



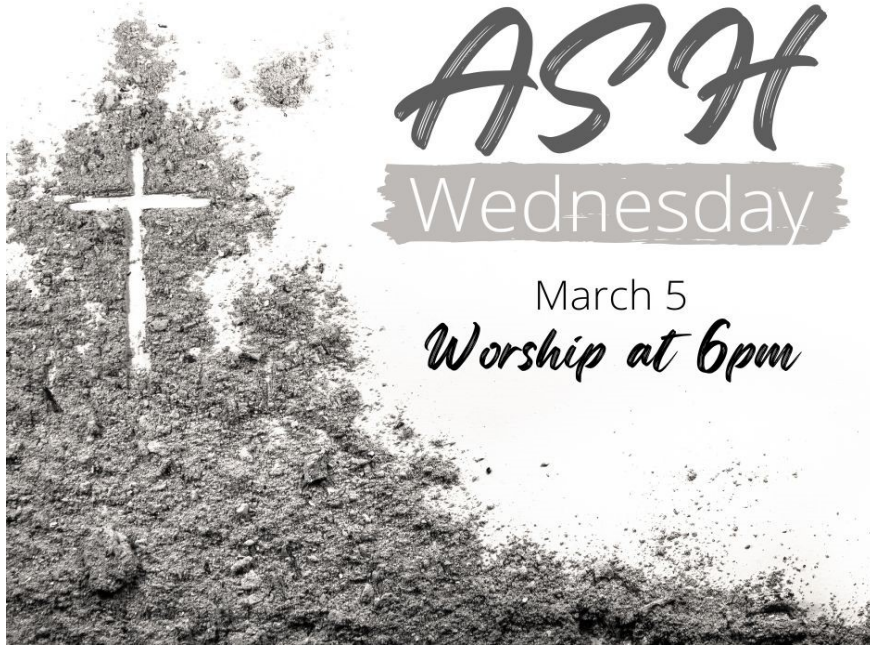
SEA NOTES

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Wednesday

March 5

Worship at 6pm

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

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Midweek Lenten Meal and Worship

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5:45 SUPPER
6:30 WORSHIP

Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me! Please don't throw me out of your presence; please don't take your holy spirit away from me. Return the joy of your salvation to me and sustain me with a willing spirit. *[Psalm 51:10-12, CEB]*

Dear Church,

On March 5, Ash Wednesday, we begin our journey together with Jesus to the cross. This season of the church year is called Lent. It is a time where we repent for our sins while turning our hearts and minds to Jesus. It has a more somber feel to it than other times of the year, and we mark that feeling in a few ways.

During this season we "bury" or do not say the word Alleluia in worship. In our congregation we also say, instead of sing, the Lord's prayer. For these 40 days our worship together strikes a tone of repentance. The colors in the sanctuary change to purple - signifying royalty as well as penitence. Lent lasts 40 days, representing Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, but does not include Sundays. We consider each Sunday as a "Little Easter," and is a time still for celebration.

During Lent we have our regularly scheduled Sunday worship services, but we also have some extra opportunities to dig even deeper into the season and time to be with our community. On Ash Wednesday we will have a service at 6pm. If you are not able to be at that service we will provide an 'Ash Wednesday at Home' option that you can pick up on March 2.

Each Wednesday of Lent following that, we will have a supper at 5:45 (sign up to bring food in the narthex), and worship at 6:30. Our liturgy is Holden Prayer Around the Cross. This worship will leave space for meditation, chanting taize, and prayer as we reflect and re focus our hearts on Christ each week.

Please join us in this powerful season as we make our way to the Holiest of weeks. If you would like to help us to plan Holy Week and Easter, our newly formed Worship and Music Team will meet (whoever wants to come and have input!) after fellowship on March 23. Join us!

Blessings on the journey,
Pastor Kelly +

CHURCH HAPPENINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Cardmaking Mission— The Cardmaking Mission Team has been hard at work making gorgeous cards. Pick one up in the Narthex for anything you need, or join them the 1st Monday of the month at 10am to make some of these beautiful cards.

Bible Study—Weekly Bible Study is now on break through Lent. We will resume (back on Wednesday) on April 30 at 11am. We will be reading and studying the book of Daniel from the Old Testament. Plan to join us!

SOUPer Bowl: Thank you to all who generously gave to our SOUPer Bowl. We correctly predicted the winner of the Super Bowl! Our final score was: Eagles 268—Chiefs 169. We gathered 76 items for Martha's Mission and raised \$507 for Blunt Pretzels!! Go Team!

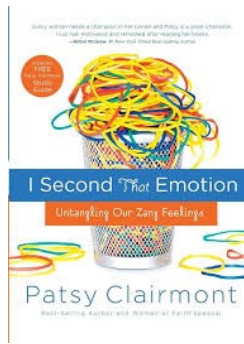


Altar Guild- The Altar Guild is a dedicated group of people who work 'behind the scenes' to make sure that communion is set up and cleaned up and that the banners and linens are taken care of through the changing church seasons. They are looking for more hands to help! Altar Guild will have a meeting on Saturday, March 8 at 11am at the church, if you are interested in helping please come to that meeting! If you are unable to attend, but would still like to help, please see Diane.

MARTHA'S MISSION *Cupboard*

First Sunday Collection - We will be having a special collection for Martha's Mission Cupboard on Sunday, March 2. Requested items are: bar soap, laundry detergent, loaf bread, and kid snacks. Thank you for your generosity!

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Women's Group - All women are invited for Women's Group at 10am on March 17 at the church. We will continue on with the next chapter in *I Second that Emotion* by Patsy Clairmont. All are welcome!



Worship & Music Team: Newly forming team will work together to help plan Holy Week and Easter. We will talk about hymns, the beach and sanctuary Easter services, flowers, schedules, and more. Come and be a part of worship leadership and planning! Whoever would like to help will meet on March 23 following fellowship.



Men's Breakfast-All men are invited for breakfast and fellowship Saturday, March 8 at 9am at Four Corners Diner.

Altar Flowers for March

March 2—Alicia Haas
March 9—Lent
March 16—Lent
March 23—Lent
March 30—Lent

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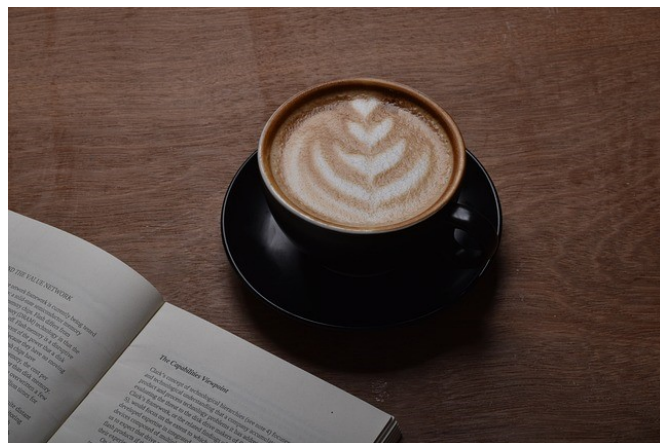


Lent—Save the date! Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. We will have a service at 6pm that day.

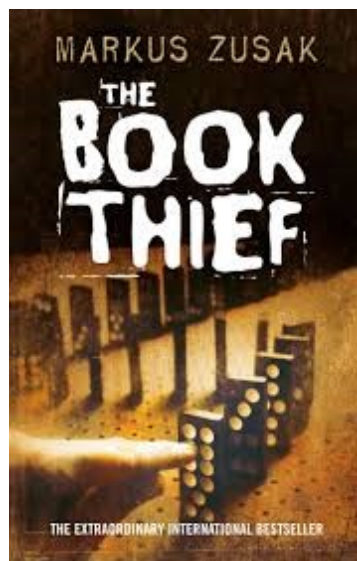
March is National Quilt Month and we are both excited and honored to welcome our very own Guild to worship and Fellowship on March 9 as they share some of their stories behind their work. Here is a fun fact in case you are not aware, our Guild celebrated their 40th Anniversary last year. Some of the Charter members of the Guild were members of our congregation! Dorothy Herbert. So, come and welcome them to Church and see all they have created! You will not want to miss it! Come and meet some of the Crystal Coast Quilters' Guild as they share with us a sampling of their handiwork on our first ever Quilt Sunday.

Prison Ministry Update— Thank you to the Ladies Circle for generously sponsoring Loretta's Quarterly Spring Package. The package includes things like snacks, treats, coffee items for her to enjoy. Thank you to all who have donated to our Prison Ministry Fund.

Fellowship Hour—Volunteers are needed to host the coffee hour for the following dates in March: 3/16, 3/23, and 3/30.



Spring Gospel in Fiction Book Club - Our Spring discussion will take place Tuesday, May 13 at 10am at Reed's Coffee. We will be discussing *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. All are welcome!



February Outreach Committee Plans

On February 10th, the church Outreach Committee and volunteers visited Crystal Bluffs Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

All 68 of the nursing home residents were given a red carnation and a homemade Valentine card made by the church card group. We also furnished trays of Valentine cookies for the 137 staff members.

In March, our committee is making Kitchen Blessing Bags, and Bathroom Blessing Bags to be donated to Martha's Mission. Each Kitchen Blessing Bag will include: a dish rag, Dawn liquid, a scouring pad, and a kitchen hand towel. Each Bathroom Blessing Bag will include: shampoo, lotion, a bar of soap and a hand towel.

I especially appreciate all of the church members who give their assistance, their donations, and their support.

Thank you,
Ginger Fulcher

LECTIONARY READINGS for MARCH 2025

Color of the Day	March 2 Transfiguration of our Lord	March 5 Ash Wednesday	March 9 1 Lent	March 16 2 Lent	March 23 3 Lent	March 30 4 Lent
First Reading	Exodus 34:29-35	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 OR Is 58:1-12	Deut 26:1-11	Gen 15:1-12, 17-18	Isa 55:1-9	Josh 5:9-12
Psalm	Psalm 99	Psalm 51:1-17	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Psalm 27	Psalm 63:1-8	Psalm 32
Second Reading	2 Cor 3:12-4:2	2 Cor 5:20b-6:10	Rom 10:8b-13	Phil 3:17-4:1	1 Cor 10:1-13	2 Cor 5:16-21
Gospel	Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]	Matt 6:1-6, 16-21	Luke 4:1-13	Luke 13:31-35	Luke 13:1-9	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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