



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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FEBRUARY 2010

Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God

Dear Friends,

February is not only the shortest month, but it is the month in which we tend to talk about love, as the 14th is Valentine’s Day. The U. S. Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately one billion valentines are sent each year, worldwide, making Valentine’s Day the second largest card sending holiday of the year, behind Christmas. Valentine’s Day came to be associated with romantic love through the writings of Geoffrey Chaucer, during the Middle Ages.

Originally, Valentine’s Day was to highlight Christian martyrs. This holiday is to remember two early Christian martyrs, both named Valentine. Valentine of Terni was bishop in the early church (around year 197 AD), and was said to be killed by the Emperor Aurelian during the persecution that occurred during his reign. Valentine of Rome was a priest in Rome who suffered martyrdom around 269 AD.

During the month of February, when we talk so much about love, may we remember the fact that we are to focus on godly love, and how we can incorporate this essential Christian tribute into our faith. The Greek word in the New Testament that we translate as love is the word agape. Agape is the kind of love that is godly in nature. It is love that flows out to another because you have decided to love them, in spite of circumstances, feelings, and situations.

This is the love that Jesus mentions when He stated that we are to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. This is the kind of love that John wrote about in his first letter to the churches at large when he stated, “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” This love is the same that Paul mentioned in the eighth chapter of Romans, “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

They say that love makes the world go around, and that all we need is love, love, love. What we humans really need is to practice love, godly love, agape, and in sharing love, we find God. In sharing love in the name of Jesus, we are changed and transformed.

During this season of Epiphany and Lent, may you continue to express what we are at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church—we are rooted in love, grounded in grace, and growing for God.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Mark

February Scripture for Lent

17	Isaiah 1:12-20	23	Genesis 12:1-9
18	Psalms 1	24	Psalms 11
19	Genesis 1	25	Exodus 20:1-17
20	Psalms 5	26	Psalms 14
21	Genesis 3	27	Deuteronomy 6:1-19
22	Psalms 9	28	Psalms 18



Presbyterian Women

The Coordinating Team will meet in the Legacy Room on Tuesday, February 9, at 9:00 a.m.

Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the Friendship Hall. This is an opportunity for the women of the church to come together for Bible Study, service activities, and fellowship. Pastor Mark will continue the Bible Study on “Joshua—A Journey of Faith”. Following the meeting, we will enjoy a Valentine luncheon at the Fireside Restaurant. If you would like to join us, please contact Jean Harr or Bonnie Morgan. Donations for Holly Place are collected at each Circle meeting.

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men will have their Valentine’s Dinner on February 16, at the Western Sizzlin. All are welcome to attend. The dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the parlor.

Youth Connection

The Youth Group will meet on each of the Sundays in February except February 7.

The Middle School Retreat for Baltimore Presbytery will be February 26-28. The cost is \$100 per person. The theme will be, “Facing Your Giants”. Kevin Smoot, the Regional Director of the FCA, will be the keynote speaker. These retreats are a great time of fun, fellowship, and Bible Study. The deadline to register is February 14.

Food Bank

Food Bank Sunday is the second Sunday of each month. Bring your non-perishable items and place them in the Food Bank box at the right side of the church entrance, or place your monetary donations in an envelope marked “Food Bank” and place it in the offering plate.

Buckeyes

We will be making buckeyes February 22 & 23. Please sign up if you would like to help.

See’s Candy

The Presbyterian Women will be selling See’s candy again at Easter this year. The brochures will be available by February. All orders and money must be in by Sunday, March 14. All you chocoholics—can’t you just taste this delicious candy?

St. Andrew Travel Group

The St. Andrew trip schedule was included in the January newsletter. If by chance you did not get one, there are copies on the table in the parlor.

Church Women United World Day of Prayer

The Williamsport area Church Women United World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 5, 2010, from 1:00-2:30 p.m., at Williamsport United Methodist Church. The theme is “Let Everything that has Breath Praise God”. The program was written by women of Cameroon.

We welcome your input for this newsletter. Please place all submissions in the newsletter box in the church office, by the 15th of the month.

Treasurer’s Report

Balance 12/01/09	\$22,906.67
Receipts	27,681.53
Disbursements	30,514.13
Balance 12/31/09	20,074.07



**Pray for our
Christian
Family**

Recuperating at Home

Bob Clise
Sue Clise
Alex Finn
Jack Griffith
John Martin
Bob Oates
Nathan Paul
Bette Rhodes
Gwen Struble
Joe Tuzes



In the Nursing Home

Hilltop

Carol Howell

Homewood

Patricia Marshall
Dorothy Melby

Loyalton

Bea Broadway
Phyllis Dowler

NMS Healthcare

Elsie Schwartz

Randallstown Center

Otis Watkins

Somerford

Evelyn Spiker

Military

Jessica Cube

Daughter of Mark & Virginia Wolcott

Scott Heppell

Grandson of Bill & Jackie Palmer

Alex Linton

Son of Wendy & John LaTorre

Cade McCarty

Nephew of Mark Mummert

Daniel Reilly

Nephew of Janet Bulow

Missionaries

Dan & Carol Adams
Pakistani Church

Church Officials

Rev. Gradye Parsons
Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow
Peter Nord

Thank You

I'm writing to express my deep gratitude for myself and my family for all the wonderful cards, phone messages, e-mails, flowers, food, and prayers we received during the illness and after the passing of my wife, Phyllis. Special thanks are given to the Presbyterian Women for the lovely meal after the service, and to Pastor Mark for his tremendous support and prayers all through our wait. I'm sure Phyl would echo these heartfelt sentiments.

Jack Griffith and family

A special thanks to all who purchased See's Candy. We made a profit of \$710.90, all of which will go toward the Capital Fund drive.

Jean Harr
Moderator/Presbyterian
Women

Even though my sister "Maggie" was 81 years old, she was my baby sister, and I shall miss her. How very kind and thoughtful of you to call or send a card of sympathy. It truly helped to know my wonderful friends were praying for me during this time of loss.

In Christian love,
Jean Harr

Dear Friends,

Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." So often, it is the small things in life that have the greatest impact. The 12/4/2009 gift of \$349.93 is welcome and needed. Your generosity has provided over 1,400 pounds of food and a bit of hope for hundreds of families in our community.

Please forgive me for taking so long to send along this note of thanks. Together, you, the Food Resources staff, Board of Directors, and our volunteers can make a significant positive difference in the lives of many hard working folks. Thank you for helping them.

Warm regards,
Ruth Anne Callaham
Executive Director

The Helping Hands would like to thank Gene McCauley and Bob Oates for preparing and serving the delicious "welcome back" luncheon on January 21. Also, thanks to Chris Davis for helping serve and clean up.



Trivia Corner

Congratulations to all who completed the January word search. Have fun with this month's word search. See if you can find James, as well as all the other names in the word search. Please place your name on your paper, and put it in the box in the parlor or on the secretary's desk by February 15. We would like to recognize you in next month's newsletter.

Carol'Ann Alphin
Mary Beth Alphin
Eric Arvidson
Christina Athey
Faith Athey
Matt Athey
Jane Brown
Helen Gerberich
Betty Hall

Jean Harr
Susan Harrison
Gloria Hays
Emily Hemphill
Hayley Hemphill
Debbie Kinzer
Helen Krouse
Debbie McCauley
Evelyn Moody
Elaine Myers

Cathy Near
Pat Newbraugh
Lou Jean Nye
Fran Quinn
Angie Reed
Carli Reed
Margie Reed
Phyllis Schleigh
Frances Wolford

Angel Food Ministries

Food boxes from Angel Food Ministries are a great way to ease your monthly food bill! The menu changes each month, there are a variety of food choices. If interested, please check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway.



Sunday School Corner

Attendance Report for December

Perfect Attendance

Toddler Class

Jeremy Hemphill

4th/5th Grade

Hayley Hemphill

Kindergarten/1st Grade

Soulai Babar

Josie Boppe

Paige Mason

Claude Paul

6th-8th Grade

Justin Coyle

Emily Hemphill

Courtney Hetzer

Brianna Johnson

Carmen LaTorre

Matthew Paul

2nd/3rd Grade

Jasin Coyle

Gabby Johnson

Abby Mason

Destin Paul

Lorraine Paul

9th-12th Grade

Darin Coyle

Aaron Hetzer

Bryan LaTorre

2 Out of 3 Sundays

Toddler Class

Emmy Paul

4th/5th Grade

Jalyn Garner

Aidan McLane

Pre-K Class

Kalynne Long

6th-8th Grade

Chris Lunsford

Lizzy Lunsford

Carli Reed

2nd/3rd Grade

Ian McLane

Meghan Long

9th-12th Grade

Anthony Adams

Callum Lunsford

Toddler Class: The Toddler Class learned in December that Jesus was once a baby, just like them.

Pre-K Class: The Pre-K Class learned that God sent His Son, Jesus (Galatians 4:4).

Kindergarten/1st Grade: The children in kindergarten and first grade memorized Luke 2:40, "Jesus grew and became strong." The children learned how Jesus helped others, and how He grew from a baby to a spiritual young man. The children also learned how Jesus' family had to flee to Egypt after He was born to escape King Herod.

2nd/3rd Grade: Congratulations to **Abby Mason** and **Ian McLane**, who memorized the Scripture verse, Luke 2:52, "Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human form."

4th/5th Grade: The 4th and 5th graders learned of the prophecy of Jesus' birth, centuries before it occurred.



6th-8th Grade: Thank you to **Chris Lunsford** for leading the monthly devotion. The class has been studying repentance, temptation, and baptism, and what it means in our lives.

9th-12th Grade: The Teen Class is exploring the Christian faith through current events such as the health care program, the war in Afghanistan, the current craze with electronics such as video games, texting, etc. The teens seek what the Christian stand should be, supported by Scripture.

Thank You, Sunday School

Thank you to all the Sunday School children and to their parents and grandparents, for bringing in extra offerings to Sunday School in November and December, to help out with two Samaritan's Purse projects. Here is an excerpt from a letter that was recently sent to the children. Pictures of the project that we supported, as well as the letter, will be posted on a bulletin board display board.

Dear Friends:

On behalf of Franklin Graham, thank you for your generous gift to Samaritan's Purse. We are encouraged by your willingness to help others in need.

The gift you gave helps families receive clean drinking water. It enables Samaritan's Purse to share Christ's love by providing water filters to families living in areas where local water sources are contaminated with pollutants or disease-causing microorganisms.

Your gift also helps prevent the spread of malaria with the use of mosquito nets. Mosquitoes typically feed between dusk and dawn, so a net properly draped over a sleeping person is the most effective way of preventing diseases caused by these winged pests. These nets are treated with insecticide, which protects the person under the net, and also repels mosquitoes to help protect other people in the room.

It is always a blessing to hear of young people with a heart to serve God by serving others. We encourage you to keep growing in your love for Jesus. Just like David in his youth had the faith to take on a giant, we believe that your faith has the ability to change the world.

Sincerely,

Emily D. Jones, Donor Ministries

Hearts for Haiti

The Sunday School children will be sponsoring a special coffee hour on Valentine's Day to raise money for the people of Haiti. There will be plenty of delicious food all morning for you to enjoy. Stop by anytime and enjoy some tasty treats from the Sunday School. There will be a donation basket if you would like to make a donation. All proceeds will go directly towards the relief efforts in Haiti.

A.R.K. (Adults Relating to Kids)

The A.R.K. Parenting Class will meet on Sunday, February 14, and February 28, from 6:30-7:45 p.m. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Mark or Annette.



Music Notes—A Fond Farewell

As my final Sunday as your Director of Music approaches, I'd like to look back a bit in our music program at St. Andrew; and also take a peek at my musical past here. I started attending St. Andrew in 1969 or 1970, as a child, when we moved to Van Lear. I remember singing in the Children's Choir, and performing in many fun plays written and directed by Mrs. Price, Rev. Price's wife. I joined the Adult Choir when I was in middle school, and sang many "O Holy Nights" for the Christmas Eve services. One memorable singing was when I sang "fall on your feet" instead of "fall on your knees" in one of the verses. I don't think anyone noticed, but I still remember that! As my own family drifted away from church, I stayed on, mainly because I enjoyed singing in the choir, and I liked being in Youth Fellowship with Rev. Price. We were lucky enough to visit the Mormon Temple in Washington D.C. while it was still open to tours! I came to church by myself, and loved sitting in the loft and singing in the choir under the direction of people like Leroy Shoppert, Carolyn Bobar, and Graham Strachan. Our wonderful baritone-bass, Sam Reed, and our stellar lady tenor, Barbara Smith, go back way into the pre-Dr. Werder choirs of the 1960's and 1970's. I remember singing in those choirs with them and Olive DeGraff, Genevieve Plante, Marie Price, and Alan Sheaffer.

Then, beginning in the 1980's, for over a decade, we had dear Dr. Werder as our Organist/Choir Director. I remember filling in on the old Hammond organ we had in the center of the loft when I was in college, right before Dr. Werder came. Somewhere during that time, we had the Moller pipe organ that we use now added to the loft. What a wonderful addition that was! As sad as I was when he retired, it was an exciting time for our choir; and it was a chance to grow and go a new direction. We had about 6-8 of us in those days of the 1980's and 1990's who were the core singers. Among them, who are still in the choir, are Eric D. Arvidson, Eric W. Arvidson, Duane Babcock, Chris and Marcia Davis, Susan MacKenzie, and Barbara Smith.

In the winter of 2000, Sam Reed and Rev. Sandell asked if I would consider stepping in and leading the music program. I did, and soon after that we replaced the acoustic console piano (the one that survived the fire in the 1960's) with the Yamaha Clavinova. And the choir grew steadily, as many wonderful new singers joined us. Most are actually still in the choir after ten years. We gained many talented choir singers from the Downtown Presbyterian Church, and we began to grow into one of the largest choirs in our county. We did have two members, dear Addie Howlings and unforgettable Ebbe Arvidson, pass away from our growing choir. We still miss them and think about them. When Kathy McKinley came as our organist about 5 years ago, that was one of the best things ever to happen here. She is a remarkable person, a wonderful organist/pianist, and she was the perfect co-worker for me. The choir is now stable with wonderful music reading skills, and attention to the details of artistry, vocal production, and singing. Our music library has grown considerably, and we are now back in our old choir room, refreshed and redecorated. With the donation of the Yamaha Grand piano, we also have the Classical Music Series going, which I will still manage and lead. I felt strongly that we needed both the grand and that music series in our church, and I'm glad it fell into place.

So, on Sunday, February 7, I will leave the post as Director of Music. The choir and Kathy know how deeply I regard them. They are my friends, and occupy a huge part of my heart. They are extremely dedicated church servants who meet twice a week to glorify God through music. Our staff is truly a dream to work with, from our fabulous church secretary, Kathy Dorwart, to our Director of Christian Education, the incomparable Annette Sandell, and certainly the mainstay of our church, Rev. Sandell. In fact, the entire Sandell family—well, there are no words to describe how special those five are to our church. There is no better choir and staff to work with. I really hope the next director will see and appreciate that. More exciting times lie ahead for us all, and I will certainly see you here at church. Thank you for a wonderful and fulfilling 10 years as your Music Director. Spiritually and musically, it was one of the absolute highlights of my life.

Blessings, Ruthy



Haiti Relief

The people of Haiti are suffering beyond imagination, and are crying out for the most basic of needs: water, food, clothing, and shelter. They desperately need our help, now and for months and years to come. You can join other Presbyterians in helping the people of Haiti with a special gift designated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Haiti. The Presbyterian Church has already released \$100,000 for this effort, and has a goal of raising \$1,000,000. If you would like to make a donation, you may place it in the offering plate. Please use a pew envelope and note "Haiti Relief Acct. DR000064". You may also contribute online at <http://www.pcusa.org/pda/response/latinamerica/haiti-earthquake011310.htm>.

Study Leave

Pastor Mark will be on study leave February 22-28. If an emergency should arise, please contact the church office or your Parish Coordinator.

Inquirer's Class

Pastor Mark will teach an Inquirer's Class on Sunday, February 14 and 21, during Sunday School. It will meet in Annette's office. The purpose of this class is to introduce the person to the Christian faith, to highlight what it means to be a Presbyterian, and to instruct a person on how to join the church. Please register with Pastor Mark.

Farewell Coffee Hour

There will be a coffee hour on February 7, to say good bye to Ruthy as our Music Director. She will be greatly missed.

Children's Valentine Party

All children and their families are invited to our Valentine Party after church on Sunday, February 14. We will be having a valentine scavenger hunt, a luncheon, and a visit from Sonshine. If you have not signed up, please do so **TODAY, January 31**. A list of the names of the children attending will be sent home **next Sunday, February 7**. Each child is asked to:

- Bring a valentine for each child attending.
- Write the name on the valentine large and clear. We will be having a scavenger hunt with the valentines. (Parents of young children may have to write the names on the valentines.)
- Please include a few extra valentines with no name on the envelope.
- You may want to attach a piece of candy on the valentines.
- Bring your valentines to church on the 14th. Place them in the box outside Miss Annette's office. Please do this as soon as you get to church.

If you have any questions, please see Pastor Mark or Miss Annette.

Craft Workshops

We are already starting to work on our Christmas Bazaar, to be held on Saturday, November 6, 2010. We need all kinds of help. You do not have to be crafty, or have previous experience in helping at the workshops. You only need a servant's heart. We have jobs for everyone—flat painting, cutting, sorting, etc. February's dates are:

Weds., Feb. 3, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Weds., Feb. 24, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Please bring a sandwich. Dessert and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions, see Jean Harr, Gloria Hays, or Elaine Myers.



Bible Study

Pastor Mark's Bible Study continues each Thursday, and will focus on the book of James. The Bible Study begins at 7:00 p.m.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands will meet on Thursday, February 4 and 18, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Please bring a pair of scissors and a sandwich. Dessert and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Grocery Cards

Prepaid gift cards for Food Lion, Martin's, and Weis Market are available after both services in the Legacy Room, or may be purchased from Kathy Dorwart in the church office during her normal working hours. They come in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. All proceeds go toward our building fund.

Inclement Weather Policy

If Washington County Schools are delayed or closed due to bad weather, all church activities for that day are cancelled. If bad weather falls on a Sunday, listen to WCRH 90.5 on the radio, or call the church. Pastor Mark will put a message on the phone answering machine if services have been cancelled.



Friday Club

The St. Andrew Friday Club will meet on Friday, February 19, at 12:00 noon. Rev. Mark Sandell will share some of the experiences from the Youth Mission trip to Florida this past summer. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Correspondence Bulletin Board

Please take a moment to check out our Correspondence bulletin board, and help yourself to a card that is ready to be sent to a college student after you add your personal message. We will be collecting snack items to be sent to our away college students the week of February 8. If you would like to donate something, please put your items in the box above the coat rack by the circle driveway. Suggested items are: wrapped candy, granola/cereal bars, gum, snack crackers, small bags of cookies or chips, cocoa packets, a personal note, a devotional, etc. Please bring your donations in by February 7. Thank you so much for making our away college students know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee would like to supply a Lay Leader for one Sunday each month. We plan to offer a Lay Leader training session. If you would like to take advantage of this training, please contact the church office, Linda Attavian, or Janet Bulow.

The 2010 communion schedule is:

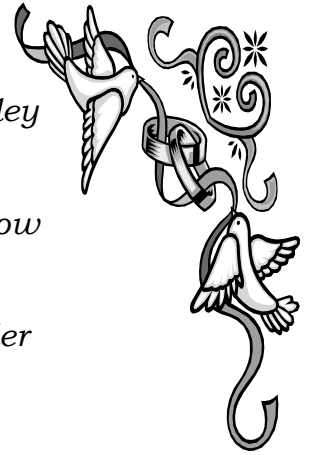
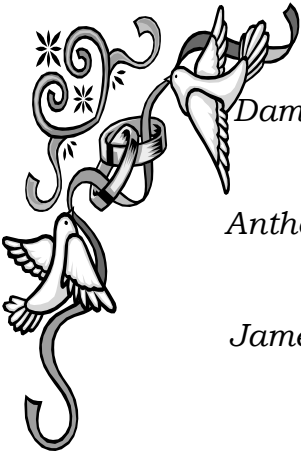
February 17	Ash Wednesday
April 1	Maundy Thursday
April 4	Easter
July 11	
October 3	World Wide Communion
December 24	Christmas Eve

Ash Wednesday

Communion will be served at the Ash Wednesday service on February 17. Communion will be part of a covered dish supper that will begin at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend this meaningful service and to share their favorite covered dish. Please sign up on the sheet in the parlor.



Happy Anniversary!



*Damian & Penny Broussard
February 4*

*Scott & Melanie Beckley
February 14*

*Anthony & Danielle Timmons
February 9*

*Craig & Susan Fearnow
February 14*

*James & Samantha Harding
February 12*

*George & Marcia Miller
February 25*

*Bob & Cynthia Oates
February 29*

BIRTHDAYS

2	Zach Faith
3	Haley Sweigert
3	Anthony Timmons
4	Carol' Ann Alphin
4	Doris Fearnow
4	Kristen Harding
5	Susan Galloway
6	Winnie Miller
7	Janet Bulow
7	Donald Hays
10	Kim Betson
10	Abby Mason
10	Phyllis Schleigh
12	Barbara Cromer
12	Susan Garling
14	Zerach Malecki

17	Gary Schleigh
18	Julie Malecki
18	Joanna Valentine
19	Chris Lunsford
19	Todd Sampson
20	Mesumbe Etape
21	Tyler Kuremsky
22	Allen Bunting
22	Devin Stitely
23	Jim Slusher
23	Julia Taylor
24	Sandy Lunsford
25	Hayley Hemphill
26	Katie Grabill
26	Wayne Lanzendorfer
28	Allison Martin



Church Library

Curl up with a good book or video from our lending library. The Adult Library is located off the Friendship Hall, in the Mac McCauley Sunday School classroom. We have books and videos that would delight anyone. There is a notebook for you to fill out when checking out a book or video, and mark that you have brought it back. Children's books are downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to stop by the Children's Library with your child. All directions for checking out a book are posted in the Children's Library.

Here are a couple book reports:

“Like other Chicken Soup for the Soul books, A 4th Course of Chicken Soup for the Soul: 101 Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit, by Jack Canfield, Mark Hansen, Hanoch McCarty, and Meladee McCarty is filled with stories that trigger readers' emotions. Reading about ordinary people doing extraordinary things may inspire readers as they journey through life. These short stories and poems have topics that include love, kindness, parenting, overcoming obstacles, and death. Some readers may choose to read from cover to cover; others may read only the sections that appeal to them. Regardless of how you read this book, whether or not its stories cause you to laugh or cry, you will be touched in a way that makes you realize how special your own life's experiences are.”

On the Anvil, by Max Lucado: “We are, each of us, tools in the shop of the Craftsman. Some of us are in a corner, dusty from lack of use, not fulfilling our purpose. Some of us are on the anvil—being shaped, melted down, and hammered into our final shape.

While the process is sometimes painful, the end result is that we become tools of God's usefulness: “sharpened, primed, defined, mobile”. We are ready to answer when we are called.

Where are you? Are you in a corner? Are you on the anvil being shaped? Are you ready for use? Max Lucado's vignettes give hope and encouragement to his readers as they progress along the way, and help us to understand that even while the process can be painful, the end result of anvil time is well worth it.”



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