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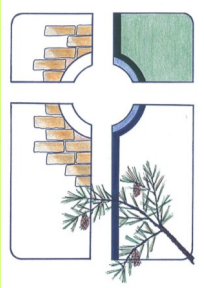

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Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Christian season of Lent, that six week time of preparation before Good Friday and Easter. At **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5** we will gather in silence for the Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline. The worship service will begin with readings, prayers and a time of reflection. Following this will be the imposition of ashes. Worshippers are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary where a minister marks the forehead of each person with the sign of the cross, using these words from Genesis:

Remember that you are dust,
And to dust you shall return.

While worshippers are gathered around the table, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated, with the bread and the cup being passed and shared by intinction. At the conclusion of the Sacrament the service will conclude with a hymn and a benediction, and worshippers will depart in silence.

"Long Term Care Made Simple"

If you are *over the age of 50* or *have* ***parents over the age of 60,*** join us ***March 2, following the 11:00 a.m. service.*** Our very own Ben Kadlec will lead us in a high level discussion regarding who needs and pays for long term care (LTC), the different types of LTC coverage available, general costs, and choosing the type or combination of LTC insurance depending on assets or defined benefits in retirement.
A light lunch will be provided, so please **RSVP by email** to mandy.nester@carypresbyterian.org

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

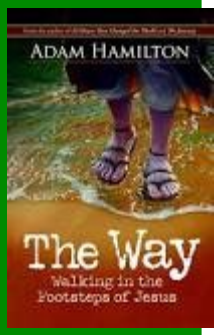
will be held on March 4, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are available at the door that evening: $4.00 for adults, $2.00 for children ages 2–12, under 2 free, $15 max per family. Donations will be sent to Hearts with Haiti (heartswithhaiti.org). Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, cooking, serving, and clean-up. If you can help please contact Belinda Weinbrecht at 919-859-0015 or belindaweinbrecht@mindspring.com . Also needed are electric griddles for that day (please label them). Join us for an enjoyable family evening!

Spring 2014 Inquirers Class for New and Prospective Members

Become Part of Our Church Family

The Inquirers' class is an opportunity to become better acquainted with our church and with Presbyterianism. The five-week class begins Sunday, March 9 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and continues each Sunday through April 6. The series culminates with a breakfast and the opportunity to join our church family, if desired, on that last Sunday. Dr. Allen and church leaders will provide insight into Presbyterian beliefs and governance, along with information about the resources available and activities within Cary Presbyterian Church. Registration is encouraged but is not necessary, nor is attendance at all sessions. Please contact the church office at deborah.bundesen@carypresbyterian.org (preferred) or 467-8700.

Adult Lenten Study led by Dr. Allen Based on Adam Hamilton's *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*



Wednesdays: March 12, 19, 26; April 9, 16
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in Room 102
Supper – $3 per person

Read more… (what appears below is from the DVD jacket)

Using videos shot on location, Adam Hamilton takes us to the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized and the wilderness where he was tempted. We'll see the ruins of ancient Capernaum, where Jesus healed the sick, and ascend the mount where he gave his most famous sermon. We'll travel across the Sea of Galilee, where he calmed the wind and the waves, and we'll visit the last remaining community of Samaritans in the world. Then we'll visit Jerusalem, where Jesus spent his final days. Join us as we make our spiritual journey through Lent walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

The journey to spring—and to the Resurrection—travels through the valley of the shadow of death.

Weekday Lenten Study led by Medora Hix *Following the Way*

Most of us just want to get to Spring, getting quickly through the cold, gray part of life. Just so, most of us want to get through Lent and go straight to the Resurrection. The problem is that the journey to spring—and to the Resurrection—travels through the valley of the shadow of death. That's why Jesus kept telling his disciples that he had to die first. The witness of the gospel reminds us that recognizing the Christ who dies and the Christ who is raised is the Christ we are called to follow—and the way that leads to life. Come **THURSDAY mornings at 10:00 a.m.** in Room 102 to look at scriptures for Lent to help us see the way that leads to life.

Adult Education

Adult I Bible Study uses the Uniform Lessons covering several portions of scripture per study. Participants frequently read the study guides before class but welcome newcomers any time. Class meets in the Parlor.

Belonging, Behaving, Believing – As this new class continues to form a foundation, different speakers will be visiting. The class is working on being a conduit for what is happening in the church, sharing about CPC's various ministries, and exploring what it means to be in the community of faith, practicing one's faith, and considering what trust and belief imply. A focus of this will be mission, personal and group. Join us! Class ordinarily meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Bible and Beyond – The well respected and prolific church leader N.T. Wright offers a specific understanding of Jesus, with Biblical material at its core. Class meets in the Library.

Christ, Coffee, Conversation "Making Sense of the Cross," with David Lose. Listen in on an open conversation about the cross, making sense of what is one of the most difficult questions presently troubling the waters of 21st century Christian conversation. This is a fresh, engaging presentation. Class meets in Room 100.

Young Families class considers a variety of topics dealing with faith formation, family life, Christian practice, and the underlying Biblical background. Designed specifically for parents of younger children. Class meets in Room 100.

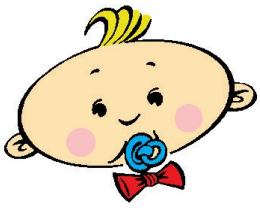
Two Milestone Ministries

DRIVER'S LICENSE Milestone – March 16 for those who have gotten their license (not permit) or will be getting their license in 2014 (or since we offered the last Milestone recognition in April of 2013). PARENTS and TEENS are asked to join the High School Sunday School class on February 16. Recognition in worship of this important Milestone will be during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Worship Two for fifth graders – March 16, 23 and 30. Have a blast learning new ways of thinking about and engaging in worship. A skit, graham-cracker cathedrals and a computer game *Attack of the Sunday School Zombies* are included in this three-week class with parent participation, please.

Nursery Needs Continue

1. **Paid staff**, preferably a CPC member, is needed to work with the 5/6 year olds from 10:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Sundays. We said goodbye to Becca Curtis, and now we need a part-time nursery worker for this age group. Please contact Medora Hix or Laura Campbell to apply.
2. **Volunteers —** We continue to invite congregants to fulfill through nursery service their promise to nurture the children who are baptized in our congregation. Use this link to sign up: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054AABA82CAB9-winter.



Lenten Spiritual Walk for Children and Families: March 16, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

CPC youth and their families are invited to enjoy a Spiritual Walk that engages all the senses in an experience to become closer with God, Jesus and the Spirit. Different stations will be set up around the church that model a giant labyrinth. It starts with an invocation, then small groups move toward the center, doing different activities to "hear" God in prayer and a bell, "feel" God in the water of remembered baptism, and even "smell Jesus" in fresh bread. The CENTER represents the fullness of God, God at the CENTER of our lives. All will learn spiritual practices that they can use in everyday life! Don't miss this special family event that will enrich your children's spiritual life and enable them to hold on to the sense of God's presence and live that out in their world of friends, school and family.

Conversations at CPC

We highly value everyone's feedback and participation .

By now we hope you have had a chance to review the results of our congregational survey. The survey results have sparked several good ideas for our future, which we want to explore further in the upcoming Conversation Group sessions. Whether you took the survey or not, we encourage all the members of CPC to participate in these small group Conversations. We highly value everyone's feedback and participation in these Conversations. For this reason we have planned a wide variety of dates and times for you to choose from. You can find the sign-up sheets for these Conversations in the Narthex or the CPC office. If you have any questions, please contact Belinda Weinbrecht (919-280-5201 or belindaweinbrecht@mindspring.com) or Jeanne Bolick (919-854-0560 or jlbolick@att.net).

Help Wanted

Good Friday Meal

The Congregational Fellowship Team needs your help with preparation of the Good Friday meal on April 18. Come and join the fun and fellowship in the kitchen as we prepare for this Christian Education sponsored event. We need 4-5 men or women volunteers. "On the job" training provided. Please contact Michelle Piccirillo (piccirillomichele@gmail.com) or Katie Stuart (katie.stuart@dhhs.nc.gov).

Playground Workday

Our spring Playground Workday will take place on Saturday, March 15 at 8:30 a.m. Would you be willing to spend a little time helping us maintain our playground for our church and preschool children? Mark your calendars and join us! Bring your gloves, shovels and rakes. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Call the preschool office at 919-469-2229 to sign up. Thank you in advance for your support!

$ Financial Update $

We report with great joy and thanksgiving the following gifts received during the four weeks ending February 23, 2014:

- Church World Service Blanket Fund special offering of $698.
- Gifts of $648 to the CPC music program in memory of Edward T. Yasick, Ed Yasick's father.
- Memorial gifts of $3,025 in memory of Carmela Abato, Donna Millet's mother.
- Gift of $100 to the Minister's Discretionary Fund in memory of Kyle's parents, Herman and Shirley Allen.
- Gifts of $650 to the Parish Nurse Fund in memory of Bill Raynor.
- Memorial gifts of $100 in memory of Bjarne Nielsen, Kirsten Nielsen's father.
- Gift of $50 to the Parish Nurse Fund in memory of Herman Allen, Kyle's father.
- Gift of $50 to Sister Act and the music program in memory of Madalene G. Biggs, Anne Yerby's mother.
- Cash gifts of $204 and canned food to benefit the Souper Bowl of Caring.
- Square dance and dessert bake-off organizers, cooks and dancers. We raised $438 for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and our Summer Mission Experience.

As of February 23, we are two months into the new year. On average over the last five years, we have received 15.7% of our planned giving by the end of February. This year, we have received 15.1% of our planned giving, so we are exactly where we should be at this point in time

We are truly grateful to all who have shared God's treasure, regardless of how large or small. All of your gifts are truly appreciated.

March Madness for Youth Fellowship!!!

College basketball has nothing on CPC! We have just as much excitement and much less drama. Plus our "coaches" are so much cooler.

Christian Adventurers:

Saturday, March 1: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. —Roller Skating at Jelly Beans! $5.00 for admission and $1.00 for skate rental. Bring extra money for snacks and tokens.

Sunday, March 16: 3:00–5:00 p.m. a Lenten Spiritual Walk. See article on previous page.

Middle School:

March 2: Matinee Crossroads 20 Regal Theater — *Son of God,* PG-13. Time of shows not released by theater until February 27 but will likely be a 3:00 p.m.-ish movie time. *Please check the movie trailer if there are any concerns.

March 9: Church in the Woods, Guest Speaker

March 16: Discussion about "A Just War" and playing "Romans and Christians" game

March 23: Stump the Pastor — which is easier than it sounds! Luckily, Barb Munch and Kay Coleman will be on the panel as well to provide wisdom and knowledge.

Senior High:

March 2: Joining the MS for a good movie: *Son of God,* PG-13 at the Matinee Crossroads Regal Theater. Time of shows not released by theater until February 27 but will likely be a 3:00 p.m.-ish movie time. *Please check the movie trailer if there are any concerns.

March 9: Scientific Teen Issues (like why do SH have to obey gravity or why can't sound waves from siblings be blocked? Maybe. For sure topics that are much more interesting and informative!)

March 16: "Soles for Hope": Creating shoe material out of jeans for our brothers and sisters who need shoes.

March 23: "Ask the Pastor" — yes, you can write any question you want and Kyle and Jennifer will do their best to answer in a wise and helpful way! Like why Jesus would have preferred Coke to Pepsi, or how there actually are things in the Bible that can help you every day.

March 30: Backpack Buddies.

This Month at CPC

Saturday, March 1
9:00 a.m. Session Records Review (102)
1:00 p.m. Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet (FH)
Sunday, March 2
8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
12:00 p.m. Conversations at CPC Group (102)
12:30 p.m. Long Term Care Made Simple (FH)
3:00 p.m. MS/SH Youth
5:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
6:00 p.m. Parenting Our Teens (208)
Monday, March 3
10:00 a.m. Triple F (100)
6:30 p.m. Board of Deacons (102)
7:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (P)
7:00 p.m. Sister Act Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
Tuesday, March 4
9:00 a.m. Library Team (L)
10:00 a.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Set-up (FH)
5:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (FH)
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 232 (101/103/105)
6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Teen Troop 418 (Upper Level Ed Bldg)
7:15 p.m. Conversations Team (P)
Wednesday, March 5
5:00 p.m. Labyrinth Meditation Walk (FH)
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service/Communion (S)
Thursday, March 6
10:00 a.m. Doves (Off Site)
10:00 a.m. Lenten Study (102)
7:00 p.m. Equipping Team (P)
7:00 P.M. Stephen Ministry (100/102/106)
Friday, March 7
9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer/*Living With Wisdom: A Life of Thomas Merton* (105)
3:30 p.m. Spiritually Fit Gentle Yoga (FH)
Saturday, March 8
Florida State Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
9:00 a.m. Rachel Campbell Girl Scout Workshop (FH)
Sunday, March 9
Florida State Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Inquirers' Class (FH)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
6:00 p.m. MS/SH Youth (101/103/105/FH)
6:00 p.m. Parenting Our Teens (208)
Monday, March 10
Florida State Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
11:30 a.m. Anna Circle (Glenaire)
2:00 p.m. Abigail Circle (Mickey Waller's home)
7:00 p.m. Congregational Fellowship Team (P)
7:00 p.m. Music and Worship Team (L)
7:00 p.m. Childcare Administrative Board (102)
7:00 p.m. Nominating Team (103)
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 232 Den Meeting (Upper Level Ed Bldg)
Tuesday, March 11
Florida State Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
9:00 a.m. Library Team (L)
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 232 (101/103/105)
6:30 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle (Off Site)
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 232 Pack Committee Meeting (102)
7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle (106)
Wednesday, March 12
Florida State Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle (102)
5:30 p.m. Lenten Study (102)
Thursday, March 13
Florida State Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
10:00 a.m. Lenten Study (102)
6:00 p.m. Personnel Team (P)
6:00 p.m. Carying Place (FH and available classrooms)
7:00 p.m. Missions Team (L)
Friday, March 14
Florida State Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer/*Living With Wisdom: A Life of Thomas Merton* (105)
Saturday, March 15
Florida State Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
8:30 a.m. Playground Workday
4:30 p.m. Riffle Covenant Group (FH)
Sunday, March 16
SUNY Oswego Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Inquirers' Class (FH)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Lenten Spiritual Walk for Families
5:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
6:00 p.m. CA/MS/SH Youth (101/103/105)
6:00 p.m. Parenting Our Teens (208)
Monday, March 17
SUNY Oswego Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
10:00 a.m. Triple F (100)
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 232 Den Meeting (Upper Level Ed Bldg)
7:00 p.m. Sister Act Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
Tuesday, March 18
SUNY Oswego Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
9:00 a.m. Library Team (L)
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 232 (101/103/105)
6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Teen Troop 418 (Upper Level Ed Bldg)
7:00 p.m. Budget and Finance Team (106)
7:00 p.m. Page Turners Book Club (P)
7:00 p.m. Cool Books Club (Peg Giesbrecht's home)
Wednesday, March 19
SUNY Oswego Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (P)
5:30 p.m. Lenten Study (102)
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
Thursday, March 20
SUNY Oswego Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
10:00 a.m. Lenten Study (102)
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry (100/102/106)
Friday, March 21
SUNY Oswego Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer/*Living With Wisdom:*
Saturday, March 22
SUNY Oswego Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
Sunday, March 23
UIC Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Inquirers' Class (FH)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Youth Sunday
6:00 p.m. MS/SH Youth (101/103/105/FH)
6:00 p.m. Parenting Our Teens (208)

Monday, March 24
UIC Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting (FH)
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 232 Den Meeting (Upper Level Ed Bldg)

Tuesday, March 25
UIC Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
9:00 a.m. Library Team (L)
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 232 (101/103/105)

Wednesday, March 26
UIC Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
5:30 p.m. Lenten Study (102)
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

Thursday, March 27
UIC Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
10:00 a.m. Disciple Sisters (106)
10:00 a.m. Lenten Study (102)

Friday, March 28
UIC Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer/*Living With Wisdom: A Life of Thomas Merton* (105)

Saturday, March29
UIC Alternative Spring Break (FH Annex)
3:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Ceremony (FH)

Sunday, March 30
NO 8:30 Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Inquirers' Class (FH)
11:00 a.m. All Together Worship Service
6:00 p.m. MS/SH Youth (101/103/105/FH)

Monday, March 31

Birthdays

3/1 Frank Floyd, Ellen Govert, Morgan Spencer
3/2 Phil Campbell, Juliane Garber, Jeff Goettel, Camille Lambe, Sophie Morrissey
3/3 Cathy Williams
3/4 John Mitten
3/5 Regan Tallett, Greyson Tomczak
3/6 Patrick Morton, Abby Zeugner
3/7 Allie Foppiano, Ethan Holloway
3/8 Helen Crank, Meredith Guthrie
3/11 Valerie Campbell, Marilyn Davidson, Jack Wagoner
3/13 David Boyd
3/14 Torrin Lamb, Celina Mount, Malinda Rathbone
3/15 Drew Frazer, Tom Van Scoyoc
3/16 Terry Anderson, John Bryant, Bennett Steidinger, Carson Steidinger
3/17 Henry Atkins, Kelly Zamzow
3/19 Howard Bruggers, Rick Langston
3/20 Barbara Nelson
3/21 David Shouse, Mary Jane Walton
3/22 Brett Alberse, Honor Rackley, Will Robinson
3/23 Eileen Fitzgerald
3/24 Mickey Frederick, Sarah Korkes
3/25 Jenny Justice, Will Patrick
3/26 John Hansen, Maggie Kadlec, Madeleine Mount, Brian Smith
3/27 Jack Morey
3/28 Patricia Smith, Barbara Jo Timberlake
3/29 Joseph Hardee, Shirley Veasey
3/30 Sally Adams, Ann Clark, Alexander Robinson
3/31 Mattie Bohm

Anniversaries

3/12 Steve & Anne Shay
3/17 Kyle & Beth Allen
3/18 Greg & Georganne Haswell
Louis & Camille Lambe
Lee & Janet Robinette
3/20 Todd & Melinda Crouse
Dave Winkler & Kay Kaufman
3/21 Saiid & Judy Davari
3/30 Ken & Ann Wease

Triple F Group

The group will celebrate Women's History Month in March with a program on Eleanor Roosevelt on March 3 at 10:00 a.m., Room 100. Veronica Bucki will be our animated presenter. We are privileged to have Beth Langston sharing information on the writing and publishing process on March 17, 10:00 a.m. She has had one book published and has several others in process (one due out in April 2014). We are proud of you, Beth! Thanks to Parish Nurse Mandy Nester for leading the program on Assisted Living and other types of residential care on February 3. We were given a great deal of information to consider.

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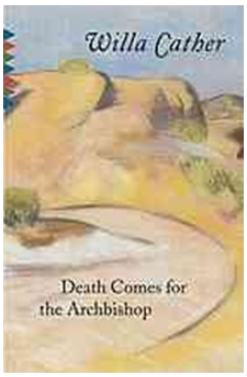

CPC Page Turners Book Group

The CPC Page Turners book discussion group will meet Tuesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the church Parlor to discuss *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather. This is a classic work of inspirational fiction. In 1851 French Bishop Latour and his friend Father Valliant are dispatched to New Mexico to reawaken its slumbering Catholicism. Moving along the endless prairies, Latour spreads his faith the only way he knows— gently, although he must contend with the unforgiving landscape, derelict and sometimes openly rebellious priests, and his own loneliness. Over nearly 40 years, they leave converts and enemies, crosses, and occasionally ecstasy in their wake. But it takes a death for them to make their mark on the landscape forever. All readers are welcome! Pease contact Lisa at 919-460-7055 or library@carypresbyterian.org if you would like to attend, need help finding a copy of the book, or have other questions.

The Cool Books Club

The Cool Books Club will meet on March 18, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Peg Giesbrecht, 200 Summerwinds Dr., Cary. We will be discussing *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, which she describes as a geography of faith. If you would like to join us, please call Peg Giesbrecht at 919-859-3951 or Ellen Cline at 919-469-1456.

Labyrinth Meditation Walk

The labyrinth canvas will be available for meditation and prayer on Wednesday evening, March 5, 5:00–6:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.