



VOYAGER NEWSLETTER

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Coronado, California

February 24th, 2017

FROM THE PASTORS PEN

The 40-day season known as Lent begins on March 1. We will mark the beginning of Lent with a 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday service of worship. The following Q & A, written by Kimberly Winston of the Religion News Service provides some helpful information about Ash Wednesday:

Q: Excuse me, but why do you have dirt on your forehead?

A: Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is a time of reflection and penitence leading up to Easter Sunday. Clergy all over the world dispense ashes, usually made by burning the palm fronds distributed on last year's Palm Sunday, making the sign of the cross on a worshipper's forehead. As they "impose" or "dispense" the ashes, the pastor or priest reminds each Christian of Genesis 3:19: "For dust you are and to dust you shall return."

Q: Well, that's cheerful. Why would anyone want to start a workday on such a downer?

A: It isn't intended to be a downer. It's supposed to be a reminder that our lives are short and we must live them to the fullest. OK, maybe it's a little bit of a downer — that verse from Genesis is what God said to Adam and Eve when he expelled them from the Garden of Eden for their sins.

Q: OK, so don't invite me over for dinner until Lent is over in 40 days.

A: Fun fact: Lent is actually longer than 40 days. There are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter, but most churches don't count the Sundays as part of Lent.

Q: I thought only Catholics marked Ash Wednesday?

A: Not anymore. It used to be true that Catholics made up the lion's share of people celebrating Ash Wednesday. But today, most "liturgical churches" — those with a regular, calendar-based liturgy, or set of rituals and observances — mark the day, including Methodists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Lutherans and other Protestants. Some evangelicals are even beginning to get into the spirit as Baptist churches in Alabama, Texas and Arkansas have smeared some ash in recent years. The majority of evangelical and Pentecostal Christians don't observe the day, and neither do Mormons.

I hope you to see you in worship on Ash Wednesday!

Pastor Robb

Group and Ministry Notes

ST. PAUL'S 130th COFFEE MUGS HAVE ARRIVED! (On sale soon)

Tall coffee mugs, custom etched with a design that includes St. Paul's iconic steeple, have recently been delivered and will soon be for sale on the church patio following services. The cost is \$15 per mug – which is the actual cost of making these special 130th Anniversary mugs. (Pastor Robb has tested the mug and says coffee has never tasted better!)



SHARE YOUR SPUMC WEDDING PHOTO'S

As part of our 130th Anniversary celebration, we are collecting wedding photos of couples who were married at St. Paul's. On March 26th, we plan to have a slide show of the wedding photos. We have asked members to recall who was married at the church or had children or grandchildren who were married here. If they are willing to share a photo, email the photo with their names and the date of their ceremony to (spitzer@san.rr.com), bring a copy to the office and we'll scan it for the presentation, or call 619 435-7239.

Warm regards & many blessings, Connie Spitzer & Julie Gallagher, Co-Chairs of the 130th Celebration.

ADJOURNED CHARGE CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 21ST

A brief (10 minute) Adjourned Charge Conference will be conducted on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in the Social Hall at 7:00 p.m. The purpose is for Revision of St. Paul's Articles of Incorporation to bring them up to date to correct the Parsonage Property Taxes. All members are welcome to attend.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR ROBB

If you are considering church membership and would like to hear about the ministry and mission of St. Paul's, you are invited to "Coffee with the Pastor" on Sunday, February 26th from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in Room 201. Pastor Robb will also respond to any of your questions.

Contact Jo and John Klinker 619 435-1733 if you would like to attend or email john@theklinkers.com or joklinker@hotmail.com.

NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST COMING MARCH 4TH

Andy Grimaud, St. Paul's Sunday School Superintendent, will speak to the men at our March 4th men's breakfast. It is a good time for food and fellowship. The doors open at 6:30 and we start the serving line promptly at 7:30.

Email john@theklinkers.com to sign up. Still only \$3.00.

Group and Ministry Notes (Cont'd)

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) EVENTS

March 10th-11th UMW In-House Retreat

Save the date for our in-house retreat this March. This will be a wonderful time to connect with other women in our community and to be positively encouraged and challenged in our Christian life.

Additional details to follow soon! \$50 for weekend (\$25 for one day)

“NO APOLOGY” LASAGNA SUPPERS’ HAVE RESUMED

Sign up to join Pastor Robb and Jen for a ‘No Apology Lasagna Suppers’ at the parsonage on 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/23, and 4/6.

The menu is Grandma Kirkland’s Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Champagne of the Desert (aka ‘chilled water’) and Ice Cream, all served on single use plates and translucent utensils. Each supper is scheduled from 6-8 pm.

Please call Marcie in the church office, 619-435-5691, to sign up. Marcie will provide the parsonage address when you RSVP. Please let Marcie know if you are vegetarian or gluten-free.

– Pastor Robb

ST. PAUL’S YOUTH GROUP NOTES

Monday High School Pizza Lunch!

Every Monday at noon on the upper deck.
(Sophomores and up)

Wednesday Night Youth Groups!

This week we are having a Jr. High and High School combined Youth Group night. Join us in the youth den for a quick snack and lesson, and then we will head into the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday service.
(6:00pm-7:30pm)

Sunday Youth Program

9:00am: Join Liz in the sanctuary 'Youth Pew' for donuts and worship with an interactive youth handout.

10:30am: Join Liz in the Youth Den for Youth Bible Study. Currently we are studying Paul's letters of the New Testament.

Fifteen members of our High School Youth Program will be at Forest Home Winter Camp next weekend. Please be praying for their safety and spiritual growth!

Any Youth Questions? Please contact Liz Flage..... lizflage.spyouth@gmail.com

Other Notes and Happenings

ENTRA CASA OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 26TH

New Entra Casa Open House (Love Makes the World Go Around)

Sunday, February 26th @ 2:30 p.m., 3575 Pershing Ave. San Diego

Sharing our favorite "Love Passages" from the Bible – a chance to meet the residents plus great food! No RSVP needed – just come!

Questions? Contact Nancy T (619) 672-2858

2017 SPUMC VACATION BIBLE STUDY

Save the date!

Our 2017 Vacation Bible School "Hero Central" will run July 24-28!

More details to follow!

NEW DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITY – LENT ADULT STUDY GROUPS

"Living the 3 Simple Rules" A 6-Week Small Group Experience for Lent

The Discipleship Committee of St. Paul's UMC invites you to sign-up for a 6-week small group experience based on the 3 Simple Rules of Methodism: 1) Do No Harm, 2) Do Good, and 3) Stay in Love with God. This short-term small group experience will allow participants to learn about the Biblical basis for these discipleship values, and then to practice implementing these 'rules' in your daily life.

Opportunities include: Sunday morning 9:00 and 10:30, Sunday evening 6:00-7:30, Monday evening 7:00-8:30, Tuesday evening 7:00-8:30, Wednesday midday 1:00-2:30 and evening 7:00-8:30, Thursday late afternoon 4:00-5:30, and Friday morning 10:00-11:30.

To ensure a true 'small group' experience, group size is limited to a total of 12. Study materials fee: \$10 per person.

Sign up on the patio in between Services for any of the 10 different offerings that work with your schedule.

WALK TO EMMAUS WEEKEND RETREATS ARE COMING

April 20-23 for Men and April 27-30 for Women. Please stop by our patio table for more information, to ask questions & get registration materials.

PRAYER REQUESTS: *Aubrie Carinder Ferguson, Mila Grieb, Ford Chown, Marcia Inlow, Kate Shanahan, Lauren Bradley, Felicity Bishop, Teresa Neil, Mark Cooper, Al Isaacson, Gerry Kowalski, Mark Peterson, Peggy Spence, Trish McHenry, Neda Wenger, Mary Mowry, Nicole Sciascia, Marianne Turnipseed, Lauris Boyer, Lois Land, Logan Sandoval, Emily Gruillon, Frank Conlon, Brian Clark, Connie Carrol, Leslie Perlis, Bette Decker, Gerry Sawyer, Ann Rutherford, Lynn Morgan, The Henrich Family, Sue McNary, Delma Dickson, Zhao Fu, Linda Nixon, Leslie Nathan, David Buckovetz*
