



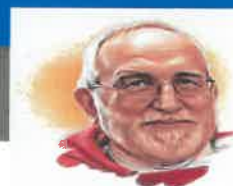
The Connection

*Real People,
Real Hope*

Spencerville Trinity United Methodist Church

March/April 2025

The Pastor's Corner



From the Pastor's Desk:

For a church to thrive in these difficult and divisive times, each church must provide opportunities for attendees to experience an encounter with God's Holy Spirit. The season of Lent is the perfect opportunity for the local church to offer those opportunities.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 5, and continuing through Easter Sunday, April 20th, we will be offering many activities that offer the possibility of participants encountering the Holy Spirit. The theme for this year's focus is, "In His Steps."

1. A five-week Bible study entitled "The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah" by Ray Vander Laan, will be offered beginning Wednesday, March 5th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Avenue J classroom. The lessons consist of a video and brief discussion.

The study will continue each Wednesday through April 9th. Being a follower of Jesus does not mean staying away from evil. It means confronting it – face to face- just like Jesus did every single day and through his resurrection. In this study, participants will learn how confronting evil can be loudly proclaiming the name of Jesus or quietly caring for someone in need!

2. We will be providing daily prayer journals so that each of the 40 days of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, participants will be offered a scripture, a place to make a journal entry, and a prayer so that we can stay in the mode of prayer and repentance throughout the Lenten season.

3. Each Sunday, we will be encouraging participants to "be the hands and feet of Jesus" in the following week, and to write down on a small construction paper "foot" or "hand" what it is you did that week. Those will be posted (without names) on the bulletin board in the main hallway.

4. Special services will be held on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, so that we can experience both the darkness of a life without Jesus, and the utter joy of our lives with Jesus in them.

5. The older children will have the option of using either the adult prayer journals, or some special activity books for our younger children (or both!). The children's activity is called "Run and Tell!" and is about spreading the Good News of Jesus.

I am really excited about our entire church following "In His Steps" together during this Lenten season. Join me as we experience Jesus in new and wondrous ways.

Blessings to you all during this holiest of holy seasons,

Pastor Mark

"Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Romans 6:4

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Upcoming Lent Services

Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, March 5th at 6:30pm

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 17th at 7:30pm

Good Friday "Walk to the Cross": Friday, April 18th at 6:30pm

D.O.G Pound

D.O.G. Pound will be resuming on Wednesday nights, March 12th through April 9th from 6:30-7:30pm. Sue Heidlebaugh and Jeanne Schnelle will be teaching the younger class and Ryan McMichael will be teaching the older class for these last 5 weeks of the school year.



Girl Scout Sunday

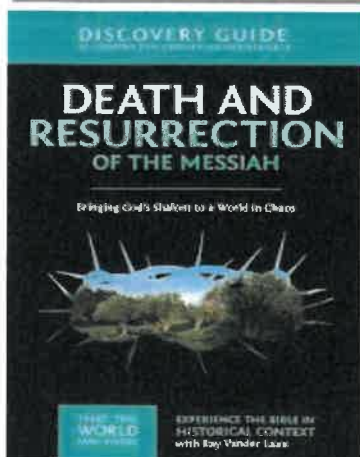
Girl Scout Sunday will be Sunday March 9th. Come and support our local Girl Scouts as they help with the Sunday service. The Girl Scouts will also be providing the Sunday morning refreshments in the Café.



Vacation Bible School

This year Ryan McMichael has volunteered to lead VBS. He has chosen "Road Trip: on the go with God" as our theme this year. VBS will be held Sunday, June 8th-Thursday June 12th from 5:30-8:00pm with dinner provided each night. The VBS program will be on Sunday, June 15th (Father's Day). We will need lots of volunteers to help with this to make VBS a success and memorable for the kids. Please consider helping out in some way. There will be a job for everyone.

Lenten Bible Study



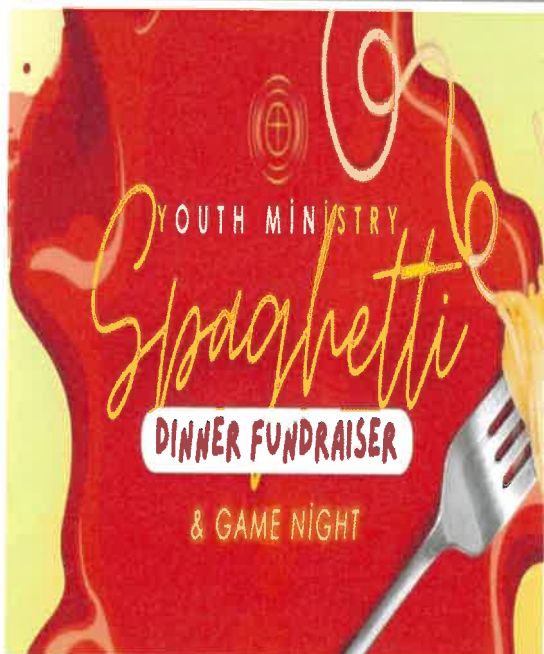
Pastor Mark will be leading a 5 week Lenten Bible Study on Wednesday nights starting Wednesday, March 12th at 6:30pm and running through Wednesday April 9th in the Avenue J classroom. The study is on the Ray Vander Laan book: "Death and Resurrection of the Messiah". The books for this study have arrived and will be passed out the first night of the study! Hope you will be able to join us!



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Game Night & Spaghetti Dinner



The Youth are hosting a Game Night & Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 5th from 4:00-7:00pm. They are asking for donations of prizes for the games. Prizes needed for all ages, Youth to Senior Citizens. There will also be a donation list at a later date for the supplies need to prepare the meal. The meal will include: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Cookie and drink.

Any monetary donations that are received at the event will be going to fund Spencerville Trinity's Youth Activities and Summer Camp. Please see Jenny Byglin for any questions about this event.

Church Bowling Party

Our church will be hosting a church bowling party at Lyn Lee Lanes in Spencerville on Thursday, April 17th from 5:00-7:00pm. Please bring a snack/dessert to share.

Everyone is welcome to attend!



Easter Offering

The recipient of the special offering for Easter will be decided at the next Leadership Team meeting on March 24th. The decision will be posted in the bulletin on Sunday, March 30th.

Easter Breakfast

Once again this year we will be having Easter Breakfast at 8:30AM on Easter Sunday. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and fellowship before our Easter Sunday Service at 9:15. A food donation sign up sheet will be posted on Sunday, March 30th.

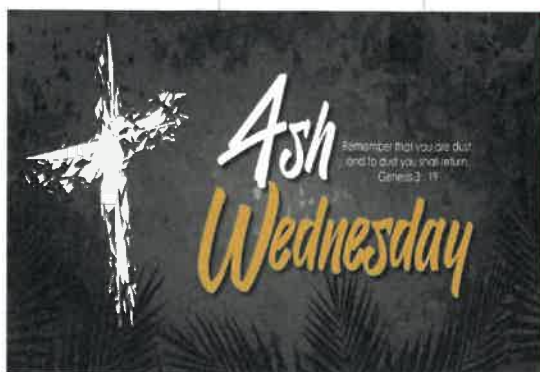




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2 Church Service 9:15am Community Groups 10:30am Youth Ed Meeting 1:00pm	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm	6	7	8
9 Church Service 9:15am Community Groups 10:30am Girl Scout Sunday	10	11	12 Lenten Bible study, DOG Pound and Trustee Meeting all at 6:30pm	13	14	15
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