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Beloved!

I am delighted to be invited to greet you at this time when we anticipate the arrival of Lent.

As transplants from the mainline churches in our nation's Northeast, I must confess the observance of Lent was a new experience for both my husband Bob and me. We have been impressed, and moved, by our participation in Lenten fellowship and services here.

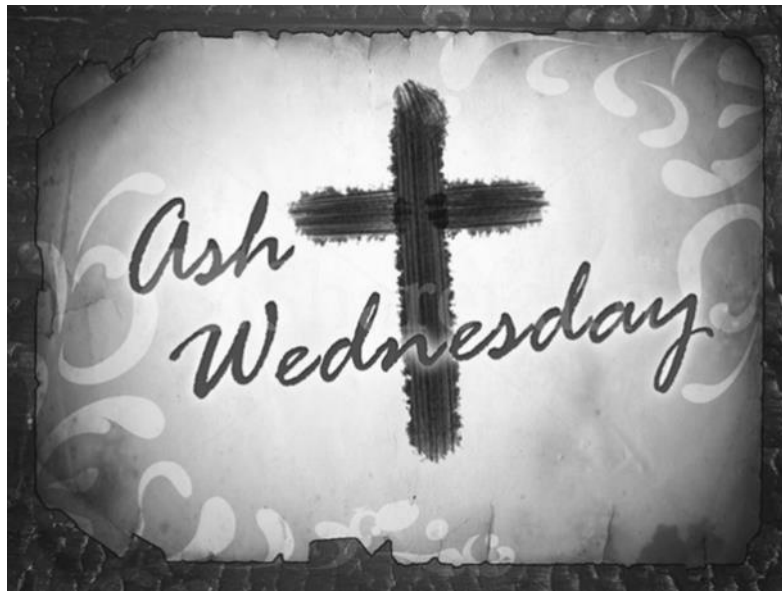
Lent has been around for a long time. In 325 A.D. the Council of Nicaea (Yes, the same Council from which one of our creeds comes) discussed a 40-day Lenten season of fasting. The practice soon spread to encompass the entire church of that time.

Originally Lent commenced on Quadragesima (Fortieth) Sunday, but its starting date was moved to Ash Wednesday by Gregory the Great (c.540-604) where it has remained ever since.

Most Protestants do not fast, in the sense of not eating meat, fish, or animal products, but substitute some form of good deeds. I am suggesting a possible series of meetings (with a meal, of course! — perhaps breakfast or lunch?), an exploration of how to feel comfortable inviting others to church and all this church offers that is not available anywhere else.

Please let me know if you are interested, and, if so, what times, days, would work for you.

With love, in Christ,
Judy



February 26, 2020

WORSHIP SERVICE

6:00pm

Supper

4:30pm – 5:45pm

CHILI HOT DOG SUPPER

Feb. 26, 4:30pm – 5:45pm

A Chili Hot Dog Supper hosted by the Faith Formation Ministry will be held on Wednesday, February 26, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. prior to the Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Containers for a freewill offering will be provided on the tables. Proceeds from this supper will go to the Faith Formation Ministry programs. More information will be put in the church bulletin at a later time. If you have any questions, please ask any of the following Faith Formation Ministry members: Jeanie Woodward (chair), Amber Gonzales, Patti Schmutzler, Rene Miserez, Joni Witt, and Judy Creed.

FAITH IN ACTION

FEBRUARY BENEVOLENCE “Camp Aurora Ministry”

February’s blue benevolence envelope supports the ministry of Camp Aurora, that special facility along the Niangua River. Camp Aurora is a place where lives are enriched and friendships and memories are made. The camp, on 40 acres nestled in Ozark Hills, is a place where one can witness God’s presence in nature and learn more about Christian values. Camps are available for all ages from second graders through senior high youth and range from three days to a week. There is also a family camp weekend. When Camp Aurora Ministries does not have camping sessions going, the camp is available for rent by other groups and organizations. Your donation this month in the blue benevolence envelope will help fund the upkeep, repairs, and renovations to Camp Aurora as well as day-to-day operating expenses for the various camp sessions. Scholarships for 50% of the cost are available through the church office for any youth who wish to attend camp, experience the beauty of Camp Aurora, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Mission and Outreach Ministry is helping sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive on February 17 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the church gym. Red Cross is looking for volunteers to staff the canteen. Snacks for the canteen are also needed. Sign-up sheets will be in the bulletin when the date gets closer. Please consider helping, and donating blood if possible. If you plan to donate blood on February 17 your last day to donate at other locations was December 23. To make an appointment to donate, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CentralUnitedCC. If you have questions or can volunteer, please contact Susan Poettgen at 573-298-4515 or email susan.poettgen@gmail.com.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING KIT Missouri Paper Products Pack

2 rolls paper towels in package (good quality)
2 boxes facial tissue (large rectangle)
3 wrapped packages of toilet paper with 4 double rolls each (unable to receive 12 rolls in one pack)

The Festival of Sharing office in Columbia reports that this is one of their most requested kits. Place all items in a tall-sized kitchen trash bag. If you just want to donate part of a kit, that is fine too. Place items in the Festival of Sharing box in the Narthex. In 2018, 7,688 packs were requested with 1,337 being shared. The demand is for greater than the kits available.

THANK YOU FROM EBENEZER UCC

June of 2019 was quite devastating in the life of Ebenezer UCC. We in Levasy have always known the Missouri River was close in proximity and powerful. This was demonstrated very well on June 1st when the levees broke and water came rushing into the town of Levasy and ultimately our church building and parsonage. During this time, we have seen God working in all sorts of ways. We have seen people pull together, push up their sleeves and do the physical work of this flood.

Our rebuilding is just beginning — there are many decisions and a lot of work ahead for Ebenezer. Financial donations like yours will help us work for the future; a future where Ebenezer can once again have a building for worship, Sunday School, and fellowship. It is with heartfelt thanks we humbly accept your financial donation. This has been a rough road and it is going to be a long one, but God has been and will continue to be with us.

Ebenezer Church Council

OUR SHARED LIFE



90+ BIRTHDAYS February

(To our knowledge, there are no 90+ birthdays in February. Please notify the office if you know someone who should be added to the list.)

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the members of the congregation and choir who braved the weather to come to my organ recital on December 15, and for remembering me in so many beautiful ways at Christmas. Thank you for your support and kindness. I wish you a blessed and happy new year.

Sincerely,
Shirley Klein

Thank you for the generous gifts to help Ebenezer United Church of Christ in Levasy, Missouri, my home church, survive the flooding that occurred last June. We are grateful for your help and I am grateful for your help. It has been a joy to know you, to be with you, to serve you!

In Christ,
Judy

PRIME TIME CLUB

The Prime Time Club will have their meeting at noon on Tuesday, February 25th. This will be our month to play Bingo. Please bring a dish and any of the unwanted treasures you have for prizes, and take some really great prizes home that someone has donated. The leftover prizes will be given to the spring rummage sale. It will be fun.

BROTHERHOOD HIGHLIGHTS

DECEMBER 3, 2019

- ♦ W.I.G.S. Circle served a delicious baked ham dinner for fourteen men.
- ♦ Decided to put together treats for kids attending the Christmas Eve Service.
- ♦ Discussed a couple of projects.

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- ♦ Eleven men enjoyed a delicious meal provided by the Elenor circle.
- ♦ Brotherhood will do Meals On Wheels in January.
- ♦ We will install a roof on a building at Camp Aurora.
- ♦ Discussed doing a craft for next year.

Carl Ernst, Secretary

2020 CHURCH COUNCIL

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| President: | Tommy Thompson |
| President-Elect: | Larry Long |
| Past-President: | Warren Witt |
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| Worship and Music Ministry: | Barb Schmutzler |
| Faith Formation Ministry: | Jeanne Woodward |
| Congregational Life Ministry: | Faye Rinaldi |
| Mission and Outreach Ministry: | Susan Poettgen |

YOUNG YOUTH

We have a great regular group of kids joining us on Wednesdays for our after school activities for K-5th graders. If you have friends or family with kids in that age range, they are absolutely welcome to join us. We share food and fun, faith and fellowship. We always include a 20-30 minute Bible lesson and activities, and lately have enjoyed spirited games of dodgeball. This is an active group of kids!

FRIEND-ZEE...

Friday, February 21, 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Invite your friends and come join us for an afternoon of fun ... the more, the merrier! It will be mostly open-gym time, but we'll also have some minute-to-win-it type activities. Think of it as one big recess and you get to invite all of your buddies. Come hungry, there will be food. Hope to see you there!

Rene Miserez, Young Youth Director
573-695-6022; bellsic@aol.com

COOKIE BOUQUET FUNDRAISER



Valentine cookie bouquets are back, and this year's proceeds will again be going for youth programming.

Cookie bouquets are made up of six individually-wrapped buttery velvet cookies with buttercream frosting, on a stick and arranged. They will be delivered with a smile on Valentine's Day, or they can be ready for you on Sunday, February 9, if you wish to deliver personally. Cost is a donation, and you set the amount. Contact Rene Miserez to order, 694-6022.

We have a great cookie-making team in place ready to bake. Last year we sold over 60 bouquets and if you are willing to take a flyer or sample bouquet to work/wherever or tell your friends, we would appreciate it!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2020

WORSHIP USHERS

2020 Team Schedule:

January & July — Mary Ann Wippermann
February & August — Gary Woodward
March & September — Carl Ernst
April & October — Monty Schmutzler
May & November — Russell Rottmann
June & December — TEAM CAPTAIN NEEDED
(formerly Dick Kettenbrink's)

February:

Gary Woodward – Team Captain
Leo Blochberger Harold Creed
Paul LePage (Honorary)

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday, Feb. 2 — Barb Schmutzler

SALVATION ARMY MEAL

Thursday, Feb. 13 — Parlor Class

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, Feb. 19 — Women's Fellowship



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

NOVEMBER 21, 2019

- Air Conditioning Fund is still seeking donations. At this time we have approximately \$4,700 in this fund with a goal of \$20,000. Envelopes for donations are located in the narthex.
- Members continue to clean the church. If you wish to help, please contact Larry Long.
- The following members have agreed to serve on the 2020 UCC Church Council. Members will be inducted into service during the January annual meeting.
President Elect: Larry Long; Secretary: Gary Woodward; Communications Ministry: Harry Kujath; Worship/Music Ministry: Barb Schmutzler; Faith Formation Ministry: Jeanne Woodward; Finance Ministry: Allen Schmutzler
- Annual Meeting will take place on January 26, 2020. Please make plans to attend.
- Missouri Mid-South Conference will take place at Central United Church of Christ in April. Dates to be announced. Harry Kujath will be coordinating this event. The Congregational Life Ministry, chaired by Faye Rinaldi, will be in charge of the meals. Anyone wishing to help in anyway, please contact Harry or Faye.
- Next Council Meeting is set for Thursday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

DECEMBER 19, 2019

- Central Church ended 2019 with a balanced budget. This is the first time in many years.
- Upcoming Breakfast Bonanzas: February 8, March 14.
- Annual Meeting will be held on January 26. Check bulletin for updates regarding meal.
- Christkindlmarkt was a success. Bake sale and breakfast took in approximately \$1,600 each with over 365 attending the event.
- Central Church will host the Missouri Mid-South Conference Annual Gathering the last weekend in April.
- If you have an event you would like to be advertised, please contact our Communication Ministry Chair, Harry Kujath.
- Next Council Meeting is set for Thursday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

Respectfully,
Freda Maness
Council Secretary

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Children's S.S.	3 7:00pm Scouts	4 5:30pm Brotherhood	5 9:00am Quilting 1:00pm Dominoes/Fellowship 3:00pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir	6 10:00am Adult Bible Study	7	8 7:00am Breakfast Bonanza
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16 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Children's S.S.	17 (Office Closed for Presidents' Day) Blood Drive 7:00pm Scouts	18 1:00pm Elenor Circle	19 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Meals On Wheels 1:00pm Dominoes/Fellowship 3:00pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir	20 10:00am Adult Bible Study 5:30pm Finance Ministry 5:30pm Faith Formation Ministry 7:00pm Council Meeting	21 5:30pm Young Youth "Friend-see"	22
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OUR MISSION

To be a Christ-centered community of faithful disciples
who are called to grow in faith, and share God's love
as we reach out to each other,
to our community, and to our world.

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:

8:30am Adult Sunday School
9:00am Coffee Hour
10:00am Worship Service
10:15am Children's Sunday School
(1st & 3rd Sundays)

Ministers..... Every Member
Stated Supply Minister..... Rev. Dr. Judith Scott
Director of Music..... Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director Rene Miserez
Organist Shirley Klein
Bell Choir Director Rene Miserez

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