

March 1, 2020
The First Sunday in Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome The Reverend Bill Walker today. Thank him for sharing his gifts with us!

Worship Notes: Now that it's Lent, you will see the Stations of the Cross up in church so we can reflect more deeply on Jesus Christ's passion and sacrifice for us. Also, we've have changed liturgical colors to purple, and we drop saying the A-word, A*****a. In worship we also shift to the "Lord Have Mercy" for our Song of Praise and to Rite 1, Prayer II at 11 am, which is more penitential.

Name Badges! The Invite-Welcome-Connect team has purchased magnetic name badges for everyone and they have arrived! Your name badge will be in alphabetical order on the boards in Hines Hall (just a little further than where they have been.) You may leave them at church or take them with you. If you don't see yours, let us know and we will get it to you.

Wednesday Evenings in Lent Our theme for the Wednesday Night Lenten program this year is "Art and Saints of Italy." Christian Faith is expressed in so many ways, and the artists and saints of Italy, especially during the Renaissance, shared their faith in beautiful ways. Come see! Wednesday program is 5:30 evening prayer, 6 pm supper, and 6:30 program. March 4: Holy Places: The Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. March 11: The Art of Florence.

The Book of Forgiving, the Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World Come learn the "Fourfold Path of Forgiveness" in our Lenten Sunday School Series starting on March 1 at 10 am. We will look at video interviews of Bishop Tutu by Bill Moyers, as well as studying *The Book of Forgiving* for those who want to delve deeply into this series. In each of us, there is an innate ability to create joy out of suffering, to find hope in the most hopeless of situations, and to heal any relationship in need of healing. So come see how we too can help stop our human community from unraveling. Books are available in the church office for \$10.

Farewell Luncheon for Cyndie Royce. Thank you Cyndie for your seven years with us at Good Shepherd as Bookkeeper. The parish is invited to a luncheon in Cyndie's honor on Thursday, March 5, 12:30 until 1:30 pm. Come to share your thanks and appreciation and to wish her well. Please RSVP to Ellen at goodshepadmin@frontier.com.

Fishes & Loaves: Thank you for volunteering for the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry! There are only a few volunteer slots left. Please remember to bring your name badge when you volunteer. For questions call: Gordon Gray at 226-3174.

Scholarship Applications Now Available. The Scholarship Committee will be accepting applications for post high school education/training for students until March 31. The application is on the Church website under Outreach. Any student who resides in the Blue Ridge School District is eligible regardless of where they have attended high school. The committee will interview the candidates and awards will be made in June.

Lectionary Bible Study The class meets on Tuesdays at 11 am to 'read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest' the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.

Nursery: Donna & Hunter are in the nursery to care for children each Sunday at each service, including Sunday School.

ELL (English Language Learners) classes are on **Tuesdays** (now - May, 2020) with dinner beginning at 6:00 followed by class and children's activities. We need volunteers in the kitchen and with the children's activities. Please call Carroll Summerour (828-877-5383) or Eleanor Welling (743-5697) to volunteer.

Bazaar Barn is open on Fridays 10 am -2 pm through the winter and spring! Sharon is looking for volunteers on Fridays to arrange furniture, keep the furniture & barn clean, and sell items! Whether you can only help for one day or on a more regular basis, please text or call Sharon at (864)710-9316.

We pray for our friends and family on our extended prayer list: Charlotte Couch, Buddy Pollak, Michael Perling, Sue Harrington, Jim Cole, Laurie Jacobs, Kyle Haines, Steve Castellaw, Pete Roth, Jennifer Galef Talik, Cindy Murphy, Daryn Ramos, Mary Ellen Klinger, Rob Deakin, George McCarthy, Frank Baker, Janie Elliott, Robin Connelly, George Henry, Pat Pearce, Ann Christine Marco, Jamie Elliot, Laney Bixby, Michael Stinson, Marty Beatty, Leslie Fleniken, Chris Rowe, Ed Kennedy, Carolyn Coor, Sam Singleton, Lisa Brown, Bill Leete, Trevor Howard, Grace Freeman, Avary Andrews, Tom Brooks, Jeff Deelee, Olin Hargrove, Nancy Rice, Allie Schiele, Julie Wiegand. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list contact Ellen at 743-2359 or goodshepadmin@frontier.com.

THANKSGIVINGS & REMEMBRANCES

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week: (1) Bill Newbold, Linda Wood, Nan Gregory; (3) Bill Pump; (5) Marsha Goodman; (6) Lamar Cole, Judy Brookfield, Becca Wood.

If your birthday or anniversary is missing please contact Ellen at 743-2359. If you would like to offer flowers for a loved one the following dates are available: Apr 19 & 26.