



Providence Prophet

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From our Pastor

Lent

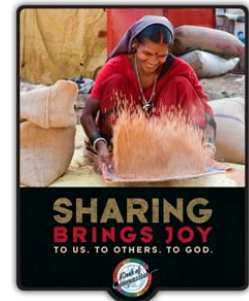
As a child, the only thing I knew about Lent was the school cafeteria served fish every Friday. The earliest mention of Lent in history comes from the council of Nicaea in 325 AD. The word used for Lent is *tessarakonta*, which means forty. Much earlier, Christians began observing Easter Sunday to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Soon afterwards, a period of two or three days of preparation, commemorating Christ's passion and death had been adopted. By 325 AD, forty days of preparation had been adopted in imitation of the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert (*Matthew 4.1-2*). Lent is observed by most denominations: Presbyterians, Methodists, Lutherans, Greek Orthodox, Episcopalians, Catholics, Disciples of Christ and some Baptists.

When I was in junior high school, my youth pastor encouraged us to give up something and to pray and read Scripture for Lent. I gave up Coca-Cola the first year and by the time I was in high school I was fasting on Ash Wednesday. By giving something up for Lent, I actively remember Christ each time I say, "no thank you." I think of all the people in the world who do not have, let alone the choice to give something up. And I realize, through my faith, I can do most anything.

This year, won't you join me in adopting Lenten practices? Give up something you enjoy that is not necessary; fast one day or one day a week, pray and read Scripture every day, commit to honoring a true Sabbath. Pray and be open to what God might be calling you to give up or take on. May your Lenten practices lead you closer to Christ.

I am so blessed to be your pastor!

Carol



**Week of Compassion
Offering will be
Collected
Feb. 17 and 24**

Though known among many Disciples as a disaster relief fund, Week of Compassion supports so much more such as:

- long-term development projects both in North America and globally
- recovery and rehabilitation efforts that follow disasters
- covering basic needs through your gifts.

Books for the Spirit: Devotions for Lent

*God is on the Cross
Reflections on Lent and Easter*
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*Fellowship of Prayer
2013 Lenten Season*
by the Bethany Fellowship Writers

These and other devotional books are available through The Thoughtful Christian, 800-554-4694, www.thethoughtfulchristian.com or other Christian bookstores.

Food Offering During the Six Weeks of Lent

We invite everyone to bring items for the Food Pantry each Sunday which we will present as part of our worship service. Each box of food we prepare contains:

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| 2 cans fruit | 1 box crackers | 1 box spaghetti |
| 2 cans vegetables | 1 box cereal (oats) | 1 spaghetti sauce |
| 2 cans meat or tuna | 1 jar peanut butter | |

Extra items added when available: Mac 'n cheese, cornbread mix, etc.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 2/4/13 – 11:00 AM – Christian Care Community Information Meeting at Providence
- 2/5/13 – 6:00 PM – Youth Group volunteering at Room in The Inn
- 2/9/13 – 8:00 AM – Men’s Breakfast
- 2/10/13 – 12:30 PM – Potluck and Board Meeting
- 2/19/13 – 7:00 PM – Outreach Ministry Meeting
- 2/27/13 – 9:30 AM – Providence Disciples Women’s Service Group

Each Sunday

- 12:15 PM Pilates with Sarah Downs
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Christian Children’s Programs

Each Monday, Wednesday & Friday

- 10:00 AM – “Bodies in Motion” Low-Impact Exercise Class

Each Wednesday

- 5:45 PM – Providence Prayer Team
- 6:30 PM – Choir Rehearsal

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Melody Flynn Ward | 8 |
| C.R. Gash | 12 |
| Brian Burkhart | 13 |
| Ruth Delacey | 14 |
| Erin Roberts | 16 |
| George Dean | 21 |
| Kaylee Marie Morton | 21 |
| Martha Morrow | 23 |
| Wyatt McDonald | 26 |
| Barbara Flynn | 28 |
| Bobby Payne | 28 |
| Tonya Thornton Wells | 29 |

Lenten Services

February 13 – 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Service at Lafayette Christian Church
Rev. Carol will preach

March 24 – Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Worship Service at Providence

Holy Week – March 25 thru March 29, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Holy Week services each day at Nicholasville Christian Church, and lunch provided.
Rev. Carol will preach on Thursday

Holy Week–March 25 – March 29, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Providence Sanctuary open to all for prayer and meditation.

March 28 – 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday service at Providence Christian Church. Rev. Carol will preach and we will celebrate the last supper.

March 31 – Easter Sunday

Youth Group Sunrise Service
Easter Worship Service at Providence

PCC Youth and Children Update

Youth

Providence Youth will serve as volunteers at Room in The Inn in Lexington. The program provides a hot supper, a place to sleep, breakfast, and a sack lunch. The Youth will serve and eat with the men and all will be blessed.

Once a month, our Providence Youth are getting together with youth from Twin Pines Christian Church, Arlington Christian Church, Woodland Christian Church and Lafayette Christian Church. The groups share food, fellowship and study.

In our regular meetings, the Providence Youth are participating in a study called “Growing with God.”

Youth Sunday School continues to learn about Money Management.

CCF/JYF

The Children’s program has grown since moving to Sunday nights. All children kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us from 5:00 to 7:00 PM every Sunday.

The children have been learning the characteristics of those who follow Christ as well as growing in faith through music time with Patrick.

PROVIDENCE PRAYER TEAM

The Providence Prayer Team meets at 5:45 on Wednesday evenings.

PRAYER LIST FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Let us pray for peace, guidance for our country’s leaders and for our military: Adam Draper, Jason Rutherford, Randy Coy, Donnie Thornton, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Craig Tackett, Ken Harney, Steven Russell.

PRAYER LIST

Sharon Gash, Don Draper, Tom Schweitzer, Joan Jones (Rose Hall’s sister), Don Smitson (Eddie Cox’s brother-in-law), Gary Tinnell (Theresa Draper’s brother), Reece King (Linda Schweitzer), Meredith Owens (Mildred Walker), Randall Hall (Rose’s stepson), Laura Crawford (Flynn), Margaret Waits, Helen Lynch, Mildred Walker, Edythe Albrecht, Myrtle Warren.