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# The Steeple



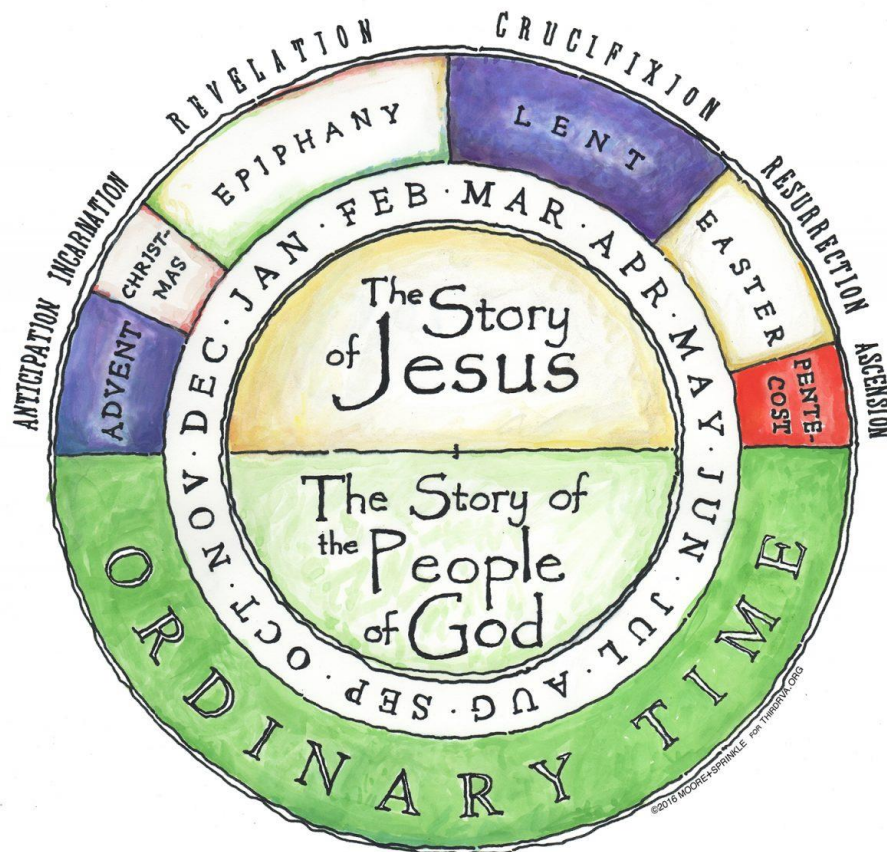
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## The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



## Towards Wednesday

This weekend marks the final week of what the church declares as “ordinary time,” that is, until we reach the season after Pentecost. Next Tuesday we will gather together to feast and burn the palms for the observance of Ash Wednesday. The following day will begin the great preparatory period known as Lent, where we will be intentional about being with each other and God before the great feast of Easter on April 9th. Below is a visual, that I’ve come to refer to quite often when seeking context:



We are right at high noon in the liturgical year and as we journey through Lent, be assured of my prayers for you: “Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon your people the healthful Spirit of your Grace, and that they truly may please you, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Every Blessing,  
Nick+



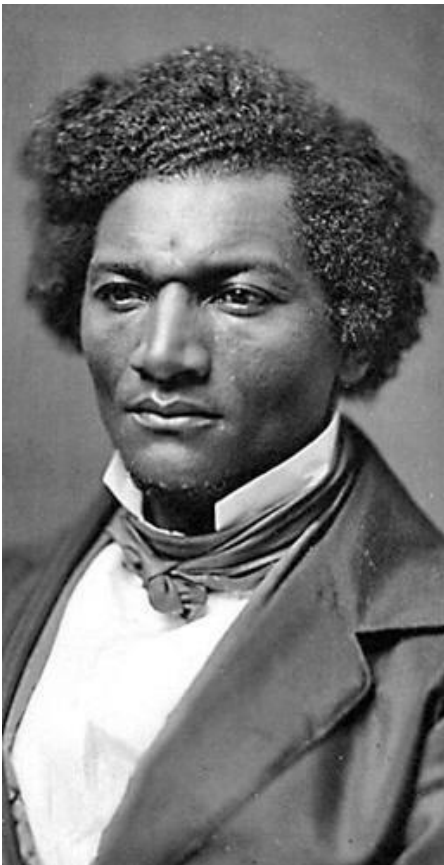
## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:

February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

12:15pm Chapel

6:00pm Church



### Theologians Corner: Frederick Douglass

Orator and Advocate for Truth and Justice, 1895

Born as a slave in February 1818, Frederick Douglass was separated from his mother at the age of eight and given by his new owner, Thomas Auld, to his brother and sister-in-law, Hugh and Sophia Auld. Sophia attempted to teach Frederick to read, along with her son, but her husband put a stop to this, claiming, “it would forever unfit him to be a slave.” Frederick learned to read in secret, earning small amounts of money when he could and paying neighbors to teach him.

In 1838, Frederick Bailey (as he was then known) escaped and changed his name to Frederick Douglass. At the age of 14, he had experienced a conversion to Christ in the African American Episcopal Church, and his recollection of that tradition’s spiritual

music sustained him in his struggle for freedom: “Those songs still follow me, to deepen my hatred of slavery, and quicken my sympathies for my brethren in bonds.”

An outstanding orator, Douglass was sent on speaking tours in the Northern States sponsored by the American Anti-Slavery Society. The more renowned he became, the more he had to worry about recapture. In 1845, he went to England on a speaking tour. His friends in America raised enough money to buy out his master’s legal claim to him, so that he could return to the United States in safety. Douglass eventually moved to New York and edited the pro-abolition journal *North Star*, named for the fleeing slave’s nighttime guide.

Douglass was highly critical of churches that did not disassociate themselves from slavery. Challenging those churches, he quoted Jesus’ denunciation of the Pharisees: “They bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers” (Matthew 23:4).

A strong advocate of racial integration, Douglass disavowed black separatism and wanted to be counted as equal among his white peers. When he met Abraham Lincoln in the White House, he noted that the President treated him as a kindred spirit without one trace of condescension.

Douglass died on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 1895.

Together we pray: Almighty God, we bless thy Name for the witness of Frederick Douglass, whose impassioned and reasonable speech moved the hearts of people to a deeper obedience to Christ: Strengthen us also to speak on behalf of those in captivity and tribulation, continuing in the Word of Jesus Christ our Liberator; who with thee and the Holy Spirit dwelleth in glory everlasting. Amen.

**FAITH FORUM**  
**Sundays 9:15am-**  
**10:15am, Metcalf**  
**Hall**  
**Romantic Reaction**  
**(1840-80)**

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Shrove Tuesday is Feb 21<sup>st</sup> and we will be having our traditional Pancake Supper in Metcalf Hall from 4:30pm-6:30pm.

Afterward join us in the Courtyard for the

“Burning of the Palms”



Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm at Tumbleweed's

**Midweek Mana is coming March 1<sup>st</sup>!**  
**Wednesdays, 6pm-8pm, Metcalf Hall**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Birthdays



Jim Grillot 2/19  
Everett Ellis 2/20

### Anniversaries



Bob & Stefanie Tedstrom 2/19

If your or a loved one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call the office, and we will add your birthday or anniversary!

**Please pray for:** : Linda & Terry Piper, Liz Green, Michelle Sheffield, Catherine Sheffield, David King, Pris Snow, Ben Baker, Sanawbar, Diana Farris, Cindy Moffitt, Joel Hahn, Stacey & Butch Webster, Steve McCraw, Josh Harris, Katie Rolielard, Debbie French, Jody & George Bracken, Janice Lonski, David Swindell, Norma Perrier, Connie Finch, Dorothy & Elmer Buchanan, Diana Schremmer, Peggy Kauffman, Colleen, Shawn, Ryan Kiesel, Tony Clapper, Merry Lou & Bruce Neiswander, Jack & Karla Stoecker, Joseph, Tim, Beth, Kay Boman Harvey, Shania Smith, Luke Karel, Terry Grogan, Tyler Roberson, Jerry Nezam, Jim Brooks, Harris Moreland, Tom Martin, and Don Doty.

## Luke's Place Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Men's Breakfast, 7am, Metcalf

Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf

Green Country Service, 1pm, GCV

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, chapel

Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf

Children's Programming, 10:15am, upstairs

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Spiritual Discovery Group, 10am, Library

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 4:30pm-6:30pm, Metcalf

Burning of the Palms, 6:30pm, Courtyard

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday Service, 12:15pm, Chapel

Ash Wednesday Service w/YD, 6pm, Church

Choir, 7pm, Choir Room









Bunco Night was a HIT!

## Annual Meeting Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023







## Election Results

Vestry- Steve Roper

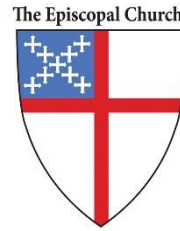
Josie McIver, Youth Rep

Convention- Fr Nick Phares, Doug McIver,  
Becky Olsen, Brian Olsen, Margo Proctor, and  
Kris Bonner, alternate

Nominating Committee- Nancy Megee, Sally  
Lindsey, Cathy Perrier, Nan Buhlinger, Shelly  
Jackson



# Lenten Offering on Line

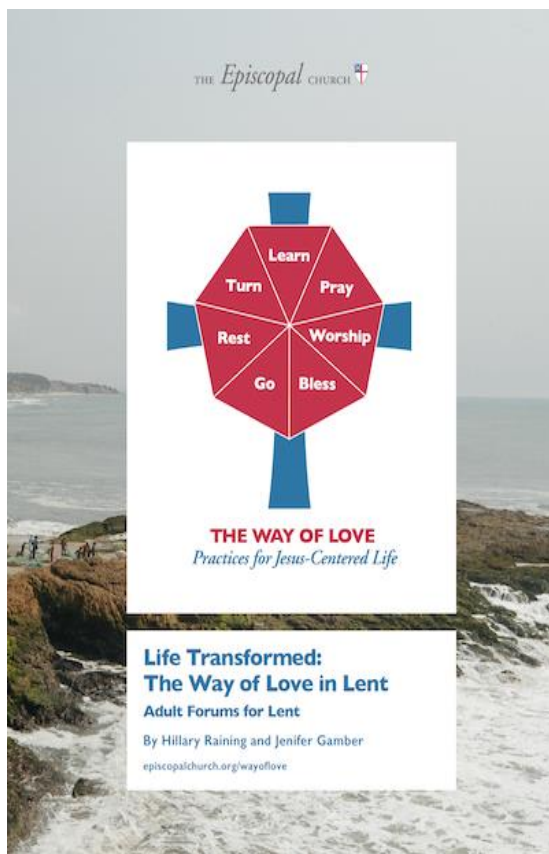


## Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption.

Join the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining, rector of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Gladwyne, Penn., as she introduces weekly lessons from Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent. These eight videos- one for each of the Life Transformed sessions and an introduction – can be used with your congregation, as part of a small group, or for individual learning and meditation.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed-the-way-of-love-in-lent/>



### From the Book of Common Prayer for Ash Wednesday:

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*



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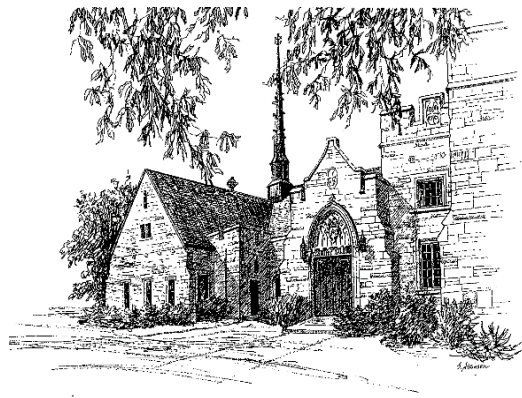
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In the 40 days leading up to Easter, many Christians celebrate Lent, which is the annual Christian holiday that precedes Easter. Derived from the Anglo Saxon word "lencten," meaning "spring," Lent is a special period of reflection, fasting, and prayer, where Christians are encouraged to recall the sacraments of baptism and penance in preparation for Easter Sunday.

*Lent begins Feb 22, 2023*