



Tower Views



It seems hard to believe that January isn't over and Lent is already just around the corner, yet it's true. Ash Wednesday is February 10th and the first Sunday of Lent is February 14th.

Our focus for Lent will be on the life of Jesus. As we make our way through Lent, I invite you to join others in the congregation in reading through the life of Jesus—from his birth, to his death, to his resurrection—one chapter at a time. We will pass out brochures with the reading schedule in the coming weeks. Feel free to pick up copies of the brochure to share with your friends and family.

We will mark the beginning of Lent this year with two Ash Wednesday services on February 10th. We will have our traditional noon service and will be adding a 6:00 PM service, both being held in the chapel.

I am always amazed at how powerfully the life and teachings of Jesus two thousand years ago can still speak to us today!

Brad

Daily Bible Reading and Prayer

Sun	Mark 8:34-36 Commit your life to following Jesus
Mon	Mark 7:1-5 Confess those times you've been quick to criticize or judge others
Tue	Ephesians 4:29-32 Pray for the grace not to criticize others
Wed	Mark 2:13-17 Pray for those who carry scars from the criticism of others
Thu	Philippians 2:12-18 Ask God for the hope & strength to live without grumbling or complaining
Fri	Philippians 3:7-11 Commit your life to knowing Christ
Sat	James 5:7-11 Pray for patience in difficult times

Confirmation

Confirmation is about to begin for any of our youth in 6th grade or older. An orientation session for all the confirmation youth and their parents is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, at 9:30 am in room 203. The Confirmation sessions will begin the following Sunday, February 7, at 9:15 am. Confirmation is an opportunity for your youth to explore what it means to be a faithful disciple of Jesus and a committed member of God's church. Please contact the church office or Brad Reed if you have a youth who is planning to participate in Confirmation.

Coming Up

Sunday January 31st

- 8:15—Early Worship
- 9:00—Continental Breakfast
- 9:30—Confirmation orientation
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 10:30—Worship

Monday, February 1st

- 5:15—Learner Bells
- 6:00—Bells

Wednesday, February 3rd

- 10:00—Bible Study
- 3:00—UMYF
- 3:30—Angelus Choir
- 6:00—Children's Council
- 6:00—Band practice
- 7:00—Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 4th

- 5:00—Cub Scouts

The Power to Truly Live

Library Reading Contest

Starting immediately, the Church Library is sponsoring a Library Reading Contest for children Pre-K through 5th grade and it will continue through Palm Sunday. Read five books (independently or with an adult) to receive a Sonic gift certificate. You will earn an entry for the GRAND PRIZE DRAWING with each book checked out. Prizes will be awarded at the Easter service. Our Church Librarian, Denise Moore, has more information posted in the library.



Library News

Occasionally, we will feature “recommended books” by avid readers in our church. This week, Allison Wetzel has selected four books as her “favorites in the library”. “The Hiding Place” by Corrie Ten Boom tells of a Dutch family helping Jews escape during WWII. Other featured books include “Heart of Joy” by Mother Teresa, “Come Thirsty” by Max Lucado, and “Soul Feast” by Marjorie J. Thompson. You can find these and many others in the library—check it out!



The families of:

Susan Turner
Patricia Hendricks
John Cantrell

Bev Lucas
Rosie Banfield
Doyle Jones Jr
Shirley Stone
Duane “Buddy” Judd
Darrin Taylor
Betty Brecht

Joel Semler
Charles Portwood
Jill Bernard
Wilbur Slocum
Jay Hunter
Shirley Mothersbaugh
Irene Seiler

Claude Lynch
Joe Harrelson
Tom Drendel
Robin Hays
Fred McAllister

Worship Assistants

Greeter 8:15

Jim and Amanda Huenefeldt

Greeters 10:30

Youth

Gathering Music:

8:15—Frances Harvey

10:30 – David Cummings

Ushers 8:15

Duane and Carolyn Harms

Acolytes 8:15

Kenadie Austin and Abby Jones

Song Leader

Children’s Worship Leader

Brad Reed

An Invitation to Continental Breakfast!

Have you ventured to the gym around 9:00 am on a Sunday to grab a donut or cinnamon roll, some coffee, juice or milk and more importantly, join in the fun and fellowship that we share every morning. We would love to see you there!



It’s Time for the Groundhog Breakfast

Our annual fundraiser for the Dr. Charles Baughman Scholarship Fund at the Saint Paul School of Theology will be Sunday, February 7th from 9:00-10:30 AM in the gym. Sausage, biscuits, gravy, fruit cup, juice and coffee will be served and a free-will offering will be taken.



Our Church Website

Our webmaster has made a “facelift” to our webpage! Check it out at www.clintonumc.net. You can find newsletters and weekly bible verses, and you can click on a link to hear the 8:15 service on KDKD’s website. We hope to post more information to the website in the coming months, so bookmark it and check back later.

