



The Epistle of St. Paul's

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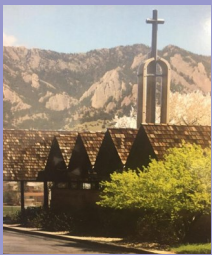
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From The Pastor's Desk...

Lent marks the beginning of the church's journey toward Easter. The significance of this time in the church's life is stated clearly and well in the "Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline" in the Ash Wednesday liturgy found in *The United Methodist Book of Worship* #322: "Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: The early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation. During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism.

It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness and restored to participation in the life of the Church.

In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word."

This year's Lenten devotional offers us an opportunity to explore the idea of prayer through scripture lessons in which prayer is the subject. A quote is next offered which offers reflection on the role prayer has in the life of both the individual as well as the collective gathering of believers.

Finally, you are invited to join in reading the gospel according to Luke during the season of Lent. Reading as a community was a common practice for centuries in the Christian church and a practice that will offer a common experience for us on the journey that leads us to the celebration of Easter. Reading a little bit each day, we'll read the entire gospel account by Holy Saturday, the day before Easter.

The print copy will be available at the church, and daily posts will be found on the church blog and Facebook page.

Every blessing, *Pastor Charles*

We're back! We will resume in-person worship at St. Paul's on Ash Wednesday, March 2, at 6:30 PM and continue on Sunday mornings at 10:15 AM. Masks will be required.

Lent / Easter Schedule

March 2

Ash Wednesday, 6:30 PM

April 10

Palm Sunday, 10:15 AM

April 14

Maundy (Holy) Thursday, 7:00 PM

April 15

Good Friday, Noon (Facebook Live devotional)

April 16

Holy Saturday

April 17

Easter Sunday, 10:15 AM

May 26

Ascension Day

June 5

The Day of Pentecost, 10:15 AM

A Better Resurrection

By Christina Rossetti

I have no wit, no words, no tears;
My heart within me like a stone
Is numb'd too much for hopes or
fears;

Look right, look left, I dwell alone;
I lift mine eyes, but dim'd with
grief

No everlasting hills I see;
My life is in the falling leaf:
O Jesus, quicken me.

My life is like a faded leaf,
My harvest dwindled to a husk:
Truly my life is void and brief
And tedious in the barren dusk;
My life is like a frozen thing,
No bud nor greenness can I see:
Yet rise it shall—the sap of Spring;
O Jesus, rise in me.

My life is like a broken bowl,
A broken bowl that cannot hold
One drop of water for my soul
Or cordial in the searching cold;
Cast in the fire the perish'd thing;
Melt and remould it, till it be
A royal cup for Him, my King:
O Jesus, drink of me.

St. Paul's UMC will "host" our second **virtual blood drive** throughout the month of March. This is a terrific Lenten devotional activity that can literally change a life! For more information and to register, visit this link: <https://www.blogger.com/blog/post/edit/2851387833899857113/3304033223465436846>

St. Paul's UMC welcomes and affirms people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet March 3 at 11:45 AM at Old Santa Fe Grill. Please let Joan know by March 1 if you can come. We will go to the Depot when it warms up. After two months of having to cancel at the last minute, Joan decided to try some place else—maybe we will be lucky!

Men's breakfast will meet March 12 at Le Peep at 8 AM. No reservations needed.

Bridge House 25th Anniversary

In the upcoming year, we're looking at the possibility of opening a third site in the tri-cities area in the coming year. We are also working with the City of Boulder and other local service providers to offer more basic needs here in Boulder to people experiencing homelessness, something which has been sorely lacking the past couple of years.

We have an immediate need for shower flip-flops for our clients! We also have an ongoing **need for regular boxer briefs** for our clients, both men's and women's. If you want to make a meaningful donation, at a very affordable price, please email Scott Medina directly at Scott@BoulderBridgeHouse.

Our cafe is open to the public, Monday- Friday from 7AM - 2 PM. Stop by for delicious breakfast or lunch...you can takeout. Have lunch with a friend there next time! Community Table Cafe, 4801 Riverbend Rd., Boulder.

Thank you again for all of your support!

UMW News – Update on the Legacy Fund

The Legacy Endowment Fund is a forward-looking permanent endowment to undergird the work of future generations of United Methodist Women. It will ensure a regular source of income/support for the core expenses of being in mission. It provides the assurance that UMW will continue to provide the life-affirming, compassionate care and support that heals, restores, and empowers populations of women, children, and youth in the years and decades to come.

The campaign goal is \$60 million. As of January 28, 2022, donations totaled \$39,180,955. Praise be to God!

2022 Virtual Mission u Study...Coming Summer 2022: “Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church’s Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship” by Darryl W. Stephens. Please direct questions about this study to Belinda Alkula.

Mission u is a transformative adult education program, based on biblically grounded curricula. It is sponsored by United Methodist Women. Curricula are intended to motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to be in ministry for a more just and equitable world, locally and globally.

March Birthdays

3-4 Jim Vander Vorste
3-5 Jayson Dupré
3-9 Lily Berlin
3-9 Betts Daniels
3-11 Elise Cook
3-20 Diane McKnight
3-30 Alexandra Muckle



MARCH PREACHING SCHEDULE

Worship in person

March 6 / Communion

"The temptations that matter"
Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

March 13

"Renewing your passport"
Luke 13:31-35, Philippians 3:17-4:1

March 20

"The time given to us"
Luke 13:1-9, Isaiah 55:1-9

March 27

"Lurking in the shadows"
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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