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## Lent: A Journey Up the Mountain

On Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> we will hold an Ash Wednesday service at 7pm at the church. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent: our 40 day journey to Easter.

Lent gets a bad wrap in our culture today. I would imagine for those outside the church that repentance, ashes, penitence, and all the other gloomy stuff that goes with Lent might conjure up images from Monty Python's "Quest for the Holy Grail." I'm sure you remember the part I'm speaking of where the hooded monks dressed in long dark robes are processing through the village chanting... *Pie Jesus, Domine, dona eis requiem.* (THUNK – they smack themselves on the head with a board.) The monks repeat this again and again in their solemn procession. It is quite the sight to see.

Sadly, Lent is viewed as an out-dated practice of self-deprivation. There is so much more to the season. Instead of solemn monks processing and bonking themselves on the head, I would like to present another image for Lent.

Consider J.R.R. Tolkien's trilogy "The Lord of the Rings." Towards the end of the epic trilogy the two hobbits Frodo Baggins and Samwise (Sam) Gamgee are climbing the dangerous climb up Mt. Doom to destroy the ultimate evil in Middle Earth: the dark lord Sauron's ring. (*For those of you who are not fans of The Lord of the Rings...hang in there...*) On their way up the mountain Frodo collapses from physical exhaustion and the weight of the evil ring he carries. Frodo confesses to Sam that he can no longer imagine the green grass of the shire or anything else that is alive. All Frodo sees is the hopeless journey up Mt. Doom. Then in an amazing act of courage and strength, Sam offers to carry Frodo. Sam heaves Frodo up on his shoulder and carries him the rest of the way up Mt. Doom. *I won't spoil the end for those who have not read the book or seen the movie.*

Frodo and Sam's journey through Middle Earth and up Mt. Doom is not unlike Lent. During Lent we reflect on our own journey and yes we reflect on the powerful evil of sin that is all around us and within us as well. We too carry our sin to the mountain top, but like Frodo, we do not do it alone! Beside us is our Lord Jesus Christ, who offers to carry us to the top of Calvary where our sin will be destroyed. On our other side we see our friends; Sisters and Brothers in Christ. Together we climb the mountain and together we support one another.

In the journey of Lent we grow closer to our Savior and closer to each other. This journey has a destination. On the top of the mountain is an empty tomb! The journey to the resurrection and new life of Easter morning is not an easy journey, but it is one that we do not walk alone. See you on the WAY!



Yours in Christ,  
Seth



*Circles meet  
Wednesday, March 9*

Rebekah – 10:00 a.m.  
at the church  
Hostesses: Lorene Dieckman  
& Heather Myers  
Group Discussion

Martha – 1:00 p.m.  
at the church  
Hostess: Francis Judd  
Group Discussion

Lydia – 7:30 p.m.  
at Cheryl's house  
Hostess: Cheryl Woolley  
Moderator: Debbie Peterson

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*Harpist, Michael O, and our own percussionist, Don Correu, entertained at the Annual Mens' Valentines' Breakfast*

Men's Breakfast Square meets next on Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 a.m.

Men's Square will also serve lunch at Grace and Holy Trinity on Monday, March 28, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to attend, the sign-up sheet is located in the old Narthex

**Save the Date for Synago  
Sunday, March 13**

**Watch for more info**

**THANK YOU**

We thank the anonymous donor for the generous gift to our Sunday School Program. It is greatly appreciated.

Discipleship



**Thanks So Much!**

**DEACON BEACON**



The Deacons wish to thank Corrine Brown for providing cookies/coffee after services for the month of February.

The Deacons mailed valentine cards and/or visited shut-ins around Valentine Day.

The MLM collection items for the month of March are canned meats (Spam, chicken, corned beef), canned veggies and canned fruit



# Presbyterian Summer Camp... Heartland Center!

Register for camp by March 31 to receive our Spring Scholarship (10% off the cost of ALL camps)

Here's just a few of the 55 different camp sessions this summer at Heartland Center. These camps are filling up fast!

**Trailblazers: (3rd-4th grades)** Get ready to blaze a trail for adventure! You'll love the horses, swimming, games, the campfires, the new friends, and the excitement that awaits you at camp this summer.

**Highlanders Archery Camp: (4th-6th grades)** Great fun and new skills are in store for you as you take aim at this adventure! All the fun of Highlander Camp with a focus in archery.

**Middle School Edge Camp: (6th-8th grades)** This camp is for those who are interested in living with a Christian "Edge," engaging campers physically through Heartland Center's challenge ropes courses and spiritually through our "Everyday God" summer theme.

**Other Camp offerings are available for youth completing grades 2-12.** Register online at [www.HeartlandCenter.org](http://www.HeartlandCenter.org) or call the Heartland Center office at (816) 891-1078. A printable registration form is also available online.

## Summer Camp Staff

Applications are now available and being accepted for the Heartland Center 2011 Summer Staff. Use your summer to:

All positions paid, with room and board during summer provided.

For more information, questions, or to receive an application; please contact the Program Director, Heartland Center



This year's "Souper Bowl" mission project was the most successful ever for Northminster.

Many thanks to Jo Harper for a super effort presenting the project to the congregation. We also owe many thanks out our super "Souperman" Vince Kaylor for all the time and effort

he put in negotiating special pricing from HyVee and Walmart to make sure we got the best deal on the best soup, (including chunky, with meat).

The congregation donated \$1,629 in cash besides the many cans of soup purchased and placed in the narthex. 3,012 cans in total were delivered to The Northland Assistance Center and MLM.

This was an amazing accomplishment made possible only because of the "super" generosity of our congregation. Thank you so much for supporting our mission projects helping when and where we can in our community.

J.O.Y.  
(Just Older Youth)

The meeting will start promptly at noon with lunch.

The lunch entrée is chili. The kitchen team is Evans & Hoagland.

The March program is Lysaght & Lynn magic act. The magic act is back by request. We had Jim Lysaght perform for us about two years ago. Hang on to your wrist watches!



March 9, 2011  
7:00 p.m.



AED/CPR Recertification will be available at Northminster on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 23  
6 – 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 24  
6 – 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 30  
2 – 5:00 p.m.

Training includes child (not infant) CPR and AED.

Please contact Carol Wagner (816-452-0180) for more information.

Sign-up sheets will be posted.

# March Calendar

1	10:00 a.m.	Prayer and Worship Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
2	10:00 a.m.	PW Board
	6:00 p.m.	Koinonia
3	12:00 p.m.	JOY Group
6	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
7	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
8	10:00 a.m.	Prayer and Worship Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
9		Circles meet (Evening Circle will meet after Ash Wednesday Service)
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
12	8:00 a.m.	Men's Square Breakfast
13	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		TBA Synago
14	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
15	10:00 a.m.	Prayer and Worship Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
16	7:00 p.m.	Session
20	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
21	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
22	10:00 a.m.	Prayer and Worship Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
23	6:00 p.m.	CPR Recertification
24	6:00 p.m.	CPR Recertification
27	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
28	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	12:00 p.m.	Men's Square to Grace and Holy Trinity
29	10:00 a.m.	Prayer and Worship Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
4 30	2:00 p.m.	CPR Recertification



## March Birthdays

- 2 Rich Luther
- 4 Nancy Henry
- 5 Alex Harriger  
Bernard McGinnis
- 6 Linda Drollinger  
Caren Seaman
- 7 Karl Mischke
- 8 Joe Strausbaugh  
Don Stricker
- 9 Pat Hulett
- 10 Linda Sutherland
- 11 John Hendrich
- 14 Mike Woolley
- 18 Nyla Mischke
- 19 Jim Cole
- 23 Judy Gillespie
- 24 Dennis Dunlap
- 27 Tina Marquart  
Chris Mooney  
Bill Raymer
- 29 Nicholas Shafar

### Heartland Center Wish List

Heartland Presbyterian Center provides hospitality and programming in a natural setting for individuals, families, churches and the community. Your gifts help support this ministry.

- Trees (2" diameter or larger)
- Trash cans with lids
- Heavy-duty extension cords
- Chest Freezer
- CFL fluorescent light bulbs
- Weed-eater, leaf-blower, chainsaw
- Portable basketball and/or soccer goals
- Archery targets
- Game parachute and Earth Ball
- Horses (gentle, kid-friendly, healthy)
- Hay (round bales - brome or alfalfa)
- Lightweight folding tables
- Dorm-type refrigerators / Microwave ovens
- Flat screen TV
- Commercial two-door reach-in refrigerator
- Patio tables/chairs/umbrellas
- Park benches
- Adirondack lawn chairs or rocking chairs

# March Prayer Requests



Michelle Boul, personal situation, friend of Fran Gates  
Mark Dinopoli, injuries from accident, Fran Gates' co-worker's friend  
Barb Swan, health concerns, Joe Rembolt's friend  
Robb & Tammy Spencer, dealing with family health concerns  
Lee & Esther Felsburg, health concerns, friends of the Chesters  
Roxanne, health concerns, wife of a friend, Charles Pate  
Chriss Wheeler, health concerns, Rev. Seth's mother  
Clay Morgan, health concerns, friend of Brent Shelton  
Barbara Green, health concerns, Beth Wheeler's mother  
Karen, health concerns, Ben Lane's friend  
Doug Hopper, injuries from accident, Stacy Hopper's father-in-law  
Matthew Reineke, health concerns, friend of Joe Rembolt  
Virginia Brown, health concerns  
Mick Whisler, personal situation, friend of Lindsay Browne  
Karl Jordan, serious health concerns, son of Frankie Wainwright  
Friends, seeking employment, Lindsay Browne  
Brad Browne, seeking employment, Lindsay Browne's husband  
Lisa Temple-Young, health concerns, friend of Lindsay Browne  
Joyce Steurmer, health concerns, vocal instructor, Donna Douthit and the Luthers  
Joshua Balhuizen, health concerns, Rich and Mary Thompson's grandson  
Nathan Harper, schooling  
George McKinney, health concerns  
Brother John, health concerns, St. Mary's Seminary, Kaaren Jones  
Caroline Wickey, health concerns, R.L. & Marilyn Hoefers friend  
Jim Pearce, health concerns, Northland Assistance Center  
Dwayne Taylor, health concerns, Judy Gillespie's uncle  
Christina Comer, health concerns, Jonathan Lupton's sister-in-law  
Gladys Hunter, health concerns  
Lois Hughes, health concerns  
John Ebbert, back problems  
Bill Auch, hip replacement  
Mary, health concerns, friend of Jo Harper  
Jack Phillips, health concerns  
Gen Masters, stroke, Sharon Brown's mother  
Zoe Chester, back surgery, Rod and Sheryl Chester's daughter-in-law  
Betty Scott, health concerns  
Marcella Shafar, broken ankle and fractured foot  
Thomas Gilbertson, pneumonia  
Karel Leiby, heart surgery, friend of Frankie Wainwright  
Tammy McMahon, health concerns, Joyce Sage's niece

## *God's Prayer Garden*

Amy, health concerns, Dana Shafar's sister & Thomas Gilbertson's granddaughter  
Vincie Armato, health concerns, friend of Jo Harper  
Cheryl Chrisman, cancer, Mark Hoefers caregiver  
Caleb Wolf, health concerns, David and Joann Harper's grandson  
Virginia Battagler, health concerns  
Fred and Bob Ritter, serious health, Mary Thompson's brothers  
Latonya, terminally ill, Jonni Allen's co-worker's daughter  
Nadine Shafar, health concerns, Scottie Shafar's mother  
Norman and Bertha Davison, health concerns, Sue Schuler's neighbors  
Ken Srefkes, health concerns, Mary Lou Clark's brother-in-law  
Charles Morton, health concerns, Clyde Jones' brother-in-law  
Rod Chester, cancer  
Amy Weber's father, health concerns, Amy works with Jennifer Howerton  
Friends seeking employment, Fran Gates and Keith Langabee  
Paul Nocci, cancer, friend of Beth Luther  
Laura Johnson and family, cancer, sister of a friend, Fran Gates  
Vickie Stewart, health concerns, Bill and Marcia Auch's daughter  
Brian Hughes, l-worker of Rich Luther

Ruth Severt and Dean Robertson, health concerns, Tammy Spencer's parents  
Doug Younger, health concerns, Donna Douthit's friend  
Lorna Lowe, breast cancer, Connie Cole's nephew's wife  
Holly, health concerns, friend of Heather Myers  
Jeannine Sutton, continuing cancer treatment  
Stephen Akimoto, lung cancer, friend of the Correu family  
Mike Weber, prostate cancer, friend of Rod Chester  
Don Rogers, lung cancer - chemo, Joann Harper's brother  
Dwight Witt, severe burns, friend of Harold & Betty Scott's granddaughter  
Brett Lamb, return of lung cancer, friend of Stacy Hopper  
Doris Leach, breast cancer, Lois Hughes' sister  
Linda Freeman, leukemia, friend of Rod Chester  
Julie Meeks, cancer, John Hendrich and Peggy Clouse's niece  
Eddie Hunter, health concerns

## OUR HOMEBOUND

Jean Allen Virginia Brown

## OUR MILITARY

Capt. Chad Steel, Lyle Evans  
Ted England, Homeland Security, nephew - Sandra Correu & Drew  
Charles Oschner, Navy, Hawaii  
Sgt. Nick Sutherland, Alaska, Linda Sutherland's son  
Bryan Wylie, Army, Iraq, friend of Alex and Kate Harriger  
Marcus Mitchell, Iraq, Gladys Hunter's nephew  
Col. Scott Schwarz, USMC, Sheryl Chester's son & Rod's stepson  
Joshua Balhuizen, Army, Rich and Mary Thompson's grandson  
Capt. Nelson Nissley, Iraq, father of Andy Nissley (Troop 288)  
Capt. Morgan Smyth, Marine Pilot, Tom and Dottie Hagan's grandson  
Dan Schwarz, Sheryl Chester's nephew  
Zack Love, Army, Rich and Beth Luther's nephew  
Nathan Harper, Navy, David and Joann Harper's son  
MSgt. Steve Lowe, Marine, Afghanistan, Sue Lowe's son  
Coby Basinger, Navy, Korea, Toni and John Platt's grandson  
Jacob Bratton, Marines, Everett and Sue Fine's grandson-in-law  
SPC. William Wilson, Army, Everett and Sue Fine's grandson



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