

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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NEXT NEWSLETTER:

March 25 printing, so please get your April 2020 info in by Mar. 22nd!

Looking ahead . . .

Mar. 1 – First Sunday of Lent - Psalm 32 & Romans 5:12-19

“How sin works”

Wed., Mar. 4 – Lenten dinner & program, starting at 6:00 pm

Mar. 8 – Second Sunday of Lent – Psalm 121 & Genesis 12:1-4 [Time change!]

“Bless those who bless you”

Wed., Mar. 11 – Lenten dinner & program, starting at 6:00 pm

Mar. 15 – John 4:5-15 & John 4:16-29 (Karen preaching)

“He Can’t be the Messiah, Can He?”

Wed., Mar. 18 – Lenten dinner & program, starting at 6:00 pm

Mar. 22 – Fourth Sunday of Lent – John 9:1-9 & 9:10-27

“One thing I do know”

Wed., Mar. 25 – Lenten dinner & program, starting at 6:00 pm

Mar. 29 – Fifth Sunday of Lent – John 11:1-10 & 11:11-29

“Do you believe this?”

Wed., Apr. 1 – final Lenten dinner & program, starting at 6:00 pm

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- To lead people to faith in Jesus Christ
- To work through the Holy Spirit, and
- To understand through the Holy Bible.

We seek to:

- Grow in knowledge,
- Cultivate the grace of Christ,
- Strengthen the unity of all Christians, and be
- Always moving towards the Kingdom of God.



JESUS IS ENOUGH.

Lent begins Wednesday, Feb. 26, and continues for 40 days and Sundays to Easter, which falls on April 12 this year.

Lent, from the Old English *lenctā* or “lengthening,” marks the reality that the days are growing longer, new life in Spring is growing around us, and the eternal life of the Gospel proclaimed at Easter is drawing near.

Whether you can come to share in the ashes on Ash Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm, or be part of any Lenten gatherings on Wednesdays in March or April, you may observe Lent in your own spiritual disciplines. An added time of prayer or Bible reading & reflection, a different form of service to others for these next few weeks, or setting aside a pleasure to save up or set aside an extra offering: there is no one right way to “do” Lent. It is an opportunity to grow in faith & Christian witness.

God of goodness and mercy,
 Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, most glorious God. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.
 Amen!

Thank you!

Your support of the "Week of Compassion" offering is appreciated in the United States & Canada, and around the world -- since we observed the special 2 Sundays for Week of Compassion, there have already been needs met in Oregon and Kentucky with flooding, and in response to disasters overseas as well. A link for the homeland response is: <https://disciples.org/general-ministries/when-the-waters-rise/>

You can also find a great deal of information about what "Week of Compassion" does online at the web address: www.weekofcompassion.org

Another way our congregation supports "Week of Compassion" is through the Susanna Circle mission dinner & auction, which will be held on Saturday evening, March 28th.; tickets will be available soon at the church or from circle members.

The season of Lent is upon us; please plan to participate in our Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 26th at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. The sign-up board is in the narthex for our 24 hour prayer vigil from 6:00 pm Tuesday to the start of the Ash Wednesday service. There is also a sign-up at the Welcome Center for Lenten Dinner service in March on Wednesdays!

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Worship center floral tributes

We have put the flower chart next to the office door for 2020; you can sign up there for a Sunday, and cost for us to provide them is \$30 for the two, and you may take them after 10:30 service is concluded.

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A Lenten calendar of a sort...

You don't have to do these in this order; you could move them around as is useful. And each Sunday, of course, is a feast day, not a fast day, so simply rejoice!

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26 - wear a cross visibly, of ashes or otherwise

Feb. 27 - do not criticize anyone today, even mentally

Feb. 28 - eat more fresh vegetables today, and be thankful for them

Feb. 29 - say grace everytime you eat, even breakfast or snacks

Mar. 2 - read a Gospel all the way through

Mar. 3 - smile at every person you see face-to-face today

Mar. 4 - you could try a Lenten dinner & program tonight!

Mar. 5 - listen to some Christian music (Bach counts! So does Amy Grant.)

Mar. 6 - be positive today, from when you first get up, all day

Mar. 7 - remember in prayer someone who helped you develop your faith

Mar. 9 - thank more people today

Mar. 10 - read Psalms 1-50

Mar. 11 - look for something growing, and just stop and look at it for a bit

Mar. 12 - pray for missionaries at work in Christ's name around the world

Mar. 13 - pick up some trash that isn't yours today (then wash your hands)

Mar. 14 - take 3 deep breaths in a row very slowly, and reflect on the Holy Spirit

Mar. 16 - read Psalms 51-100

Mar. 17 - in a book or online, look up St. Patrick and his personal story

Mar. 18 - hold a door for someone even if it means waiting a bit

Mar. 19 - read Matthew 1:18-25 & 2:13-15 and give thanks for Joseph

Mar. 20 - watch the sunrise in prayer (about 7:30 am now)

Mar. 21 - read Psalms 101-150

Mar. 23 - pray for the Susanna Circle workers preparing for Saturday!

Mar. 24 - look at the tags on your clothing & pray for those nations & people

Mar. 25 - clean something in your house, prayerfully (it can be anything!)

Mar. 26 - today is National Spinach Day: if you can be thankful for spinach...

Mar. 27 - pray for First Responders, because every weekend is busy (and hard)

Mar. 28 - pray for Christian Church in Ohio leadership at Camp Christian today

Mar. 30 - read the Ten Commandments: Exodus 20:1-17 & Deut. 5:4-22

Mar. 31 - watch some birds, maybe even listen to them sing, and be thankful

Apr. 1 - pray for the census takers at work around the country

Apr. 2 - reflect on the three people you could invite to Easter services this year

Apr. 3 - read Matthew 26 in preparation for Holy Week

Apr. 4 - watch the sunset, prayerfully (just before 8 pm now)

Apr. 6 - read Matthew 21:12-17 and ask if what motivates Jesus moves you

Apr. 7 - read I Thessalonians 5:1-11 and think about how we are made ready

Apr. 8 - give thanks for Mary, who witnessed all that happened to her son

Apr. 9 - think about every table you eat at as a place Jesus might be present

Apr. 10 - reflect on everything that pains you, and offer it all up to God as gift

Apr. 11 - pray for those who persecute you and who oppose you, and ask God to bless them. And that they wake up tomorrow to the sound of church bells!

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Have you remembered the Cornerstone Fund of Central Christian Church in your will or estate planning?

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