



Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness... Luke 4:1-2

Living With Hope in a Broken World

(Facilitated by The Rev. Tom Murray and Lucy Paynter)

February 24: Living with Grief – Donna Hampton, Director of Grief and Bereavement Services at Hospice and Palliative Care Center.

March 3: Living with Cancer – Laurie Mathes, Oncology Nurse Navigator and cancer survivor at Forsyth Cancer Center.

March 10: Living in Recovery – Jeff Coppage, Director of Prodigals Community.

March 17: Living with Divorce – Billie Mizel, gifted area counselor, will share the dynamics of this situation and tools for healthy living.

Desert Days for Children

Many stories of faith take place in the desert. We tell the story of Abraham and Sarah, who left their home and went to a new land. The people of God spent years in the desert with Moses, looking for a new home. Jesus spent time in the desert after he was baptized, to learn more about who he was.

This Lenten season, elementary children are invited to explore how the desert can be a place to get to know God better. We'll hear stories, play games, and make crafts and we'll even take a field trip to the N.C. Zoo on Saturday, March 20 to visit some desert animals. For more information and to register, go to:

www.stpauls-ws.org/chrised.

Fasting from the Familiar

Wednesday Night Lenten Film Series

Join us as we explore the theme of 'Fasting and the Desert' Wednesday evenings during Lent. Fasting could mean not eating a certain type of food, refraining from doing something that might be harmful to us or to the environment, or even considering what practices continue to keep us within our own personal comfort zones.

February 24 : Tom's Shoes What happens when inexperienced entrepreneurs set out to change the world? This is a story of a small company that makes a difference for children, one pair of shoes at a time. 35min

March 3 : The Way A modern man on an ancient spiritual journey. Follow Mark Shea as he walks for 34 days on a traditional pilgrim's path: the Camino de Santiago in Spain. 75min.

March 10: Crossing Arizona For people crossing the border into the U.S. and all those involved with issues of immigration, the Arizona desert becomes a place of freedom, conflict, danger, and opportunity for ministry. A wide variety of perspectives are presented in this film. (Not suitable for children and younger youth) 75min.

March 17: Addicted to Plastic Did you know that every piece of plastic ever made still exists? Explore how fasting may mean refraining from doing something harmful to us or the environment. 53min

Schedule

5:30 Holy Eucharist in the Chapel with Taize music

Buffet line opens with Soup and salad (\$5 adults/\$3 kids 3 – 12) in Colhoun A

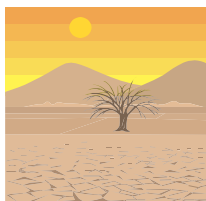
6:00 Nursery opens with care for infants – Pre-Kindergarten

6:15 Film screening begins and Kindergarten–5th grades dismissed to *Desert Days* children's program

6:30 Living with Hope class begins Buffet line closes, late-comers are welcome to continue eating

7:30 Programs conclude

Opportunities for Lenten Observance at St. Paul's



Wisdom of our Desert Mothers & Fathers

Thursday Evenings in Lent,
6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Chapel with
The Rev. Darby Everhard

Lent can be a time of enriched, quiet preparation, or a desert time of spiritual parching. The desert fathers and mothers taught about the spirituality of the desert and times of solitude, fasting, testing, self-emptying, encounter, and ultimately, transfiguration. They taught about the necessity of waiting upon God and God's word, especially within ourselves.

Living with Hope in a Broken World

Wednesday Night Workshop Series

Facilitated by The Rev. Tom Murray & Lucy Paynter
February 24 — March 17, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31). Yet people are sick with cancer, getting divorced, struggling with addiction and dealing with the grief that comes from losing a loved one. And if we aren't personally struggling with these kinds of issues right now, surely we know and love someone who is. So how does our Christian faith influence it all? How do we live with hope in a broken world? These questions will guide our discussions during this four part series facilitated by The Rev. Tom Murray, Lucy Paynter and others with experience and expertise in the fields of grief, cancer, divorce and addiction.

During each of our meeting times, The Rev. Tom Murray will lay a theological foundation for our discussions, emphasizing the importance of relationships in God's divine plan of salvation. A speaker will join us every Wednesday, to address a particular topic. At the end of each speaker's presentation, Lucy Paynter will lead a question and answer period. Participants will take away resources for living with hope, in a broken world.



Stations of the Cross

St. Paul's parishioners will lead a guided observance at noon in the Nave each Wednesday, February 24

through March 31. The Nave will be open the other days of the week during Lent from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Instructions may be found in the Narthex for self-directed observances of the Stations of the Cross.

Private Confessions

Private Confession may be scheduled with any of our clergy, by appointment, from 1PM to 4PM on Wednesdays during Lent.

Recommended reading

The Desert An Anthology for Lent by John Moses
Morehouse Publishing

Devotional Materials Available For Pickup At Church

O Lord, I'm Listening Is that a snake I hear up in that tree? Oh, don't listen to that!" So begins this read-aloud Lenten journey. Ears wide open, children and their families are invited to listen to the many Biblical sounds that led Jesus to the Cross... and beyond, to the open tomb!

2010 Lenten Meditations From Episcopal Relief & Development by Sister Claire Joy and the Community of the Holy Spirit. These readings will encourage, inspire and challenge each of us to reflect on our lives and how we might take steps to share Jesus' love with a world of people in need.

Daybreaks Paula D'Arcy explores the themes of love, fear, pain and promise in ways that will move you emotionally, guide you spiritually, and make this Lent and Easter season a rewarding journey.

Daybreaks Father Ron Rolheiser provides reflections each day of Lent and Easter week that are short and clear enough for a busy person, yet provocative, and challenging to the art of one's being.

Children's Lenten Poster— A journey of simple devotions and thoughtful meditations leading through the forty days from Ash Wednesday through Easter week.

Available at the back of the Nave on Sundays and in Colhoun on Wednesday nights.



The Labyrinth

is open for walking and prayer in the 3rd floor Chapel after the 5:30 Eucharist on Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00 p.m. Feb. 24 and March 3, 10, 17.

Mite Boxes

We encourage all parishioners to consider this project as each of us explores the Lenten theme of *Fasting and the Desert*. We are asking that each family take home a mite box and contribute at least \$1 per day during the 40 days of Lent. Mite boxes will be available on Sunday, February 14 at the back of the Nave and at other locations in the church. Mite boxes should be returned to the church on Palm Sunday, March 28th. Money collected will be used to offset to cost of the Stop Hunger Now meals.

Stop Hunger Now March 20, 9am to 11am



Stop Hunger Now is a program that families can have fun with. Last year we had children as young as five working to package food for the hungry. Please call Mike Bradshaw (723-4391) to sign up your family to participate in the Stop Hunger Now Event. We need 70 individuals to package the 15,000 meals on Sat., March 20 from 9-11. Come join in the fun and help to feed the hungry!

Sunday mornings

Christian Formation for all ages. Check your bulletin for location and descriptions