



**Glassboro First United Methodist Church**  
**The GUMWRAPPER NEWSLETTER**  
**February, 2012**



**The Advent/Lent Transition**  
**Pastor Karl Kraft**

***"Good day, ladies and gentlemen.  
I'd like to welcome you to the seasonal transition between Advent and Lent."***

Sounds like the greeting a cruise ship host might offer as passengers are boarding, doesn't it? I know we've hardly put the Christmas decorations away, but Lent is just around the corner. Feb. 22nd is Ash Wednesday, and Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of the forty days of Lent.

Lent is intended to be a time for self-denial and inward reflection. One must accompany the other. It's a basic principle of nature that if you take something away, something else must come in to fill its place (that whole "nature abhorring a vacuum" thing). If we're going to deny ourselves something -- "give it up for Lent," as we say -- then it's necessary to replace it with something else.

Usually the Church instructs that additional time spent in daily devotions is a good substitute for whatever it was we gave up. That's still sound advice -- replace one potentially harmful habit with a spiritually constructive one. However, those spiritually constructive replacements can take many other forms. For example, if we feel compelled by Christ to devote time to volunteer-type services that would certainly be a spiritually-motivated substitute that would qualify as a proper Lenten activity.

I hope we all observe the Lenten season by having made some kind of change in our daily routines. Perhaps we can spend an extra five or ten minutes in prayer, Bible reading, or engaged in our favorite devotional guide. Perhaps there's a whole new pursuit awaiting us for those forty days (and, if we realize some benefit from it, even beyond those forty days).

Just keep in mind that Lent will be here and gone before we know it. We'll no sooner turn around than we'll be celebrating Easter (I'll have my white suit on)!

For me, these next few months mark the closing chapters as pastor of First UMC. My primary goal at this point is to do all I can to make sure the church is in as good shape as possible, organizationally, financially, and spiritually, so that the next pastor can simply come in and transition as easily as possible into his or her new appointment. I hope you will help me achieve that goal.

May the upcoming Lenten season give us the resources we need to prepare our church adequately for the tasks ahead. We have much to do. God is counting on us to do our part. It's an exciting time in which to be living.

God bless you and yours during this somber, introspective season of the Christian year until we can let out the stops and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.



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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

January 9, 2012

I greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

May I start this letter praising and glorifying our Creator God, uplifting the words of the Psalmist who said, "Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness" (Psalm 115:1).

As we begin the New Year, it is very clear that in our own faith journeys we continue to experience God's amazing love, grace, power, and faithfulness in incredible ways. Also, as we journey in the Epiphany season as God's children and as disciples of Jesus Christ, we are once again reminded that there is no limit or boundary to God's love. Though all of us may testify to this, may I thank each and every one of you for the outpouring of God's love through and during my renewal leave.

Indeed, God's love was channeled in numerous ways. To mention a few:

- Through your prayers and support. As I received emails, Christmas cards, telephone messages, and assurance of your prayerful support, I was deeply touched.
- Through the dedication and faithfulness of the leaders and members of the Conference. Conference Chancellors, members of the Episcopal staff, the Appointment Cabinet, Extended Cabinet, program staff, members of the conference and districts staff who went the extra mile in filling in for me in my absence. I appreciated the guidance and support given by Bishop Joseph Yeakel whenever his wisdom was needed by the entire Conference during my renewal leave.
- Through the financial support of the Louisville Institute which made it possible for me to have a meaningful leave.
- Through relatives, friends, colleagues, well wishers in India, my wife Prema, and our daughter Trina and her family.

I have been truly blessed and renewed by the leave and am ready to journey with all of you. Thanks be to our Creator God in and through the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Needless to say, I missed you all during the Christmas festivities!

Today I will be joining the Appointment cabinet members for our annual appointment retreat. May I request each of you keep us in your prayers so that we may be truly guided by the power and grace of God, the love and compassion of Jesus, and the guidance and movement of the Holy Spirit.

At an appropriate time I would be delighted to share with you the highlights of my renewal leave and the insights I have gained, particularly on the question, "What does it mean when we use the phrase, 'Ministry with the poor!'"

As we continue our Christian journey in 2012 and beyond, please be in prayer for the delegates and presiders at the General and Jurisdictional Conferences so that we as Christians and United Methodists may witness and manifest the depth and breadth of God's love and grace through our actions and deeds. May people around our churches, districts, and the Conference witness the power of God's love through us or in spite of us.

"Remember, "God loves you all and so do I!"

Your colleague in ministry, *Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar*



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Carl & Jackie Bauer, Bettye Bell, Marie Bradley, Fred Bruynell, Grace Castor, "Billie" Wilma Goss, Marge Henkle, Baby Hila, Les Horner, Esther Ivins, Betty Jeffers, Muriel Johnson, T.J. Kerr, Kim & Danielle Kraft, Ruth Murtha, Lorraine Outlaw, Jane Pollock, Gayle Pote, Barry Satterfield, Barbara Siglin, Gail Viden, Joan Wooton, Emily Safko. Prayers for the Super, Potalivo, Cheeseman, Ross and Bernard families for their loss.

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS WE MISS SEEING:** Anna Hageman, Norma Hendrickson, Larry Henkel, Frank Jones, Elaine Koppelman, Helena McDonald, Betty Sellars, Lee Snyder, Les Super and Marion Westcott.



**Dear Members of the First United Methodist Church,**

We have a small committee in the communications group who are working on a more feasible way to communicate our newsletter. Any member who wants to receive the GumWrapper through their regular mail system is welcome to continue. **We are asking all members that would like**

**to receive communication through the email system and help in saving the mailing cost to the church, please notify the church office at [glassboromethodist1@comcast.net](mailto:glassboromethodist1@comcast.net).**

### **Attention All Parents:**

In order to serve our youth at FUMC better we found that we had to restructure the grade guidelines for some of our youth programs. The Church council approved these requests at the 9/19/11 meeting. Junior High will now be grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Kingdom Kids has begun and consist of grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Senior High will remain 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. All children and youth are welcome to join in any time for any event! We look forward to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with your child or teen.

### **Join Us for KINGDOM KIDS!**

**Coming up meeting dates are: 3/4/12, 5/6/12, 6/3/12**

**Attention Parents and Students in Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grades**

FUMC is offering a monthly program for all youth in the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The program is designed to give the students a chance to have devotions, make good Christian friends, and have a lot of fun together! Our leader for this program is Becky Owen and helper is BJ Mickle.



### **THE GOOD SHEPHERD WINDOW FUND:**

"So others might know about this meaningful monumental "project" to restore this historic church window so a member today might appreciate and be inspired by its beauty, research has begun to lay the ground work. A fund has been established. We have been told the cost of restoring this iconic piece of church history so it can once again be displayed in honor of our Blessed Savior Jesus Christ will be approximately \$16,000. There is about \$600 in the fund to date. Anyone who remembers this endearing window and is interested in helping bring it back to its former glory should contact the church office, George Armstrong, or Pastor Marilyn.

# NEWS

## & Notes

***Please come and join us on Wednesday Night, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm to enter into the Lenten Season with an Ash Wednesday service. Come and renew your spiritual journey!***

**Lenten Fellowship, Study, and Project!** On Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22), there will be several opportunities for fellowship and study. Each week starting at 6 PM, everyone is invited to come together for soup and salad; a meager meal in theory but proven to be quite hardy. A free-will offering will subsidize the necessities beyond the donated soups. Our first meager meal will be on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards, two choices will be available.

1. Participants in a Bible Study conducted by Pastor Karl will be using the material, "24 Hours That Changed the World."

2. The "Nativity Project" will create life-size wooden figures so that come Advent 2012, FUMC will have an outdoor nativity scene to display. Wednesday evenings will be spent cutting lumber, sanding the plywood, applying primer paint and artistically painting the figures. Do you have the woodshop tools to help in the preparation of the figures? - Your help is needed ASAP. Do you or can you recruit someone that can bring the figures to life through their painting talents? - Your help is really needed.

In addition, there may be a nativity pattern that you can cut from wood and paint for your yard. Not interested in woodworking? The Nativity Project is also the time to put your crafty skills to work to update the Sanctuary trees Crismons. Look for a sign-up form in the Narthex or talk to someone in the Social Gospel Hour Sunday School Class.

**"GROUNDS FOR CHANGE COFFEE"** We have several bags of medium dark and decaf varieties still available for purchase. Cost is \$9.00 a bag. Please see Liz O'Keefe or Denise Kostiak if interested.

**PASTOR'S PAGE:** Be sure to check out Pastor Karl's thoughts in the "Pastor's Page" feature of our Web site, updated every Monday: [www.glassboromethodist.org](http://www.glassboromethodist.org)

**HOW DO YOU LIKE THOSE COOKIES?** Great, right? But are they being as good to you? The 2012 Leukemia Society Weight-a-thon began several weeks ago and runs through Sun., March 25. Our goal is \$2,000. Can you help us gain donations while you lose weight? Please join Pastor Karl in his effort to support the Leukemia Society of America this year. See Pastor Karl and he will provide you with a sponsor sheet!

**POTENTIAL CONFIRMANDS!** Confirmation classes will be starting soon. Young people in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older welcome to attend. Please contact Pastor Karl for details.

**E-MAIL ADDRESS** Do we have your correct e-mail address so we can e-mail you the Gum Wrapper? If not please call or e-mail the Church Office with information. We are adding this format to save paper, toner, cartridges, and postage and to allow you easy storage for further reference during the month or in the future. We will still have hard-copies in the Narthex for those who do not have a computer or e-mail. Thank you for your cooperation in this endeavor.



## Personal Notes!

Congratulations to Dave and Peg Haney upon the birth of their granddaughter.

Congratulations to Bryan and Danielle Strockbine. They are going to have twins! God is good! Please pray for a safe and healthy pregnancy.

Prayers for successful relocation for Muriel Johnson who is now living at her son's home.

Congratulation to the whole Jeffers family upon the birth of Betty and Ed's grandson.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who responded to the appeal to help the family in need from our church. Your generosity is stunning!! The Mom spoke to the Pastor and was overwhelmed, asking how she could ever thank you all. Pastor passes along her gratitude, and he adds a note of personal pride for such astounding kindness.

Congratulations to Scott Stetser, Carol Capriotti's son, and his bride Dawn as they join their families. They were married New Year's Eve and will be residing in Pitman with their children.

Congratulations to the Capriotti's family upon the birth of another child, Brielle Capriotti, who was born 1/17/12 at 4:10 AM. Grand mom Carol was blessed to be there.

Prayers for successful relocation for Les Super who is now living with family members.

Congratulations to Kim Szwak, who got engaged at Christmas.

Thank you to Caryn Murtha's mom, Dutch West, for the beautiful new Christmas banners that graced our sanctuary this year.

Special delivery for Christmas was a grandson for Jane Blossom and William Hill.

Baptized on 12/18/11 were the daughter of Lamar Young and Sharon Szwak; and the daughter of Laura and Harold Heritage.

Congratulations to Sarah for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Geography Bee at Pleasant Valley School. Congratulations to Holly for making the Superintendents List at Clearview, and to Sarah for being named Student of the Month.

Happy Miracle Birthday to Hila who is celebrating her 1st birthday.

## Work Camp Youth Mission Trip 2012!

Dear Members of the Glassboro First United Methodist Church,



The youth and the youth leaders have prayerfully considered taking another step forward and have decided to book a YOUTH MISSION TRIP FOR 2012. We have reserved space with Work Camp for a mission trip to Owego, in Tioga County, New York. This area is considered a Disaster Area Mission. Our trip is planned for July 21<sup>st</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012. **We are collecting a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit from all adults and youth wanting to truly change their life! The deposit is due on January 29<sup>th</sup>.** Please give all deposits to Pat Heritage, Carrie Conboy, or Robin McGuigan.

### Junior and Senior High Calendar

January 29<sup>th</sup> - \$50.00 deposit due for Mission Trip.

February 12<sup>th</sup> – Board Game Night. Famine Fundraising packets are available.

February 26<sup>th</sup> – Bake sale. Youth cook for IHN.

March 4<sup>th</sup> – Youth meeting and games.

March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – Famine, 24 hour service.

March 18<sup>th</sup> – Youth meeting and games.

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Bake sale, youth usher, and the evening meeting we will make shut-in baskets for Easter.

March 31<sup>st</sup> – Pancake Breakfast and car wash.

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Youth yard sale. 8-1 pm.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mini- Golf

April 28<sup>th</sup> – Deliver Rowan gift baskets.

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Mission planning meeting.

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Youth Service planning meeting.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Youth rehearsal at 6:30 pm

June 9<sup>th</sup> – Youth “Live Rehearsal” at 4:30pm

June 10<sup>th</sup> – Youth services at 8:30 and 11 am./ Pool party at Fluffy’s house.

July 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Mission trip to Owego, NY.

Dear Members of the 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Congregation,

The Youth Group of our church is sincerely appreciative of all your support. Thank you for your gracious donations and sponsorships for the Rock a Thon, monthly bake sales, famine sponsorships, talent show, car wash, and more. We truly appreciate your care and support. We would like to thank you all for your wonderful letters and cards expressing your gratitude for the care baskets. We read each and every one at our youth meetings. They mean so much to us. But of course, we hope more to bring wonderful joy to each of you. You are the foundation of our church.

Thank you for the overwhelming love and gifts, The Jr. and Sr. High Youth of FUMC

### **Scout Sunday:**

Will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am. If you are a scout and would like to participate, please contact Ginger Sinning.

## A Flame of Love



To persevere is not an easy thing to learn. Hearing is a beginning of preserving.

Many issues in life have us running for the box of tissues. The road is narrow and rough but is cushioned with a love from above.

Filtered in like a beautiful light are many moments of happiness, joy, and pure delight. It may take the shape of a sunrise or sunset. Maybe a special blessing of some kind. The birth of a baby, or it could be a son or daughter returning home from the military. Yes! Even mixed among the tough times are times of tremendous blessings.

Embossed in our hearts is a steady burning flame of love that will never go out. So we can say we love you Lord with a full heart. A shout of excitement, joy, and triumph through Him, for Love will never burn out.

Written with Love, by Ann Palmer

### Attention Parents!

**We are starting this coming Lenten Season to offer “Children’s Church” at the 11 am service.**

Children in grades k- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade can attend immediately following the Junior Sermon. Please plan on attending church during this very spiritual time of the year. Come and enrich your faith. Our target date for kick off is Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The program will run through the spring.

We do need some parent volunteers to take one Sunday a month. If you would like to help out with this program, contact Robin McGuigan [robinchris@comcast.net](mailto:robinchris@comcast.net) or Julie Balkenhol [George-julie-balkenhol@comcast.net](mailto:George-julie-balkenhol@comcast.net) or contact the church office @ 881-3295.


### Pack well

During Lent, as we focus on Christ’s journey to the cross, let’s also examine the journey of our lives. The first task when leaving on any adventure is packing. What have you placed in your bag? Are you weighed down with temptations, self-doubt, [money](#) worries, and relationship troubles? Have you overlooked any important items? Maybe your bag feels too empty for the challenges ahead. Remember to pack mercy, grace and forgiveness.

Thanks to Easter, we know that our journey in Christ continues, even when the road becomes difficult. So as you prepare for Lent, carry with you the hope made possible by Jesus’ sacrifice on our behalf. —Based on the “Journey to Hope” sermon series, [www.rethinkchurch.org/lent](http://www.rethinkchurch.org/lent)



Please contact Audeen Conklin for tickets!



**Live Basket Auction**  
**Saturday, 2/11/12**

Join us for an evening of fun...and a chance to win!

**WHERE ??**  
\* St. Charles of Borromeo Catholic Church \*  
176 Stagecoach Road, Sicklerville, NJ 08081

**TIME ??**  
\* Doors open for Basket Browsing at 5:00 pm \*  
\* Live Auction Starts at 6:00 pm, Ends at 9:00 pm \*

**COST ??**  
\* Admission: \$15.00 p.p. (may be purchased at door) \*  
\* Dessert , tea, coffee included in admission price \*  
\* Sandwiches, hot dogs, soda available for sale \*

**TICKETS ??** Contact (856)264-3056; (732)261-7310 or your FP-IHN coordinator

All proceeds benefit *Family Promise –IHN of Gloucester County*, a network of volunteers meeting the basic needs of homeless families.

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## Jonah is coming to Sight and Sound, Lancaster, Pa.



A faithful, righteous prophet of God...suddenly disobeys and runs away! As a result, he encounters a TERRIBLE storm, an ENORMOUS fish, a TINY worm, a MIGHTY wind, a BLAZING sun, a WICKED empire, and the GREATEST revival in history. "Jonah" is a story of extremes! And through it all, God reveals His extreme mercy and love- for all. Get ready for Sight and Sound's most extreme fun filled adventure yet. From the moment you walk into the theatre and experience the incredible sets, costumes, lighting, seamless transitions, immersive scenes, and special effects, you'll be on the edge of your seat, and in the heart of the action. Jonah is truly

a show for the whole family- uplifting, entertaining – yet powerful and a timely message for today. For God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy to every generation!

We want to know if you are interested in taking a trip to see this wonderful story in the month of August. Tickets are \$64.00 +bus transportation and meal. Please contact Nancy Walters by February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 if you are interested. Tickets are going fast.

**Transfiguration** All over this magnificent world, God calls us to extend his kingdom of shalom-peace and wholeness — of justice, of goodness, of compassion, of caring, of sharing, of laughter, of joy, of reconciliation. God is transfiguring the world right this very moment through us because God believes in us and because God loves us.

What can separate us from the love of God? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. And as we share God's love with our brothers and sisters, God's other [children](#), there is no tyrant who can resist us, no opposition that cannot be ended, no hunger that cannot be fed, no wound that cannot be healed, no hatred that cannot be turned into love, no dream that cannot be fulfilled.

—Desmond Tutu, *God Has a Dream*

## Learning from Peter's mistakes

In Mark 9:2-10, Jesus takes three disciples up a mountain, where his clothes become dazzling white and Moses and Elijah speak with him. Terrified, Peter [starts](#) babbling. He offers to construct three “dwellings” — presumably, worship structures. But Peter makes two common mistakes.

First, he fails to treat Jesus as the unique object of worship. Just as Peter would have worshiped Moses and Elijah alongside Jesus, we sometimes act as though [money](#), work, another person or even church and Scripture are coequal with Christ. Obviously, family and friends are important, but Jesus is the only Son of God. The church and the Bible, though worthy of devotion, are only vehicles that bring us to Christ.

Second, Peter would have stayed on that mountain indefinitely. Spiritual highs are tempting that way. We resist going back “down” to daily life. Ecstatic glimpses of Jesus' glory are one way God strengthens us to continue serving in Christ's name.

## Disability Awareness

A friend tearfully shared how an usher asked her to leave a church service because of her squirmy toddler. But the boy wasn't just having a bad morning; he was born with a genetic disorder called Fragile X, which makes it nearly impossible to sit quietly.

It was nearly a year before that mother attended a church again. Then she found one with a shepherd program, where trained volunteers help [children](#) with special needs participate in worship, Sunday school and church activities.

As we look for ways to reach out to people with disabilities, remember that God's love has no limits. How can we, as God's church, reflect that love?

## Refocus for Lent

- Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
  - Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.
  - Give up worry — trust God to provide.
  - Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
  - Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
  - Give up hatred — return good for evil.
  - Give up anger — be more patient.
  - Give up pettiness — become mature.
  - Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
  - Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
  - Give up sin — turn to virtue.
  - Give up giving up — persevere.
- Author unknown



**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK** Our first hosting week for 2012 will be Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers are needed for set-up, van driving, dinners, over night hosting and take-down. Look for the sign-up chart in the Narthex. Mark your calendars: future hosting weeks are set for 5/6-5/12, 7-29-8/4, 9/30-10/6 and 11/25 – 12/1.

**THANK-YOU TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY.** Pastor Karl received this beautiful note from the family in need over Christmastime and was given permission to share it with the congregation. Since the first gift was delivered to the family, even more has come in:

*Dear Church Family,*

*Words will never be enough to express my heartfelt gratitude for what you have done for [my children] and me.*


*We received two wonderful gifts from you. Your monetary gift was overwhelming, but more spectacular was what it was wrapped in. You gave me the true gifts of Christmas: caring, compassion, sharing, and love. I have a powerful, very real feeling, that I have been touched by Angels. I can't describe the impact that this has had on my life.*

*In parting, I'd like to share a dream with you that I had on the night your gift was delivered ...*

*I was sitting in Church, next to Audeen, when we accidentally knocked over a large bag of marbles. They all rolled to the front of the Church. The whole congregation joined in laughter as we quickly gathered the marbles together.*

*In the morning, I thought of my dream and what it could mean. The answer came to me immediately! The marbles were the broken pieces of my life, and all of you were there to help me pick them up. A few hours later, I was in Church, and, indeed, you were all there, doing just that.*

*I am blessed to have each and everyone of you as a friend, and as part of my Church family. Through you, I was able to give my children a wonderful Christmas!*



**FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE**

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

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To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.

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For \_\_\_\_\_ as t \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ d  
for \_\_\_\_\_ you." COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV

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## Christian Calendar of the Month – February

Special dates

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, February 5, 2012
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2012
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 19, 2012
- Presidents Day, February 20, 2012
- Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012
- First Sunday in Lent, February 26, 2012



## Glassboro 1ST United Methodist Church Calendar

February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Confirmation Class retreat at Mount Misery
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Communion Sunday
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Hymn Sing – Wednesday Service
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Interfaith Hospitality Network
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Sunday
February 29 <sup>th</sup>	Meager Meals begin
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	District Day of Learning
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Communion Sunday/ Kingdom Kids at 4:30
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Meager Meals
March 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Youth 24 hour famine
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Meager Meals
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Meager Meals
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Meager Meals
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Youth Pancake Breakfast/ Car Wash
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Palm Sunday/ Communion
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday- Ministerium Service
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday



## Walking with God

The essence of the Christian life is knowing God and walking with him. It's about sticking with him when the sky is blue and also when it's filled with clouds or choked with smoke. It's about walking with the Lord through thick and thin, and pressing on through every heartache and trial that happens to come our way.

—Greg Laurie