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Lenten Bible Study and Sermon Series

By Kathleene Card

This year, Lent begins on **Wednesday, March 9, 2011.**

We have a comprehensive plan that opens with a new session on prayer led by Certified Lay Minister Jan Harrod in the Social Hall at **10:30-11:30 a.m.** on **Tuesdays** during Lent starting on **March 8, 2011.** That same day we will have our **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on at **5:30 p.m.** in the Social Hall. We are going to look at what the transforming power of the Crucifixion means to us in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ and how nurturing that relationship through prayer enables us to be a part of God's plans on earth as in heaven.

On **Wednesday March 9, 2011,** we will have opportunities for **the Imposition of Ashes** on at **6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.** The church will be open for prayer that day, and people who want to stop by for ashes—can just call ahead and I will meet them at the church.

Our **Sunday Morning Bible Study** that meets at 10 a.m. will focus on Prayer and follow the Lenten Daily Study, *Pray. Act. Pray Again*, that was written by Dianne Martin and me. Books will be available for everyone interested in participating. I am including a brief outline of the Bible Study with themes for your review. You also may participate in the class online. Please email me at pastorcard@verizon.net to join. It is not necessary to attend every class—so come whenever you can. Your participation is encouraged and appreciated. I would love to have everyone in a small group during these 6 weeks, so let me know if you would like to have a group meet in your home or at another time.

Lenten Study Overview

Week 1: Ash Wednesday, March 9, The Agony in the Garden (Theme: *We are Known by God.*)

When Jesus goes to Gethsemane to pray He asks the disciples to go with him. Jesus knows the disciples will not be able to stay awake, He knows what He is facing, and yet He continues on the journey. Let us begin this Holy Season of Lent aware that there is no deception possible between God us and.

We learn we can be honest with God when we read, that Jesus asked his Father, "*if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet, not My will but Yours be done.*" In times of depression, when betrayal and cruelty are too much to bear, we can remember how Judas betrayed Jesus. There will be times when we will not want to follow God's way—and we need not pretend.

First Sunday in Lent: March 13, The Scourging at the Pillar (Theme: *We are Included in God's Plan.*)

Jesus is taken before the High Priest, accused, beaten, and insulted. Then He is taken by the Jewish leaders to Pilate, because only he can impose the death penalty. A true criminal, Barabbas, is given his freedom, and Jesus is convicted in his place. Even though Pilate can "find no cause in Him," yet to appease the Jews, he orders Jesus to be scourged. Jesus as the Lamb of God offers His suffering for the sins of all humanity. The prophesy of Isaiah is fulfilled: "He was wounded for our iniquities; He was bruised for our sins."

Second Sunday in Lent: March 20, The Scourging at the Pillar (Theme: *We Can Surrender.*)

Pilate asks, "Are You a king?" Jesus answers: "I am a King, but My kingdom is not of this world." The soldiers place an old purple robe on Jesus in mockery of His claim to be a king. They fashion a crown out of thorns, and forcefully press it down upon His head. In His bound hands they place a reed, as a scepter, in mockery of His kingship. Kneeling before Him in derision, they spit on Him, and cry out: "Hail, King of the Jews!" Taking the reed from His hand they strike Him on the head, driving the thorns more deeply into His scalp. Pilate brings Jesus before the people, hoping His pitiful sight will soften them: "Behold the man!" Their response: "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" Jesus submitted to this terrible humiliation to make reparation for human pride.

Third Sunday in Lent: March 27, Mary Sees Her Son Unjustly Accused, (Theme: *Finding Shelter.*)

When Jesus sees His mother, His pain is multiplied as he sees that His pain is causing untold anguish. He is

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disfigured with blood and sweat, with dust and spittle. It is hard to imagine the grief felt by Mary as she witnessed these terrible events.

Fourth Sunday in Lent: April 3, The Carrying of the Cross, (Theme: We are Never Separated From God.)

Jesus is condemned to death by crucifixion and is forced to carry the cross to the place of execution. The suffering of Jesus is intense as the cross is laid on His bruised and wounded back and shoulders. Weak and exhausted from loss of blood, lack of food and rest, Jesus falls three times under the cross.

Fifth Sunday in Lent: April 10, Receiving Help, (Theme: Enduring Through the Help of Others)

Fearing that Jesus might die on the way, the soldiers forced Simon of Cyrene to carry the cross behind Jesus. As we imagine Jesus, who had the power of the universe at His disposal, who could have stopped the crucifixion at any point, becoming naked, exposed, and vulnerable, having to rely on the help of an unwilling stranger, we start to understand the huge price He paid for us.

Palm/Passion Sunday: April 17, The Meaning of The Crucifixion, (Theme: Embracing the Transforming Power of the Crucifixion)

The hands and feet of Jesus are nailed to the cross in the presence of His afflicted mother and other devoted followers. Jesus says, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." He tells the man crucified with Him, "This day you will be with Me in paradise." He cries out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" He thirsts. Then, finally He says, "It is finished," and "Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit." The side of Jesus is pierced with a lance. His body is taken down and placed in the arms of His mother.

Daily Prayer Focus Words: for Lent

Week 1: The Agony in the Garden

Ash Wednesday - 3-9-11

- Day 1. Known
- Day 2. Released
- Day 3. Provision
- Day 4. Rescued

1st Sunday: The Scourging at the Pillar

3-13-11

- Day 5. Reconciled
- Day 6. Forgiveness
- Day 7. Joyful
- Day 8. Great
- Day 9. Bold
- Day 10. Commit

2nd Sunday: Crowning with Thorns

3-20-11

- Day 11. Comfort
- Day 12. Wisdom
- Day 13. Action
- Day 14. Exalt
- Day 15. Teach
- Day 16. Fearless

3rd Sunday: Mary Sees Her Son Unjustly Accused

3-27-11

- Day 17. Fervent
- Day 18. Wait
- Day 19. Beware
- Day 20. Trust
- Day 21. Abide
- Day 22. Strength

4th Sunday: Carrying the Cross

4-3-11

- Day 23. Sealed
- Day 24. Follow
- Day 25. Bear
- Day 26. Grief
- Day 27. Treasure
- Day 28. Wisdom

5th Sunday: Receiving Help

4-10-11

- Day 29. Endure
- Day 30. Truth
- Day 31. Transformed
- Day 32. Trust
- Day 33. Claim
- Day 34. Keeper

Palm/Passion Sunday: The Meaning of the Crucifixion

4-17-11

- Day 35. Confidence
- Day 36. Thankful
- Day 37. Goodness
- Day 38. Warrior,

(4-21, Maundy Thursday Service CUMC at 7:30 p.m.)

Day 39. Seek,

(4-22 Good Friday Tennebrae Service, Trinity UMC 7:30 p.m.)

Day 40. It Is Done! Empowered

Easter Sunday

4-24-11

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
Breakfast immediately following
11 a.m. Easter Worship Celebration

...from the Music Director

by Denise Taplin

We have openings in all groups, the Youth Ensemble (ages 8 and up), the Adult Choir, and Adult Handbells. The Youth Ensemble sings and plays handbells or hand chimes.



Rehearsals are:
Youth Ensemble

TBD

Adult Choir

9:00 AM Sunday mornings

Handbells

7:30 PM Wednesday evenings

Please contact the Music Director for more information.

Vocal workshop with Anne Hurley-Cole

Sunday, April 10

1:30 p.m.

church sanctuary

This workshop is open to all members of the Adult Choir, the Youth Ensemble as well as members of the congregation.

Prayer Seminar with author Dr. Roberta Bondi

The Arlington and Alexandria District Clergy Associations are sponsoring a special seminar led by Dr. Roberta C. Bondi, retired professor of church history at Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

"Prayer that Bears Fruit in Our Lives."

Tuesday, March 22, 7-9 p.m.

Mount Olivet UMC

1500 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22207



The Seminar is free, but donations at the door appreciated. Register at www.novaumc.com or call the District office at 703-820-7200! Registration deadline is March 15! You will not want to miss this inspiring teacher of Christian wisdom and prayer!

Chesterbrook UMC Lenten Study and Lenten Prayer Group

Pastor Card will lead a **Lenten Study** based on her new book "Pray, Act, Pray Again" on Sundays during Lent 10 a.m., starting Sunday, March 14

To go along with this study, Certified Lay Minister Jan Harrod will lead a **Weekly Prayer Group** Tuesday mornings, 10:30 -11:30 a.m. In the Sanctuary Starting Tuesday, March 9

The prayer group will learn about different prayer disciplines, such as Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina, and visual prayer. Church prayer concerns will be lifted up during each session; if you have a prayer concern, plan to join the group or share the concern with the church office, so that we may include it in our prayer time.

Storm Cleanup

Ed King worked long days sawing and trimming trees and hauling branches to clean up CUMC property after snow



damaged so many trees in late January.



He cleaned up CUMC property AND also on the other side of the fence, along the new houses -- where CUMC branches fell.

He just worked and worked and worked. THANKS ED!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 8 (Mardi Gras!)
5:30—7:30 p.m.



To volunteer to help, contact Margaret Hollar



Bring a friend to this fun annual church event!

...from the Lay Leader

by Elaine Cherry

This winter of 2011 has been unusual – but for me, an interesting and a most blessed one. There were no blizzards like last year, just endless snow “storms” and bitterly cold temperatures. The kind of winter to just stay inside and hibernate until spring. In the midst of this hibernation, I was told by the doctor that in order to deal with the mysterious health issues I was experiencing, I must do nothing but rest for at least one month!

During this rest-and-hibernate period, I began to notice a brilliant star in the South Eastern sky, relatively close to the horizon. Each night at bedtime I would peer out of the window and stare at this enormous star, sometimes the only one visible along with the moon. The fascinating thing was it never moved an inch during the same time the moon moved all across the entire sky. I began to check regularly on this astronomical event every night and every morning and even when I got up during the night. You could describe my behavior as obsessive or weird, as I scurried around in the dark house peering out of the windows and searching for my “new friend”, the star. I was mesmerized by its brilliance and by its reliable presence every night. It somehow brought joy and comfort to me, as well as something to think about while I rested and hibernated - How reassuring it was to always find it and know it would always be there.



I ultimately discovered my faithful friend was not really a star at all. It was the Planet Jupiter, which had brought such reassurance and joy to me all winter. Then I began to understand how Jupiter was a miraculous reminder of God, and how God is always there for us even though like Jupiter, occasionally obscured by the clouds – still there, only briefly not visible. Jupiter will soon be out of its current orbit, but I am told Saturn will then become visible to us for a time, as that planet enters that orbit or vision field or whatever....



...From our Seminarian Pastor

By Jiyeon Kim

In Ministry Together ... Young and Olde

“How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along! (Psalm 133:1, The Message)”

Often, we evaluate others by of race, gender or social status. Similarly, we unconsciously segregate people according to age. This can cause age discrimination. Korean culture, in which I grew up, regards respecting the senior as a virtue. Seniors are often seen as people to be respected, and who may need help. In Korean church, the senior is used to being not an active participant, but a passive viewer in worship. Out of respect, seniors are deprived of a chance to serve in worship and in the church. They become a solitary group separated from other groups. Here at Chesterbrook UMC, things are very different! Our seniors actively serve our church and in worship. Also, the children and the youth diligently take part. They also enjoy spending time with our seniors. The young follow the senior, and the senior guides the young.

When I was very young, I usually spent my time with my grandmother, because my parents worked together for a living. When my kindergarten had a picnic, I had to go with my grandmother. I sincerely envied other friends who came with their moms. At the time, I was too young to appreciate all that my grandmother did for me.

Growing up, I comprehended my differences from similar age groups. I was never taught any special skills to get along with my elders, but I knew what they wanted, what they needed, and what they thought. At that time, honestly, I thought I helped them, and they received help from me. However, I knew that I was also gaining valuable knowledge through them beyond what I did for them. This part of my education was something I could not receive anywhere else. I also understood how seniors like to spend time with young generation. They could not act as if they were young; but they could remember their youth and be filled with their youthful memories and energy.

Thus, each of these groups has their own value and potential. The seniors’ group has their own experiences throughout their whole lives. The younger group still has physical abilities and energy as they look ahead in their lives. At the same time, each group has weaknesses, but the weak points can be covered by other’s strengths.

Church is not a closed place, but an opened place, like the kingdom of God. That is the image that church needs to pursue and envision. Harmony beyond the boundaries of age helps throw open the doors of Chesterbrook UMC. The kingdom of God can be here, in our place.

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...from the Preschool Director

Christina Maxwell

In February, each class at Chesterbrook UMC Preschool & After Care celebrated

Valentine's Day with valentine exchanges and special art projects.

Each preschool class hosted a parent/teacher coffee. This was a great opportunity for the parents to get together, talk to all of the teachers who work with their children, and see the projects the children have created.

During March, the classrooms will have a few special visitors. Dr. Love, a McLean dentist, will talk to the children about their teeth and how to take care of them. In mid-March, Hidden Oaks

Nature Center will be coming to do a presentation for the children. The naturalists will bring turtles, snakes and frogs for the students to see and pet (if they choose).

The time changes on March 13. Hopefully the time change will also bring warm weather! Just in case we do have more inclement weather, remember that the preschool and after-care follows Fairfax County schools for early release, delayed openings and closures. Chesterbrook UMC Preschool and After Care does not make up snow days.

Christian Education News

Confirmation Class Begins

Chesterbrook's four confirmands began their preparation to be received as members of the church in late February. During the coming months, the students will visit other churches, keep a faith journal reflecting on their reading of the Gospel of Mark, meet with and interview their mentor, participate in a service activity and write a personal faith statement. The students will be received as new members on Pentecost Sunday, June 12.

The class will visit the following churches with Trinity UMC's confirmands to learn about other faith traditions:

- March 6: 9:30 am Langley Hill Friends Meeting (Quaker)
- Friday, March 18 7:15 pm Temple Rodef Shalom
- April 10 Saint Luke's Catholic Church

Prayer Concerns

Lifting Up Our Church Family in Prayer:

Our Church:

- The Five Talent Academy
- Chesterbrook UMC and preschool, staff, teachers and families
- Arlington Temple UMC, our 5 Talent partner
- Bishop Charlene Kammerer and family
- District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Young Jin Cho and his family

Engagements/Weddings:

Beth Bharwani & Zachary Fleming
(4/9/11)

Health and Healing:

Walt Stevens (heart surgery)
Robert (guillain barre)
Martha Chamberlin, wife of retired bishop Rev. Ray Chamberlin (surgery)
Rev. Jim Earley
Bill Robinson
Debbie
David

Marguerite Gibson
Stephen
Layla Domergue
Gary Martin (stroke)
Janet (surgery)
Diane (surgery)
Bill (hip replacement)
Marion (heart bypass)
Jessica (breast cancer)
Al S. (cancer)
Bill (throat Cancer)

Comfort and Support:

Connie Murray
Mickie Kagey
Donna Chuz
Azalie Rose Crain
Arthur
Boots Thompson
Jessica
Joe
Judy
Michael
Mike
Rex

Sam
Stacey
Stephanie
Family of Will Stephenson
Family of Linda Johnson
Family of Merrill Gay Buffington

Lifting Up Special

Missions:

- Bethany Frazier,
- Shade and Fresh Water
- Zion Project, Sarita Hendricksen in Uganda
- Salt and Light, Dominican Republic
- Art for Humanity, Rev. Evans, Honduras
- Andy & Jodi Oliver
- UMC church plant in Washington state

Lifting Up Local, National & International Issues:

- Those without a safe, dry place to stay at night
- The people of Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Haiti, Chile, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Korea

CUMC Calendar March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1 p.m. Remembering Your Story resumes 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	3 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 9 p.m. Korean Men's Basketball	4	5 Kohaku rehearsal Quilt Group
6 9:00 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Communion Sunday	7 6:30 p.m. Body and Soul	8 Mardi Gras 5:30 p.m. Panckke Supper 7:30 p.m. Adult Handbells	9 Ash Wednesday 6 a.m., noon and 7:30 p.m. Imposition of Ashes 1 p.m. Remembering Board	10 7 p.m. Cub Scouts 9 p.m. Korean Men's Basketball	11	12
13 9:00 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	14 6:30 p.m. Body and Soul	15 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Adult Handbells	16 1 p.m. Remembering Your Story	17 Scoutblue and Gold Banquet 9 p.m. Korean Men's Basketball	18	19 Kohaku Ensemble
20 9:00 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Third Sunday Fellowship	21 6:30 p.m. Body and Soul	22 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells 7:30 p.m. Church Council	23 1 p.m. Remembering Your Story	24 9 p.m. Korean Men's Basketball	25	26
27 9:00 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	28 6:30 p.m. Body and Soul	29 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Adult Handbells	30	31 7 p.m. MSM Science Fair		

