

AN INVITATION
TO BE A FOLLOWER OF
JESUS THIS LENT

Name _____

E-Mail _____

Yes, I plan to participate in . . .

“Joseph: A Case Study of Forgiveness”
___ Wednesday 8:15 - 9:00 pm, Theos Room

The Fastlane
___ Wednesday 8:15 -9:00 pm, Griswold

___ The Prayer Vigil

“Way of Forgiveness” Class
___ Sunday 9:15 -10:30 am,
Halldorson Hall and Chapel

Cost for Participant’s Guide is \$12 (please make check out to PCCT, with W.O.F. on memo line). Books and schedule for daily exercises (which are to be done a week prior to each class) are to be picked up in the church office by February 22nd.

Wednesday Evening Adult Education
8:15 - 9:00 pm in the Theos Room
“Joseph: A Case Study of Forgiveness”

Reverend Halldorson will explore the spiritual and psychological dynamics of the Story of Joseph found in chapters 37-50. Focusing on the narrative, as well as, the relationships of the characters, the class will explore the meaning of forgiveness for all of us.

February 25	“Allowing the Jealousy”
March 4	“Debating the Crime”
March 11	“Surviving the Outrage”
March 18	“Confessing the Sin”
March 25	“Letting Go of the Bitterness”
April 1	“Living with the Memory”



What Is the Prayer Vigil?
“You don’t need to change
to believe in my love,
for it will be my love that will
change you.”
(Mother Teresa)

Join us following the Maundy Thursday service for our prayer vigil. Through the evening and concluding with Good Friday, you are invited to come, pray, and reflect on the Passion of Jesus, the events leading to Jesus’ death by crucifixion. Resources are provided to help us ponder how these events clarify the power and love of God. Hosts volunteer to stay at the church through the evening.

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WE INVITE YOU
ON A
LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

“To journey without being changed is to be a nomad.
To change without journeying
is to be a chameleon.
To journey and be transformed by the journey
is to be a pilgrim.”
(Mark Nepo)



What is Lent?

Lent (literally meaning “springtime”) is a time of preparation, repentance, and self-discovery. The forty days of Lent, which recall the forty days Jesus was tempted in the desert and the forty years the people of Israel wandered in the wilderness, were originally a period of instruction leading to baptism. Lent, which has grown into a time for “giving things up” and/or “giving to those in need,” can be a time of renewal and empowerment, as we honestly face ourselves and turn again to the miracle of God’s power and love freely offered to us and expressed so beautifully in the empty tomb of Easter morning. It is the season of Lent, which enables Easter to startle, shock, and excite us once again.

How Can I Participate in Lent?

Commit to a personal practice(s):

- Give something up for Lent (i.e. dessert, TV)
- Give to a cause or person dear to your heart
- Commit to a practice of prayer or meditation
- Read a daily Lenten devotional
- Reflect on The Way of Forgiveness Daily Devotion
- Fast on Wednesdays—give saved \$\$ to charity

Commit to a corporate practice:

- Attend each Sunday morning worship
- Attend Wednesday evening Soup Supper and worship
- Attend Holy Week services
- Participate in the Prayer Vigil
- Sign up for an Adult Education offering
- Join the Fastlane group

What Is the Lenten Schedule at PCCT?

Wednesdays (February 25 - April 1)

7:00 PM Soup Supper

7:30 PM Worship

8:15 PM Adult Education Opportunity

- “Joseph: A Case Study of Forgiveness”
- Fastlane (Fasting Group)

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 5

9:15 and 11:00 AM Worship & Church School

Maundy Thursday, April 9

8:00 PM Worship

Prayer Vigil

9:00 PM Maundy Thursday through
7:00 PM Good Friday

Good Friday, April 10

8:00 PM Worship

Easter Sunday, April 12

7:00 AM Easter Vigil and Communion - Chapel
9:15 and 11:00 Easter Worship

Sundays (March 1 - April 12)

9:15 and 11:00 AM Worship

9:15 AM Adult Education: “Way of Forgiveness”
(ends March 29)

9:15 AM Church School: “Peter 3 Times No, 3 Times Yes”

What Is the Fastlane?

“Fasting is cleansing. It cleans out our bodies. It lays bare our souls. It leads us into the arms of the One for whom we hunger.” (Macrina Wiederkehr)

Our mission: We seek to be in solidarity with Jesus Christ, with one another, and with the hungry during the Lenten Season. Participants make a commitment to fast each Wednesday during Lent and dedicate the saved money to a cause focused on alleviating hunger. Participants are also invited to meet after the Wednesday evening worship to reflect on their fasting experiences, to study and pray, and to break bread together. The group is convened by Rev. Oehler and Rev. Dr. McCord.

What About Our Children?

On March 1st at 9 am, all Sunday School children will partake in a Lenten Pancake Breakfast in Mulford Hall. Throughout Lent, children will experience forgiveness in Sunday School when Jesus reappears to Peter, giving him a second chance to confirm his love for Him after having denied Jesus three times before his death. Rotation workshops include Art, Audio Visual, Games, Drama, and Mission, concluding with a Palm Sunday Kids Worship on April 5th. In addition, parents are encouraged to invite their children to commit to a personal practice.

What is “The Way of Forgiveness?”

“By your capacity for forgiveness shall I recognize your God”
(Marius Grout)

The Way of Forgiveness is a small group resource designed to help you explore Christ’s call to live a forgiven and forgiving life. The course offers the opportunity for daily reflection, as well as a weekly meeting to further explore the topic of the week. Participants should sign up by February 22nd and begin daily readings to prepare for our first meeting. Meetings will be led by Reverend Oehler, Reverend Halldorson and Reverend McCord. The summary of the five week program is:

- Week One: Living in God’s Blessing
- Week Two: Releasing Shame and Guilt
- Week Three: Facing Our Anger and Transforming It
- Week Four: Receiving God’s Forgiveness and Forgiving Others
- Week Five: Seeking Reconciliation and Becoming the Beloved Community