

Sharing the Life of the Church

BLESSINGS AND GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL. IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, YOU ARE WELCOME TODAY AND EVERY DAY!

Coffee Hour - Join us at 10 a.m. in the Harris Room for light snacks and fellowship. Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by **Jess Linville**. If you would like to host a Coffee Hour, sign up outside the Harris Room or call Joyce Boso @304-488-1205.

Book Study - Pastor Annie's book study of Eric Elnes's *Gifts of the Dark Wood* continues each **Wednesday** in the Harris Room at **11:30 a.m.** and at **6 p.m.**

Annual Meeting - The church's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held **today** in the Sanctuary immediately following 10:30 Worship. Report packets are available outside the Sanctuary.

Community Meal - Our church is hosting the quarterly Community Meal on **Sunday, March 23, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.** We are in need of volunteers to help with setup, serving and cleanup. If you would like to assist, sign up at the new bulletin board.

Choose-a-Hymn Sunday is **March 30**, when the congregation chooses the hymns sung during worship. Pick up a form outside the Sanctuary and fill it out to nominate your favorite hymn. Then return it to the offering plate or to the office mailbox by next **Sunday, March 16**.

Easter Flowers - If you would like to purchase a flower to adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, fill out the order form in your bulletin and return it to the offering plate, or to the church office no later than **Sunday, April 6**.

Spring Fling Luncheon - The Deacons will host their annual "Spring Fling" Luncheon on **Sunday, April 6**, following 10:30 worship. They are serving delicious baked steak, so please come and enjoy. If you plan to be here, please sign up at the new bulletin board to help them estimate quantities for food preparation.

Friendship Park Easter Egg Hunt - On **Saturday, April 19, at 1 p.m.**, the Mission Committee will host an egg hunt for the neighborhood children. We are asking for donations of either pre-filled eggs, or individually-wrapped candy to fill the eggs we already have. We do not need empty plastic eggs. Please leave donations outside the church office at the display. We also need volunteers, so please sign up at the new bulletin board.



It's countercultural, unnatural even — this Lenten call to deny oneself and resist temptation, to put aside comfort for a time in reflection of Jesus' sacrifice for us. It's downright uncomfortable.

Lent is a most unwelcome experience because human nature seeks pleasure and avoids pain at all costs. But those who dare to follow Jesus into the desert will find a rich reward.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today, Sunday, March 16 2nd Sunday in Lent

Cents-Ability Offering

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary

Monday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day

- 6:00 p.m. Session meets - Room 204

Wednesday, March 19

- 11:30 a.m. Book Study - Harris Room
- 2:30 p.m. Staff meeting - Pastor's office
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Room 124
- 6:00 p.m. Book Study - Harris Room

Thursday, March 20

- 11:00 a.m. Lydia Circle - Mary B's Restaurant
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Room 123
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Ensemble - Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Wood Co. Women's Alliance - Harris Room
- 7:00 p.m. Juliana Ringers - Bell Room
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House



Saturday, March 22

- 11:30 a.m. HA Meeting - Room 204

Sunday, March 23 3rd Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Community Meal - Stevenson Hall

Next week, March 23, is the Third Sunday in Lent.

We continue in our Lenten Worship Series "Gifts of the Dark Wood".
The theme will be *The Gift of Being Thunderstruck* and
Scriptures will include selections from Job 37.