

Seward United Methodist Church News Stream January 31st

Ash Wednesday Worship Plans

We will have Ash Wednesday worship at 6:00pm February 17th with our confirmation students helping to lead the service. Pastor Mary Kay and Pastor Jo Ellen will offer the imposition of ashes on the back of each person's hand as part of in-person worship. *Worship at Home* Lenten Bags will be available to pick up between 4:00-5:45pm on Ash Wednesday in the parking lot. If folks are not attending the Ash Wednesday in-person worship, they may receive the imposition of ashes on their hand during this time.

Lenten Worship Plans

Seward United Methodist Church's mission statement is:

"Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond."

Our Lenten theme for 2021 is *"Disciples Who Made a Difference"* and we will look at five different disciples who made a difference in the world. We hope their examples will be inspirational to all of us.

February 21st - Disciples Learn: Mary McCleod Bethune

February 28th - Disciples Pray: Howard Thurman

March 7th - Disciples Help: Corrie Ten Boom

March 14th - Disciples Work: Sojourner Truth

March 21st - Disciples Worship: Oscar Romero

How will you respond? On the big bulletin board near the East door, we invite you to respond to the call to be community. There are a variety of ways you could respond, as well as adding your own response. We invite you and look forward to seeing our community responses!

Lent begins Ash Wednesday and goes all the way through Holy Saturday. These days leading up to Easter are traditionally a time of reflection, repentance, and striving to become more faithful. Sometimes people *give up* something for Lent in order to be in solidarity with the needy in our world or to identify a little bit with Jesus's suffering. Sometimes people *take on* something for Lent in order to deepen their spiritual journey. Sometimes people give up something they enjoy and the money saved they donate to missions. Sometimes people take on a new spiritual practice for Lent. Any of these ways of observing Lent are fine, if they are meaningful to you.

Prayer Requests

Christian love and prayers are extended to the Schultz family upon the death of Glenda's father. May they find healing and wholeness through God's comfort and the extension of others through cards, calls, and prayers.

New Office and Finance Administrator

We continue to welcome Terri Abrams to the leadership team. Please extend hospitality as you get to know her over the coming months.

Zoom Links

Zoom links are emailed separately for meetings, presentations, fellowship, Sunday School/Bible study, and gatherings. Be sure you watch your email for these!



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