



Lent & Easter 2018: God's Promises

During Lent, we will trace the story of God's enduring love expressed in God's covenant promises. These promises are not only for individuals and their families, but are made by God to whole communities, include all of creation and even generations not yet born. We will hear how God's faithful and persistent love calls us to faithful relationships with each other and creation. We will reflect together on how, in the face of human failure and capriciousness, God continues to make and remake promises, renewing relationships and offering us wisdom to live as those who bear God's image and embody God's love. As Easter grows nearer, we will reflect on Jesus, in whom God's promises are fulfilled in unexpected ways, overcoming all barriers and allowing us to know God's love face-to-face. Join us as we all bring our lives and stories to God in worship, allowing ourselves to be woven into and transformed by God's abiding covenant love.

February 18	God's promises for all creation	Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10 I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15	
February 25	God's promises to future generations	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13 – 25; Mark 8:31 - 38	Receiving New Members
March 4	Wisdom for living God's promises	Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19 I Corinthians 1:18-25 ; John 2:13-22	Anointing for Healing
March 11	God's promises endure	Number 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17 - 22 Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21	
March 18	God's promises, written on our hearts	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1 - 12 Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33	
March 25	Surprised by God's promises	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 John 12:12-16	Palm Sunday
March 29	<i>Maundy Thursday Meal and worship 6:00 pm</i>	<i>Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23- 26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35</i>	<i>Lord's Supper Foot washing</i>
March 30	<i>Good Friday 7:00 pm</i>	<i>Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; 10:16-25; John 18:1- 19:42</i>	
March 31	<i>Holy Saturday Vigil Park View Mennonite Church 10:00 pm</i>		
April 1	God's promises fulfilled Easter Breads at 8:30 Worship at 10:00	Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 I Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18	Easter Sunday Lord's Supper

Other Lenten Events

CMC Weekly Lenten Prayer Group

Tuesdays during Lent, 7:15 – 7:45 am

Community Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall (enter through the ramp door)

During the 6 weeks of Lent, all CMCers are invited to a weekly gathering for contemplative prayer. We will begin by listening to one of the Lenten scripture texts, followed by 15-20 minutes of silence. Instruction will be included for those who are new to Centering prayer.

Lenten Lunch

Wednesday, March 14, noon – 1 pm

Otterbein United Methodist Church

The Interfaith Association of Harrisonburg/Rockingham County will host a Lenten Lunch with guest speaker Pastor Adam Blagg of Otterbein United Methodist Church. Lunch will be available and donations received to support the work of the Interfaith Association.

Palm Sunday Peace Parade

Sunday, March 25

Watch your CMC mailbox for more information

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 30, noon – 1:00 pm

Begin outside Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (154 N Main Street, Harrisonburg)

Join other Christians from across Harrisonburg for an annual ecumenical, outdoor, family-friendly Stations of the Cross prayer walk through downtown.