



ARBOR COVENANT CHURCH

March 2020

Newsletter

40 Days

Lent began on Ash Wednesday (February 26). It's a practice of the Church meant to prepare Christians to celebrate Resurrection on Easter (April 12). If you don't count the Sundays¹ between those two dates, the season of Lent takes 40 days. It mirrors Jesus' 40 days of fasting that preceded his ministry. The number 40 also reminds keen readers of scriptures of the number of years that the people of Israel wandered in the wilderness before finally settling in the land of promise.

But the number 40's significance doesn't end there. In a lecture I recently watched, Julie Canlis from BIOLA University, pointed out that 40 is also the number of weeks there are in a full-term human pregnancy. This connection to human development brings insight and new understanding to this season.

I'm drawn to the idea of thinking of this time as a pregnant one, when we are being prepared for new life. A season of gestation readying us to be born again in the good news of resurrection life.

As anyone who has been pregnant knows, and those of us who have walked alongside a partner during their pregnancy senses; pregnancy is hard. It's disruptive, often traumatic, it requires diligence, care, and a supportive community. The process of carrying a child to term means sacrifice, new sets of habits, new responsibilities, but with them new dreams and possibilities and a growing sense of devotion and love.

This Lent, let us make space for new life to develop, readying ourselves for new life to be born into our lives, our congregation, and our world. Let us consider new habits, cultivate new rhythms and extend one another care that God's love might grow in us.

¹ Sundays aren't counted because each is considered a festival day during which there is no reason to fast.

Covenant Women Spring Fling

Get Away with Your Girlfriends

Take some time away with your friends to refresh and prepare for spring! We all need some time to set aside to recharge and hear from other believers...take a moment to invite a friend and get your tickets today!

Spring Celebration 2020

Comfort Inn & Suites Madison - Airport

Friday, Mar 20, 05:30PM –Saturday 21 8:00am- 3pm

Friday night for a light supper & the movie “Same Kind of Different as Me”. This film tells the story of a wealthy couple who drifted apart. They become closer together by helping in a homeless shelter, and in the process they deeply touch other people's hearts. Come and enjoy or have fun with another option of playing “Vision Bingo”. Ice cream and hand messages to follow!

Saturday registration begins at 8:15 A.M. A continental breakfast will be available. Worship service begins at 9:00 A.M. with our speaker Marilyn Williams.

The day will also include two workshop sessions with many options to choose from, a catered lunch, business meeting, installation of new officers, and a closing service. An offering will be taken. The event will conclude at 3:30 P.M.

For more information you can contact: Ruth or Joyce

Registration \$40 - all meals are included (Friday Night is free)

Please complete a registration form for each participant.

Registration Deadline: March 10 online registration available

	January	January 1, 2020 - January 31, 2020		
	Offerings & Creek		Actual Expenses	Net Income (Loss)
	Reimbursements Received		Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date
	Year-to-Date			
General Offerings	\$ 3,789.70			
Creek Day School Reimbursement	\$ 2,105.00			
TOTAL	\$ 5,894.70		\$ 8,542.60	\$ (2,647.90)
Special Funds (Non-Budgeted) Received YTD				
	TOTAL			
Deacon	\$ 67.00			
Good Neighbors Pantry	\$ 2,112.68			
Levin Camp				
Memorial				
Women's Ministries				
World Relief				
Youth Mission				
Other	\$ 0.18			

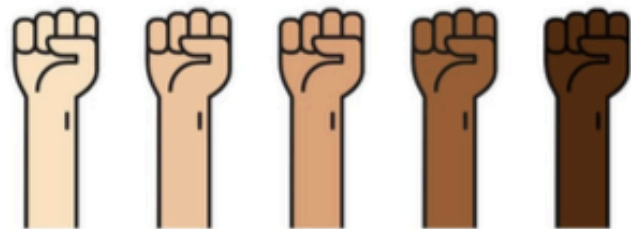
FIRST FRIDAYS @ ARBOR



JUSTICE JOURNEY *for kids*

Living into life-giving patterns
of diversity, community and love.

March 6
5:30-7:00 pm



Dinner provided

Come for Bible teaching,
singing, and activities in a
small group environment

MARCH THEME:
God calls us to
respond to injustice
with the help of the
Holy Spirit.

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It's time to register for summer camp! Camps are filling up. Talk to Rachel Woofter (rachel.woofter@gmail.com) for more information and scholarship information. Cost should never prohibit anyone from going to camp.

Prayer Corner:

- Pray for the kids that come to the pantry, attend Friday night programs, and go to school at Creek. May the building and adults be a safe and loving environment for them.
- Pray for the volunteers that teach our kids, that they would develop meaningful relationships and have wisdom as they teach about God's love.
- Pray for parents of kids at Arbor!



GNPEP Item of the Month
 Toothbrushes (Adult and Children)
 Please leave your donations in the box in the front hallway.
 Thank you.

March birthdays

- March 1 Ken Lund
- March 7 Lindsey Lund
- March 25 Deb Levin

	Host	Nursery	Children's Church	Reader	Projector
March 1	Debby and Dan Meyer	Ulrika Swanson	Joyce Boggess	Jan Gietzel	Debby Meyer
March 8	Elrene and Ken Lund	Joyce Boggess	Rachel Woofter	Jan Gietzel	Chuck Gietzel
March 15	Sue and John Pecotte	Amanda Pecotte	Mark Hanson	Elrene Lund	Chuck Gietzel
March 22	Deb Levin and Ruth Hallblade	Tamsin Ford	Rachel Woofter	Jan Gietzel	Sue Pecotte
March 29	Janis and Mark Hanson	Amanda Pecotte	Joyce Boggess	Kris Brown	Mark Hanson

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1 Lent 9:15 AM Adult Study Group 10:00 AM Call to Worship Communion Deacon Offering	2	3	4	5 7:00 PM Small Group @ Ann-Britt's	6 10:00 AM-noon Personal Essentials Pantry 5:30 PM-7:00 PM Kids Fun Friday	7
8 Lent Daylight Savings Time begins 9:15 AM Adult Study Group 10:00 AM Call to Worship	9	10 6:45 PM Leadership Team	11	12	13 10:00 AM-noon Personal Essentials Pantry	14
15 Lent 9:15 AM Adult Study Group 10:00 AM Call to Worship	16	17	18	19 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Personal Essentials Pantry 7:00 PM Small Group @Meyers	20 10:00 AM-noon Personal Essentials Pantry	21
22 Lent 9:15 AM Adult Study Group 10:00 AM Call to Worship	23	24	25	26 7:00 PM Small Group @Meyers	27 4:30 AM-7:30 AM Homeless Shelter * @ Grace Episcopal 10:00 AM-noon Personal Essentials Pantry	28
29 Lent 9:15 AM Adult Study Group 10:00 AM Call to Worship	30	31				

*Shelter Volunteers: Roger Springman and Mark Hanson