

LENT: A JOURNEY TO HOPE

FEBRUARY 17 — APRIL 3, 2010

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday (February 17) and ends on Holy Saturday (April 3). 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 17	12:00 NOON AND 7:00 PM
FIVE SUNDAYS IN LENT: FEB. 21, 28, MAR.7, 14, 21 & 28	8:30 AND 10:30 AM
PASSION/PALM SUNDAY: MARCH 28	8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM
MONDAY: MARCH 29	7:00 PM
MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 1	TIME & DETAILS TO FOLLOW
GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 2	12:00 NOON
EASTER: APRIL 4	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

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

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

LEARNING FORGIVENESS **Wednesday's at 12 PM & 7:15 PM in Mary Ellis Lounge**
February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

In this six-session study, written by Marjorie J. Thompson, we'll consider the various aspects of forgiveness, a concept perhaps more central to Christianity than to any other religion. Christians differ widely in their interpretations of how forgiveness should be practiced. Some urge forgiveness as a Christian duty under all circumstances, while others argue that certain conditions must be met before forgiveness can be meaningful or effective. How do we sort through competing claims and interpretations? And how can we get past some of our emotional barriers to real forgiveness? These are the kinds of questions we will explore together in this study of a theme particularly well suited to the season of Lent. How can forgiveness be a journey to hope? If you are interested in participating in this study please send Debi an e mail at office@wesleyworc.org or give her a call (508-799-4191) and she will e mail or send you the study guides for each of the six sessions. The class will be lead by Pastor Vicki.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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.

GUIDED FORGIVENESS MEDITATION ~ MARCH 4 AT 11:00 A.M., CHAPEL

Prayer and Guided Imagery and Words will be incorporated in a Forgiveness Meditation for ourselves and others. Led by Kate Devlin.

POTLUCK DINNER & A MOVIE ~ MARCH 5 AT 6:00-9:00 P.M.

Led by Chris Flagg

Tonight's movie: The Gifted Hands. Following the movie a Bible based discussion will be held.

PIPES ALIVE! ~ MARCH 7 AT 12:30 P.M.

Jen McPherson is in her freshman year as the Organ Scholar for the class of 2013 at the College of the Holy Cross. We're happy to welcome her for her Pipes Alive! debut. Please join us for a light lunch at 12:00 (nominal fee) preceding the concert.

LABYRINTH WALK ~ MARCH 25

Led by Kate Devlin

Open Labyrinth Walk, 5:45—6:30 pm

Guided Labyrinth Walk, 7:00 pm

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK ~ MARCH 14-MARCH 21

The congregation of Wesley Church will host families in the Interfaith Hospitality Network program for one week this Spring. Volunteers are needed for different times. Please sign up in Brewer Hall.

THROUGH GOD'S EYES ~ MARCH 27, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Join the New England Annual Conference Board of Church and Society/Methodist Federation of Social Action, for our combined Spring Retreat at St. Matthews UMC in Acton, MA. We will be exploring racism through worship, meditation, and the help of special guest speaker Rev. Kapya Kaoma, the project director at Political Research Associates. He is the author of U.S. Conservatives, African Churches and Homophobia. Gwen White will lead us through a spiritual process in the afternoon contextualizing racism and social justice. A soup lunch will be provided, and a \$10.00 offering is suggested and appreciated. Please RSVP by March 15 to Leigh Dry at leighdry@comcast.net. See Pastor Vicki if you have any questions.

HOLY WEEK, MONDAY WORSHIP ~ MARCH 27, 7:00 PM

As part of the Holy Week events we will have a worship service on March 29 (Monday) at 7 PM. The theme for the service will be "Living Water" and Pastor William from, Full Dimension Ministry, Tanzania will bring the message. Pastor William will bring testimony to the Living Water Jesus speaks of in the gospel story and how the new well in the village in Yulonsi Tanzania is life giving water as well for the village. The service will be followed by a coffee and desert fellowship time in Brewer Hall where William will meet and greet and answer any questions.

PALM SUNDAY ~ MARCH 28

Special program from the Children on Palm Sunday with Bell Ringing and an Easter Program! More information to follow!

EASTER EGG HUNT ~ SATURDAY, APRIL 3 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 91:1-2, 9-16 (UMH 810)
	Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
	Gospel: Luke 4:1-13
	Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13
Second Sunday in Lent	Psalm: Psalm 27 (UMH 758)
	Old Testament: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
	Gospel: Luke 13:31-35
	Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1
Third Sunday in Lent	Psalm: Psalm 63:1-8 (UMH 788)
	Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-9
	Gospel: Luke 13:1-9
	Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Fourth Sunday in Lent	Psalm: Psalm 32 (UMH 766)
	Old Testament: Joshua 5:9-12
	Gospel: Luke 15:1-2, 11b-32
	Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Fifth Sunday in Lent	Psalm: Psalm 126 (UMH 847)
	Old Testament: Isaiah 43:16-21
	Gospel: John 12:1-8
	Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14
Palm or Passion Sunday	Liturgy of the Palms
	Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)
	Gospel: Luke 19:28-40
	Liturgy of the Passion
	Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764)
	Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49	
Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11	