



# CREATING CONNECTIONS

Community United Methodist Church

March 2017



## LENT

### Church Services Offered During Lent

Local Christian churches are providing services on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Soup Suppers are at 6:00 pm followed by services at 7:00 pm. Following is the scheduled locations for suppers and services:

Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lutheran Redeemer Church
Mar. 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Oak Bay Baptist Church
Mar. 29 <sup>th</sup> & Apr. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Irondale Church



Lent Begins  
Ash Wednesday

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## Pastor's Pen

In preparation for Lent and Easter, which are right around the corner, I read a book written by Tom Berlin entitled: *Restored, Finding Redemption in our Mess*. What caught my eye when I saw the book on the Cokesbury webpage was the cover which showed a huge mound of garbage similar to what you'd see at a landfill. On top of the garbage heap were three crosses. Even for someone as slow to catch on like me the symbolism was astonishing. God knows that our lives are a mess and some mounds are bigger than others. In spite of our mess God was willing to stake his reputation by sending his son Jesus to show us the way to a garbage-free life.

The author tells us that sin is a state of willful disobedience against the good, just and beautiful order that our creator attempts to bring to our world and lives. He reminds us that we were created in God's image, but we revolt against that creation.

Tom goes on to use an analogy that resonated with me. He talked about the masterpiece painting of the Sistine Chapel ceiling by Michelangelo. The painter had created a beautiful work of art that originally was bright and vibrant but over the years it became dull and faded. The caretakers realized that the ceiling had become coated in a layer of grime coming from candle smoke, dust and pollution from the outside world. This grime was covering the great beauty that the master artist intended the world to enjoy. The painting on the ceiling was painstakingly restored revealing the original glory of the master painter.

God, the Master, created us in His image. Over the years, sometimes without even noticing, we get covered by a film of sin caused by our exposure to the pollution of this world. God sent his Son to us to show us a better life and how to remove the grime and film of sin that dulls and fades God's glorious creation created in His likeness.

We need a good cleaning. With Lent coming up, rather than give up chocolate or soda, why don't we reflect on the things in our lives that need to be thrown out and how we can give ourselves a good thorough scrubbing that restores us to our original glory?

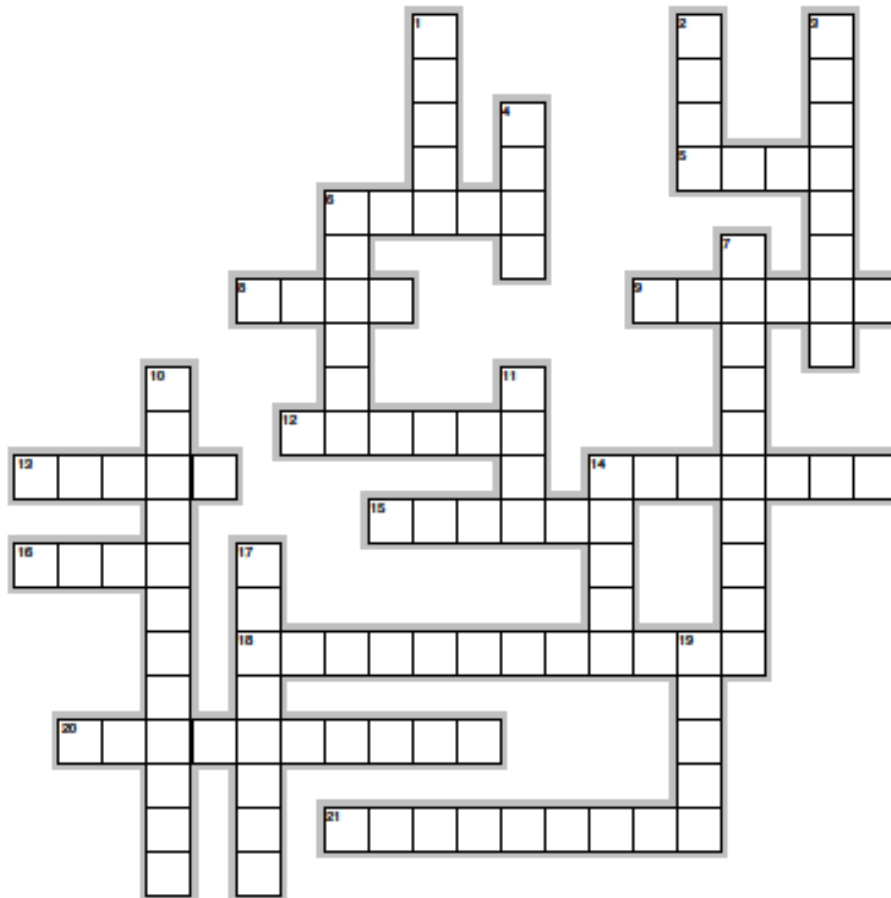
Faithfully,

*Scott*



## Lent Crossword Puzzle

Created by David Bennett, ChurchYear.Net with EclipseCrossword — [www.eclipsecrossword.com](http://www.eclipsecrossword.com)

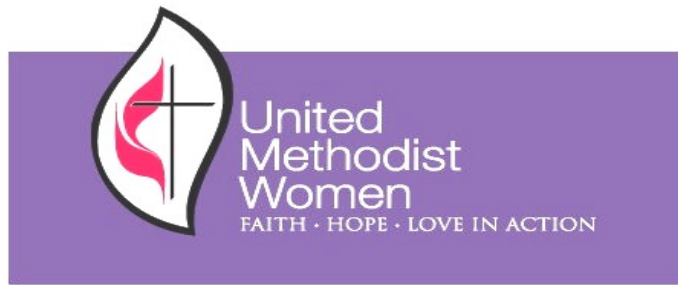


### Across

5. Was with Jesus at the cross
6. Disciple who betrayed Jesus
8. A favorite food of Catholics on Lenten Fridays
9. Liturgical color of Lent
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, the day before Lent
13. The Christian holy book
14. Giving to \_\_\_\_\_ is a good Lenten practice
15. Season after Lent
16. Type of day during Lent when only one full meal is permitted
18. First day of Lent (2 words)
20. Days when eating meat is not permitted
21. Means "Fat Tuesday," a celebration before Lent (2 words)

### Down

1. What Jesus shed for our sins
2. Branches waved at Jesus upon his entry into Jerusalem
3. The final week of Lent (2 words)
4. Color of the fourth Sunday in Lent
6. Feast of St. \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus' foster-father, which falls during Lent
7. Day in Lent recalling Jesus' death (2 words)
10. Day of Lent recalling the first Eucharist (2 words)
11. 40-day season of penitence before Easter
14. What Jesus died upon
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Cross, a Lenten devotion
19. Items placed on Catholic foreheads on the first day of Lent



### UMW Meeting & Program

Hello all Ladies of UMW and anyone interested in learning about the Hospice program at Jefferson Healthcare.

Our next meeting is on March 2 at 10 AM.

We are delighted to have a speaker from Hospice, invited by Janet. This is a great opportunity to learn about this valuable program. Several women (and men) in our church have used their services and found them extremely helpful for this needed service! Please ask any friends or neighbors to hear about their program. Men are invited also.

The program will start about 11:00. Please bring a sandwich for lunch.

Our hostesses are Audrey and Sue. Hostess is AJ.

**Program:** Hospice speaker      Intro by Janet  
**Devotions:** Pat  
**Hostess:** Audrey, Sue  
**Notes** Next Meeting, Rotary presentation by Sara  
 Hostess: AJ  
 Devotions: Sue



March Food Bank Donations: Paper Products

### Finance Report through January 2017

Income:		Expenses:	
Pledges	\$9,225	Apportionments	\$1,388
Non Pledge Gifts	3,310	Local Ministry	182
Cash Offering	311	Operating Expenses	5,830
Misc. Income	<u>(100)</u>	Personnel Compensation	<u>6,552</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,746</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,952</b>

Surplus (Deficit) as of January 31, 2017 = (\$1,206)

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 AJ Laverty  
 7 Mike Perzel  
 12 Liz Hazen  
 14 Gladys Heinzinger  
 21 Chuck Boggs  
 23 Elaine Goodwin  
 30 Bud Clarke  
 31 Judy Gressley

**GREETERS**

- 5 Bob Linrothe  
 12 Julie Boggs  
 19 Jana Finlay  
 26 Marcia Wootan

**USHERS**

- 5 Jackie/Betty  
 12 Norma/  
 19 AJ/Orene  
 26 Connie/Larry

**OUR PRAYERS**

- \* Dianne Maynard, knee surgery recovery
- \* Sue Ernst, painful gout
- \* Evelyn Mosher, surgery recovery and heart problems
- \* Larry Howland, knee replacement surgery recovery
- \* Patti and Dick Shuff
- \* Brian, Lori's coworker, having problems at work/home and recent loss of his father
- \* Lindsey, Lori's coworker, having problems at work and at home
- \* Justin Miskell, success with new business
- \* Diane Johnson, successful cataract surgeries
- \* Victims of terrorism
- \* Law enforcement personnel
- \* The homeless, hungry, unemployed and our military.
- \* Our Country - heal divisions and unite us; wisdom, compassion and understanding for leaders



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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- 5 Stephen/  
 12 Audrey/Larry  
 19 Kathy/Hank  
 26 Debbie/Sue

**LITURGISTS**

- 5 Mike Perzel  
 12 Diane Johnson  
 19 Bev Rothenborg  
 26 Liz Hazen

**HOSPITALITY**

- 5 Diane/  
 12 Carolyn/  
 19 Bev/Sue  
 26

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- 5 Lent  
 12 Lent  
 19 Lent  
 26 Lent

**MARCH LECTIONARY READINGS****March 5**

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3:1-7  
 Psalm 32  
 Romans 5: 12-19  
 Matthew 4: 1-11

**March 12**

Genesis 12: 1-4a  
 Psalm 121  
 Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17  
 John 3: 1-17

**March 19**

Exodus 17: 1-7  
 Psalm 95  
 Romans 5: 1-11  
 John 4: 5-42

**March 26**

1 Samuel 16: 1-13  
 Psalm 23  
 Ephesians 5: 8-14  
 John 9: 1-41



## OUR PRAYERS

Prayer Requests  
Continued...

- \* Foster families, struggling with complex issues. Thanks to all who open their homes to children needing a loving family.
- \* Janet's son, struggling with physical and emotional issues
- \* Gerry Mizokawa, follow diet and blood sugar levels to stabilize
- \* Carolyn, moving out of current business location and switching to part time
- \* Erma Kuenzli, healing from kidney transplant
- \* Therou, health after extended illness
- \* A woman in Empowering Women Class, financial and automotive challenges, husband has psoriatic arthritis, overwhelming stress
- \* Bobby Griffin, effective treatment for depression

KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
PRAY  
ON



## Thank You!

*Thank you to everyone who spent many, many hours shopping, preparing and serving meals at the Homeless Shelter in February!*

- Sara

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

ReligionQuotes.info

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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Blood Drive  
Wednesday,  
March 15th  
11am-5pm

**Help save lives!**



**Donate blood  
at our  
upcoming  
blood drive!**

Your blood donation can save a life! Help ensure this precious resource is available for ill and injured people in our community by giving blood.

### Bloodworks Northwest

(formerly Puget Sound Blood Center) will be here from 11 am to 5 pm with a break from 1—1:45 pm.

Stop by if you can! As always, we'll have plenty of freshly baked cookies!

For an appointment, log on to [www.bloodworksnw.org](http://www.bloodworksnw.org) or phone 1.800.398.7888.

## March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 10-11:30 am Y Empowering Women Class 12 pm Ash Wed Service 6 &amp; 7 pm Soup Supper &amp; Ash Wednesday Service at Lutheran Redeemer Church</p>	<p>2 10 am UMW Meeting &amp; Program 5:30-8pm Strengthening Families Program 7 pm Al-Anon Meets</p>		<p>4 5:30 pm NA Meets</p>
<p>1st Sunday of Lent 5 8:45 Adult Study Group 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Fellowship</p>	<p>6 1:15 pm Learning Circle</p>	<p>7 10 am Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>8 10 - 11:30 am Y Empowering Women Class 6 &amp; 7 pm Soup Supper &amp; Ash Wednesday Service at Lutheran Redeemer Church</p>	<p>9 5:30-8pm Strengthening Families Program 7 pm Al-Anon Meets</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 5:30 pm NA Meets</p>
<p>2nd Sunday of Lent 12 Daylight Saving Time Begins</p>	<p>13 1:15 pm Learning Circle</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 10 - 11:30 am Y Empowering Women Class 11am-5pm Blood Drive 6 &amp; 7 pm Soup Supper &amp; Ash Wednesday Service at Oak Bay Baptist Church</p>	<p>16 Newsletter articles due 5:30-8pm Strengthening Families Program 7 pm Al-Anon Meets</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18 8 am Men's Breakfast 5:30 pm NA Meets</p>
<p>3rd Sunday of Lent 19 8:45 am Adult Study Group 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Fellowship</p>	<p>20 1:15 pm Learning Circle</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 10 - 11:30 am Y Empowering Women Class 6 &amp; 7 pm Soup Supper &amp; Ash Wednesday Service at Oak Bay Baptist Church</p>	<p>23 7 pm Al-Anon Meets</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 5:30 pm NA Meets</p>
<p>4th Sunday of Lent 26 One Great Hour of Sharing (offering)</p>	<p>27 1:15 pm Learning Circle</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 10 - 11:30 am Y Empowering Women Class 6 &amp; 7 pm Soup Supper &amp; Ash Wednesday Service at Irondale Church</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

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## Monthly Devotional

*Our Daily Bread*, November 11, 2016

You are my friends if you do what I command. John 15:14

### Seeing Well

Raleigh looks like a powerful dog—he is large and muscular and has a thick coat of fur. And he weighs over 100 pounds! Despite his appearance, Raleigh connects well with people. His owner takes him to nursing homes and hospitals to bring people a smile.

Once, a four-year-old girl spotted Raleigh across a room. She wanted to pet him, but was afraid to get close. Eventually, her curiosity overcame her sense of caution and she spent several minutes talking to him and petting him. She discovered that he is a gentle creature, even though he is powerful.

The combination of these qualities reminds me of what we read about Jesus in the New Testament. Jesus was approachable—He welcomed little children (Matt. 19:13-15). He was kind to an adulterous woman in a desperate situation (John 8:1-11). Compassion motivated Him to teach crowds (Mark 6:34). At the same time, Jesus' power was astounding. Heads turned and jaws dropped as He subdued demons, calmed violent storms, and resurrected dead people! (Mark 1:21-34; Mark 4:35-41; John 11).

The way we see Jesus determines how we relate to Him. If we focus only on His power, we may treat Him with the detached worship we'd give a comic book superhero. Yet, if we overemphasize His kindness, we risk treating Him too casually. The truth is that Jesus is both at once—great enough to deserve our obedience yet humble enough to call us friends.

Jennifer Benson Schuldt

*Jesus, thank You for the privilege of knowing You.*

*I acknowledge Your gentle power.*

*I worship You as the Son of God—full of grace and glory.*



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Open Hearts Open Doors Open Minds

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**Sunday School: 10:15 am**