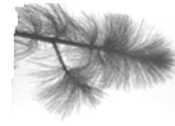




The Evergreen Bough



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A monthly newsletter for the congregation and friends of Evergreen UMC

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will *never* forget how you made them feel”—*Maya Angelou*

LENT

Initially the word simply meant *spring*, and later became associated with the Easter fast. The English word *lent* derives from the Germanic root for *Spring* (specifically Old English *lencten*; also the Anglo-Saxon name for March - *lenct* - as the main part of Lent, before Easter, usually occurred in March).

The forty day period is symbolic of the forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness; the forty days Moses spent on Mount Sinai with God; the forty days and nights Elijah spent walking to Mt. Horeb; in the story of Noah, God makes it rain for forty days and forty nights (they were in the ark for much longer); the Hebrew people wandered forty years traveling to the Promised Land. Jonah in his prophecy of judgment gave the city of Nineveh forty days grace in which to repent. Jesus is said to have retreated into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights. Afterwards He was hungry and the devil tempted Him. Jesus overcame all of the devilish temptation of the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life by citing Holy Scripture to the devil. The Devil left Him. Holy Angels ministered to Jesus. Now Jesus begins His Galilean ministry.

Typically during Lent we are encouraged to remember our mortality, repent of our sinful lives, and show our good faith through fasting and other kinds of sacrifice. The patriarchs signified repentance by showering ashes over their heads; thus *Ash Wednesday*.

Sunday am Worship Schedule:

Starting this Sunday, February 25th, Sunday School will meet from 10 to 10:45 am and the traditional service will begin at 11am.

The *NEW* Sunday morning schedule:

**9-10 am Contemporary Worship
10-10:45am Sunday School
11-12noon Traditional Worship**

The greatest expected benefit of this change is the ability of the 9am folks to attend Sunday School. So, hopefully, we will be seeing some new faces in that "common ground" hour at Evergreen.

David Bryant for the Worship Team

Christian Education

One of the foundations of the Church is to teach everyone from the "not walking and talking" to our most wise how to walk in the way of Jesus Christ. We are excited to say that here at Evergreen we want to do just that! We have formed a board that will help organize, develop, and inspire Christian Education. This board will help Christian Education by strengthening and enhancing training and support for our teachers, creating an environment appealing for all ages, and nurturing development where ever you are in your walk with Jesus. This ministry is crucial to the development of believers. It includes Sunday School, UMYF, Children's Church, Bible studies, and the nursery. If you want to hear more about it, please contact Viki, Jeff, or myself.

Stephanie Griffin

Fantastic Friday

March 23rd 6-8 PM

1st - 5th graders, but bring your siblings and your friends. Its a "funny hair" theme, so do something silly with your hair and come prepared to have fun! Dinner will be provided.

If you are interested in helping out with this fun night, contact *Stephanie Griffin*.
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Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper **PANCAKES and ALL THAT JAZZ**

Thank you Evergreen for making this first Relay for Life fundraiser such a success! The benefit to Relay for Life from this event is \$1251. As those who had to wait for more sausage to cook know, we exceeded our expectations. We served at least 155 people using 30 pounds of pancake mix, 18 pounds of sausage, 2 gallons of syrup, 24 quarts of homemade applesauce, gallons of juices, coffee and ice water.

Miss Lucille (you may call her Lucy) made her debut appearance and the generous crowd showed their appreciation by voting for her with cash. Her portrait will soon be hanging in the church, with her purse nearby for the voting to continue until May 18th.

Also continuing until the Relay will be the opportunity to purchase a "brick" on the Wall of Hope, and the opportunity to enter a drawing for a handmade garden stepping stone.

The Mardi Gras atmosphere complete with decorations, jazz, door prizes, beads and food brought out the generosity of many Evergreeners, scout families and community members.

From your Relay for Life Team - THANK YOU ALL.

Knitting/Crocheting Ministry

Holy Hookers

Evergreen's Fiber Artists meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm at Evergreen. Bring your knit, crochet or needlework project and enjoy the fellowship.
Anna Nicholson

Food Pantry:

Please donate your Lowe's green points to the Food Pantry for items we can't get at the food warehouse. If you have 3000 points or more, you can donate them to Evergreen by calling 1-800-435-5674. Ask that your points be transfer-red to account 4202 2751 6625. You will need to give your account number from the back of your Lowe's card.

Carolyn Watterson

Special Lenten Event

Let's polish up Evergreen for Easter!!

Church Work Day

Inside chores, outside chores, all around the church chores. Specifics will be provided by the Trustees soon, but ***Save the day for E!!!***

We'll help you complete your Lenten commitments to contribute to God's work in the world. ***Join Us on***

Saturday, March 24

Starting at 9am

Evergreen website:

(www.evergreen-umc.org).

You'll really love it!!!

Old Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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