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A note from Cindy...



Ten Other Things You Might Give Up For Lent
(Edited from an article by Magrey deVega)

A recent [online, non-scientific survey](#) by *Christianity Today* revealed the most popular things people give up for Lent: 1) social networking, 2) chocolate, 3) Twitter, 4) alcohol, and 5) chips. As I've thought about it, there are some deeper parts of your life that you might consider giving up for Lent, for the sake of your own spiritual maturity and personal development. In no particular order, and by no means exhaustive, here are some things I thought of that you might want to consider as part of your Lenten journey this year:

Give up the need to be right all the time. Business author Patrick Lencioni said, "People don't need to feel like they are right, as much as they need to feel like they've been heard." Yes, claim your voice, assert your convictions, and engage the issues that matter to you. But once you've been heard, consider the possibility that you might have something to learn from someone who disagrees with you. That's often how we learn our most important lessons in life. (James 1:19)

Give up your reluctance to ask for help. It is true that giving up something for Lent requires discipline, will, and self-mastery. But it also requires the recognition that we cannot always be self-sufficient. You are not superhuman. You do not have inexhaustible reserves. Turn to loved ones for support, seek the wise counsel of others, and don't be afraid to ask for help. (Psalm 69)

Give up your fear of failure. Mother Teresa said, "God does not call us to be successful; God calls us to be faithful." You may sometimes gauge your self-worth by what you have achieved and how you have succeeded. You might subconsciously depend on the affirmation of others to feel good about yourself. But your worth does not equal your work, nor are you defined by your failures. Some people live a whole lifetime before they come to realize that. Save yourself the heartache later. Learn it now. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Give up comparing yourself to others. Forget the Joneses. They are not worth keeping up with. Find contentment in what you have, and who God has created you to be. You do not need the envious admiration of others. You need not be defined by what you do not have. While there is nothing wrong with being self-motivated and goal-oriented, don't evaluate your life in comparison to others. It's not worth it. (James 4:2-3)

Give up the need to have things all figured out. Embrace mystery. Dance with your doubts. Acknowledge that you do not and cannot know it all. Resist the temptation to rationalize the irrational parts of your faith, and recognize that some of the greatest things in life are those things that cannot be explained or fully understood. Things like God's love for you, and how God is with you even when you don't believe it. (Romans 11:33-36).

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Worship Words...



**Worship
Committee**

Worship Committee is excited to announce that beginning in February, the 3rd Sunday of each month will be a non-traditional service. It will vary from month-to-month as to what that will look like. Plans include a Love-focused service in February and a Youth-led service in March, with other ideas being formulated for the ensuing months. If you have suggestions and/or past experiences with a non-traditional service that you found meaningful, please contact Pastor Cindy and share your thoughts. As these Sundays unfold, please provide feedback to the Worship Committee so that we may continue to work with Pastor Cindy to make these 3rd Sundays deeply spiritual and meaningful for all. Thank you.

From the Church Office...

We didn't get a lot of feedback about discontinuing the newsletter but those who did respond said they want it to continue.

An email was sent out in January saying that in an effort to get data into the church's database, I would ask for people to email the church with their updated contact information. **For the month of February, those with last names G-L, please send your information to me and I will make the edits.**

Please note, that this is a "Contact" listing, not a "Membership" listing. We do not track Membership any longer as so many people do not "formally" join a church anymore. Also, this Contact Listing is not shared with the Congregation due to privacy laws that are in effect.

If you have access to the online church calendar, please update it with any events you want to appear. If you do not have access to the online calendar, just email your information to the church office and I'll be happy to add it for you.

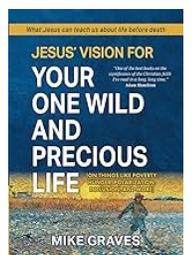
Thanks!
Janet

NEXT CHURCH BOARD MEETING

Sunday, March 17th

After the worship service.

Join us in Adult Sunday School as we discuss the book, "Jesus' Vision for Your One Wild and Precious Life" written by Rev. Mike Graves.



Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall in the church's lower level.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

February 18th ~ 25th

Gifts to Live On ~ Girls' Education in Afghanistan

Flyers will be on the card table at church.

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Give up your fears of the future. I get it. These are frightening times for many people. There is great nervousness about the way things are in the world. And I would guess that you are dealing with fears yourself. We all have our fears, but we don't need to be define by them. For God is a God of hope. (Matthew 6:33-34)

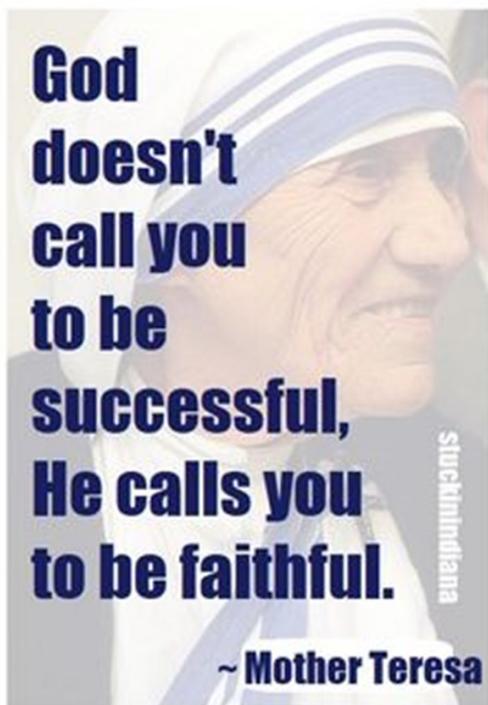
Give up anesthetizing yourself to pain and suffering. The long shadow of suffering is cast in many shades, like loneliness, grief, abandonment, and betrayal. None of us enjoys going through difficulties, and our instinct is often to numb ourselves from the pain in ways that are actually self-destructive: giving in to addictions, accumulating possessions, pursuing temporal pleasures, and cocooning ourselves from the rest of the world. These might anesthetize us in the short term, but they prevent us from allowing that pain to help us stretch, grow, and trust in God. (Romans 5:3-5)

Give up the need to be in control. This one is at the heart of the season of Lent. It is a reminder that we ultimately are not in control of what happens to us. We cannot control others, and we can hardly claim to have full control of ourselves and our future. You are not your own; you belong to God. For we must ultimately surrender our control over to a God who has created us and claimed us from the beginning. (Matthew 16:24-25)

Give up the need to make everyone happy. It's not like you can, anyway. You may have a knack for understanding what others want from you, but you must also claim your own convictions and understand your limitations. Your job is not to be all things to all people and please everyone you know. God calls you to live a life of integrity, uncompromising in your commitment to Jesus Christ. For God, after all, is the only one you need to please. (Galatians 1:10)

Give up all the non-essential noise in your life. This may be the toughest thing of all to give up, but it may be the key to a deeply moving Lenten season for you. Your life is inundated by competing voices and blaring noises from the culture around you. Pay attention to your breath. Take walks. Drive without the radio on. Set the cell phone down when you're at the family table. Watch less television, read more newspapers and books, and look people in the eye when you talk to them. Most of all, pray to God, "Silence all voices but your own." Turn down the volume of your life, and connect to a God who knows you better than you know yourself. (Psalm 46:10)

Blessings to you on your Lenten journey!



Micah Ministry



We will volunteer on the first Monday of each month for the next several months so mark you calendars.

Beginning in March, dinner will once again be served in the newly refurbished Fellowship Hall at Independence Boulevard Christian Church. Since Covid, Micah has been serving hot meals wrapped up and delivered to guests outside on the sidewalk. After many, many volunteer hours, this space will once again be a beautiful place of welcome. As a result, Micah will be needing close to 80 volunteers each Monday night, instead of the 30 who have been serving outside. If you have never before participated in this ministry - now would be a good time to step up. WCC is signed up for the first Monday of each month.

Bristol Manor



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We continue to be regularly involved in this local senior facility.

We lament that they have struggled to maintain regular staffing and are now in the midst of another major transition. Please keep these folks in your regular prayers.

Our young people are planning a special visit on Sunday February 18, after Worship, to deliver cookies and hearts they have made. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact Pastor Cindy.

Hillcrest Platte County



We are honored to be able to serve another graduation dinner for the participants of this great local ministry. Mark your calendars for the 3rd Tuesday in March - the 19th. This is a time when our church members can not only serve the meal, but sit down and visit with people who are working through the program. Stay tuned for more specific details.

Lenten Bean Soup Lunch

February 25th, after Worship. According to one of our church's devoted ancestors, Mrs. Annaleen Guard, this sharing of a simple lunch is intended to create awareness. The intent is to come away from the table before being full...and to go back into the world more aware, more compassionate towards our neighbors in need.



We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

Our Vision

To be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice. - Micah 6:8

Our Mission

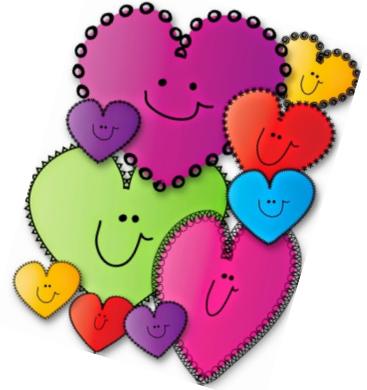
To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8

Our Confession

As members of the Christian Church, We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.



1 Corinthians 13:4-8



**MENEILLY VISITING SCHOLAR
LECTURE SERIES**
Village Church Mission Campus
MARCH 8 & 9

**Fight Like Jesus:
HOW FAITH CAN
INFORM CONFLICT**

with **Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston**
Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, NYC



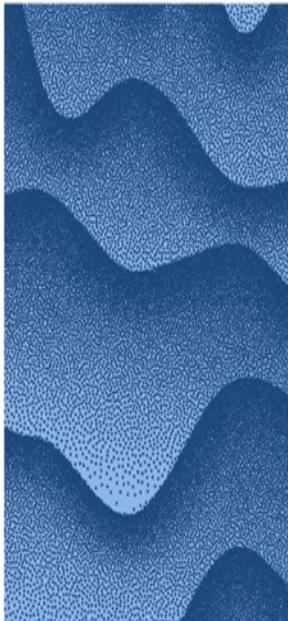
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Q&A Sessions with KCUR's
Rev. Brian Ellison



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Please join us to explore faith's resources for healthy conflict. Rev. Johnston has an exuberant spirit, keen intelligence, robust humor, and great love of God, and the weekend promises to be lively and worthwhile.

Friday, March 8, 7-8:15 p.m.

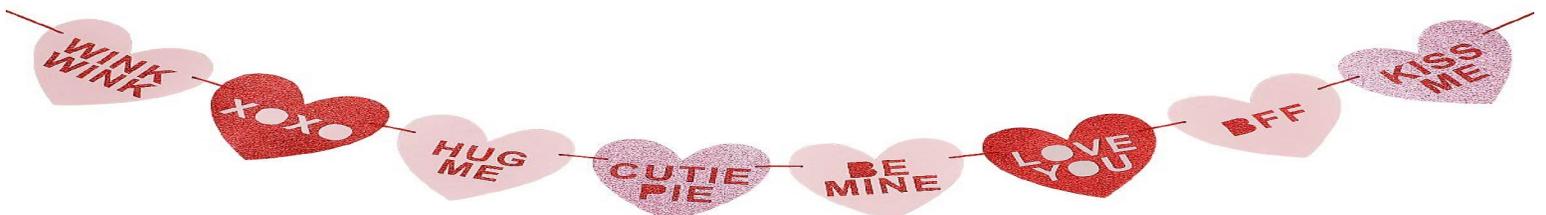
**Fight Like Jesus:
Round One (The
Root of Human
Conflict)**

Saturday, March 9, 9-10:15 a.m.

**Fight Like Jesus:
Round Two (The
Purveyors of
Conflict)**

Saturday, March 10, 10:30-11:45 a.m.

**Fight Like Jesus:
Round Three
(Making a
Difference)**



February Church Calendar

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