

LENT AND HOLY WEEK 2016 – FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of LEBANON

LENT IS A TIME FOR US TO REFLECT upon our relationship with God, to examine our walk with Jesus, and to take stock of our lives as we prepare for the great miracle and gift of Easter.

LENT IS A TIME TO LOOK WITHIN our souls and hearts, to set aside those things that separate us from God and God's people.

LENT IS A TIME TO JOURNEY into the wilderness, so that we may fully enter into the New Creation.

***Journey with us during Lent this year
in worship, study, reflection, and service.***

JOINING IN WORSHIP

February 10—Ash Wednesday

6:30 pm: Ecumenical Service with Imposition of Ashes, at West Lebanon Congregational Church (Becca Girrell, Jeff Scott, and Steve Silver will offer brief mediations to prepare us for the Lenten season)

March 20—Palm Sunday

10 am: Liturgy of the Palms, Sanctuary (Steve Silver will preach on Luke 19:28-40, "Paving the Way")

March 24—Maundy Thursday

7 pm: Service of Communion and Tenebrae, Stripping of the Altar (Steve Silver will preach on 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, "Table Talk")

March 25—Good Friday

12-3 pm: Quiet Meditation on the Seven Last Words, Sanctuary

3 pm: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Walk (meet at Sacred Heart Church)

7 pm: Service of the Word and Prayer, Sanctuary (Steve Silver will preach on Hebrews 10:16-25, "Hope from Hopelessness")

March 27—EASTER SUNDAY

6 am: Ecumenical Sunrise Service, Colburn Park

6:30 am: Community Breakfast to benefit Second Growth, Parish Hall

10 am: Festival Service, Sanctuary (Steve Silver will preach on John 20:1-8, "Look Closely")

Daily Lenten Reflections

Every day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday, receive a reflection on a Psalm, delivered by email. Sign up by sending a message to church@fccleb.org.

ENGAGING THE WORD, FORMING OUR FAITH

Sundays through March 20, 9:00 am—Six Weeks, Six Chapters: A Lenten Study of Galatians

Dip your toes into the living water of Scripture in this Lenten Bible Study. We will read a chapter of Galatians each week and discuss our impressions, while learning a bit more about Paul and his message to the church.

Wednesdays in March, 7:00 pm—Death and Dying... And Living: A Faith Formation Series

The only activities in life that have guaranteed 100% participation are birth and death. While we have no control over how we come into this world, we have great power to shape how we approach the end of our lives. Through word, art, and music, we will explore ways that Christians can think about death that are rooted in faith, affirm life, and enable us to grow closer to God.

March 2—Talking About Death While We Live

A reading and discussion with Irene Kacandes, co-author of *Let's Talk About Death: Asking the Questions That Profoundly Change the Way We Live and Die*.

March 9—Images of Death in Sacred and Secular Art

An exploration and discussion with Brian Clancy of some of the ways artists have portrayed death and dying across the centuries.

March 16—Requiem: Death and Dying in Music

A session led by Steve Silver exploring how music, from grand requiem masses to intimate spirituals, have prepared the faithful for the end of life.

SHARING GOD'S BOUNTY WITH OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS

February 14—March 20—Church School Lenten Lunch Bag Collection

A special offering that supports David's House and the children of San Jose Villanueva, El Salvador. Children will distribute bags on February 14 and collect them on Palm Sunday.

Sunday, February 28, 11:30 am—Planning One's Legacy: A Charitable Giving Workshop

Valerie Nevel will lead this discussion of estate planning documents and charitable giving strategies, helping participants think about how to be faithful, wise stewards of financial resources.

Sunday, March 6—One Great Hour of Sharing

A special, nationwide mission offering for health, education, refugee, agricultural, and emergency-relief initiatives around the world.

Sundays, February 28 and March 27, 5:00 pm—Community Dinner at FCC

Our monthly dinner for neighbors and friends, which this year falls on Easter Sunday.