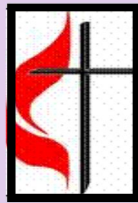


SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:15 A.M.
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
10:30



THE SOUTH END SOURCE

From The Pastor's Study

An Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent

Our *United Methodist Book of Worship* includes the following invitation to us as part of the Ash Wednesday service of worship (p.322).

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

The early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection,

and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation.

During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to participation in the life of the Church.

In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith.

Our Focus:

In these next 40 days, we as a congregation will focus on **spiritual practices** that open us up to the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst – as John Wesley called them – means of grace.

We will explore several forms of prayer, fasting and scripture meditation during our worship services and be given exercises to practice during the week.

Our Goal:

To **Return** to God –

From the feelings and circumstances that have distanced us from God and others

To **Repent** –

To turn away from the things that harm or destroy

To be **Renewed** –

That we may experience the abundance of God's grace and a be more faithful witness to the redeeming love of God through Christ our Lord.

I invite us all to join together and observe a Holy Lent!

Yours in Christ, Ann Cover

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South End Preschool

Director, Rob Dodd

Assistant Director, Sobiya Uddin

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March 29 ~ Room In The Inn - Last one of the Season

March 31 ~ Administrative Council Meeting

Holy Week

April 14 ~ *Palm Passion Service* at 10:30 a.m.

April 18 ~ *Maundy Thursday* at 6:30 p.m. at Crieviewood UMC

(Combined SEUMC/Crieviewood)

April 19 ~ *Good Friday Tenebrae* at 6:30 p.m. at SEUMC (Combined SEUMC/Crieviewood)

April 20 ~ *Easter Egg Hunt* at 9:00 a.m.

April 21 ~ *Easter Celebration - Two Services*

April 28 ~ *Service of Song & Prayer* at 6:00 p.m. at Liberty United Methodist Church

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Joe and Jon Jackson, Tommy McIver and Bob Nance for removing the tree near the Preschool classroom entrance. The tree had become a safety hazard.



Music Ministry

March 9 ~

Wellington Place at 10:30 a.m.

March 21 ~

Communion at Wellington at 11 a.m.

March 23 ~

Bethany Place at 10:30 a.m.

GOOD NEIGHBOR UPDATE

January/February

Total donations were \$4,345. Distributions of \$5,160 (with surplus from a large end-of-year gift 2018) were given to 23 families for assistance with gas, utilities, rent, food and medicine.

Additional people were served by our Food Pantry, and especially the toiletries.

March

Spencer Dodd	March 9
Mary Lee Mackie	March 22
Peggy Jones	March 23
Linda Dunbar	March 27
Allison Marshall	March 28
Liz Shadbolt	March 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

Samantha Chiasson	4/2
Isaac Crouse	4/8
Amy Patton	4/8
Andrew McIver	4/10
Allen Donaldson	4/23
Matthew Crouse	4/25
Debbie Walden	4/25
Avery McIver	4/26