



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

"Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love"

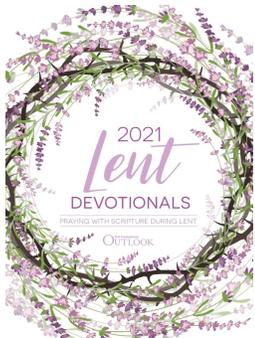
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Announcements and Items of Interest

February 17, 2021

Sunday, February 21, 2021— We are worshipping together virtually; no physical worship in the sanctuary. An email will be sent out by 11:00 am. Sunday morning with Zoom links to the recorded service and sermon, and .pdf files with the announcements, worship service bulletin and sermon as well as music links.

You will be receiving a Lenten mailing this coming week. Our Lenten Daily Devotion is included in the mailing along with additional opportunities to participate with our church family as we travel with Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb.

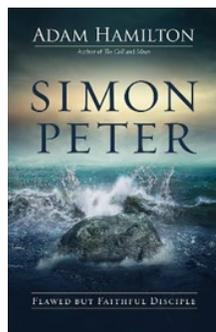


CPC Ash Wednesday Service will be on Zoom Wednesday, February 17, at 3 p.m. The Zoom link for the service is: [https://](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86875351810)

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This will be an opportunity to connect live with those who want to begin the Lenten Season with a brief service and the imposition of ashes. Please come prepared with your own ashes. You can scoop up some ashes from your fireplace or take a dead leaf and carefully burn it in your sink. The pandemic is causing us to be very creative with our gatherings. Please join Pastor Kathy this Wednesday as we begin Lent together.

Six Week Lenten Bible Study on Zoom begins on Wednesday, February 24, at 3 p.m. We will be reading the book, Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple, by Adam Hamilton. An ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call. He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, un-



educated, quick tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn't even sound like

the same man. And that's the point. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today. The books have been ordered and can be mailed to your home. Cost- \$10. If you would like to participate just email Pastor Kathy:

rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com

Calling all prayer warriors.

Please join us for CPC prayer time via Zoom. We meet each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. for approximately 30 minutes. We pray for those on our church prayer list, for our family and friends, those who are ill and those leaders at all levels and those from whom we have received prayer requests. Please join the four of us who have been doing this for about a year now. It is a very special time. Please send me an e-mail note asking to be put on the list--you will receive an e-mail note with the zoom link -- usually by end of day on Wednesday. Hope to hear from you. Blessings,

Barbara Ross
rossbw335@gmail.com.

February Birthdays

- * SUSY MARTIN CROUCH— FEBRUARY 9
- * GREG GACEK—FEBRUARY 18
- * CHARLIE SIMS—FEBRUARY 20
- * JUANITA PAUL—FEBRUARY 21

Prayer Requests

- * DR. STEVEN MOWERY
- * BAGBY FAMILY
- * NANCY COLEMAN
- * DAWN BATES
- * BILL AND BOBBIRAE HASSETT
- * CHERYL KENYON
- * JOE JORDAN
- * CONNIE VUOLO, GABE VUOLO'S MOTHER
- * MARTHA LIND, ERIN LIND
- * CONNIE & RB DANNER
- * FRANK DUNCAN
- * JESSE & BARBARA DOWNING
- * MARILYN GASCHO
- * BONNIE VUOLO
- * JANET WELLS
- * TASHA REID
- * MAGGIE LAUTERER
- * MIKE KILGORE
- * FRANK DUNCAN
- * DAVID FRANCE
- * FRANCES & LARRY BROWN

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. -Isaiah 60:1



Volunteers to pack food boxes are NEEDED at Reaching Avery Ministry. Please call 828-733-5127 for more information.

A congregational meeting was held on January 24, 2021. Three Ruling Elders were elected to our Session. The members of the Class of 2023 include Carroll Berkley, Linda Drivas and Gene Hodg-

es. Sunday, February 7, Linda and Gene were ordained and Linda, Gene and Carroll were installed. Join us in congratulating them!



The 2020 Contribution Statements have been mailed. If you made your donation online you will receive a statement from the Presbyterian Foundation. We are checking on addresses for a few people so if

you don't see your statement in the mail this week, please call the office. 828-733-1939.

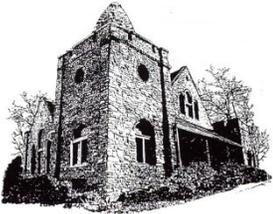
We have a new column in our Midweek News. Daniel Coffey, one of the members of our church family, who is in his first year of seminary at Union Seminary in Charlotte, wants to help you with questions about Christianity. **If you have a question on church history, liturgy,**



sacred tradition, Presbyterianism, or more, submit it to Daniel's Den at: Daniel.Coffey@upsem.edu

"Snow was falling,
so much like stars
filling the dark trees
that one could easily
imagine
its reason for being was
nothing more
than prettiness."

— Mary Oliver



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Daniel's Den

Why do we practice Ash Wednesday and What is Lent?

Hello Reader and thank you for your two questions. Since ancient times, humans have marked their repentance from sinfulness and their return to God through unique festivals and holidays. In the Christian tradition, part of the preparation time before Easter is the season of Lent, represented by the color purple in the church calendar. The word “Lent” is not about that stuff you clean out of the dryer; instead, it is a surprisingly secular word that came into Christian usage. Lent is derived from the Old English word “lencten”, which is the ancestral parent word of our modern English word “lengthen,” and references the lengthening of the daylight hours going into spring. Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent. It helps us prepare for the long road leading to the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus, making the season of Lent a “spiritual spring” where the flowers of our hearts are prepared to bloom into the glorious resurrection of Easter Sunday. The end of Lent happened on Holy Saturday during the Great Vigil of Easter, one of three midnight church services that celebrate the light of Christ.

Ash Wednesday has been celebrated as a day of fasting and repentance in the Christian Church since the First Council of Nicaea in 325 C.E., but at its core is the more ancient acknowledgment that we are finite creatures who often lose our way in life. In Christian language, we call this “losing of the way” sin; and, as our Jewish siblings of old, we use ashes or dust to show that we are in a state of mourning for the wrongs we have done to God and each other. This is done in one of two ways: in the Eastern Christian traditions, the dust or ash is sprinkled on the penitent's head with the declaration “Repent, and believe the Gospel”; or, as is most common in the Western Christian traditions, the ash is affixed to the forehead in the sign of the cross followed by the dictum, “Remember you are dust, and dust you shall return”. To up the ante, many Christians will bind themselves with a Lenten oath to give up or refrain from something during the forty days of Lent. I have preferred to restrain myself with an oath that adds something to my already busy schedule, such as an additional hour of Bible study a day or an extra hour of volunteering. Many people find keeping their Lententide oaths difficult and soon fizzle out, but I will tell you the secret to keeping your pledge going all of Lent: cheat days. That is correct; you read it right—church-sanctioned cheat days. If you count the calendar days between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday, you will notice that there are forty-six days. This is because Sundays are considered feast days outside the forty days of Lententide. This is helpful as it allows you a little leeway to fulfill your oath faithfully, so do not worry if you have sworn to refrain from chocolate consumption during Lent as you are allowed to have that sinfully delicious chocolate pie after dinner on Sunday.



Have a question on church history, liturgy, sacred tradition, Presbyterianism, or more? Submit it to Daniel's Den at Daniel.Coffey@upsem.edu.

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