

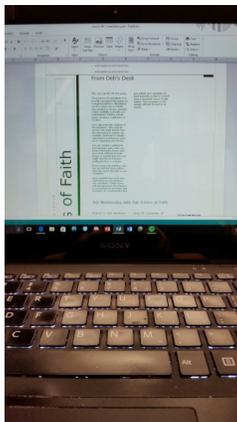
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- Lenten Study
- One Great Hour of Sharing

March 2017

## From Deb's Desk

Lent is quickly approaching. When you receive this newsletter, it will be but days away. Lent always seems somewhat depressing to me. Sort of a gloom and doom time in the church year.



And yet, Lent is a time of "turning around", a time to work for the sake of the world, to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free.

During this season of Lent, we will be on a journey of "Looking

for Love" and hopefully not "in all the wrong places" as the old country song goes.

We will be journeying throughout the season with our eyes, minds, and

hearts wide open. We will look for the "Resistor", "Helper", "Thirst-Quencher", "Shepherd", "Liberator", "Unexpected" and "Resurrected."

Throughout the Lenten lectionary, we are offered many images

of where love, grace, forgiveness, righteousness, healing, can REALLY be found. And usually it is not in the "usual" places. Isn't it as true of us today as it was of the scriptural authors? Don't we often look for wholeness and happiness (love) in places that offer only temporary "good feelings" and satisfaction. Lent is a wonderfully reflective time to reassess where we are searching for meaning, for "redemption." We will move through the lectionary to find out who offers the "real deal."

Join us!

### Ash Wednesday with Fab 4 Here at Faith

March 1, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent.

On March 1, Faith will be hosting the Fab 4 churches in our Ash Wednesday worship. The service begins at 7 pm.

Ash Wednesday is a "marker" of the begin-

ning of a journey of self-reflection and discernment. The journey of repentance is about "turning around" so that we might be in right relationship with God.

Join us in this service of "turning" on March 1 at 7 pm.

**"All are from the dust,  
and to dust all return."**  
Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV



Ash Wednesday Service

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## Weekly Lenten Study

Sing (or read!) your way through this Lenten season with "Will You Come and Follow Me? An Adult Lenten Study on Hymns." Written by Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle and Beverly Howard, this six-session study takes a look at the text of various Lenten hymns. The following hymns are examined, one in each session: "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days," "Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)," "I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance)," "To God Be the Glory," "When I Sur-

vey the Wondrous Cross," and "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." Each session will challenge us to work through the meaning of the text and learn more about the hymn writers.

We will also discover how the text relates to us today.

We will meet every Wednesday beginning on March 8 and concluding on April 12 at 7 pm. We



should finish each even-

ing about 8 pm. All are welcome to participate!

"A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love...."

## One Great Hour of Sharing

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

OGHS funds are divided between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



(PDA), Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

PDA provides assistance in cases of natural disasters: Hurricane Katrina, for example. PDA provides school kits, hygiene kits, baby kits, and clean up kits.

The Hunger program works to eradicate hunger around the world by

providing animals, funds and personnel to teach, plant and work with local individuals and group.

Self-Development of People affirms God's concern for people by participating in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people by establishing partnerships with low-income community groups around the world.

Please give generously to OGHS!

## MARCH FOR MEDS

Mission & Outreach committee is hosting a med-drive for the Bread of Healing Clinic the month of March. The Bread of Healing Clinic is a free medical clinic that serves low-income people who experience barriers to accessing ongoing health care. Our med-drive will help the clinic provide people in our community with basic, but much needed, over the counter medications such as:

- Acetaminophen
- Ibuprophen
- Loratadine
- Naproxen
- Ranitidine
- Vitamin D
- Famotidine
- Omeprazole

- Adult Cough Syrup
- Topical Creams: antifungal, antibiotic, steroid
- Non-latex gloves

has a need for the above listed meds to assist all of their clients.

M&O is hoping you can find it in your hearts to help us support their mission. "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days" (Ecclesiastes 11:1)



This congregation along with the community is great at providing empty prescription bottles, however, the clinic also

Mark your calendars for the spring rummage sale — April 28 and 29!

## Save the Dates — Spring Rummage Sale

The spring rummage sale is set for Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29 from 8 am until 2 pm each day.

As you are gathering up the things you wish to discard, please know

that we have a 10x10 foot storage space available for any furniture or boxes of items you wish to donate. Contact Ellie Birch at 414-731.1733 to get these items out of your way!

If you have jewelry, please bring it to church and give it to either Marilyn Schiesser or Judy Behnke.

Let's make this sale a huge success! Watch for more information!

## Faith Food Cupboard



The Faith Food Cupboard is a life line for many people in our community, supplying food for a few days to tie them over until SNAP or a Social Security check arrives.

Our food cupboard is 'officially' open on the

last Wednesday of the month from 2 until 4 pm. We only ask for patrons to write down their name, address and phone number and the number of folks they are feeding.

Our faithful food cup-

board managers, Marilyn Schiesser and Phyllis Losey with help from Jean Knoedler, make sure the cupboards are ready for our patrons. In January and February we have served a total of 101 people. Thanks for your contributions!

## Save the Date — The Bunny is Coming to Visit

The Christian Education committee invites you to save the date for the annual Easter Egg Hunt being held on Saturday, April 15 at 11 am SHARP!

This joyous event brings out all who love the thrill of gathering eggs that are filled with various treasures.

The origins of the Easter Bunny are clouded in mystery with one theory being that the Bunny comes from a German tradition and was brought to the US

in the 1700s and much like Santa Claus brings treats and gifts to well-behaved children on the eve of the holiday.

Easter eggs were first used by Christians in Mesopotamia who dyed eggs red as a reminder of Christ's death on a cross.

Eggs also remind us of new life — baby chicks coming out of their shells or even Jesus somehow breaking out of the tomb on Easter morning.

Save the date and join us!



## DRIVE-BY ASHES — March 1

Again this year, our Worship and Spiritual Nurture committee is making available "Drive-By Ashes" to all those unable to attend our Ash Wednesday service.

Ashes will be offered from 7 am until 8 am and then again from 5 pm until 6 pm on Ash Wednesday, March 1.

This is a time for a brief prayer, the imposition of ashes and a blessing as you head on your way.

For some folks this may be a re-entry into the

church. For others it may be a time issue — they don't have the time to go to the regular service but still want to be reminded of Lent and the penitential and reflective time that Lent provides.

Faith provided "Drive-By Ashes" last year and felt it was a great success. Our hope is that it will be a bit warmer this year!



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*May the road rise  
to meet you,  
May the wind be  
always at your back,  
May the sun shine  
warm upon your face.  
May the rains fall  
soft upon your fields.  
Until we meet again,  
May God hold you in  
the hollow of his hand.*

