

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church

Church Life: March to April 2012

*Relying on the grace of God, we the people of Saint Mark seek to be
a community where Spirit and Service come together.*



Sunday Morning Adult Education

Four Week Lenten Series on: Feb. 26 to Mar. 25, 9:30am

Dwelling with Philippians:

A Conversation with Scripture through Image and Word

You are invited to deepen your Lenten experience by being drawn into the mystery, beauty, and life-changing power of this joyful and intimate letter of the Apostle Paul to the church he founded at Philippi. Five of our Saint Mark elders will lead us on a weekly journey through this brief but richly endowed message of hope and vision to a seeking congregation for their future life together. Expect also to be refreshed and illumined in your own spiritual life, to slow down and savor God's presence in Scripture, art, music, poetry, prayer, and reflection. All are welcome to any or all sessions!

Week I, Feb. 26, Phil. 1:1-30, led by Elder Vicky Wood

(On Mar. 4, there is no class as it is Spirit & Service Sunday.)

Week II, Mar. 11, Phil. 2:1-18, led by Elder Rachel Kaufmann

Week III, Mar. 18, Phil. 2:19-3:21, led by Elder Walla Dempsey

Week IV, Mar. 25, Phil. 4:1-23, led by Elders Karen and Thomas Prevlovsky

Lent Evening Soup Supper & Study Series

Wednesdays: Feb. 29 to Mar. 28

6:30pm Soup Supper

7:15pm Study

Do you want to go deeper in your relationship with God this Lent? What is holding you back?

This Bible study and conversation is led by Pastor Howard. Join us for five Wednesdays in conversation about Christian faith and practice as we study together the Letter of Philippians, the letter described as Paul's most personal and focused on the joy of life in Christ. This will complement the Sunday morning conversation focus on Philippians. Everyone is welcome and no previous knowledge of the Bible is required. Just come as you are to grow in Christ through conversation with others. The study will take place in Fellowship Hall.

Soup Supper: Please join us for a light supper before the Lenten Study in Fellowship Hall. Supper will cost \$4, or you can bring soup, salad, bread or cookies to share. Please contact Lyn Hill at lynhewitt@earthlink.net to coordinate.



Worship Services & Activities

Wed., Feb. 22	7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
Sun., Feb. 26	9:30 & 11:00am	1st Sunday in Lent – Worship
Sun., Mar. 4	9:30am	2nd Sunday in Lent – Worship with Holy Communion, <i>Spirit & Service Sunday (one service)</i>
Sun., Mar. 11	9:30 & 11:00am	3rd Sunday in Lent – Worship
Sun., Mar. 18	9:30 & 11:00am	4th Sunday in Lent – Worship
Sun., Mar. 25	9:30 & 11:00am	5th Sunday in Lent – Worship

Holy Week

Sun., Apr. 1	9:30am	Passion/Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion, <i>Spirit & Service Sunday (one service)</i>
Thurs., Apr. 5	6:30pm	Worship Service commemorating Jesus washing the disciples' feet (Parlor)
Thurs., Apr. 5	7:30pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Holy Communion (Hall)
Fri., Apr. 6	7:30pm	Ecumenical Good Friday Worship Service held at North Bethesda Methodist Church
Sun., Apr. 8	9:30am 11:00am 10:00-11:30am 10:30am	Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion Easter Worship Service with Celebration of Baptism Continental Breakfast Children's Easter Egg Hunt (bring your Easter basket) Church school is on break for Easter Sunday



Devotionals

Fellowship of Prayer 2012 Lenten Season: With daily readings, meditations, and prayers, Fellowship of Prayer is the devotion for this holy time of year. Local author MaryAnn McKibben Dana is the pastor of Idylwood Presbyterian Church in Falls Church. The booklet is available for a \$3 donation. *Make checks payable to Saint Mark, memo portion of check: Lent Devotional 2012. Checks can be left in church office box #22 - Karl Kaufmann, Elder for Christian Formation, or can be mailed to him at the church to his attention.*

Tread Lightly Lent Calendar: As part of the reflective season of Lent, this calendar urges us to take this spiritual discipline a step further: to refrain from some practices that damage God's earth, while learning about earth care issues and taking action that will honor Christ's teachings about caring for creation. You may download it from:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/environment/tread-lightly-lent/>

All Church Retreat, May 18 to May 20: Save the date and register now. Flyers are available in the narthex and on the website.