

# THE WESLEY FLAME

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK. . .

The Season of Lent begins this Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes during our Ash Wednesday Service. It is a very moving experience and one that touches my spirit every year. But Lent is a season that tends to confuse and confound me as well.

My mind wants to equate Lent with Advent. During Advent, we are eagerly anticipating the birth of Christ. Advent is about hope, peace, love, and joy. It is about hope for the future. It almost feels like we are planning a baby shower for four weeks, just waiting for the joyous day to get here and we can celebrate the birth of the Baby Jesus.

But Lent is not about that same kind of joy and anticipation. Or is it?

Like Advent, Lent is a time for us to reflect and prepare, but it is a time of preparation for something much more solemn.

During Lent, we are remembering and commemorating the sacrifice that Christ made for us on the cross. On Ash Wednesday we mark ourselves with ashes, a sign of mourning and contrition, and we hear the words, "from dust you came and to dust you shall return." We stop and think about our own mortality. The rest of the Season of Lent is spent reading about God's call to seasons of sacrifice in our lives. We hear scriptures about ritual offerings, fasting, and repenting before turning to the story of how our Lord and Savior was betrayed by a close friend, arrested, tried before a sham court on trumped up charges, tortured, and executed in the most brutal way humans have devised. The season takes on a much darker tone.

Here is where my mind and my spirit start to wrestle with each other. While I'm reading about fasting and torture and death, I can't set aside the fact that I know the end of the story. I know that after the sacrifice and the suffering, resurrection comes. I know that after darkness falls, the light returns and drives out the darkness. And because I know the end of the story, the darkness no longer frightens me. Suddenly, I have hope and peace and joy and love...just like I did during Advent.

So, the best I can do is to approach Advent and Lent as two sides of the same spinning coin. One had to happen to bring about the other. They are both part of God's plan for humanity.

Light / Darkness

Yin / Yang

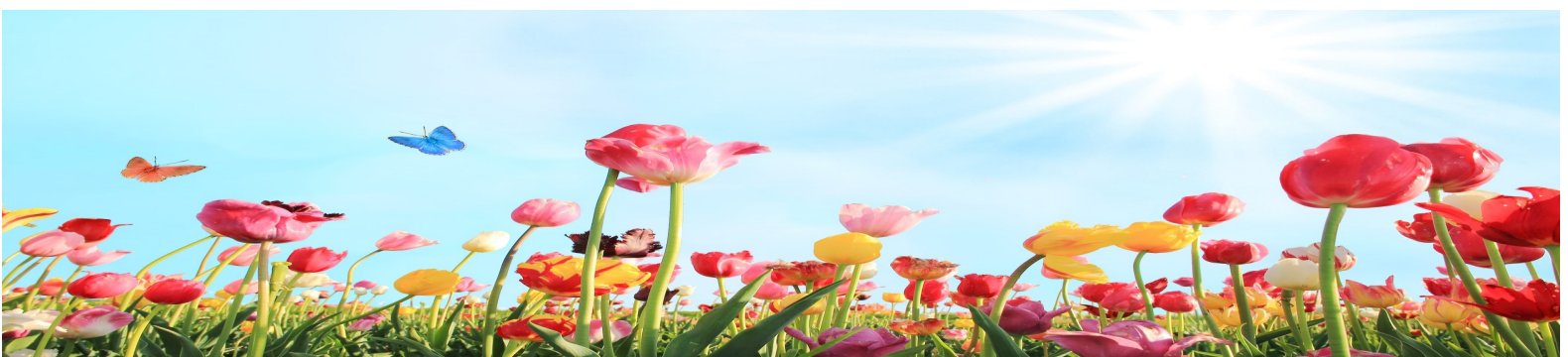
For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

We cannot breathe in without breathing out.

Advent / Lent

The duality can be beautiful when you take time to look at it in perspective.

In Christ,  
Scott





The Wesley Crafters met for a game of Mexican Train when the power was off at the Wesley House. They suffered through the cold with homemade hot chocolate. The crafters meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. til noon. Stop on by the Wesley House.



The Canasta Club met February 26 and finally had sunshine to welcome them back to playing. They meet every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and would love to have you join them!

Guess what time it is!

Time to spring forward!



Our semi-annual **GARAGE SALE** will be Friday, March 21st from 8:00-1:00 and Saturday, March 22nd from 8:00-12:00. You may start bringing items on the 16th and please, no items after noon on Thursday the 20th unless you can stay to set your items out on display.

We will also sell baked goods which you can bring anytime from Sunday the 16th to Saturday the 22nd.

Help with setting things up during that week is welcome anytime!  
Thanks for contributing!!

A big “Thank You” to all of the 2024 Santa’s Helpers sponsors. 142 families, for 315 children, were able to come and select toys this year.

A+ Donuts

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# 2025

**Greeters:** Dana & Leland Heuszel

**Assist with Communion:**

**Communion Rail Offering:** Lenten  
Lunches

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01 <u>Handbells—9:15am</u> <u>Sunday School—10am</u> <u>Worship—11am</u> <u>Women's Group—12pm</u>	02	03	04 Pancake Supper 5:30p.m. Administrative Council - 6:15pm <u>Crafts at Wesley House—10am</u>	05 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> <u>Canasta Club—11am</u> <u>Choir—5:00pm</u> <u>Imposition of Ashes—6:00pm</u>	06 <u>Crafts at Wesley House—10am</u>	07 <u>World Day of Prayer</u>
08 <u>Daylight Savings Time Begins</u> <u>Handbells—9:15am</u> <u>Sunday School—10am</u> <u>Worship—11am</u>	09	10	11 <u>Crafts at Wesley House—10am</u>	12 <u>Canasta Club—11am</u> <u>Choir—5:30pm</u>	13 <u>Crafts at Wesley House—10am</u>	14 
15 <u>Handbells—9:15am</u> <u>Sunday School—10am</u> <u>Worship—11am</u>	16 <u>HAPPY St. Patrick's Day</u>	17 <u>Crafts at Wesley House—10am</u>	18 <u>Canasta Club—11am</u> <u>Choir—5:30pm</u>	19 <u>S.O.A.R.—11am</u> <u>Crafts at Wesley House—10am</u>	20 	21 <u>Garage Sale 8am-12pm</u>
22 <u>Handbells—9:15am</u> <u>Sunday School—10am</u> <u>Worship—11am</u>	23 	24 <u>Crafts at Wesley House—10am</u>	25 <u>Canasta Club—11am</u> <u>Choir—5:30pm</u>	26 <u>Crafts at Wesley House—10am</u>	27 <u>Garage Sale 8am-1pm</u>	28 <u>Garage Sale 8am-12pm</u>
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### Office Hours:

Closed Monday  
Tue.-Thur. 9:00am-2:00pm  
Closed Friday

### Sundays

*Worship Services:*  
9:30am Handbell Rehearsal  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service

### Wednesdays

5:30pm Choir Rehearsal

### Monthly Meetings

1st Sunday  
12:00pm MW

1st Tuesday  
6:00pm—Administrative Council

3rd Thursday  
11:00am SOAR

**Please check with your  
group leader each month  
for any changes  
in the regular schedule.**



*Happy  
Anniversary*  
Trey & Deana Marek - March 6  
Leonard & Linda Haley - March 14

## Happy birthday to all of you born in **MARCH**



Pat Taliaferro	03/02
Robert Ballard	03/04
Betty Bray	03/05
Libby Gibson	03/08
MaKennah Parker	03/09
Sharon Cameron	03/11
John Trotter	03/15
Bob Gray	03/19
John Bayne	03/21
Lauren Skains	03/21
Alan Peet	03/23
Keith Certa	03/27
James Gibson	03/31

### Here are some **March Birthday fun facts**

for you to enjoy:

*March, considered to be the luckiest month, is the transition month between winter and spring. The start of Spring typically happens in the middle of the month, the exact day shifts slightly each year.*

- **March's Birthstone** - Aquamarine and Bloodstone which symbolize courage.
- **March's Birth Flower** - Daffodil
- **Astrology Zodiac Signs of March** - **Pisces** (February 19th-March 20th) and **Aries** (March 21st-April 19th)
- In old Roman calendars, one year used to be ten months long, starting in March and ending in December.
- The name March came from the name Mars, the Roman god of war.
- The Vernal Equinox (March Equinox) marks the day when day and night are of equal length.
- On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made the first-ever phone call. It was to his assistant, and he said, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want to see you."
- Monopoly was invented on March 7th, 1933.
- Coca-Cola was invented in March 1886.
- In March 1889, the completion of the Eiffel Tower occurred. Eiffel himself led a group of government officials and members of the press to the top. The elevators were not in operation yet, so the journey was made on foot and took over an hour.
- The "Ides of March" (March 15<sup>th</sup>) was considered a deadline for settling debts. It was also the day Julius Caesar was assassinated.
- President John F. Kennedy founded the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961.
- The popular social media outlet Twitter was launched on March 21, 2006, with the first tweet going out the same day. It was posted by the founder, Jack Dorsey, which read, "just setting up my twttr."
- Saint Patrick's Day occurs every March 17<sup>th</sup>, celebrated to commemorate the day Saint Patrick died.
- Statistically, March is the most unproductive month of the year in the U.S. This is the result of the NCAA "March Madness". Some companies lose up to \$1.9 billion in wages paid to workers who were not productive and instead spent company time betting on the NCAA tournament.
- Back in the older days, March was when military campaigns would resume that had previously been put on hold for winter.

*Spring is one of our favorite seasons as it brings out the flowers  
and birds and everything is fresh and new.*



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*Sent with love & prayers to:*

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NEWSLETTER ARE DUE NO LATER THAN  
**March 25<sup>th</sup>**

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