



LENT

Forty lean days
Crossed by six Sabbaths
Beginning in ashes,
Ending in Life.

- Bernard Via, Jr.

Lent is a time for spiritual preparation through repentance and growth in faith as we journey on our way to Easter. It is the Christ-event that marks us as Christ's followers. Lent is not just a time to give up a luxury or pleasure, or even to attend a few extra services at church. Lent is a time we use each year to get in touch with ourselves- a time of self-evaluation, of re-examination of life's values and direction.

Lent is also an occasion of sharing yourself with God and rediscovering God's will for your life. It is a time for refocusing your life on the Christ-event as we seek a better understanding of what it means to our lives.

Many observe the Lenten Season with a special focus on prayer, Bible study, fasting or abstaining from certain foods or activity, and participating in different forms of service. Lent is also marked as a season of outreach – witnessing to the world the meaning of the cross of Jesus Christ.

The enclosed Lenten opportunities were planned to assist you in your Lenten journey. We hope you will experience the grace of God anew in your life during this holy Lenten season.



LENTEN CALENDAR

- 2/16 Flying Pancakes Dinner, 5:30-7:30 pm
- 2/17 Ash Wed. service, 7:30 pm
- 2/19 Funtastiks to lunch/John Glick Pottery, 11:30 am
- 2/20 Scrapbooking, 9 am
- 2/21 Lenten studies begin, 10 am and 6 pm
- 2/23 UMW, Purposeful Parenting seminar, 7 pm
- 2/27 Mini-Olympics, 9:30 am
- 2/27 MOO Whalers Game/Faith Players to sing National Anthem, 7 pm
- 2/28 Lenten Offerings Concert, free, 3 pm
- 3/12 Baldwin Kitchen Workers, 9:30 am
- 3/12 Church Overnight Camp-In, 7 pm
- 3/12-14 Women's Retreat (Monroe, MI)
- 3/13 Service Project—boys' shelter, 9 am
- 3/16 Easter Basket service project, 7 pm
- 3/21 Children's Musical and Lunch (during worship)
- 3/26 Kids' Movie Night, 6 pm
- 3/28 Palm Sunday worship services, 9 & 11 am
- 3/31-4/3 Labyrinth in MAC, hours vary
- 4/1 Maundy Thursday worship service, 7:30 pm
- 4/2 Good Friday worship service, 12:15 pm
- 4/4 Easter Sunday worship services, 9 & 11 am
- 4/4 Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am

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Sunday worship hours:
9 am and 11 am

Christian Education (all ages) at 10 am
Kids Own Worship after
Children's Time at both morning services.

Fellowship Opportunities

Flying Pancakes Dinner, Tuesday, February 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm—The day before Ash Wednesday is known variously as "Fat Tuesday," "Mardi Gras," or "Shrove Tuesday" - typically a day of celebration before the period of Lent begins. Come and celebrate with us at a fun-filled dinner with your Orchard family as pancakes are flying off the griddle and onto your plates! Tickets are \$6 (ages 5 and over) and \$2 (ages 4 and younger) and will assist the Fusion Mission Team in their mission endeavors this summer.

Ministry Activity Center (MAC)

Mini-Olympics, Saturday, February 27, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm—You don't need to be an athlete to be involved in our third Mini-Olympics! The only thing official about this Olympics is the title of the event! Be prepared to have a lot of Free Family Fun! Sign up on the Opportunities Board, or call the church to register. Create your own Family Crest or Coat of Arms for the entrance parade into the MAC!

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Lenten Offerings Concert, Sunday, February 28 at 3 pm—"Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." -Berthold Auerbach. The roads we travel during life are not always paved and smooth; they sometimes require us to step off the beaten path and take a road less traveled. Come wash away the dust of the road from your souls as you listen and reflect on musical offerings by a variety of musicians—both vocal and instrumental. Free admission. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the Haiti relief fund through UMCOR.
Sanctuary

Women's Retreat, Friday, March 12 through Sunday, March 14—Women of all ages are invited to participate in a great opportunity to meet other women of the church as you celebrate being a Christian woman. Plan to grow, laugh, relax, and enjoy yourself as you step away from your hectic everyday life for the weekend. Invite friends or family members. Registration and fee is required.

Holiday Inn Express—Monroe, MI

Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10 am Whether sunny and warm or overcast and chilly, we'll hold an Easter Egg hunt for children! Join us for lots of fun and tasty treats!

Room 7

Journey through



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2010 Worship, Learning, Service, and Fellowship Opportunities

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God calls us away from the tumult of the world, that we may focus our thoughts on things that are lasting. In God's presence we see our lives more clearly; the broken pieces are put back together. God calls us out of loneliness into a life of community...

Worship Opportunities

Ash Wednesday, February 17 7:30 pm
We pause to reflect and remember the sacrifice that Christ made for us on the cross as we begin our journey through Lent. The service includes communion and the imposition of ashes. Childcare available.

Labyrinth, March 31-April 3
"To enter the labyrinth is to choose to walk a sacred path." The labyrinth will be available in the MAC, beginning at 5 pm on March 31 and ending at 3 pm on April 3. See church calendar for specific hours of operation.
Ministry Activity Center (MAC)



Sundays during Lent

We have two services of worship on Sunday morning. Music is provided by a praise band at the 9 am service; the Chancel Choir and organ provide music leadership at the 11 am service.

- Feb. 21 First Sunday in Lent—Rev. Carol J. Johns begins her Lenten sermon series *On the Road Again... Following the Footsteps of Jesus*. Week One: "In the Beginning, Bethlehem"
- Feb. 28 "An Unlikely Refuge, Egypt"
Special music provided by the Chancel Ringers and Chancel Choir (11 am)
- March 7 "This Way to the Wilderness"
Special music provided by the Average Methodist Band (both services) and the Sonlight Choir (11 am)
- March 14 "Passing Through Jericho"
- March 21 The children's musical, "The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit," will be presented at both worship services to be held in our Ministry Activity Center (MAC). A special fund-raising lunch offered by the Fusion Mission Team will follow the second service.



Holy Week

- March 28 Palm Sunday
Join us for a parade of palms as we continue following the footsteps of Jesus. "Riding Tall into Jerusalem"
- April 1 Maundy Thursday at 7:30 pm
We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. At the conclusion of the service, we offer a time for personal prayer, prayers for healing, anointing with oil and laying on of hands. Special music by the Chancel Choir. Childcare available.
- April 2 Good Friday at 12:15 pm
Community worship service at West Bloomfield United Methodist Church, located at 4100 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Rev. Carol Johns, preaching.
- April 4 Easter Sunday
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Celebrate with us the "Most Important Day Ever"! Special music provided by brass musicians and the Chancel Choir.

Learning Opportunities



Lenten Studies

This year's book study is a perfect companion to our Lenten sermon series. As we explore on Sundays the route that Jesus walked in his ministry, Adam Hamilton's book *24 Hours that Changed the World* walks us through the last day of Jesus' ministry here on earth. Several groups are being offered; sign up for one in the narthex.

Lenten Study Groups

| Day/Time | Group Leader | Location |
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| Sundays (beginning February 21) 10:00 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm | Dr. Mary Clark Rev. Carol Johns Rev. Margo Dexter | Room 102 Parlor* Room 200* |
| Mondays (beginning February 22) 7:30 pm | Rev. Margo Dexter (women only) | Parlor |
| Tuesdays (beginning February 23) 9:30 am 7:00 pm 7:30 pm | Rev. Carol Johns Paul and Isabelle Davis Rev. Carol Johns (women only) | class full** class full** Parlor |
| Thursdays (beginning February 25) 7:00 pm | Jerry and Diana Chilson | Room 200 |
| Fridays (beginning February 26) 7:30 pm | Christian Striffler | Parlor |

*childcare available—\$2/child

**If group is filled, please contact the group leader to see if an opening has become available.

Support in Community

AA/AI-Anon Tues., 11 am (AA); Wed., 8 pm and Thurs., 7:30 pm (AA/AI-Anon), Fri., 10 am (AA)

Fellowship Hall

Beyond the Paw Print Grief support for those who have experienced the loss of a beloved pet. Second Mondays of each month at 7 pm. Call 248.701.2345 for more information.
Room 200

Service Opportunities

"Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor." 1 Corinthians 10:24

Baldwin Kitchen Workers, Friday, March 12 at 9 am—Join us in our monthly service opportunity as we serve lunch at the Baldwin Family Center in Pontiac. We meet at the church at 9 am and carpool to the Center. Sign up on the Opportunities Board in the narthex.

Joy-Southfield Service Project, Saturday, March 13 at 9 am—The Joy-Southfield Community Development (an outreach arm of a United Methodist congregation in the Joy-Southfield area of Detroit) is sponsoring a work project at a shelter for boys who have been abused by their foster parents. Six volunteers are needed to help with this one day project installing base and wall cabinets. Please call Dave Adams (248.355.9899) to sign up to help.

Easter Baskets, Tuesday, March 16 at 7 pm
Help the UMW fill 24 Easter baskets to be given to the Salvation Army for delivery. Assistance is needed with assembling the baskets and with donations. The UMW is requesting that donations be given in groups of 12 items. Names A-L are asked to donate non-edibles (pencils, bubbles, crayons, etc.); M-Z please give edibles (candy, juice boxes, crackers, etc.) Donations will be accepted in the office up until March 16th or bring them with you when you come and help assemble the baskets!

Rooms 200-202

Other service projects may become available during this Lenten season. Please check the church calendar for your opportunity to minister to others in our area.

