

Craft Carillon

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United Methodist Church

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Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love... Joel 2:12-13

Hello Craft Family!

As we approach the sacred season of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday (March 5th), we are reminded of the journey that lies ahead—a journey of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Lent is a time for deepening our relationship with God and reflecting on our need for repentance as well as the immense love and sacrifice of Christ.

Our Lenten Bible study for this year is Finding Jesus in the Psalms by Barb Roose, I believe this will be a meaningful study providing a perfect framework for experiencing Lent through the verses that were Jesus's own scriptures, offering him and us strength and wisdom for this solemn season. The Book of Psalms reflects the heartbeat of our humanity with divinely inspired words that give us hope and strength. We encourage you to embrace this season of fasting and prayer as a way to grow in faith, deepen your connection with one another, and prepare your hearts for the joy of Easter.

Let this be a season where we set aside distractions, seek reconciliation, and draw closer to the Lord. Together, we can walk the path of the cross with Christ and celebrate the resurrection with joy.

May your Lenten journey be blessed with peace, reflection, and transformation.

Blessings,

Pastor Cynthia

Birthdays

Sue Sutcliffe March 5th

Cynthia McGowan March 5th

Bobby McCall March 11th

Mindy Standford March 13th

Nia Reagan March 15th

Lisa Hudson March 16th

Cathy Cole March 24th

Meagan King March 31st

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We also have an app! See page 3 for more information. HUGE thanks to Bethany Dow for the hard work!