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SUNDAY

SCHEDULE

- 8:45 am Praise & Celebration Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- Everyone is Welcome!

PIANO DEDICATION SUNDAY, FEB. 24

Please join us at 3 pm in the sanctuary for a dedication of our new Boston Grand piano. Barbara Jennings, Dir. of Music and Ben Hinshaw, Dir. of Philip's Joy will showcase the new Grand Piano, playing hymn arrangements and contemporary Christian songs. The Chancel Choir will also participate by singing anthems of the church, including soloists. A reception will follow in the Narthex.



YOUTH SPRING KICK-OFF

All youth and friends in grades 6-12 who are looking for connection to a positive group of people seeking to grow and learn more, are invited to a Youth Spring Kick-Off party on **Sunday, March 2nd at 4-6pm**. Join us for a lively discussion, games and connections. (Dinner included).



GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

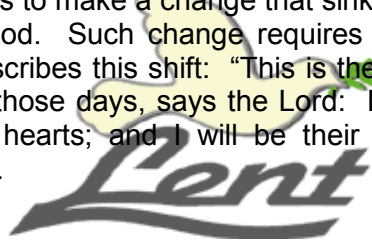
The cards have started to come in, and the organizations are eager for our visits. If your calendar is free on March 1st, make sure Ben has your name to sign you up for a ministry. So far, we are reserving spots at: Braes Interfaith Ministries, Bering-Omega House, Houston Food Bank, Christian Alliance, and are talking to a number of others as well. This is our opportunity to reach out to our neighbors and express the love of Christ.



WORDS FROM THE

During Lent, we are called to change our direction – to turn from the ways of the world and return to God. Such change is always difficult. Of course, we aim for perfection, and that is admirable. At the same time, we know, as does God, that our human imperfections make that goal a real challenge for us.

Thus, the goal of Lent is not to make a plan for change and follow it to the letter. Rather, the goal is to make a change that sinks deeply into life, drawing us closer to self, others and God. Such change requires a move from head to heart. The prophet Jeremiah describes this shift: “This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (Jeremiah 31:33).



This change – this turning towards God – becomes imbedded in our heart - the place from which we make all of our best decisions. This is the shift in direction we hope for this Lent. Our failures to reach our goal, though disappointing, can actually help us achieve the goal, for we gain something by losing our way: the drive to find our way back. The practice of returning to God takes root and begins to grow in our hearts. The result is a life that is being transformed day by day into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

Remember, we are here to help each other on this amazing journey of faith.

**LENTEN ONGOING SERIES
THE AMAZING JOURNEY**

Feb. 24	“To Tell the Truth”	John 4:5-42
March 2	“Identity”	John 9:1-41
March 9	“Bones”	Ezekiel 37:1-14
March 16	“The World’s Greatest Loser”	Philippians 2:5-11
March 23	“CSI: Jerusalem”	John 20:1-8

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES THRU MARCH 12

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6 PM FOR SOUP & 6:30 PM FOR BIBLE STUDY: *Radical Renovation*

Feb. 27	Surrender: Nothing Short of Everything	Scripture: Luke 18:18-34;19:1-10	Leader: Dr. Bert Hall
March 5	Love: The Radical Center	Scripture: Mark 12:28-34; I John 4:7-21	Leader: Joe Little
March 12	Reconciliation: Something That Doesn’t Love a Wall		
Everyone Welcome!		Scripture: Ephesians 2:12-22	Leader: Lisa Callaway



Lisa Callaway, Pastor

**You Can
Listen
To Sermons
Via our
website**



PRAYER REQUESTS

Your prayers have been requested for the following:

Zelda Comer, Dee Decuir, Myrtle Dawkins, Jean Behrends, Great Day of Service, Youth Spring Kick-Off, Young Adult Ministry, Brisa Dougan & Parents,

Kathleen Deming, Bill Reed, Carl Arnold.

Sympathy is expressed to: The Laster family in the loss of Richard's father, Ken Laster.

Wava Jane Pritchett in the loss of her brother, J'dorough Hall.

OFFERINGS

Gifts Given:

Sunday, Feb. 10

\$ 5,353.00

Sunday, Feb. 17

\$ 6,389.00

Thank you for your generous giving.

FOOD GIFTS

Food Shelf Needs

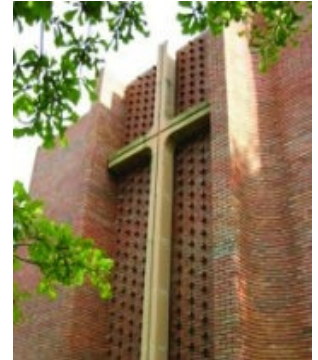
For March 30

Canned Juice

Canned Fruit

Your donations are given to one of our ministries, Braes Interfaith Ministries, helping needy families in our surrounding community.

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STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

St. Philip's will host a children's choir from India on Wed., March 12 after the last Lenten Bible study in the sanctuary. Here's what we need help with: two more meals, and a few more host homes for our visitors. If you have some extra carpeted space on the floor and a shower they can use, or are interested in supplying the nutritional needs of 30 kids and teacher, please contact Ben in the church office.



FEBRUARY & MARCH CALENDAR

- 24 Piano Dedication at 3pm (Sanctuary)
- 25 Christian Education Cmte. Mtg. (103)
- 26 UMW Circles at 9:30 am (FH)
- 27 Soup & Lenten Bible Study at 6pm FH



- 1 Great Day of Service (FH)
- 2 Youth Spring Kick-Off Sunday
- 3 Trustees Mtg. at 7 pm (103)
- 4 Evang. Cmte. Mtg. 7pm (103)

- 5 Soup & Lenten Bible Study at 6 pm (FH)
- 11 UMW Gen. Mtg. at 9:30 am (FH)
- 12 Soup & Lenten Bible Study at 6pm (FH)
- 15 Book Club Meets at 9:30 am (103)
- 16 Palm Sunday Services
- 16 Eggstravaganza for kids at 2 pm (FH)
- 16 Youth-Elyptic games at 4 pm (grounds)
- 17 UMM Dinner Mtg. at 6:30 pm (FH)
- 20 Holy Thursday Service at 7 pm
- 21 Easter Sunday Services at 6:30am,
8:45am and 11:00 am (Flowering of Cross)

BOOK CLUB NEWS!



The book selection for March 15 is "Heaven is Real," a follow up to Don Piper's first book 90 minutes in Heaven. Piper discusses the lessons he has learned since he died on a bridge in Texas in 1989. Book Club meets the third Saturday of each month at 9:30 am.

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DATED EVENTS IN MARCH!

- 1 Great Day of Service
- 2 Youth Spring Kick-Off
- 9 Daylight Savings begins
- 12 Last Soup & Lenten Study at 6 pm
- 12 India Children's Music Presentation 7 pm
- 16 Palm Sunday Services 8:45 & 11:00 am
- 16 An Eggstravaganza for kids at 2pm (FH)
- 20 Holy Thursday Service 7 pm
- 22 Easter Sunday Services 6:30,8:45,11:00 am
- 30 Fifth Sunday Worship at 10:30 am & lunch
- 30 Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 am



PENNIES FOR PUERTO RICO

Tangled in the lint of the pockets of all men, and lost somewhere in the bottom of ladies' purses, lies one of our fundraisers, "Pennies for Puerto Rico." Look for the set up in the Narthex.



Stop by on your way into or out of the sanctuary and get rid of all of your loose change. The youth will then take it, count it, and use it to help fund our mission work in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Youth Mission Trip Date: June 7-15