

February 2016
Lent

The sun is out more often now and Spring is around the corner. And in our Church calendar year we are now in Lent. A time to learn more about who Jesus was and is; a time, also, to deepen our relationship to him and to God. To do this some people fast or give up something, others take up a practice. Whatever you have chosen I hope that you will find yourself connecting to the Holy.

I give thanks to all of the families who were able to help lead and be present at the worship service at Zion Park Manor on February 14th. It was wonderful to connect with the residents and to share God's love with them. I look forward to the next time we lead worship at Zion.

For our time together in children and youth Church on Sunday mornings in Lent we have begun to explore and go deeper into the life and work of Jesus.

- Lent 1— We explored the liturgical story of the Mystery of Easter;
What is the color and meaning of Lent and how does it lead us to Easter
- Lent 2— The story of Jesus as a Baby and as a child being lost and found in the temple
- Lent 3 — The baptism of Jesus and his time in the desert
- Lent 4— Jesus as healer, parable maker and Palm Sunday
- Lent 5— Last Supper and foot washing
- Lent 6— Palm Sunday

Blessings on your Lenten Journey.

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Lenten Prayer

Creator,
You are with us always,
You hear our cries—and forgive us.
We give thanks for the beauty of creation,
For the gift of life itself.
May we, understanding the gift of your Son,
Find new life as we walk this Lenten journey.

- From The Dancing Sun, Vol. II, p. 5
in *Faithful Moments*, p.50



Upcoming Dates...

Youth Group Gathering

T.O.F.U— *together of faith united*

Friday, March 11th 5:30 pm to 8 pm

Joining Live It Up evening bowling at The Clova

Due to several scheduling conflicts and Spring Break our youth group will not be meeting again regularly until April.

Live It Up Evening Friday, March 11 5:30 pm to 8 pm

Bowling at Clova Lanes

The Cost is \$7 per person per hour this includes the cost of shoe rental. Please let Lorri Sowerby know that you are coming as we will need to make sure we have enough lanes to book and if you are bowling for whole time or just one hour. There will be a sign-up sheet circulating during worship or please send an email to dlsowerby@telus.net.

We hope to see you there! Come Live It Up with us

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Friday, April 15 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Friday, April 29 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**MARK YOUR CALENDER
SPRING YOUTH RETREAT
Friday May 20th to 23rd at Camp Fircom
Stay tuned for more details**

Did you Know?

- * We have an opportunity for children and/or youth to participate in lighting the Christ Candle at the beginning of each service. Reverend Lori would love to know if your daughter/son is interested in helping.
- * We have Sabbath Bags (crayons, paper) and coloring mandalas located on the front pew of the Sanctuary. Feel free, whatever your age, to gather something to color to take to wherever you are sitting. Our hope is that people of all ages will feel included and welcomed.
- * We also have a **Youth Group** which meets twice a month and is for all youth in Grade 7 to Grade 12. All are welcome.
Please speak with Mary Nichol or Rick Hutchings for more information

