

## LENT AT A GLANCE

### Tuesday, 2/13 “Shrove Tuesday” Dinner

**A Pancake and sausage dinner!** The feast begins at 6:00pm and we will celebrate with crafts for the kids, live music and a parade! Cost for the meal is \$5.00.

### Wednesday, 2/14 Ash Wednesday

12:00 am - Presbyterian Women together with the Worship and Music Committee will provide an Ash Wednesday Communion Service with light lunch afterward.

There will be no Evening Worship Service this year.

### Wednesdays, 3/22 & 3/29 New Member Class

Received by the Congregation on Easter Sunday

### Friday, 3/16 and Friday 3/23

Deacon Fish Fry - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



### Sunday, 3/25 \*PALM SUNDAY

*Two Services:*

#### 9:00 am Covenant Center

10:00 am Celebration and activities in the Commons and special time for adults (details TBD)

#### 11:00am Sanctuary

*Music by the Jubilate Ringers and the Covenant Choir.*

### Thursday, 3/29 Maundy Thursday

7:00 am - 6:30 pm Prayer Vigil

Noon service w/ **Communion**

7:00 pm - **Communion** Service in the Sanctuary.

### Friday, 3/30 Good Friday

*Noon worship service at the cross*

### Sunday, 4/1 - \*EASTER SUNDAY “He is Risen!!”

Worship at 8:30, 9:43 and 11:00 am,  
New Members received.

\* **Sunday school classes** will not meet these days so that families can worship together

## 2018 Lenten Sermon Series: “The Offence of the Cross”

### \*February 14, 2018 Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM PW Service w/Communion

### \*February 18 WHAT KIND OF FATHER WOULD DO THAT?

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent John 11: 43-53 & Matthew 27: 41-43

### \*February 25 SHEILDLED FROM IMAGES OF VIOLENCE

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Matthew 27: 27-37; & 16: 24-26  
“...and take up his cross and follow me...” v.24

More info when it becomes available

## Lenten Opportunities 2018

**THE OFFENCE  
OF THE  
CROSS**

**The Church of the Covenant**

***OUR VISION***

***To know Christ, and make Him  
known to the next generation.***

## From the Pastor

Dear friends:

Pastor Kay and I will share a Lenten Series on "The Offence of the Cross". We will look at the meaning and significance of the cross of Jesus Christ and



it will be a focal point as we prepare in Lent for Holy Week and Easter. "The stumbling block (or the offence) of the cross" Galatians 5: 11/ Romans 9: 33. This is a great season to reconnect with God.

See you in church!

Pastor Stu

## Shrove Tuesday, February 13

What is Shrove Tuesday, you may ask...? Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday when people begin to fast for Lent to gain penance from God, hence the name Shrove. Because they'll be fasting after this, Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday sees people enjoying fatty and rich foods as a last celebration before the 40 days of Lent.

Pancakes were historically eaten because they were a way to make use of the rich foods

people had before they went bad during the long fast. According to religious texts, the ingredients are also said to represent the four pillars of the Christian faith:

- \* Eggs for creation
- \* Flour as the mainstay of the human diet
- \* Salt for wholesomeness
- \* Milk for purity

Join us for our Pancake and Sausage supper at COTC for the whole family - your Church of the Covenant family! **Tuesday, February 13, from 6-8 p.m.** Mr. Dan Baker, renowned local guitarist, will provide amazing music, there will be crafts and fun for kids of all ages. Cost for the meal is \$5; SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER and then pay at the door.



## Dr. James Platt returns during Lent

### Tuesday Night Speaker Series Tuesdays, Feb. 20 - March 20 at 7:00pm **"Spiritual Warfare"**

While there are many more approaches, I tend to think that there are three predominant responses to the issue of "Spiritual Warfare": We "pooh-pooh" it and consider it crazy talk; we embrace it to the extent that we begin to see a demon behind every tree—that everything negative in our lives is the result of demonic or spiritual forces; finally there are those that recognize that spiritual warfare is genuine, is not for the faint-of-heart, and demands our prayerful attention. We have all heard of Ephesians 6's admonition to put on the full armor of God. That's a good start, but it is just that, a start! So if you are in the trenches yourself, or walking with someone that is battling such issues, or if you simply want to be informed about this deeply challenging threat to our very lives, join us Tuesday nights during Lent for an informative and challenging time together! Bring your Bibles and let's get ready to "beard the dragon."



## Palm Sunday

**HOLY WEEK** begins with **TWO PALM SUNDAY** worship services at **9:00 AND 11:00 am**, on **March 25.**

There will be special activities at 10:00 am, between services for children and also for adults.

More information will be available soon.



## Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services

**Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018**  
Prayer Vigil - Rusch Chapel 7 AM-7PM

**Worship w/ communion at Noon in Rusch Chapel**  
We will have a guest preacher - TBD

**Communion service 7:00 pm**  
in the Sanctuary - Dr. Broberg will be preaching.

A first person sermon about the power in the blood of Jesus. Pilate's reflection on his part in sentencing an innocent man to death.

**Good Friday, March 30, 2018**  
**Worship at the Foot of the Cross**  
**at Noon in The Commons**  
Our own Pastor Kay Balderose will be preaching.



**Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018**  
**He is Risen!**

**Worship Services at**  
**8:30, 9:43 & 11:00AM**  
**New Members received at 11:00 service**  
Sunday School classes will not meet so that families can enjoy this special day together.

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