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WESLEYAN
ADVENTURERS

GAME DAY
& LUNCH



Thursday, March 14 | 10:30 am – 1:30 pm | Wesley Hall

Lent

A SEASON OF
FASTING & FEASTING

LENT
VOLUNTEERS



Ash Wednesday | Maundy Thursday | Good Friday | Easter Sunday

THIRD GRADE BIBLE
RETREAT
& PRESENTATION

OVERNIGHT
RETREAT

March 22 – 23
\$25 | Second Floor
Children's Wing
Registration required
by March 21

BIBLE
PRESENTATION

Sunday, March 24
9:30 am Gathering
11:00 am Sanctuary Service



LENT BANNERS

The season of Lent provides a blessed opportunity for reflection as we approach the altar of our Lord's sacrifice with hope in His mercy. The seasonal wall hangings (paraments) reflect the themes and color of this liturgical season. The purple of Lent represents sorrow and repentance. Grey, the color of ashes, calls us back to Ash Wednesday, when we received this symbol of mourning and humility on our foreheads. The tan fabric suggests desert sands and the arid nature of sin. The coarse ropes suspended between the fabric panels also carry symbolic meaning. The five groupings of ropes remind us of the five wounds Christ bore on the cross. The rope itself is a symbol of the betrayal of Christ as the soldiers bound him after the kiss of Judas. The stones, woven into the ropes, represent the sin that weighs down our souls. The knots in the ropes suggest the discord in our families, the hurts between married couples, and the absence of peace and joy caused by our pride and failure to depend on God. These paraments provide a visual reminder of the mercy God offers us not only in the Lenten Season but also throughout the entire year.

HIGH SCHOOL
HANG OUT

Saturday, March 23 | 2:00 – 7:00 pm | Lyle Lodge | \$10

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Traditional Worship Service
March 10, 2024 | 11:00 am

Lent: A Season of Fasting
and Feasting

Mark 12:28-44

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Welcome
Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor

Prelude: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
Dale Wood, arranger
Peggy Graff, organist

***Call to Worship**
Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor
One: Come now to God in whose presence each of us find the strength to be extraordinary, this means to be rich, a position of importance no matter who we are or what we have: all flourish in the kingdom and achieve more than they ever dreamed. Should I throw in my meager gifts? It’s all that I have.
All: This is the challenge we face.
One: Is it worth anything if I can’t give it up?
All: We know that everything we have is God’s.
One: Come let us bring who we are and what we have to God’s service.
All: Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

***Hymn 500: “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”**

***Affirmation of Faith 881**
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic° church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.
°universal

***Gloria Patri 70**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen.

****Please be seated**

Faith Like a Child
“Mister Mark” Burrows, Director of Children’s Ministries

***Hymn 354: “I Surrender All”**

Scripture: Mark 12:28-44
Pat Jamison, lay reader
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Lent: A Season of Fasting and Feasting
Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen. *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

Offertory: “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”
John Rutter, arranger
Choral Union
Thomas Williams, director

***Doxology 95**
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Benediction**
One: Our gathering will soon be ended. Where will we go, and what will we do?
All: We will go out to be God’s people in the world.
One: May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you.
Amen.

***Congregational Benediction: “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”**
At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away;
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day.

***Postlude: “Prelude and Fugue in G minor”**
J. S. Bach, composer

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Asterisks (*) indicate times when you are invited to stand as you are able.

In addition to your regular contribution, every one dollar (\$1) bill placed in the offering plate for the month of March will support rental assistance for clients

The Sanctuary flowers are placed in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas L. Uhr, Mrs. Sheila Uhr, Mr. Jack Morris, Mr. & Mrs. E.R. Morris, and Mr. & Mrs. W.S. Hutchison by Mr. Bill Uhr and family.

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