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10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Fellowship

Sharing God's Love through Fellowship, Ministry and Worship

Newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month. Items may be sent to Editor,
 LeeAnn Burt: leeinkc@hotmail.com or deposited in the GraceVine mail slot in the office.

Pastor's Corner



Lent

With the coming of the month of March we are invited into yet another season of the liturgical year—Lent. The Sunday immediately prior to Ash Wednesday is always the Transfiguration of the Lord. On Sunday, February 27 we remember this time when, atop a mountain, through Jesus, the Glory of God was on display to the inner circle of his disciples, Peter, James and John. In a remarkable passage of the New Testament which appears in all three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 17.1-9, Mark 9.2-8 and Luke 9.28-36) the event is described in which Jesus is changed before those disciples' very eyes. Jesus shines like the sun, he is joined by Moses and Elijah and then the voice of the Lord is heard. Peter remembers his experience on this mountain top and he refers to it in his first letter (1 Peter 1.16-18). The Transfiguration of the Lord takes its place along side his baptism, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension.

On Wednesday, March 2 Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday practice. Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of adherents as a sign of mourning and repentance. The ashes used are typically gathered after the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned.

At services of worship and at other specially designated times on this day, ashes are imposed on the foreheads of the faithful. The minister marks the forehead of each participant with black ashes in the sign of the cross. The act echoes the ancient tradition of throwing ashes over one's head to signify repentance. The minister says the following when applying the ashes: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return (Genesis 3.19).

Sunday, March 6 is the first Sunday in Lent and on this Sunday we will celebrate the Eucharist. Notice that I speak of the First Sunday in Lent. This is important in that it is different from, for example, Advent and Easter during which seasons Sundays are a part of the season (hence, Sundays of Advent and Sundays of Easter). This explains how a church season usually thought of as being 40 days long really takes 46 days to run its course. Sundays are not a part of Lent.

Similar to Advent, Lent is a penitential time ... Lent before Easter and Advent before Christmas. During Lent, many of the faithful commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penitence. What might we relenquish during those days?


This Ash Wednesday I will be in our sanctuary from 10.00AM–NOON to impose ashes on anyone who wishes. Just come to the sanctuary any time between those hours. As a part of our Wednesday Night Connection I will also impose ashes on anyone who wants them and did not get them that morning. The Lord be with you ...

Bob Yuille



All Military
 All 1st Responders
 All Educators
 Pastor, Church
 & Officers
 Albert
 Debbie Anderson
 LeeAnn Burt
 Rick Burton
 Paul and Betty Carlisle
 Beth Day
 Bonnie Fulks
 Joe Garcia
 Lois Hagen
 Larry Ickes
 Joanne
 Grace Johnston
 Betty Jones
 Gerald Marsh
 Dolori Morales
 Katherine Nolen
 Kathy Smith

With our change in office personnel we are updating our prayer list. Please let us know if someone was omitted and should still remain on the list. Also let us know if you want to be removed.



March

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

MAR 1 VICKIE MARI
 MAR 3 LEIGH REID
 MAR 3 LINDA ROBINSON
 MAR 6 BRYAN MILLER
 MAR 7 CAL BROWN
 MAR 9 KATHERINE NOLEN
 MAR 11 ROSIE HINTZ
 MAR 18 BETTY JONES
 MAR 25 CLIFF GRIDLEY
 MAR 28 MIKE NOLEN
 MAR 28 BOBBI SCOTT

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

MAR 12 NICOLE & JOE MOYE-CUDNEY

Session Members

Class of 2022

Mary Edmonds
 Margaret Elyard
 John Jones
 Roy Lipsett

Class of 2023

Rodney Burt
 Rodney Green
 Kathie Saum

Class of 2024

Cal Brown
 Grace Johnston
 Vicki McWhorter
 Bob Peterman

Vicki McWhorter,
 Session Clerk

Bless Us

Lord Bless Us

Lord bless our hands that they may please you in all that we do.
 Lord bless our feet that we follow you in paths of righteousness.
 Lord bless our lips with words of thoughtfulness and wisdom from above.
 Lord bless our minds with wonderful ideas and faithfulness that will bless you.

Lord bless our hearts with true devotion to all that is true and right.
 Lord bless our health that we may accomplish all we need to do.
 Lord bless our ableness that we may do more for you than ever before.
 Lord bless our talents that we may give our best resources to you.

Lord Bless Each Person I Know With Your Provision. Supply The Needs Of Their Heart And
 Give Them Sweet Rest Tonight As They Drift Off To Sleep.

Have A Good Night.

Treasure Box Poetry And Praise



Sundays at 11:00 am — Fellowship follows each worship service Please come and join us!

Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 6:00 pm — Wednesday Night Connection

Sunday, March, 13 at 11:00 am — Soup & Salad Mission Lunch

Wednesday, March 16 from 7:00—8:00 pm — Bob Evans Fundraiser

Friday, March 18 at 4:30 am — Fish Fry Fundraiser

Sunday, April 10 at 11:00 am — Palm Sunday BBQ, hot dogs and Easter Egg hunt for the kids.



Soup & Salad Mission Luncheon

The Mission Committee is having our annual Soup and Salad on Sunday, March 13. If you would like to bring a soup, stew or chili, please contact Mike and/or Mary Nolen, 239-887-5693 or 239-694-1696. We will be asking for donations that will help with our future mission work!

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ash Wednesday 9:30 -11:00 R&R 11:00 Mission Committee Meeting 6:00 Connection	3 9:00 Labor & Land- scape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	4 World Day of Prayer	5
6 1st Sunday in Lent 8:30 Choir 10:00 Worship	7	8	9 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Wednesday Night Connection	10 9:00 Labor & Land- scape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	11	12
13 2nd Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time begins 8:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:00 Soup & Salad	14	15	16 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Wednesday Night Connection 7-8 pm Bob Evans Night	17 St. Patrick's Day 9:00 Labor & Land- scape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	18 4:30 pm Fish Fry	19
20 3rd Sunday in Lent 8:30 Choir 10:00 Worship	21	22	23 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Wednesday Night Connection	24 9:00 Labor & Land- scape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	25	26
27 4th Sunday in Lent 8:30 Choir 10:00 Worship	28	29	30 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Wednesday Night Connection	31 9:00 Labor & Land- scape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff		

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.



Significance of the Number 40 in the Bible

In the Bible the number 40 has been mentioned 146 times.

- We see the number 40 in the bible, as the colossal body of water flooded the land for 40 days and nights. Noah's Ark did find land but it took them no less than 40 days to do so.
- Bible was written by 40 different people.
- The Holy Place of the Temple Sanctuary was 40 cubits long.
- After coming back from the dead Jesus Christ stayed for 40 days.
- Abdon, the Eleventh Judge of Israel had 40 sons.
- Eli was a Judge of Israel for 40 years.
- The son of King Saul came to power when he was 40 years of age.
- Jehoash of Judah's reign lasted for 40 years.
- The maximum number of whips allowed as a penalty was 40 whips.
- Moses sent spies into the promised land, they returned with a report after 40 days and 40 nights.
- Abraham pleaded with God not to kill Gomorrah and Sodom if they could find 40 righteous people.
- Egypt laid desolate for 40 years.
- If they failed to repent, the prophet Jonah prophesied the destruction of Nineveh in 40 days. Fortunately they heeded his warning and the city was spared.
- The book of Exodus has 40 chapters.

An Irish Blessing

May you always have
Walls for the winds
A roof for the rain
Tea beside the fire
Laughter to cheer you
Those you love near you
And all your heart might desire

Don't forget to



MARCH 13

THANK YOU!

A little more than a year ago we learned my breast cancer had metastasized to stage 4. It took a bit to digest that, accept it and be able to share it. I began oral chemo and have been blessed this past year with stable results. **Thank you for all your prayers during these challenging times.** We cannot imagine what those without God in their lives and a church family supporting them must go through when facing difficulties. We are soon undergoing another round of scans to determine if the chemo is working. During this time we are most anxious for both the scans and the results. We would appreciate your extra prayers during these next few days. What a wonderful and caring church we have found in Buckingham. Thank you for welcoming us and for your continued prayers and support.

LeeAnn & Rodney Burt

This helps me through each and every day, hope it will you as well.

When pushed to the edge, trust God fully, because only two things can happen. Either He will catch you when you fall or He will teach you how to fly.





While the winners of Super Bowl LVI are the LA Rams, the true winner is our Souper Bowl of Caring! We received approximately 200 pounds of canned goods. The cash contributions are as follows:

Rams = \$26.50

Bengals =\$219.86

Thanks to your generosity we will be making these canned goods and cash donations to Misión Peniel. They will use the funds to help with proteins and goods as they see fit.



Stitch N'Stuff

"He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding."
Ephesians 1:8

Why are people lonely? Because they don't have the courage to love, what's why. To love so deeply that you run the risk of being hurt. You know people choose loneliness over the fear of being disappointed and really hurt - that is not a good trade!

I don't ever have to be lonely again, because like all of us in Stitch N'Stuff we have the love and happiness of being busy doing something for someone else while we keep our hands busy with the love around the group. If you feel lonely, then come and check us out on Thursday mornings from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. It might give you a new outlet in life for yourself and, at the same time, help out an unknown person in need. If you have any questions call Betty Carlisle at 239-728-1101.

"All the skilled women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun, in blue and purple and scarlet material and in fine linen. All the women whose heart stirred with a skill spun the goats' hair." Exodus 35:25



While Misión Peniel is still not accepting clothing, the following is a list of their needs at this time: baby diapers sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6, baby wipes, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors. Their food needs are rice, beans, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce, dry cereal and oatmeal. You may drop these items off in the church narthex.

In Memory of John Brandt



The Service of Witness to the Resurrection in memory of John Brandt is being held at the Clubhouse of Orange Harbor on Thursday, March 10 from 2:00-4:00 pm.

The path to a dream is paved with sacrifices and lined with determination. And though it has many stumbling blocks along the way, and may go in more than one direction, it is marked with faith. It is traveled by belief and courage, persistence and hard work. It is conquered with a willingness to face challenges and take chances, to fail and try again and again. Along the way, you may have to confront doubts, setbacks, and unfairness. But when the path comes to an end, you will find that there is no greater joy than making your dreams come true.

Nursery Attendant On-Call

March 6 - Lori Ankney

March 13 - Vicki McWhorter

March 20 - Alexis Brown

March 27 - Kathie Saum





I am the vine
you are the branches
John 15:5

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The Story of Saint Patrick

Shamrocks & the Trinity

The clover sprigs have become a symbol of the Irish national holiday because of Saint Patrick. According to scriptures in the bible, St. Patrick used a shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. St. Patrick is often pictured alongside a shamrock.

