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LENT: A TIME OF PREPARATION AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

FEBRUARY 25 — APRIL 11, 2009

There are updates to the Interfaith Hospitality Network and Lenten program on April 4th. Please make note of these changes.

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday (February 25) and ends on Holy Saturday (April 11). The season is a time of preparation and renewal for celebrating Easter.

We invite you to observe a holy Lent. This is a significant time to return to Sabbath worship if you have found yourself disconnected; as well as a time to deepen our ongoing devotional disciplines (prayer, fellowship, study, worship, fasting, service, etc).



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WORSHIP SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 25	12:00 NOON AND 7:00 PM
FIVE SUNDAYS IN LENT: MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29	WORSHIP AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM
PASSION/PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 5	8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM
MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 9	7:30 PM WORSHIP
GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 10	12:00 NOON ~ STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EASTER: APRIL 12	6:00 AM SUNRISE SERVICE AT INSTITUTE PARK 8:30 AND 10:30 AM WESLEY EASTER WORSHIP

LENTEN STUDIES

SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUPS FOR ADULTS 9:30-10:20 AM

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY meets in the Formal Parlor, Led by Tim McBrayer

BIBLE STUDY IN THE *TWI* LANGUAGE meets in John Wesley Room

GOSPEL PORTRAITS OF JESUS meets in Mary Ellis Lounge, Led by Pastor Vicki

MENS BIBLE STUDY meets in Second Floor Conference Room, Led by George Proulx

GOSPEL PORTRAITS OF JESUS Sunday's from 9:30-10:20 A.M. IN MARY ELLIS LOUNGE March 1-8-15-22-29, April 5

What can we learn about Jesus from the multitude of names he is given in the New Testament? Plenty! Welcome to a six-week course that will explore a number of the names and titles for Jesus that appear in the four Gospels, with some attention to relevant Old Testament passages. The author of the study is Donald L. Griggs. Pastor Vicki will facilitate the discussion. If you wish to participate (on Sunday morning or for your own personal study at home) call the office and Debi will e-mail you the study sessions. If you prefer a print out copy of the study, let her know.

PAUSING ON THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM Thursday's at 11 A.M. in Mary Ellis Lounge February 26, March 5-12-19-26, April 2

This study is built around the Common Lectionary Gospel readings for the five Sundays in Lent and Palm/Passion Sunday of 2007 (Year A, the Gospel of Matthew). Since we are in (Year B the Gospel of Mark), this study will allow us to hear a different reading than our Sunday morning readings. The authors of the study are Michael L. Lindvall and Christy Lang. Pastor Vicki will facilitate the discussion. If you wish to participate in this study call the office and Debi will e mail you the study sessions. If you prefer a print out copy of the sessions, just let her know.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

SHROVE TUESDAY ~ FEBRUARY 24 FROM 6:00-7:30 P.M.

Come enjoy a special pancake supper with all the extra goodies, fun games, and hands-on Lenten activities. All are welcome & bring friends.

Taizé SUNG PRAYERS ~ THURSDAYS, AT 12:15 P.M.

Come join us for a mid-week Service of Meditation and Music in the Chapel. Songs of the Taizé community will be our source of worship.

PIPES ALIVE! WAFFLES AND WIDOR AT WESLEY ~ MARCH 1 & APRIL 5 AT 12:30 P.M.

Come hear the 8th Symphony (March 1) and 9th Symphony (April 5) of Charles Marie Widor played by Brett Maguire, Director of Music Ministries. This concert, as usual, is offered free of charge and open to the public; donations are tax-exempt. A Waffle Luncheon precedes the concert at 12:00 noon in Brewer Hall. \$3.50 per person.

6TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON ~ SUNDAY, MARCH 22 AT 12:00 P.M.

All are invited to stay for lunch following the 10:30 worship and bring a food dish to share from your ethnic tradition. (Swedish meatballs, Jollof rice, Lasagna, etc.). Sign up during coffee hour on Sunday mornings.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK ~ MARCH 22-MARCH 29 & MARCH 29-APRIL 5

The congregation of Wesley Church will host families in the Interfaith Hospitality Network program for two weeks this Spring, March 22-29 and March 29-April 4. Volunteers are needed for different times. Please see the insert for more details.

LIVING FAITH, SEEKING JUSTICE: RECLAIMING SOCIAL HOLINESS FOR UNITED METHODISTS ~ FRIDAY, MARCH 27 & SATURDAY, MARCH 28

The New England Church & Society Committee is holding a 2-day event and training in North Andover, MA, with Tex Sample as keynote speaker! The event is designed to:

- ☞ Rekindle the movement of social holiness for United Methodists
- ☞ Connect those who are passionate about moving the church into the ministry of peace and justice
- ☞ Resource individuals and congregations toward the ministry of social justice in their context

FAMILY LENTEN PROGRAM ~ APRIL 3 FROM 6:00-7:30 P.M. (*Note change of Date & Time*)

Join us for a special children's time to experience hands-on faith-filled Lenten activities! Invite friends! Hosted by Christian Education.

EASTER EGG HUNT ~ SATURDAY, APRIL 11 FROM 10:00-11:30 A.M.

Fun for all ages and a great way to invite friends to Wesley! Join us for an Easter movie, crafts, donuts, and a great Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring one dozen filled plastic eggs for each child you wish to participate.

SEASON	READINGS
Ash Wednesday	Psalm: Psalm 51:1-17 (UMH 785)
	Old Testament: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
	Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
	Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
First Sunday in Lent	Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756)
	Old Testament: Genesis 9:8-17
	Gospel: Mark 1:9-15
	Epistle: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Second Sunday in Lent	Psalm: Psalm 22:23-31 (UMH 752)
	Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
	Gospel: Mark 8:31-38
	Epistle: Romans 4:13-25
Third Sunday in Lent	Psalm: Psalm 19 (UMH 750)
	Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17
	Gospel: John 2:13-22
	Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Fourth Sunday in Lent	Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (UMH 830)
	Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9
	Gospel: John 3:14-21
	Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10
Fifth Sunday in Lent	Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785)
	Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-34
	Gospel: John 12:20-33
	Epistle: Hebrews 5:5-10
Palm or Passion Sunday	Liturgy of the Palms
	Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)
	Gospel: Matthew 11:1-11
	Liturgy of the Passion
	Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764)
	Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)	
Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11	