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DIVING DEEPER

Since it's not the stuff in the bottom of pockets, what exactly IS Lent?

The word Lent comes from an Old English word, Lencten, which meant spring season. It had no religious meaning since it was just another word for spring! Since Lencten, or springtime, is when Easter falls, Lencten (now Lent) became synonymous with the season of Easter.

Lent always starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday. It is a 40-day season when Christians consider and contemplate our own mortality -- we all will die and go on to eternity. This then propels us into reflecting on sin and death in light of the redeeming love of Jesus. Lent is about life, death, and our life choices that dictate where we'll spend eternity. Kinda deep stuff, huh? LOL!

I hope you will join me this Lent as we dive deeper into our relationship with the Lord. God who gives us forgiveness and new life through Jesus Christ calls us into a deeper relationship with Him.

We start Lent on Ash Wednesday, then move to a sermon series about becoming better disciples of Jesus. I've dubbed it Not a Fan, a series about how we are called to be more than fans who just cheer

for him from the stands. Though I have yet to read Kyle Idleman's book of the same name, I know he writes it out of the same hope I have for us: That we may become true disciples of Jesus.

It takes disciples to make disciples, so we are talking about how we grow the Kingdom of God. In verses 5 and 8 of John 14, Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." God wants us to be disciples who are fruitful in our faith.

Will you dive deeper with me this Lent? Come with me and enter the deeper waters of faith. We'll end up at Holy Week - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. It's a perfect week to invite someone to experience the forgiveness Jesus offers us all, and His promise of eternity with Him if we do.

His,

Pastor Kerry

A Journey Through Lent

MISSIONS NEWS



FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Starting March 8 through April 5, 10" Hanging Baskets will be available to order. The price of each basket is \$21. There will also be 4.5" pots of Geraniums to order in multiple colors for \$3 each. Flowers will be coming from Becker's Greenhouse in Cambridge City, and will be available for pick up on May 1st and 2nd (times still pending). Please visit the Scrip table see types of baskets available, as well as place your orders.

EASTER FLOWERS

Taking orders for Easter flowers (Lilies or Tulips) for Easter Sunday. You will be able to order **In Memory Of** or **In Honor Of** a loved one. Cost is \$20 per pot. For every pot ordered, \$5 will go toward the purchase of benches for the playground. Please see Leslie Dalton at the Scrip table to place your order. Orders due by March 8. Flowers will be available for pick-up after the 9:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Vacation Bible School for 2020 will be Tuesday, June 2 through Friday, June 5.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday - February 26, 7:00pm service of ashes and communion

Maundy Thursday - April 9, 7:00pm service

Good Friday - April 10, 7:00pm service

Easter Sunday - April 12, 7:00am "Sunrise" service, 8:00am breakfast

Easter Sunday - 9:00am Easter service, 10:30am "Egg-stravaganza" egg hunt



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Young Adults class is seeking candy donations for the Easter Egg Hunt. We would like the candy to be at the church by Sunday, April 5 to fill the eggs. There will be a tote in the Fellowship Hall for the candy. The church Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 am.





2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE

You may have seen, read, or heard on the news about the upcoming General Conference (GC) of The United Methodist Church, May 5-15. This is a once-every-four-year gathering of representatives of the United Methodist Church as our global legislative body. Although there will be many proposals before GC, what is making headlines is just one: how we will deal with the issue of homosexuality.

So you can be better informed about the issue, how we got where we are, and the proposals before GC, Pastor Kerry will run a five week sermon series called "The Road Ahead" the five Sundays right after Easter.

To be clear, there won't be any attempts to persuade people to one side or another. He is doing this so all of us can be informed and equipped for what may or may not happen at GC, and what our road ahead may look like as a result.

Pastor Kerry will have different handouts for each Sunday to study. He will also lead a short Question & Response time after each service, and will do his best to clarify and enlighten anything that may be unclear.

You won't want to miss this helpful and informative sermon series. If you have any questions before the series starts, talk with Pastor Kerry.

Time changes on March 8!



3 Emily Paugh
5 Denise Phares
6 Bud Creed
7 Leanne Dix, Bentley Paugh
12 Gwen Martin
15 Jenny Musselman

17 Jacob Creed, Matthew Lovins

23 Chris Cain

28 Audra McFarland



18 Bryon & Diana Hartzog

19 Brandon & Krista Steeno

FOOD PANTRY

The giving item for March is **CANNED PROTEIN**. In addition, per the Food Pantry Director, every \$1 we collect has the buying power of \$8-10 for them. There is a collection box on the Scrip table if you would like to donate money instead. Thanks for all your support!



For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat..." Matthew 25:35.

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*I will lift up mine
eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh
my help. Psalm 121:1*

