ Discover ___ American Express

Name as it appears on card _____

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ CVC2 # _____ (3 digits on back of card)

Signature _____ Today's Date _____

***Credit Card Payments may also be phoned in to Christian Tours**



This page was left blank deliberately.

This page was left blank deliberately.

This page was left blank deliberately.



BEN ROETHLISBERGER
HALL OF FAME QUARTERBACK

CARSON WENTZ
QUARTERBACK, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

KURT WARNER
HALL OF FAME QUARTERBACK
AMERICAN UNDERDOG: THE KURT WARNER STORY

MICAH TYLER
IN CONCERT WITH

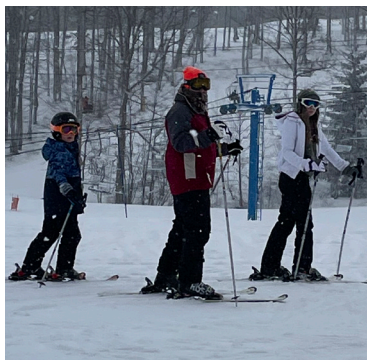
“WHERE GOD, MEN, LIFE, AND THE OUTDOORS COME TOGETHER.”

MARCH 11-12, 2022 /// THOMAS ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Challenging: Much Like the Christian Life

by Caroline Sweeney Minister of Children and Youth & Director of Christian Education

This year was our 6th annual Youth Ski Trip. We always look forward to this weekend away with our youth. Not only do we get to have fun skiing or snowboarding, we also get to do life with these kids for the weekend. To some, spending 6 hours in a van there and back and 48 hours in a hotel with 6th -12th graders seems crazy! But for me, I see a unique opportunity to pour everything I can into these kids while showing them what it looks like to walk with Jesus. First, learning to ski or snowboard is challenging...much like the Christian life. You are going to fall! But, you get back up and keep going. We use this trip and the challenges they face while skiing or snowboarding to teach them the gospel. We were created by God in His image so that we would be image-bearers of the One true King. God showed His love for us by sending His Son, Who is both fully God and fully man, to die on the cross a sinner's death in our place as the only perfect offering for our sins so that we can be restored to relationship with our Creator. When the gospel penetrates their hearts and they place their faith in Christ they begin to see the challenges they face, on and off the ski slopes, differently and begin to shift from relying on themselves for strength to trusting in our all-powerful God. 🏡



Scripture Memory for March 2022

Preschool

“And whatever you do in word or deed do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

K-5 and Up

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:16-17

Prayer Requests

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 1 John 5:14

PRAYER REQUESTS: World Leaders and those working to bring world peace. Our elders, children, youth, and leadership of our meeting; Lynda Givens; Lona Stallings; Tommy Riddick; Kaeli Price; Betty Bundy; Viola Britt; McKay and Judy Riddick; Garland Anderson; Emmie Lou Hughey; National Healing; Olin Slabaugh; Cash Caldwell; Jessica Townsend; Tim Tyler; James Ward; Jason Kretzer; Dale Weeks; Ken & Rebecca Spivey; Toni Bundy; Marsha Beatly; Beckie Rosenheim; Charles Hartman; Ginger Bundy; Ron Rountree; Sonya Hartman; Safety in our area school systems; URF preschool; Chad Baker; Bella Price; Tammy & Tyler Givens; Jimmy Baker; Jessica Neubert’s Uncle Lee; Jenny Underwood; James & Jan Rhodes; Our missionaries.

HOMEBOUND AND/OR CONVALESCING: Tommy Stallings; Lorraine Casper; Sandra Parks; Eura Hall; Christine & Red Chappell; Eloise and Lyndon White; Renee Marshburn; Herbert Williams; Lois Faye & Paul White; Carey Guyer; Virginia Texine Stallings Williams (Quevon’s sister); Micah Brooks; Linda Hall; Pete Owens; Lyn Winslow; Our Caregivers.

The Families of: Grover Hollowell; Billy Britt.

If you have a prayer need, please get in touch with us: urfmeeting@gmail.com, <https://www.upriver-friends.org/prayer>, or

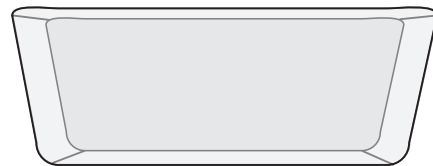
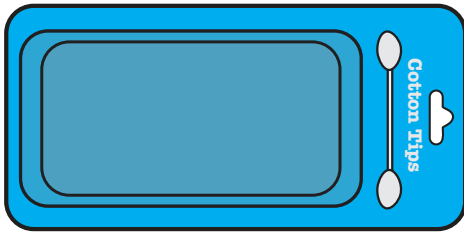


Crafting for Young Friends

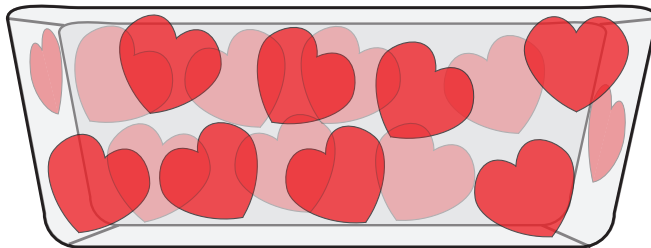
Valentine Keeper

You Will Need: Heart stickers and an empty cotton tips box.

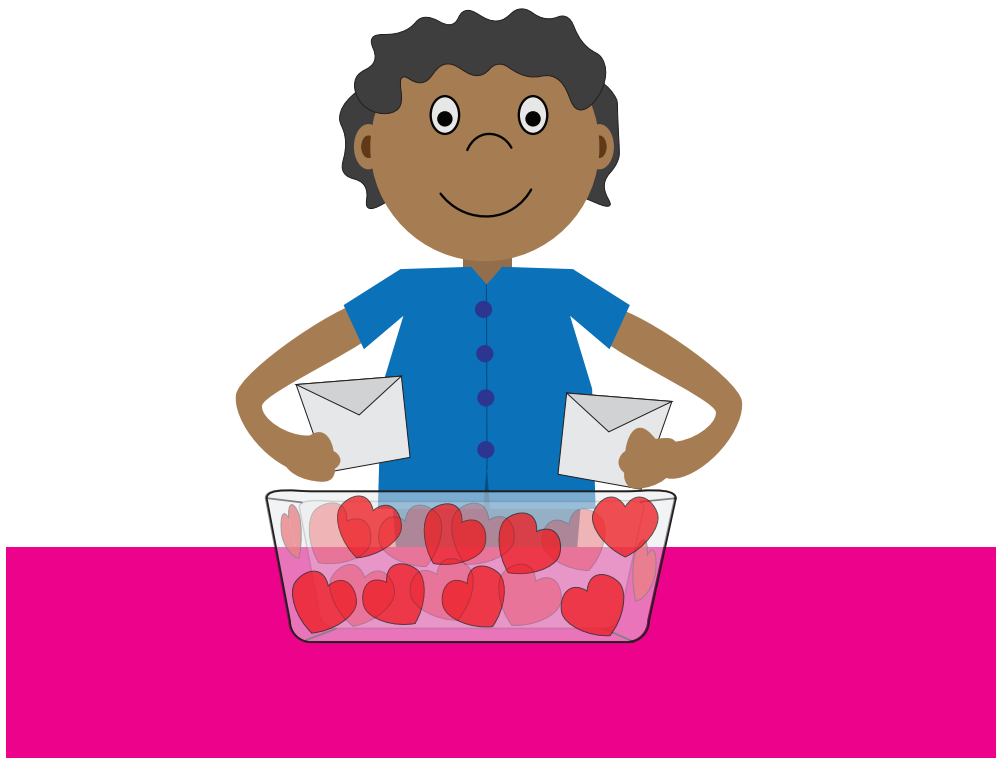
1) Start by removing any of the cotton tip box top. All you will need for this project is the plastic box.



2) Next, cover the plastic box with Valentine stickers.



3) Finally, fill your box with all the Valentines you receive.



LAMPLIGHTER
Up River Friends
523 Up River Road
Belvidere, NC 27919

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Belvidere, NC 27919
Permit No. 1

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Office: (252) 297-2442

@UpRiverFriendsMeetings



Up River Friends
YouTube



friendly connection



Connect with us anytime worldwide.



<https://www.upriverfriends.org>

LAMPLIGHTER

Let your light so shine before others... Matthew 5:16

