

This week at FPC

February 7 - February 13, 2024

Walking Towards Lent

I wrote in my 'pastor's article' for the monthly Spire that we are on our way to Lent, those serious forty days before Easter. We may be a little less somber this year than last year, I'm trying to find the right balance in our worship experience.

It is good to take a period of reflection and prayer every year. Easter is such a wonderful celebration of Jesus' resurrection and I think it means more if we pause to think about our own sinfulness and inability to save ourselves. We are completely reliant on Jesus to save us.

We'll kick-off Lent with an Ash Wednesday service next Wednesday the 14th at noon. Join us, we'll sing some hymns, I'll preach a short homily (sermon) and we'll pray about our sinfulness. Being marked with

ashes on our foreheads or the backs of our hands is optional.

You may be thinking, "Wait, the 14th is Valentine's Day." Yes it is, sometimes the secular and religious calendars cross paths. It is a great day to remember how much Jesus loves us as we acknowledge other loves in our lives.

Our Lenten Bible study will be held on Tuesdays (see below) with a zoom option in the evenings. I'm looking forward to diving deeply into some of Jesus' parables, those wonderful stories with many meanings. Jesus was a great preacher/ storyteller. Plan to join us on Tuesday mornings or evenings as we walk together towards Jerusalem and all the events of Holy Week.

Walk

This Sunday Monetary donations gladly welcomed!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Please help us tackle hunger in our community as we collect food and hygiene items for those among us who are less fortunate. Join us Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the church parking lot, where donations will be accepted for **Interfaith Emergency Services.**

Some suggestions for food and hygiene items that have been requested by Interfaith are:

FOOD ITEMS:

Canned Vegetables/Fruit
Spaghetti Sauce Dry or Canned Beans
Canned Meat Canned Soup Pasta and Rice
Peanut Butter/Jelly Macaroni & Cheese

HYGIENE ITEMS:

Shampoo/Conditioner Deodorant
Bar Soap Shaving Cream/Razors
Bodywipes Diapers, all sizes
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
Feminine Products Combs Toilet Paper

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Ash Wednesday service with



Imposition of the Ashes
February 14th
at Noon

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Amen."

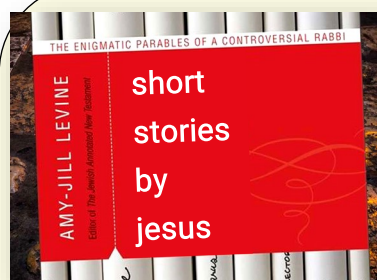
Monthly Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, February 13 at 7:30 a.m.



Join us for fellowship, food and faith!

Wolfy's Restaurant,
Silver Springs Blvd



Lenten Study
Feb. 20

Lenten Study begins February 20 is about Jesus' Parables using a book called [Short Stories by Jesus](#) and will be in Room 1 at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and at 7:00 p.m. by zoom. Books may be picked up in the church office.

PRAYER LIST

Pat Bishop
Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)
Tania Blackwell
Andy Carlisle
Ella Charnley
Shirley Cochran
Billy Davis (grandson-in-law of David Demarest, cancer diagnosis)
Mina DiGeronimo
Bob Dillinger (Uncle of Wendie Moore)
Lois Dolin (on the death of her brother Ellis Wagner)
Ruth Fraser
Gabby Gates (friend of Dave Bice)
Joe Glenn (friend of Mary Kauffman)
Sharon Grier (mother of Lee Anne Drake)
Dorothy Halliwell (sister-in-law of Pat Interdonato)
Bill and Barbara Harrel
Andrea Mogg Jacque
Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of Christine)
Lloyd Kauffman (husband of Mary)
Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)
The family of Mary Kells (on her death)

John Koch (brother in law of Debbie Koch)
The Mack family (on the death of Celine)
The Martin family (Judith, Jason, Nadia, Lisa and Lukas)
Cordelia Bree McCully (granddaughter of Mike and Teresa Poteet)
Ron McMillin
Gloria Miller
Jodi Miller (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)
Bruce and Wendie Moore
Annette Morris (friend of Mary Kauffman)
Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)
Ruthanne and John Reiss
Frank Roberts
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
Janie Scott
Bob and Renee Timmer
Barbara Tomyn (on the death of her mother)
Barbara Tortora and The Tortora family
Ann VanDenburgh
Robert Webber (brother of Ginny Miller)
William Wright



FPC gives thanks for the life of **Celine Mack** who passed away February 6, 2024.

With believers of every time and every place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. A Celebration of Life will be held at FPC on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 2:00 p.m..

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

God's Saving word: Love			Saturday	February 10	John 5:19-47
Wednesday	February 7	John 4:27-42	Sunday	February 11	John 6:1-24
Thursday	February 8	John 4:43-54	Monday	February 12	John 6:25-59
Friday	February 9	John 5:1-18	Tuesday	February 13	John 6:60-71