

Events Coming Up

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

Please join us on Tuesday, March 5th, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. for a Pancake Supper sponsored by our youth. It's all you can eat pancakes and bacon. A free will offering will be taken to support our youth as they prepare to travel to the National Youth Gathering this summer in Minneapolis. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship!

Ash Wednesday Service

Please join us in worship for our special Ash Wednesday service on March 6th at 7:00 p.m. This will be the first of our Midweek Lenten services every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. We hope you can join us for these special services.

Spaghetti Dinner/Soup Suppers

Please join us for supper before our Lenten Services beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. On Ash Wednesday the Fellowship Board will be preparing and serving spaghetti. They are looking for donations of spaghetti sauce, salads, rolls and desserts. The rest of the Wednesday evenings during Lent we will have Soup Suppers, and we are looking for donations of soup, bread and desserts. We hope you can join us for these times of good food, fun and fellowship!

TIME CHANGE...SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to set your clocks forward before you go to bed on Saturday, March 9th, so you get up at the correct time to be in worship with us on Sunday, March 10th!!!!

Spring Kitchen Cleaning

We will be doing our semi-annual deep kitchen cleaning on Thursday, March 14th, at 1:00 p.m. We would appreciate any help... many hands make light the work!

Board & Parish Planning Meetings

Just a reminder that our March Board Meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 19th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Our Parish Planning Meeting will be that same evening beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Ambassadors of Reconciliation

Recently the Ambassadors of Reconciliation were here to give a compelling presentation about their upcoming trip to Rwanda to help in bringing reconciliation and peace to both survivors and perpetrators in the genocide that happened there in 1994. A young church body has formed in Rwanda and its pastors are seeking for help in dealing with the traumatic feelings that still exist today as both survivors of victims and perpetrators of the crimes come together in worship. If you would like to learn more about their work, you can check out their website: aorhope.org. They also have an app that you can download on your phone entitled "Proclaiming God's Forgiveness". If you would like to make a donation toward their trip to Rwanda this month, our church office can get it to them or they accept donations online. Please keep this ministry in your prayers this month, as the team travels there and ministers to these people.

Youth Events Coming Up

- **March 5: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!** This is a fundraiser via free-will offering.
- **March 12: LWML Birthday Bags!** Assist LWML in assembling birthday bags. This is a pure service opportunity and our chance to lend a hand.
- **March 30: Snow Camping.** Those wishing to attend need to RSVP by March 1st.
- **April 12: Movie Night!** We will be screening *the Greatest Story Ever Told* in the fellowship hall. Youth volunteers to assist in set-up, serving movie refreshments and in clean-up. This is a service event offered at no charge to anyone who would like to attend.
- **April 21: Easter Breakfast!** We will be serving breakfast after Easter sunrise service. This is a fundraiser via free-will offering.
 - **May 17-18: Garage Sale!** This is a fundraiser.
 - **June 1: Overnight Backpacking Trip** to Rattlesnake. More details to come!

OUR PRAYER – THAT YOU COMMIT YOURSELF TO SPENDING SOME TIME IN PRAYER

One of the saddest quotes for me in the Bible is “Could you not keep watch for one hour?” This quote is found in both Mathew and Mark and it breaks my heart that Jesus’ closest friends could not stay awake and pray as He grieved knowing of His impending suffering and death on the cross. Jesus then instructs them (and us) to “Keep watching and praying, that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

As in so many places in the Bible, we are called to pray. We know that the Lord taught His disciples to pray (Luke 11:1-13). We know that the apostles were committed to prayer (Acts 6:4). We know that the early Church was devoted to prayer (Acts 2:42). We are called to pray quietly on our own and to pray as a people together as we do each Sunday but also as we do each Thursday.

Prayer is so powerful! As we gather on Thursdays to pray together, we find our ongoing prayer to be for the salvation of people we know. We also pray for those who are suffering physical and mental ills. We pray for the children of our congregation. We pray for work for those searching for employment or for better employment. We pray for families as they grieve. We pray for the church and its missions. And, we pray in thanksgiving for answered prayer. We ask you to join us each Thursday to pray together for these concerns and whatever is on your heart. Come for any amount of time that works for you. Those of us gathered offer silent and spoken prayers. Please join your prayers with ours.

PLEASE NOTE: PRAYER TIME WILL BE FROM 11:30 TO 12:30 ON EACH THURSDAY STARTING IN MARCH.



“Beginning Floral Design”

A First University Class

Saturday, March 16th
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall

Mary Carlson will be leading this class for us. In the past she was a novice floral designer and moved up to a store manager and a regional manager for a nationally known company. She will teach how to prepare live floral materials, the structure of design, color choices, bow making and types of containers to create unusual and themed designs.

Anyone aged 12 and up can attend. Please RSVP to the office or to Mary so we know how many to prepare for.

Items needed are: scissors, small bud vase, small wire cutters. Additional supplies, such as floral knife, plastic container, oasis, flowers, may be purchased at the class. The estimated cost of the class will be \$15 for supplies and \$15 for flowers. If you need assistance for purchasing the supplies, let us know as some funds are available for this. Also, some supplies can be borrowed.

If you have questions, you can contact Mary at:

406-317-1431 (you can leave a message) or on her cell phone
253-426-0889 (call or message)