



It has become the custom of the church to prepare for Easter through a season of penitence, fasting, and prayer. This season of forty days is called Lent and it provided a time when people who had committed serious sins that separated them from the community of faith were remembered into the body of Christ through penitence.

It is easy for each of us to think that this does not apply to us, that we have committed no heinous sin that would require particular expiation, that there are always others who are worse than us. While this may be so, we are all still sinners and recognize that in the words of Christ, "There are none righteous. Not one." Therefore, we all need to come to this season in a spirit of repentance asking for the forgiveness that comes from God alone.

Likewise we mark the season of Lent by the offering of a sacrifice in the same way that Christ fasted and faced temptation for forty days in the wilderness. Some give up sweets or meat, while others take the opposite approach of adding something during lent such as exercise or other positive habits or sacrifice their time and money by giving to a charity or the church. What matters is that each person make a sacrifice that comes from the heart so that he or she may be in some small way empathetic to the sacrifice that God made by coming into the world in the form of Jesus Christ.

Finally, we begin the Lenten season by taking the ashes from last year's palms and imposing them on our foreheads in the shape of a cross to remind us that one day we will, each of us, die. We do this not to depress ourselves but to remind ourselves that, because we will one day die, today we should live.

I invite you therefore, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to mark a Holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, offering of sacrifice, and almsgiving and by remembering that from dust we have come and to dust we shall return, and without God dust we would remain, but through the one that raised Jesus Christ to new life in faith we arise from the ashes to a new life more glorious than before.

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Manor Talk

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MARCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Vanessa Duchess
 4 Nyka Rash
 7 Nicole Fowler
 8 Chris Lewis
 9 Dana Hess
 11 Mallory Jones
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 12 Jessie Simpson
 14 James Hritz
 15 J. Brian Ashmore
 20 Sandy Harton
 20 Evelyn Ringer
 21 Sandy Cope-Yokoyama
 22 Rev. Pat Donahoo
 22 Darci Sprowls
 23 Trenton Shriver
 24 Ashley Fowler
 25 Ruth Campbell
 27 Patty McConnell
 Anthony Mountain
 28 Cathy Duchess
 Adeline Dye
 Amanda Henry
 Morgan Swartz
 Darlene Yater
 29 Terry Houston
 30 Maggie Graff
 31 Debbie Dague

1 Russell & Deb Knight
 15 Matt & Tiffany Shetler
 17 Jason & Erika Vanatta
 20 Paul & Sandy Harton



The Community Circle Food Pantry will be packing their Supplemental Food boxes for Easter for April. They are in need of:

- Boxed potatoes (scaloped, au gratin or instant)
- Cake mix/Icing or Brownie mix
- Jello or Pudding
- Green beans
- Corn
- Canned fruit
- Baked beans
- Elbow macaroni
- Egg coloring kit
- Bag of candy for a family

Donations needed by April 10. Thank you for helping to provide Easter Dinner for our neighbors in our community who suffer from food insecurity and help to make this season memorable.



Have you met Sam?

Sam Johnson is FMCC's organist. He and his wife, Kari, live in West Mifflin. If you haven't had the chance, please make sure to say "Hi!" and introduce yourself.

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						Women's Tea 2pm Large Fellowship Hall
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Laboratory 7pm	Ash Wednesday Noon-1pm 5pm-7pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	Lent Bible Study 6-7pm via Zoom NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	Elders Meeting 5:30pm NA 6:45pm Board Meeting 7pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	Lent Bible Study 6-7pm via Zoom NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Tri-County Men's Dinner 5:30pm Registration 6pm Dinner Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	Lent Bible Study 6-7pm via Zoom NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		Large Fellowship Hall Reserved Noon-5pm
30	31					
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Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday is March 5 this year. Instead of a service we are offering an interactive experience designed to teach about the meaning and symbolism of the ash. On that day there will be seven stations in which the meaning and symbols of Lent are represented. We invite you to come and go to each station in the sanctuary and spend as much time as you need pondering the questions each one will ask you. When you are done Rev. Chris and Pastor Gena will offer you communion and blessing.

The sermon on Sunday, March 2, will be used to demonstrate this interactive worship experience. We hope you can come anytime between Noon-1pm and 5-7pm on March 5 to receive the ashes of lent and the mercy of Christ. If you cannot make it during those times but want to come, please call the office and we will arrange a time that you can come that day. Our hope is that in further understanding the meaning of the ashes Ash Wednesday and Lent will have even more meaning for you than before.


Daily Text – Lenten Devotional

Pastor Gena is recording audio of this year's Lenten devotional, "Facing Jerusalem: A Lenten Journey with Jesus" by Terri Hord Owens. If you would like to receive a daily text message with that day's recording attached, please sign up in the Narthex or contact the Church Office with the preferred phone number. Due to copyright constraints, these recordings can only be offered to folks in our congregation. Written copies of the devotional are available in the Narthex.

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

From the cross, Jesus prayed words from the book of Psalms. What were they?

- A. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- B. "I thirst!"
- C. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."
- D. "It is finished!"



Answer: A (See Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34; and Psalm 22:1)

Week of Compassion

This year's **noisy offering** totaled \$402.93! Thank you to our children for collecting a very heavy and very noisy \$351.93 in coins, and to all who gave to Week of Compassion through this offering. Due to an endowment that covers all administrative expenses, 100% of our giving to Week of Compassion goes directly toward the relief, refugee, and development efforts of partners in the US and around the world. What a wonderful ministry to be a part of! Learn more at weekofcompassion.org.



Because of your faithful giving, 100% of all contributions to Week of Compassion go directly to our partners for relief efforts. In 2024 alone, we distributed over \$3.1 million in grants – both here at home and across the world. We are grateful that our operational costs are covered by the generosity of our endowment and investment returns. While we do have administrative expenses, we are blessed to be in a position where your donations go entirely toward helping those in need.