



Our Lent Journey: From Mount Hermon to Jerusalem

2017

This lent season we will be exploring Jesus' journey from His transfiguration on Mount Hermon to Jerusalem, the cross, and the empty tomb. FYI - Many credit Mt. Tabor as the site of the Transfiguration, but it is most likely Mount Hermon.

Our sermon series during Lent and Easter will explore different ways in which people encounter Jesus during this time and how this all relates to His mission for God's Kingdom. We will explore some of these encounters and other encounters in more depth during our Sunday evening soup and study sessions. There will also be a lent devotional written specifically to help us further encounter Jesus during the Lent season.

The distance from Mt. Hermon to Jerusalem is roughly 137 miles by foot (145 by car). Following the Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-36) Jesus began a final journey to Jerusalem. During that journey, the Bible references specific places: Caesarea Philippi, Bethsaida, Capernaum, Bethany (Home of Lazarus), Mount of Olives, and Jerusalem. While there is not a clear map plotted out in scripture as to when & where, it allows us a rough progression to follow, bearing in mind that the exact path might have been somewhat different. Some other likely sites along the way might have been Geresa (encounter with the "Legion") and Mount Gilboa - I'm still researching.

I look forward to this journey through Lent with you!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Brett

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Upcoming Events

February 2017 Church Statistics

Date	Attendance Count	General Fund Collection
January 29	64	\$1,708.00
February 5	53	\$5,423.00
February 12	73	\$1,896.00
February 19	57	\$4,003.05
February 26	n/a	n/a

- FEBRUARY**
- Sock Drive Continues through February
 - Community Table - February 28 - WE SERVE

- MARCH**
- Ash Wednesday—March 1
 - Scholarship applications available—March 1
 - Lenten Soup & Study Sunday's March 5, 12, 19, & 26
 - Hospitality INC - March 11
 - Daylight Savings Time Begins—March 12

- APRIL**
- Hospitality INC - April 8
 - Palm Sunday—April 9
 - Easter Sunday—April 16
 - Nursing Home Visits—April 16
 - 5th Sunday Noisy Coin Offering for Adopt-A-Family - April 30

Noisy Coin Offering



January 29th Noisy Coin Offering raised \$104.91 for our 2017 Adopt-A-Family Program. Keep saving your change for the next 5th Sunday, April 30th!

Council and Committee Meetings—March 2017

Christian Women's Fellowship	Monday, March 6, 2017, 9:00 a.m., Room 11
Finance and Personnel Committee	Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Room 20a
O.A.K.S. Committee	TBA
Worship Committee	Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Room 20a
Missions Committee	No meeting scheduled at this time
Christian Education Committee Membership/Outreach/Evangelism Committee (M.O.E.) Communications Committee	Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Room 10
Building Use and Maintenance Committee (B.U.M.)	No meeting scheduled at this time
Council of Ministries	Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Room 11
Long Range Planning Committee	No meeting scheduled at this time

<p>LECTIONARY READINGS March, 2017</p>
<p>Sunday, March 5, 2017 “Transfiguration: Encountering God”</p> <p>Luke 9:28-36 2 Peter 1:13-21</p>
<p>Sunday, March 12, 2017 “The Boy Possessed: Encountering Healing”</p> <p>Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 9:37-45</p>
<p>Sunday, March 19, 2017 “The Sending: Encountering the 72”</p> <p>1 Peter 1:18-12 Luke 10:1-16</p>
<p>Sunday, March 26, 2017 “Hearing: Encountering the Gospel”</p> <p>Mark 4:9-12 Luke 8:4-15</p>

2017 COMMUNION SCHEDULE		
March 1	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Intinction
March 5	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
April 2	1st Sunday of the Month	Pews
April 13	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Intinction
April 16	Easter Sunday	Pews
May 7	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
June 4	Pentecost Sunday Also 1st Sunday of the Month	Pews
July 2	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
August 6	1st Sunday of the Month	Pews
September 3	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
October 1	World Communion Sunday	Intinction
November 5	All Saint's Sunday	Pews
November 26	Christ the King Sunday	Pews
December 3	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
December 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	Pews

~A BIG THANK YOU~

Janet VanEpps would like to thank everyone for your support, as she was recovering from her broken shoulder.

Gregg Shaw expresses his thanks to the church family for all your prayers, cards and food sent to him after his surgery. He said he is beginning to feel better.

Council of Ministries

Report 2/15/2017

The Council welcomed Lorrie McKay who was elected at the Annual Business Meeting on 1/29/17 to fill a 3-year position on the Council ending 12/31/2019. Jack Theil was appointed to fill a 1-year vacancy on the Council ending 12/31/2017.

“By Faith” will be our theme for 2017. Various reminders of this theme have appeared throughout the church. Many thanks go to the mystery worker for the wonderful artwork.

Lenten Dinner free will offering will be split between Scout Troop 1190 and H.E.L.P. ministries. Our Easter offering will go toward our Community Table Dinners.

Committee assignments for Council Members were completed for 2016.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7 pm in Room 11.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS	
Lucinda Gangler	3/01
Ted Leibole	3/02
Mary Carlson	3/05
Colleen Barber	3/05
Christine McKay	3/05
Ken Steiner	3/06
John Clement	3/09
Janet VanEpps	3/11
Ron Fargo	3/12
Janette Beltz	3/12
Jayne Reed	3/12
Deloras Smith	3/14
Steve Iteen	3/16
Ann Brown	3/20
Wendy Holton	3/22
Ed Hallin	3/25
Lorrie McKay	3/25
Mike Iteen	3/25
Jackie Lane	3/30
Marge Gilligan	3/30



ANNIVERSARIES	
John and Jan Wallis	3/26



WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Lorrie McKay was elected to fill a 3-year term ending in 2019 at the annual congregational business meeting.

Jack Thiel was appointed to fill the open 1-year term ending in 2017 at the February council of ministry meetings.

Thanks Jack and Lorrie for your willingness to serve!

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Kathy Bromley if you can help with food, stay overnight, or would like to help with breakfast or snack.



Hospitality Inc. Dates:

March 11th

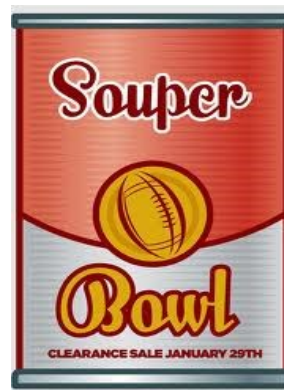
April 8th

2017 Final Score

Thanks to everyone who brought in soup for the Salvation Army .

Our total for 2017 is

650 cans!



Crossroad Deadline: March 22, 2017

Crossroad Mailing: March 29, 2017

Ash Wednesday Service

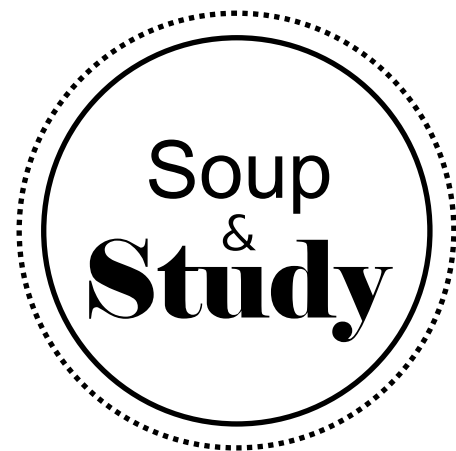


Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and we will begin our church lent activities with a Soup Supper and Worship service. Our worship will be celebrated with prayer, scripture meditation, confession, the Lord's Supper, and receiving the ashes.

Why ashes? Ashes are an outward reminder of our sinfulness before God, our sorrow and desire to repent, and of our own mortality. This practice of mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13, Ester 4, Job 2, Daniel 9, and Matthew 11. In ancient times when people felt sorrow for sin they would put ashes on their head and put on "sackcloth" (like burlap), a scratchy material that was uncomfortable and was a reminder of the discomfort that results from sin. It served as a way of recognizing sin, confessing sin, and asking for forgiveness.

The language that is repeated during the administration of ashes to one's forehead is a reminder of all of this: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Please let me know if you have more questions and I'll be happy to explore the answers with you or explore these questions in additional detail.



Our Lenten Soup & Study will begin on Sunday, March 5 in our dining room at 6 pm. A light supper of soup, bread and butter provided by volunteers from the Congregation will be shared by all attending. After our meal, our study will begin about 6:45 pm. This year's focus will be on Transfiguration to the Cross. Soup & Study will be held each Sunday during Lent: March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2 and April 9. In addition, our Lenten activities begin with a Soup Supper and Worship on Wednesday, March 1. They will conclude with Maundy Thursday Worship services which will be held at 2 pm and 7 pm on April 13. Those of you who would like to volunteer to make soup, please contact Pastor Brett, thank you!

CANCELLATIONS—NEW INFORMATION

In cases of bad weather, a decision to cancel Sunday worship will be made by 7:30 a.m. Cancellations will be announced on the following radio stations: WMOM, WKLA (AM and FM), KZ96, K-ROCK. It will also be shown on TV channel 13 WZZM. If school is closed during the week, all church activities will be cancelled until noon. If committees wish to cancel afternoon or evening meetings, committees should contact their members and the office should be contacted.

PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gerry Flanery, illness

Jeff Maneke, heart surgery

Tim Ryan, back surgery, Sue Sabin's son

Mary Carlson, health issues

Don McKay, recovering from surgery

Julee Quinn, medical issues, friend of Holly & Gerry Flanery

Gregg Shaw, recovery from surgery

Florence Beerman, recovering at home

OUR MISSIONARIES

Daryl and Leshia Beltz

Jim and Yuri Cerminaro

Tony and Connie Johnson

Dean and Debbie Lundberg

MILITARY

Jacob T. Overway – Deployed

Grandson of Ted & Arlene Wierda

ON-GOING

Barbara Peters, multiple sclerosis, Bob and Lynn Olmstead's Daughter

Terry and Tim Krystiniak, health concerns, encouragement and support

Eric Lund, lost both arms in Afghanistan, friend of Community Church

Chuck Oleniczak, health concerns

Harold Figgins, health concerns

Betty Foorman, health concerns

Daniel Williams, health concerns, Sandi Steckel's cousin

Sherrie Sanders, health concerns

Fred Compos, Throat Cancer

Judy d'Anton, health issues, Dave Swathwood's Sister

Myah Taylor, infant, congenital heart defect, daughter of Brooke Ashley and Cory Taylor, friends of Kim Iteen, at Mott Children's Hospital

Fred Fleetwood, health concerns

John Barber, health concerns

Joe Newton, cancer

Kurt Spalding, health issues

Dianne Masson—Health issues

Gavin Morgan—Scout Troop 1190, battling cancer

Kraig Sircley— pancreatic cancer

Randy Lillmars—heart blockage

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

AUTUMN WINDS - Marylyn Brown **WILLOWBROOK** - Thelma Bowden

OAKVIEW - Gary Miller, Barbara Johnson

LUDINGTON WOODS - Don Swier

MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Worship 9:30am</u></p>	<p>Cub Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30 6pm - <u>WE SERVE</u> Cub Scouts 4-pm Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>1 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Soup Supper 6 pm Worship 7 pm Communion</p>	<p>2 Bulletin Folding 10am</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 <u>Worship 9:30 am Communion</u></p> <p><u>Lent Soup & Study</u> Soup Supper 6pm Study 6:45pm</p>	<p>6 <u>CWF Mtg. 9am</u></p> <p>Cub Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>7 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30-6pm Cub Scouts 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm</p> <p><u>Finance/Personnel 6pm Worship Committee 7pm</u></p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Bulletin Folding 10am</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 <u>Worship 9:30am</u></p> <p><u>Lent Soup & Study</u> Soup Supper 6pm Study 6:45pm</p>	<p>13 Cub Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>14 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30-6pm <u>CE/MOE/COM 6pm</u> Cub Scouts 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Bulletin Folding 10am</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 <u>Worship 9:30am</u></p> <p><u>Lent Soup & Study</u> Soup Supper 6pm Study 6:45pm</p>	<p>20 Spring Begins</p> <p>Cub Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>21 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30-6pm Cub Scouts 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>22 CROSSROADS DEADLINE</p> <p><u>Council Meeting 7pm</u></p>	<p>23 Bulletin Folding 10am</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 <u>Worship 9:30am</u></p> <p><u>Lent Soup & Study</u> Soup Supper 6pm Study 6:45pm</p>	<p>27 Cub Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>28 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30pm-6pm Cub Scouts 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>29 CROSSROADS MAILING</p>	<p>30 Bulletin Folding 10am</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm</p>	<p>31</p>	



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CROSSROADS MARCH 2017



CONGREGATIONAL / PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Brett Spalding

Music Director

W. John Clement

Membership/Financial Secretary

Bethany Seymour

Custodian

Cheri Welch

Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

2017 COUNCIL

3 Year Term Ending 12/31/17

Steve Iteen
Robert Lanterman
John Stapleton
Jack Thiel

3 Year Term Ending 12/31/18

Tonda Cadey
Ruthann Kyle
Don McKay
Janet VanEpps

3 Year Term Ending 12/31/19

Darlene Carpenter
Maralyn Gable
Diane Swathwood
Lorrie McKay

Moderator

Steven Iteen

Vice-Moderator

Robert Lanterman

Clerk

Ruthann Kyle

Treasurer

Donna Hallin

Nominating Committee

Bobbie Maclean
Stephanie Thomsen

Scholarship Committee

Wendy Lanterman
Betty Orton
Jack Thiel

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