

Turn Toward Grace

Lent 2016 at Community Mennonite Church

Christians were observing the season of Lent well before the 4th century. As CMC we see Lent 2016 as God's 40-day invitation to turn toward grace. This turn includes repentance from sin as well as opening our lives more fully to the work of Christ within us. Whether you are in a desert season or full of joy, Lent is set aside to draw near to Christ through spiritual disciplines of worship, fasting, prayer, and giving.

Ash Wednesday

February 10

Song & Prayer Service at 8pm (anointing with ashes)

Lent I

February 14

When have you had to depend on God?

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (Firstfruits offering)

Romans 10:8b-13 (Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord...)

Luke 4:1-13 (Temptation in the wilderness)

Lent II

February 21

During difficulties where have you found God's hope?

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (God's covenant with Abraham)

Luke 13:31-35 (...as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.)

Lent III seasons?

February 28

What have you learned from God during joyful

Isaiah 55:1-9 (...let them return to the Lord)

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (...with the testing God will provide the way)

Luke 13:1-9 (Parable of the Fig Tree)

Lent IV

March 6

When has God helped you feel renewed?

II Corinthians 5:16-21 (New Creation)

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (Parable of the Two Sons)

Lent V

When has God surprised you?

March 13

Isaiah 43:16-21 (I will make a way in the wilderness.)
John 12:1-8 (Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus for his burial.)

Palm Sunday

March 20

When have you felt part of God's story?

Isaiah 50:4-9a (Morning by morning...)
Luke 22:14-23:56 (Jesus' Passion)

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday

March 24

Meal and Footwashing
6 pm (Please bring soup and/or bread to share.)

Good Friday

March 25

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross
Noon beginning at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
(child, stroller, and dog friendly)

Good Friday Worship
7 pm at Community Mennonite Church

Holy Saturday

March 26

Easter Vigil
9 pm joint service w/Park View Mennonite Church
(held at PVMC)

Easter Sunday

March 27

Easter Breads
8:30 am
Easter Worship
10 am (No Sunday School)