

THE VINE



Together: Proclaiming Christ By Loving God and Serving God's People



THE LENTEN SEASON BY LYNN KILBOURNE

This Wednesday we entered into the season of Lent. This 40 day season prepares us for the celebration of Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We prepare by taking on a somber attitude, marked by repentance, fasting, and self-denial. Lent began on Ash Wednesday with a sacred worship service. During the service ash crosses are placed on our foreheads as a reminder of our mortality and sinfulness. The ashes remind us we are from dust and to dust we shall return (Genesis 3:19), and the cross reminds us of the grace of Jesus Christ.

When people ask why we give up things for Lent or why we "observe" Lent there is more than one reason. First, we give something up for/observe Lent as a way to experience a tiny taste of the self-denial Christ felt during his 40 days in the wilderness before beginning his ministry. Second, we give up or *take*

up something to make room in our hearts and lives for Christ to enter. Both prepare us to celebrate the resurrection with renewed hope and vigor.

The season of Lent has the power to reorder of lives as it disrupts our habits, shifts the way we spend our time, and places our faith at the forefront of our minds. From what could you fast during this season that would reorient your heart toward God? The cravings for trivial things like chocolate or caffeine have the potential to remind us that our deepest yearning is for God. The time spent in a new practice of prayer or study of scripture has the potential to shift our desires and concerns. What better preparation for celebrating the defeat of death is there than embracing our yearning for God and having Christ remold our minds and hearts.



FELLOWSHIP

FIND FELLOWSHIP IN NEW STUDIES! ANNIE LANKFORD

March finds us at the beginning of our Lenten journey. As you participate in your Lenten fast, let me encourage you to take something on as well. We have several excellent classes that will challenge you, inspire you and encourage you as you move forward in your own spiritual journey. On Sundays, beginning March 1, Vince Insalaco will begin his class on Who Really Wrote the New Testament at 5:00p.m. On Tuesdays, beginning March 3, learn more about the Beatitudes with Dana Steward at 1:15p.m. And on Wednesdays, beginning March 4, I will lead a class on praying with prayer beads during Lent at 6:30. Any of these classes are open to all, and we encourage you to come and give one, or more, a try! If you can't catch the first one, you are always welcome to join during the second week!



MARCH @ NLRFUMC

SUNDAY, MAR. 1

All Day UMY Veritas
9:00 Waypoint Worship *
10:00 Sunday School*
11:00 Sanctuary Worship *
5:00-6:30 Who...Wrote the NT (Parlor)

MONDAY, MAR. 2

7:00-9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, MAR. 3

6:30-7:30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:30-10:30 Craft Group (Rm 22)
1:00-3:00 Beatitudes Class
5:00-6:00 Body and Soul Fitness

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 4

9:00-11:00 CEC Storytime w/ Carolyn L.
9:00-12:00 Quilters
12:00-2:00 CEC Training (Parlor)
5:00-6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*
5:00-6:15 Simple Supper: Soup
5:00-7:30 Youth
6:15-6:30 Holy Communion (Chapel)
6:30-7:30 First Kids
6:30-7:30 We are Beloved Class (Parlor)*
6:30-7:30 Disciple I, III*
6:30-8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*

THURSDAY, MAR. 5

5:00-6:00 Body and Soul Fitness
6:00-7:00 PTO
7:00-8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsal*

FRIDAY, MAR. 6 & SATURDAY, MAR. 7

No Activities Scheduled

SUNDAY, MAR. 8-DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

9:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00 Sunday School*
11:00 Sanctuary Worship*
12:00-1:00 Faith Sisters
4:00-5:00 Missions Meeting (Craft Room)
5:00-6:30 Who...Wrote the NT (Parlor)
5:00-7:00 Youth

MONDAY, MAR. 9

6:30-7:30 SPRC Meeting
7:00-9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, MAR. 10

6:30-7:30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:00 CEC Field Trip to the ZOO!
9:30-10:30 Craft Group (Rm 22)
1:00-3:00 Beatitudes Class
5:00-6:00 Body and Soul Fitness

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 11

9:00-11:00 CEC Story Time w/ Carolyn L.
9:00-12:00 Quilters
12:00-2:00 CEC Training (Parlor)
5:00-6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*
5:00-7:30 CEC Spaghetti Dinner: \$5/plate
5:00-7:30 Youth
6:15-6:30 Holy Communion (Chapel)
6:30-7:30 First Kids

6:30-7:30 We are Beloved Class (Parlor)

6:30-7:30 Disciple I, III*
6:30-8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*

THURSDAY, MAR. 12

5:00-6:00 Body and Soul Fitness
7:00-8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsal*

FRIDAY, MAR. 13

No Activities Scheduled

SATURDAY, MAR. 14

7:00-9:00 Phi Lamb Formal

SUNDAY, MAR. 15

9:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00 Sunday School*
11:00 Sanctuary Worship*
12:00-1:00 Trustees Meeting (Parlor)
2:00-3:00 Stewardship Meeting
3:00 Community Band Concert
4:00-5:00 Finance Meeting
5:00-6:30 Who...Wrote the NT (Parlor)
5:00-7:00 Youth
7:00-8:00 Board of Stewards Meeting

MONDAY, MAR. 16

10:00 Jo Cruse Circle
1:30 Nell Dyer Circle
7:00-9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, MAR. 17-ST. PATRICK'S DAY

6:30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:30-11:00 Craft Group
12:00-1:00 Alzheimer's Lunch & Learn
1:00-3:00 Beatitudes Class
5:00-6:00 Body and Soul Fitness
6:15-7:15 CEC Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 18

9:00-11:00 CEC Story Time w/ Carolyn L.
9:00-12:00 Quilters
12:00-2:00 CEC Training (Parlor)
5:00-6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*
5:00-6:15 Simple Supper:UMM
5:00-7:30 Youth
6:15-6:30 Holy Communion (Chapel)
6:30-7:30 First Kids
6:30-7:30 We are Beloved Class (Parlor)
6:30-7:30 Disciple I, III*
6:30-8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*

THURSDAY, MAR. 19

5:00-6:00 Body and Soul Fitness
7:00-8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsal*

FRIDAY, MAR. 20 & SAT. MAR. 21

No activities scheduled

SUNDAY, MAR. 22

9:00 Waypoint Worship *
10:00 Sunday School*
11:00 Sanctuary Worship *
5:00-6:30 Who...Wrote the NT (Parlor)
5:00-7:00 Youth

MONDAY, MAR. 23

ALL DAY - SPRING BREAK
4:00-7:00 Broadway Bridge
7:00-9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, MAR. 24

ALL DAY- SPRING BREAK
6:30-7:30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:30-10:30 Craft Group (Rm 22)
1:00-3:00 Beatitudes Class
5:00-6:00 Body and Soul Fitness

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 25

ALL DAY - SPRING BREAK

9:00-11:00 CEC Story Time w/ Carolyn L.
9:00-12:00 Quilters
12:00-2:00 CEC Training (Parlor)
5:00-6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*

THURSDAY, MAR. 26

ALL DAY - SPRING BREAK
11:30-1:00 Lion's Club Business Meeting
5:00-6:00 Body and Soul Fitness
7:00-8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsal*

FRIDAY, MAR. 27 & SATURDAY, MAR. 28

ALL DAY - SPRING BREAK
No Activities Scheduled

SUNDAY, MAR. 29

9:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00 Sunday School*
11:00 Sanctuary Worship*
12:00-1:00 Faith Sisters
5:00-6:30 Who...Wrote the NT (Parlor)
5:00-7:00 Youth

MONDAY, MAR. 30

7:00-9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, MAR. 31

6:30-7:30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:30-10:30 Craft Group (Rm 22)
1:00-3:00 Beatitudes Class
5:00-6:00 Body and Soul Fitness

WEDNESDAY, APR. 1

9:00-11:00 CEC Story Time w/ Carolyn L.
9:00-12:00 Quilters
12:00-2:00 CEC Training (Parlor)
5:00-6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*
5:00-6:15 Simple Supper
5:00-7:30 Youth
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March 1, 2020

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We want to welcome the Allens, the Bybees, and the Gorrells to NLRFUMC!



MARCH Prayer

AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH THESE DAYS OF LENT, MAY WE GO HUMBLY, EXAMINING OUR LIVES SERIOUSLY AND DEEPLY, CONFESSING A NEED FOR CLEANSING AS GOD DIRECTS, AND BEING OPEN TO HIS GUIDANCE TO A COMPLETELY COMMITTED LIFE.

-PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY



CEC EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

EMALEE ROBINSON

Emalee is one of the teachers in the Little Ducklings Class. She has been at CEC for 1 year and has made such an impact of the little lives that she touches daily. Emalee is also the first CEC recipient of the TEACH scholarship. She attends Pulaski Tech and is working on her degree in Early Childhood Education.



JOIN US AS THE NLRFUMC CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT CENTER HOSTS THEIR

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

MARCH 11TH / 5-7:30PM / NLRFUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL \$5 PER PLATE / CHILDREN 12 & UNDER EAT FREE!



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