

## **THE REALITY OF LENT**

**Read Romans 5:1-2**

*These 40 days leading up to Easter (April 16) are a time of self-examination and understanding of God's love and forgiveness. We cannot fully appreciate "Grace" until we stop and realize how undeserving we are. How we live and act in this world does matter, but even under the strongest of disciplines, fall short of what God seeks of us.*

*My personal beginnings of Lent start with "the sins that so easily entrap me." My neglect of appreciating all my blessings over the past year. My fears in the situations that have drained my personal faith. My loss of perspective of who I am and where I am in my life's journey. They may sound sort of selfish, but they do give me a sense of reality.*

*In counting "my blessings", I see how much I have been truly blessed in the minor loses that have come and where those blessings have come from in spite of my personal efforts or fears. I come to realize that what I have accomplished, in spite of myself, are mostly a gift from God. Yes, I am a sinner and I fall short. Therefore, what should I do over these 40 days? My personal conclusion is to use it not so much to punish myself, but to use the time to glorify God and seek to show my thankfulness in acts and good deeds unto others in His name.*

*In these coming days whatever you do, I trust you will be drawn into a closer relationship with Jesus. So that when Easter morning comes, you can say, "He is alive....in me".*

**Rev. Charles Ready**

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**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
THIS COMING WED., MARCH 1ST  
FROM 6-7 PM**

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**LENTEN SUPPER SERIES**

**Wednesday nights starting March 8 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**He Chose the Nails**

*This Bible study by Max Lucado examines the gifts that Christ gave at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns, the nails, and the empty tomb. The cross is rich with God's gifts of grace, and as we unwrap them, we will hear him whisper, "I did it just for you."*


*Bring a covered dish, share a meal, and enjoy the fellowship.*

*(Plates, silverware, napkins, and beverage provided.)*

*Our church family is invited to join in!*



# March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Service 7p 	2	3	4 Cleaning Day 10a-12 noon
5	6	7	8 Lenten Supper series at EFUMC 6-7P	9	10	11 Pasta/Bingo Night Turn clocks ahead
12	13 Council 7p	14 Margaret's Home group 1p	15 Lenten Supper series at EFUMC 6-7P	16	17	18 Hall Rental All Day
19	20	21	22 Lenten Supper series at EFUMC 6-7P	23 Drive Thru Creamed Chicken Dinner 4-7p	24	25 Hall Rental
26	27	28	29 Lenten Supper series at EFUMC 6-7P	30 Napper's Luncheon 11:30a	31	

## BIRTHDAYS

Ed Betts 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Frank Thompson 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Becki Patrone 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Sydni Bowker 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Doug McLaughlin 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Cory Dewell 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Catherine Betts 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Mandy Webber 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Dallas Carlisle 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Matthew Colledge 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Jonathan Beveridge 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Jamie Vale Corey 30<sup>th</sup>

## ANNIVERSARIES

Ed & Catherine Betts  
 Robert & Cynthia Beveridge 2nd

**CLEANING DAY FOR KITCHEN AND FELLOWSHIP HALL  
 PLEASE SIGNUP TODAY, WE NEED A GOOD TURN OUT SO IT WILL GO QUICKLY AND IT WON'T BE JUST A COUPLE OF PEOPLE DOING ALL THE WORK!**



**PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER SATURDAY,  
MARCH 11TH, 2017 4:30 – 6:00 PM**

**We will be holding a pasta dinner fundraiser for donations only. Pasta will be served in a buffet format. Various types of cooked pasta will be prepared, with a choice of marinara, alfredo, or cheese sauces. Garlic bread, salad, drinks, and desserts included.**

**FAMILY “RE-GIFT” BINGO 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Bingo cards and daubers will be provided. Everyone is to bring an unwrapped “white elephant” or “re-gift” item to be used as prizes. (Please no clothes) There is no charge, and no cash prizes will be given. Please contact Randy & Shar Daub if you are interested in helping. We will be putting up a donation list, and need silent auction items. (330) 853-7438**

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**EASTER FLOWER TIME**

**Lilies \$8.00**

**Tulips, Daffodils and Hyacinths \$6.00**

**Please see the signup sheet in the Foyer**

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**DRIVE THRU CREAMED CHICKEN DINNER**

**SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd from 4:00-7:00 pm**

**Helpers always needed, see Marla if you would like to be of service.**

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**FATHER, help me to see this holy season of Lent**

**as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation.**

**Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.**

**Amen**



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