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## March 9, 2011

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**Cathlynn Law, Pastor**



**Ash Wednesday Service**

**March 9, 2011**

**7:00 p.m. (time confirmed)**

**Chapel**

**Lenten Enrichment Hour Series:**

**“Embracing An Adult Faith”**

**Sundays: March 6--April 3, 11:30 a.m. Fireside Room**

**Mondays: March 7—April 4, 7:00 p.m., Fireside Room**

This is an exciting, 5-session, adult-formation resource for those seeking richer understanding of issues in contemporary Christian practice and theology: *Who was Jesus? Who is God? What is salvation? How do we practice our faith? How do we live in community?*

Pastor Cathy Law and Tony Russo will facilitate the 1 to 1 1/2 hour sessions on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings. A limited number of books (*Embracing An Adult Faith*) are available through the church office for \$12.95 each or you may contact Cokesbury to order a book.



**Daylight Savings Time  
begins on March 13th!**

Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour!

## Reflections from Pastor Cathy ...



The Lenten Journey has begun. This past Sunday in worship I posed the question: Do you remember a time when you were lost. Quite a few hands went up. As stories were shared, a common theme emerged. People remembered being lost when they were about 4 or 5 years old - lost in cornfields, at a mall, in the woods. To this day, they still remember being terrified. It turned out that the memories of being lost as an adult were no less terrifying as Ann McDonald shared her story of being lost in Greece. During the coffee hour, more people came up to me, sharing personal stories of being lost, and equally terrifying stories of their children being lost.

Ancient people marked the way with cairns, a pile of stones showing the direction they should follow, so people were less likely to become lost. Still today, on some hiking trails, especially throughout the southwest, you will see these cairns erected to mark the way. When discovering a cairn of stones on the altar during the children's sermon (thank you Lora Lee), Anna Hinck knew immediately that it was a trail marker.

We will be using the Cairn as a symbol throughout the 40 days of Lent, for you see, I believe we can be spiritually lost as well, not just physically lost. And Lent is a time to find the path to return to God. The meaning of the Hebrew word for repentance is *shoo-vog*. It is the Jewish experience of exile. To repent is to return. To return from exile like the Jewish people returned to Jerusalem, to the place of their God. To return from that state of separation, to a new self in God.

During Lent, please feel free to add to the Cairns around the church with a rock from your home or your travels. Bob Houk said he wanted to bring a rock from the Holy Land. I may drop in a rock from my travels to the Red Rocks of Utah, and the jade rock of New Zealand. Because sometimes our trail markers, our cairns along the spiritual journey, are the people who have come before us in the faith, or the ones on the journey with us

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## Calendar of Events:

### Wednesday (Mar. 9)

Ash Wednesday Service—7:00 p.m., Chapel

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Thursday (Mar. 10)

Harmony Circle—12:00 noon, Fireside Room

### Friday (Mar. 11)

AA—6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Saturday (Mar. 12)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Sunday (Mar. 13)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship, Perry

Enrichment Hour—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Confirmation Class—5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Youth Room

### Monday (Mar. 14)

SANDPOINTER (*newsletter*) deadline, 12:00 noon

Children's Bell Choir —4:45 p.m., Choir Room

Embracing an Adult Faith—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Staff Parish Relations Comm.—7:00 p.m., Library

### Tuesday (Mar. 15)

Men's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

AA—7:30 p.m., Lehmann Hall (*aka Boys & Girls Club*)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Choir Room

### Wednesday (Mar. 16)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Thursday (Mar. 17)

Women's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

### Friday (Mar. 18)

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

### Saturday (Mar. 19)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

## Looking Ahead:

Fourth Sunday of Month —Tent City Dinner

March Soup Night—March 23rd, 6:00 p.m., Perry Hall



## Soup Night

Wednesday, March 23rd  
6:00 p.m.  
Perry Hall

## Brunch with Church of Mary Magdalene Choir

We thank the members of the Church of Mary Magdalene Choir for participating in our worship service on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Following the service, our guests joined us for brunch in Perry Hall.

## Inspirational Quote

*“Everyone has inside him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don’t yet realize how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish, and what your potential is!” - Anne Frank*



**In Memoriam**  
Sally Albertson—mother of Kathy  
Warnaca

## Congratulations and Best Wishes to ...

Jacque Taylor and Dennis Young—March 6<sup>th</sup> wedding

Shannon and Brian Laskey — Feb. 5th birth of their daughter  
Ellie (*first great-grandchild of the late Phyllis Sherman*)

*Reflections from Pastor Cathy continued*

## Lenten & Easter Services

### Ash Wednesday

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

### Palm Sunday

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

### Maundy Thursday

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m., Perry Hall

### Good Friday Service

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Easter Sunday

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



now. And if you have any prayers during Lent, you are invited to write them down, and place them between the rocks. Prayers of intention for Lent, prayers for the world, prayers for healing, prayers for forgiveness.

May we hold each other in prayer as we continue along the path that leads to life.

*You need make for me only an altar of earth in every place where I cause my name to be remembered. I will come to you and bless you. -Exodus 20:24*

## Notes from Nate



**Quote of the Week:** We start each Sunday School with a few questions from previous Sundays. This week we asked “Who were some of the people Jesus mentioned would be blessed?” One student quickly responded “*ME!*”

**PUMP IT UP!!! March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

Are you ready to bounce off the walls? We are going to Pump It Up on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited: siblings, friends, parents! This is a great chance to get together to just have fun with one another. The cost will be \$7 per child. See Nate to sign up and reserve spaces and fill out the permission slip.

**Lenten Children’s Sermons: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>**

This Lent we will be meeting a package delivery person who is trying to find out who he is to deliver a cross to. The short dramas will be done during the children’s sermons and we will need people of all ages to help. Please contact Nate if you are interested.

**Food Bank: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

All middle and high school youth are invited to help serve those in need at the University District Food Bank. Contact Nate to sign up.

**Movie Night: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. “Kiki’s Delivery Service”**

Come and enjoy a heart warming tale from the director of “My neighbor Totoro,” “Spirited Away,” and “Ponyo”. This coming of age story follows a girl named Kiki trying to make it on her own in a fantastical world.

**Parents Night Out: March 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Kid’s Club is back! This is a great chance for the children and youth to connect and have fun time together. The children will enjoy fun, faith filled games and great food. **Deadline for sign up is March 23<sup>rd</sup>!** Cost will be \$10 per child (scholarships available).

**Note from the Financial Secretaries:**

This is the last year we will have offering envelopes since the smallest quantity we can purchase is 50 booklets and we have been using fewer than half that number. We hope this will not be an inconvenience to anyone. If you have envelopes from past years, feel free to use them even if the date is incorrect!

**Finance Report**

*(as of Feb. 28, 2011)*

Pledge Income:



Annual Budget	\$205,800
Received to date	\$ 28,872
Remaining balance	\$176,928

Contribution Income:

Annual Budget	\$ 23,500
Received to Date	\$ 2,760
Remaining Balance	\$ 20,740

**Melodies of Compassion for March** will be donated to Canine Companions for Independence (CCI). **“The most advanced technology capable of transforming the lives of people with disabilities has a cold nose and a warm heart”**. CCI is a non-profit organization founded in Santa Rosa, CA in 1975, that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. This organization is recognized worldwide for the excellence of its dogs and the quality and longevity of the matches it makes between dogs and people. The result is a life full of increased independence and loving companionship. Our own **Bella Flaccus** of SPCUMC just came home with a black Labrador service dog named 'Gem' from this organization!

**SANDPOINTER deadlines:**

- Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>—12:00 noon
- Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>—12:00 noon