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## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 17 marks the beginning of Lent. This is historically a period when Christians have reflected on their faith as they prepare to celebrate Easter. It is a time of humility and repentance.

One sign of preparation has been the application of ashes on one's forehead. The ashes in the form of the cross remind us of the price Jesus paid for our sins.

Our Sanctuary will be open from Noon to 1 PM and from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, February 17. Everyone is invited to come when they are able and spend a quiet time of reflection. An instruction sheet will be available in the back to guide partici-



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pants as they focus their time and begin the Lenten season. A leader will be present to apply the ashes to anyone who so desires. You may come and stay as long as you desire.

## God Wins!

Sunday, February 28, a new 8 week class will begin on the book of Revelation. God wins! That's the message of Revelation. This video-based study of Revelation will open your eyes to stunning pictures of Jesus Christ walking among his churches, battling the evil one throughout history, winning the victory at Calvary, and returning in majesty and glory. The class will meet at 10:30 AM in the Fireside Room.

## The Table

Supper will be served on Friday, February 12. Food will be ready at 6 PM and guests will be served until 6:45 PM. This month's menu will be spaghetti.

At 7:00 PM, we will worship together in the Sanctuary at The Table. Join us as we worship with songs of praise, words of instruction, and prayer. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.



## JoAnn Plihal Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of the JoAnn Plihal Memorial Scholarship is to assist young people who are pursuing higher education. This year the Scholarship subcommittee, which is part of the Endowment committee, will be awarding two or three scholarships ranging from \$400-\$600. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, following the morning worship service, an informational meeting will be held in the library for all interested high school seniors and their parents. Scholarship guidelines will be discussed and application forms will be available. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would still like to apply, you may contact Karen Sebens for more information and an application form. All application materials are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to make a contribution to the scholarship committee please contact Jim Plihal, Dan McGrew, Karen Sebens or Wendy Nelson.

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## **Valentine Craft and Date Night**

On Saturday, February 13, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, we will be having our annual Valentine's Craft Night. Drop your children off for a fun night of pizza, crafts, and a movie. While they are here, you and your sweetie can have an evening out. All ages are welcome. Please RSVP so we know how many will be attending—206-542-8883 or Clarice Duffy@verizon.net. The youth group will be helping to staff this event as a fundraiser for Vision House. Recommended donation is \$20. Adults are also needed to help so if you would like to join in the fun, contact April Haberman.

## **Palm Sunday Music**

On Palm Sunday, it has been a tradition to have our Girl's Choir sing. We'll have the pleasure of hearing them sing once again, along with boys that may be interested as well. Practices will begin March 7th and will run from 10:30—11:30 AM. We will meet again on the 14th and 21st. Children will perform during Palm Sunday service for the congregation. Please note that it's very important for children to attend all practices. If you should have any questions, please contact April Haberman at 206-533-1610.

## **Renovaré**

Renovaré, which means renewal, is an organization that promotes a [balance](#) vision and [practical](#) strategy of spiritual renewal to encourage individuals and churches to develop renewed, sustainable, and enriched spiritual lives. Renovaré is sponsoring a covenant retreat this summer, July 21-25, at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego: Longing for God: Paths of Christian Devotion.

The Renovaré Retreat is uniquely designed to encourage your faith and renew your thinking, as well as give you the flexibility to spend time with God in your own special ways. Wind your way through the Experiential Prayer Room, encounter Jesus through the Stations of the Cross, envelop yourself in the nature at the On-the-Beach Prayer Experience, or simply take time in solitude.

If this sounds interesting, learn more at [www.renovare.org](http://www.renovare.org).

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Maundy Thursday—April 1**

Enjoy a light meal and a celebration of Communion

### **VBS—July 12-16**

### **Church Campout—August 20-22, Jim Creek**

Saturday, August 21 will be an open day for family and friends to come and visit, play games, enjoy a meal, or sing around the campfire. Registration is required for all guests to get in the campground.