

The Season of Lent

(February 17—April 3, 2010)

A Time to Renew our Vows of Stewardship

*As members of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts,
your service, and your witness?*

United Methodist Hymnal, 38

A “steward” is one who looks after the affairs of another. As children of God we are the stewards of the lives God has given us as a gift.

During the season of Lent your church invites you to grow in your stewardship in two of these vows:

*prayer
and witness.*



The Stewardship of Prayer

An invitation will be extended during each service to come to the altar for prayer. Prayer Cards will be available in the pew racks for your specific prayer requests.

WEEKLY SERVICES OF PRAISE AND PRAYER (for 20 minutes)

You may attend any evening, on your way to work, or at midday:

Tuesday Evening, 6:30 pm (begins February 23)

Wednesday Morning, 7:00 am (begins February 24)

Wednesday Midday, 12:15 pm (begins February 24)

LENTEN STUDY SERIES (4 weeks) (evening or lunchtime)

Please see registration form enclosed
or register online www.wmumc.org

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL 6 am--6 pm April 2

The Stewardship of Witness

Invite to church or Sunday School for Lent or on Easter Sunday, April 4, *at least* one friend, relative, acquaintance, or neighbor

[The “F.R.A.N. Plan”]

who is not currently related to another church.

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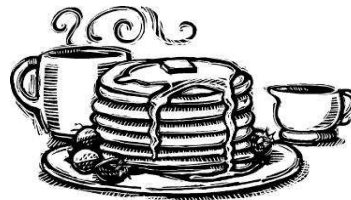
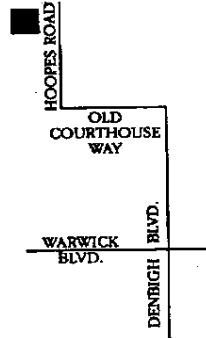


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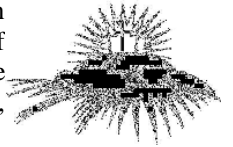
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 16
5:30-6:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall



The Season of Lent

Lent is a Christian season of forty days and a time of penance. *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lecten*, which means “spring.”



The Easter Season

The Promise of Easter



The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, celebrates Christ’s resurrection and ascension as well as the giving of the Holy Spirit. The origin of the English word Easter is disputed but may come from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eastre and her festival. *Pentecost* comes from the Greek *pentekoste*, which means “fiftieth.” It refers to the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which Greek-speaking Jews called the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1)

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Ash Wednesday Service February 17, 7:30 p.m.

The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. The practice of the Imposition of Ashes as a sign of this call to repentance and reconciliation is the historic focus of **Ash Wednesday** observance and gave it its name.

The Lenten Candles and Wreath of Thorns

Each Sunday during Lent one candle is extinguished as the day of Jesus' crucifixion and death draws near. The Christ Candle is extinguished on Good Friday during Holy Week. The growing darkness signifies the sacrifice our Lord made for each of us and focuses our personal and spiritual preparation during this Season of Lent.

Services of Praise and Prayer February 23—March 24

(20 minutes)

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Lenten Studies for Everyone February 24—March 17

(see enclosed registration card)

Emergent Worship Service Wednesday, March 24, 6:00 p.m.

Led by Pastor Jessie
(in the Celebration Center)
Lenten Focus

Dramatic Monologues

During Lent this year you will meet:

A Pharisee

The Sister of the Prodigal Son

Mary of Bethany

Judith, the servant girl at Caiphas' House



HOLY WEEK

March 28—April 3

HOLY WEEK, the full week prior to Easter Sunday, begins with **Palm Sunday**, Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and climaxes with the Great Three Days (from sunset **Holy Thursday** through sunset **Easter Day**).

Passion/Palm Sunday-March 28

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Worship features the dramatic testimony of Judith, the servant girl at Caiaphus' house and the dramatic reading of Mark's Passion Narrative.

Wednesday, March 31 and Holy Thursday-April 1-Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.

The Living Last Supper

Presented by the Living Word Drama Ministry
(in the Celebration Center)

Good Friday-April 2

Prayer Vigil 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

The sanctuary is open for prayer from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sign up on the Prayer Vigil chart as we pray in commemoration of the great sacrifice of our Lord.

Good Friday Service

7:30 p.m.

A Service of Tenebrae, meaning "darkness". Candles are extinguished during this twelfth-century service based on the Passion Narrative of the Gospel of John.



The Easter Season

Easter Sunday-April 4

Easter Sunrise Service-6:30 a.m.

Led by our youth

Easter Sunrise Breakfast-7:30 a.m.

8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Worship

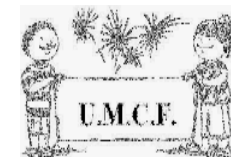
Featuring the dramatic witness of
Mary Magdalene

10:00 a.m.-Sunday School

Just for Kids

Special Children's
Ash Wednesday Service
February 17—5:45 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

The Way of the Child
Children Grades 1 - 5
Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m.



United Methodist
Children's Fellowship

Children Grades 1-5
Begins at 5:45 Sundays
with a snack supper.

6:15-7:30 p.m.—Lenten Study which
includes crafts, games, worship and prayer.

Children's Easter Celebration

& Puppet show
Saturday, April 3

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

