

March 8, 2020
The Second Sunday in Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Movie Night: Our next Movie Night is tomorrow, Monday, March 9th at 6 p.m. The movie is *Paul, Apostle of Christ* which is the story of the last days of the apostle Paul, who goes from the most infamous persecutor of Christians to Christ's most influential apostle. Supper will be provided. RSVP to Ellen at goodshepadmin@frontier.com or 743-2359.

Health Precautions Winter months usually bring some extra sickness among us, and this year, we've added concerns of COVID-19 (a type of coronavirus). We want to take this all infectious disease seriously, and at this point, we see no need to panic but we do think it's wise to take some extra precautions. So starting this week:

- - We will be cleaning surfaces at the church more regularly – like the altar rail and pews, door handles and countertops.
 - We ask all to wash hands regularly for 20 seconds (and instead of counting, you might say Lord's Prayer instead). Handwashing is especially critical after going to the bathroom; before eating; after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Washing hands or using hand sanitizer is one of the best ways to minimize the spread of germs.
 - We ask people to forgo handshakes and hugs 'for a season' and give nods or verbal greetings at the peace and in the receiving line.
 - at communion, we use the silver chalice for better sanitation and ask people to be very careful when receiving communion not to touch the chalice or the wine with hands and/or fingers when intincting (dipping) the wafer.
 - Food servers at all occasions will be washing hands, wearing gloves and using tongs.
 - Last but not least: the most important way to minimize the spread of infectious diseases is for people who have symptoms, such as fever, upset stomach, or frequent coughing or sneezing, to stay home and to seek medical attention as symptoms warrant.
 - Please let us know when you are ill and have chosen to stay home so that we may be of help with food, communion, or other pastoral care.
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Nobody wants to get sick or get others sick, so please be mindful and compassionate about the potential spread of all illnesses. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the church and express them. And please keep those affected by disease and those treating and testing people in your prayers.

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 18 – Artistic Works of The Fall, The Annunciation, and The Last Supper; March 25 – Leisure Time Cultural Targets in Florence: The 'Must-See' Churches to Add to Your Itinerary.

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 in the Adult Education room

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.

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.

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.

In the prayers of the people today, we pray for: The Community Care Clinic, whose mission is to provide access to basic healthcare for those in need living in the Cashiers, Highlands and surrounding communities. If you are interested in knowing more, please speak to Fr. Rob, Janie Crews, or a member of the Outreach committee.

THANKSGIVINGS & REMEMBRANCES

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week: (8) Scott Turner; (9) Cary McKinney, Allison Mautz; (10) Dick Meyers; (11) Caroline Rivers, Minott Rivers; (14) Liz Lane.

We give thanks for those celebrating an anniversary this week: (3/11) Bob & Marsha Goodman.

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.