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of
the
Month

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February

American Heart Month



Flower of the Month

Violet



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>  6:00 pm Worship Team	3 7:00 pm Prayer/Bible study	4 <i>Thank a Mailman Day</i> 	5	6 <i>Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day</i> 
7 <i>The Lord's Supper</i> 9:30 am Sun School 10:30 am Worship 	8	9 <i>National Pizza Day</i>  6:00 pm Worship Team	10 7:00 pm Prayer/Bible study 8:00 pm Finance Committee	11	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> 	13
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 9:30 am Sun School 10:30 am Worship 	15 <i>President's Day</i> 	16 6:00 pm Worship Team	17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>  7:00 pm Prayer/Bible study 8:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	18	19	
21 9:30 am Sun School 10:30 am Worship	22 <i>Washington's Birthday</i> 	23 6:00 pm Worship Team	24 7:00 pm Church Conference	25 	26	27 <i>Polar Bear Day</i> 
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Loving embraces

Express your love and friendship with handcrafted bracelets.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Bowl of boiling water
- Wide wooden craft sticks
- Glass cup
- Markers, paint or decorative tape

What you do:

1. Pour about 3 cups of boiling water into a bowl. Soak sticks in the water about 30 minutes.
2. Remove sticks and slowly, gently bend them into a curve.
3. To maintain the shape, place curved sticks inside a glass cup overnight to dry completely.
4. Remove and decorate the bracelets, which make fun Valentine's Day gifts.

Why Do We Celebrate President's Day?

Presidents' Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U. S. presidents, past and present.

The story of Presidents' Day begins in 1800. Following the death of George Washington in 1799, his February 22 birthday became a perennial day of remembrance. At the time, Washington was thought to be the most important figure in American history, and events like the 1832 centennial of his birth and the start of construction of the Washington Monument in 1848 were cause for national celebration. It was not until 1879 when President Rutherford B. Hayes signed a proposed measure into law that Washington's birthday became a federal holiday.

The holiday initially only applied to the District of Columbia; but in 1885 it was expanded to the whole country, joining four other nationally recognized federal bank holidays: Christmas Day, New Year's Day, the Fourth of July, and Thanksgiving. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was signed into law in 1983.

In the 1960s Congress proposed a measure known as the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. It was seen as a way to create three-day weekends for the nation's workers and help bolster the economy through retail sales. This act also included a provision to combine the celebration of Washington's birthday with that of Abraham Lincoln's birthday which fell on February 12. The proposed act was passed in 1968 and took effect in 1971 following an executive order signed by President Richard M. Nixon. Washington's birthday was shifted to the third Monday of February with Columbus Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day moved to the closest Monday in each celebration month. As a result of widespread criticism, Veterans' Day was moved back to its original November 11 date in 1980.

Due to outside pressure, congressional measures to restore Washington and Lincoln's individual birthdays were proposed during the early 2000s but failed to gain much attention. The federal government has held fast to the original holidays and the third Monday is still listed on official calendars as Washington's Birthday.

Eight states still celebrate Lincoln's birthday: Kentucky, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Texas, California, Missouri, and New York. Thirteen states do not recognize Presidents' Day: Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin.

Taken from <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/presidents-day>

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

An easy homemade gnocchi to serve with pesto, red sauce or just butter. Serve it as a main dish with salad or a side dish with baked chicken or grilled steak.

Potato Gnocchi

3 pounds of russet potatoes
Kosher salt
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus some for dusting
1 large egg, lightly beaten

- *Boil unpeeled potatoes until done, about 50 minutes.
- *Peel potatoes and cut into large chunks. Pass through a potato ricer or grate on the large holes of a box grater. Rice or grate into a mound on a clean work surface and sprinkle with 1 teaspoon of salt. Let potatoes cool completely.
- *Sprinkle the flour over the mound of potatoes. Drizzle the egg over the mound and begin to combine with a fork. Once everything has started to clump together use your hands to gently knead and fully combine the ingredients, about 2 minutes; do not overwork the dough. Gather the dough into a ball.
- *Line a baking sheet with parchment. Cut the dough into 4 pieces. Working with one piece at a time on a lightly floured surface, roll the dough into a 3/4 inch thick log. Use a bench scraper or knife to cut the log into 1-inch pieces. Roll each piece on a gnocchi paddle or the back of the tines of a fork to form grooves. *Place on the prepared baking sheet. Repeat with remaining dough.
- *Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the gnocchi and cook until they begin to float, 1—2 minutes, then cook 1 minute longer. Strain and toss with sauce as desired.

What to plant in February:

Vegetables. Some vegetables to plant in February include: tomatoes (in warmer conditions), celery, Brussels sprouts, eggplant and lettuce. ...

Fruits. Start planting berries in February to enjoy later in spring and summer. ...

Herbs. The best herbs to plant in February include: basil, parsley, thyme and sage.

Groundhog Day, February 2 this year, traditionally marks the midpoint between the winter solstice and spring equinox.



In the past, farmers used this date to determine when to plant their crops. Sunshine on February 2 indicated a return to winter. If it was cloudy and dark, warmth and rain would thaw out the fields and have them ready for planting. Our Groundhog Day is a remote survivor of that belief.

According to legend, if a groundhog sees its shadow on this day, there will be 6 more weeks of winter; if it doesn't, then spring is right around the corner. For centuries, farmers in France and England looked to a bear; in Germany they kept their eye on the badger. The tradition was brought to the U.S. in the 1800s with the German immigrants coming to Pennsylvania. Finding no badgers there, they adopted a groundhog to fit the lore. Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil has announced spring's arrival since 1887. Though it is recognized that animal behavior isn't the only way to judge planting dates, the tradition continues, often with a wink and a smile.

The Old Farmers Almanac



A famous friendship

In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.

Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.

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RUTH 1:16, NIV

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Answer: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16, NIV