

What is Lent?

Lent is a solemn religious observance in the liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, doing penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement, and self-denial. This event is observed in the Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, and Roman Catholic Churches. Its purpose is heightened in the annual commemoration of Holy Week, marking the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the tradition and events of the New Testament beginning on Good Friday (Tenebrae), which ultimately culminates in the joyful celebration on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penance. Many Christians also add a Lenten spiritual discipline, such as reading a daily devotional or praying through a Lenten calendar, to draw themselves near to God. The Stations of the Cross, a devotional commemoration of Christ's carrying the Cross and of his execution, are often observed.

Barron House Counseling Services

Barron House offers a wide range of services to fit every counseling need. Rates are based on a sliding scale. Evening and weekend appointments are available. Call 817-335-3222, ext. 105 today to schedule an appointment.. All calls are confidential.



February Benevolence

Help us re-stock our pantry! The cupboard is just about bare and we need your help to fill it back up! During February, we will be collecting canned food - both to re-stock our pantry and to give out to the many people who come to our church doors seeking assistance.

The next time you are at the store, throw a few extra cans of vegetables, meats, soups, or whatever you wish to donate in your basket. We will make GOOD use of it!

Donations may be dropped off at church on Sundays, at Wednesday Night Live or at the church office during normal business hours!

Win/Win/WOW!

Get your tickets now for **Win/Win/WOW!**

Ticket prices are \$1 each, seven for \$5, 15 for \$10, and 30 for \$20. Tickets will be available for purchase in the Fireside Room after Sunday services, at Wednesday Night Live, the Church office, and other church events. Half of the money raised goes to the Church. The other half goes to the holder of the lucky winning ticket. How much money? We don't know. The amount will GROW every day through April 2nd, when the drawing will be held!

Tennies for Kids!

Give a kid a pair of tennis shoes and you give them the world. They open up possibilities for exploration and play that a kid might not otherwise get. We all want to provide that for a kid, right? So, we are collecting NEW tennis shoes in Girls and Boys sizes 11-13 and 1-3 for some elementary school students in the Metroplex. If you don't have time to shop, don't worry! You can also pick up a gift card for either Payless Shoes or Wal-Mart so the shoes can be purchased.



Donations may be brought to church on Sundays or dropped off at the office during the week. We thank you and the kids will REALLY thank you!

Lenten Devotionals

Throughout the course of Lent, Reverend West will be sending out devotionals daily, Monday through Thursday. You won't want to miss these inspirational emails. If you are not currently receiving devotionals or news from the church, **please write your email address in the Redbook** as it is passed. We want to make **sure** you are getting the devotionals and information we send out. If you are currently receiving those emails, there is no need to do anything - you are good, we have your email and everything is working as it should.



Prayers of the People

*Bear Ehlinger, Anne Robinson,
Al Ballard, Jerry Long,
Marilyn Patel, Ben Wieman*

Church Leadership

Rev. Carol West, Pastor

Rick S. Gates,
Minister of Music

Kee Sourjohn, Organist
Shoshana Cook, Pianist
Kathy Ferguson, Keyboard
Blaine Cook, Drums

Gary Cunningham,
Media

Marla Morris,
Sound Technician

**FORGIVENESS
IS A GIFT
YOU GIVE
YOURSELF.**

Events of the Week

Tues, 02/21
6:30pm Book Club

Wed, 02/22
6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Wednesday Night Live
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thurs, 02/23
11:30am Lunch Bunch

Sun, 02/26
9:15am Biscuits & Coffee
9:45am Biscuits & Bible Study
11:00am Worship
Nursery & Youth Sunday School

Celebration Community Church

Forgiveness



February 19, 2017 | 11 AM

PRELUDE INSTRUMENTALISTS

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE
Chalice #2 - 1, 2 & 4

VANDYKE/BEETHOVEN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOREVER

TOMLIN

PRAYER HYMN

AMAZING LOVE (YOU ARE MY KING)

FOOTE

PASTORAL PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL LITANY

One: We are called to turn the other cheek.

All: But too often, we choose to confront and fight our own battles.

One: We seek to be forgiven by those we injure.

All: Forgetting to forgive others as we have been forgiven by God.

One: We hope for revenge, instead of praying for our offenders.

All: Forgive us, O God, for we are a stubborn people. Mold us, make us and continue to lead us to lives of faith and service.

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 24: 12-18

CHOIR ANTHEM

COME AS YOU ARE

HOUGHTON/MCCLURKIN

SERMON

REVEREND LISETTA THOMAS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY MUSIC

IT IS WELL/THE RIVER KEEPS ON ROLLIN'

Liz Young, soloist

GRANT

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

I SING PRAISES

MACALMON

COMMUNION

Communion is a sacred time of worship in which you are invited to join us in singing the following hymns or in silent meditation. At Celebration, all are invited to receive communion.

HERE AT THY TABLE, LORD

Chalice #384 - Verses 1 & 2

HOYT/SHERWIN

TRUST AND OBEY

Chalice #556 - Verses 1,2,3 & 4

SAMMIS/TOWNER

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Chalice #72 - Verses 1,2 & 3

CROSBY/DOANE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

INSTRUMENTALISTS


**Please rise as you are able.*

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WNL **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE** Join Reverend West as she talks about "Traveling Light" on **Wednesday, February 22nd**. Please let us know if you plan on joining us for dinner by writing "DINNER" in the Redbook as it is passed. We will need to know how many are coming so we can cook accordingly! Dinner begins at 6pm. The cost is \$7 per person/\$5 for seniors. Wednesday Night Live starts at 7pm. We hope to see you there!

Book Club Join us on Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30pm for our discussion of the book *Skinny Dip* by Carl Hiaasen. It will be entertaining and fun! There is a good chance that we will not meet at the church this month, but rather at an offsite location. Please sign up so we can call you with the location!



Lenten Rosary Prayers Every Tuesday evening, beginning March 7th, at 6pm during Lent, we will be praying the Rosary. If you own a Rosary, please bring it with you - if you don't we'll have some available for your use. This beautiful time of reflection and prayer is a salve to the soul. Join us.




LUNCH BUNCH Lunch Bunch this month will be at Old South Pancake House on University. We will meet there at **11:30am on Thursday, February 23rd** to enjoy a delicious lunch, good conversation and a whole lot of fellowship with our church family. We hope you will join us! Write "LUNCH BUNCH" in the Redbook as it is passed so we will know how many tables to reserve!