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News of Bethany



One Great Hour of Sharing

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Won't you join us with a gift to One Great Hour of Sharing? Because when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Mission Statement:
Bethany Presbyterian Church is a church making an impact on the lives of all people through the love of Jesus Christ.

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Bethany News & Notes

Special Dates in March 2020

First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 1

**Second Sunday in Lent
& Daylight Savings**
Sunday, March 8



Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 15

St. Patrick's Day
Tuesday, March 17

First Day of Spring
Thursday, March 19

**FORTY
Days
OF LENT**

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 22

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 29

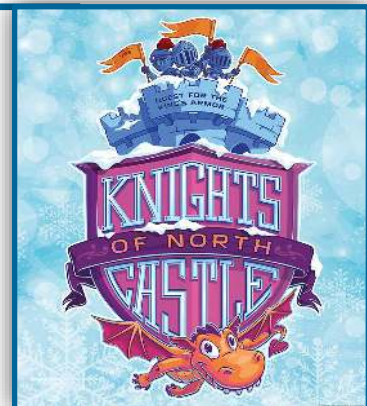


Fasting and Feasting - William Arthur Ward

From the Middle Ages to this day, Christians have considered the Season of Lent as a time to Fast from certain things and to Feast on others. This Lent, we could attempt to:

- *Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.
- *Fast from judging others; feast on Christ indwelling them.
- *Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
- *Fast from constant anger; feast on patience.
- *Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
- *Fast from worry; feast on providential order.
- *Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
- *Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
- *Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
- *Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal Truth.
- *Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
- *Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Time to Plan for VBS: There will be a VBS organization meeting Wednesday, March 4 at 7pm in Donegal Hall. Come and learn all about our June program. Our theme for this summer's VBS is *Knights of North Castle*.



Thank You Bethany Family:

Agnes Taylor would like to thank the Bethany family for all the good wishes she received on her 90th Birthday. The flowers and cards were greatly appreciated.

From Pastor Kent's Desk



Lent

IS A
JOURNEY
THAT
MOVES US
TOWARD
THE CROSS.

For me, Lent serves as a journey, a metaphorical one filled with twists and turns which ends at the foot of a cross in Jerusalem. I've faithfully made the journey for over 60 years in a variety of settings: Los Angeles, Glendora, Seoul, Pasadena, Riverside, Richmond, Dearborn, Punxsutawney, and Lancaster. Each of the settings was unique and incorporated the particular "vibe" of the community in which I was living and working. Wherever it was, the journey had the same characteristics and the same goal: spiritual awakening and renewal.

The journey's never been lonely, as I've always traveled with an amazing group of pilgrims, each of whom brought along something unique for the trip: ideas, spiritual gifts, positive attitudes, life experiences, intuition, maturity, wisdom, grace, joy, dignity, and faith. Each person relying on the others for sustenance and nurture to see them through to the end! **That's the true nature of community – none of us, not one of us, can hope to reach Jerusalem on our own.**

This year is no exception as the congregation of Bethany Church embarks on its own journey to Jerusalem. Our sojourn is enhanced by the 2020 Lenten Devotional, "Becoming a Beloved Community." I hope each of you has obtained a copy and are faithfully reading the daily devotions which feature the voices of 19 ordained ministers, chaplains, lay pastors and ruling elders from the Presbytery of the Pacific. Their goal is to refresh our hearts and minds as we walk along the road.

So, let's hold each other in prayer as we walk and talk. Let's be sensitive to the joys and concerns of our fellow travelers. I need you as much as you need me – that's what makes us a community. The Risen Christ walks with us, encouraging and sustaining us, opening our eyes and ears to the needs of those around us. And, when we arrive, let's plan to gather in the garden on Easter Morning to celebrate the extraordinary event we call The Resurrection.

Grace & Peace

Kent





Lenten Dinners/Worship

Our Lenten Dinners will be held again this year with dinner starting promptly at 6:00 p.m. in Donegal Hall. The next dinner in our series will be on Wednesday evening, March 18, 2020. The final evening will be on Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020. Worship will follow dinner at 7:00 p.m. and will include the celebration of The Lord's Supper.

Members and friends are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to serve eight. The main course, rolls, and beverages will be provided. Main Courses: March 18: Ham Loaf; April 9: Lasagna. Plan to join your friends for these evenings of food, fellowship, and worship, as we make our annual "Pilgrimage to Jerusalem."

Homebound of Bethany



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1800 Village Circle
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Agnes Taylor
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202B Jackson Run
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SPRING PRAYER REQUESTS

Anne Sensenig
Polly Snyder
Paul Siegler



March Birthdays

03/04 Helen Cumpston
03/10 Michael Morrison
03/12 Gene Moore
03/17 Donald Risser
03/20 Donald Piefer
03/23 Patricia Rineer
03/25 Marcia Trach



MARCH

WORSHIP



March 1, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. - First Sunday in Lent

The Message: "Into the Wilderness"

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

March 8, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. - Second Sunday in Lent

The Message: "Top Down"

Scripture: John 3:1-17 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

March 15, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. - Third Sunday in Lent

The Message: "Living Water"

Scripture: John 4:5-42 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

March 22, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. - Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Message: "I Was Blind, Now I See"

Scripture: John 9:1-41 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

March 29, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. - Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Message: "Lazarus of Bethany"

Scripture: John 11:1-45 Preaching: Rev. Holmes



	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Greeters	Eva Lauer	Michelle Atwater	Elaine Bornstein	Maurine Smith	Jim Grossman
Fellowship	Eva Lauer	Michelle Atwater	Elaine Bornstein	Maurine Smith	Jim Grossman
Ushers	Doug & Maurine Smith	Joyce Richards Diane Ashba	Gary & Nancy Peters	Valerie Calhoun Susan Schaeffer	Elaine Bornstein Pete Paxson
Liturgists	David Schwartz	Elaine Bornstein	Alicia Conklin-Wood	Betty Duncan	David Schwartz

March 2020



Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	1 Sunday in Lent 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	2 6:15 P.M. Patrol Mtg. 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts	3 7:00 P.M. Troop Committee Meeting	4 10:00 A.M. Mark for Everyone 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	5 1 Day of Spring 	6 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	7 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast & Cub Pack Pinewood Derby
8	2 Sunday in Lent 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Daylight Savings	9 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts	10 7:00 P.M. District Roundtable Meeting	11 10:00 A.M. Mark for Everyone 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	12	13 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	14
15	3 Sunday in Lent 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	16 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts	17 St. Patrick's Day 7:00 P.M. Pack Mtg. 	18 10:00 A.M. Mark for Everyone 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	19	20 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	21 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run
22	4 Sunday in Lent 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Scout Camp Out	23 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts	24	25 10:00 A.M. Mark for Everyone 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	26	27 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	28 Scout Camp Out 
29	5 Sunday in Lent 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	30 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts Scout Sub Sale	31			29 Office Hours: Tues - Thurs 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.	