



Newsletter & Announcements February 28, 2019

Join us for Ash Wednesday Service next Wednesday March 6 at 7:00 PM.

Hayes Family Cards

If you would like to send something to the Hayes family like notes, cards etc., please put it in the basket on the desk outside of the Sanctuary. Sandy C will be sending them out on March 5. Look for the latest in the Hayes family adventures in the March Newsletter!

Spring Rummage Sale

The date has been set to Sat. March 30th. So it's time to start cleaning those closets, attics etc - because of course, need donations! Please remember that all donations should be gently used, clean (free of rips and stains), and in working condition. We also cannot take major appliances, exercise equipment, mattresses, and tube TVs. Since our storage is limited, it would be most helpful to us if you could bring your donations to fellowship hall on Wednesday 3/27, Thursday 3/28 or Friday 3/29. If you can't make those days for drop off, you can still drop off early in room 8 during normal office hours. We are also looking for volunteers! You can sign up on the poster outside of the sanctuary. Any questions, contact Rhea S, Paul Q or Ruth H.

Intergenerational Event Sunday, March 10th

The Education and Mission Committees have planned another Intergenerational Sunday School session for March 10th. We'll be collecting new or gently used softcover books for the Madison Area Jail Ministry. Chaplain Todd Marcotte will use the books in his ministry to men and women incarcerated in the Dane County Jail. As an activity for the event, we'll



- SUNDAY 3/3
9:45 AM - Worship
11:00 AM - Sunday School all ages
- WEDNESDAY 3/6
12:30 PM Adult Bible Study
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- THURSDAY 3/7
9:30 AM Thurs. Morning Group
- SATURDAY 3/9

make bookmarks to include as a personal gift. Chaplain Todd has provided a list of titles and authors for books frequently requested. Copies of the list will be available on the desk outside the Sanctuary as well as in the Lounge. If you'd like to drop off a book to donate in advance of March 10th, place it in the box outside the Sanctuary. If you would rather make a monetary donation, just mark JAIL BOOKS in the memo and we will go shopping for you. We hope you'll attend this Sunday School session. It's a wonderful way to show our support for those incarcerated and to learn more about the work of the Jail Ministry. Any questions? Please contact Connie E or Liane K. Thank you!

March Coins for a Cause

We can help those who are already close to our hearts. For the past few years the Allied area Girls Empowered by Motivated Sisters program (GEMS) supported middle school girls ages 10-14 with weekly evening meetings focusing on crafts and discussions of teen issues. Their meetings were changed to monthly gatherings due to lack of financial support. The girls are being surveyed to determine their interest in various activities so that they will again be a vibrant group when their meetings restart in the spring of 2019. The session has voted to devote our Coins for a Cause March donations to GEMS. Please help African American and Latina girls find their voice, skills and companionship in this neighborhood group by donating generously. Please hold this group in your prayers.

Thursday Book Group—New Book, Join Us!

The Thursday book group is starting a new book this Thursday, March 7 titled "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World" by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. We hope you can join us for this fun and lively group on Thursdays at 9:30am. If you would like to purchase the book, they are available in the church office for \$17.

Beyond the Broken Heart - a Grief Group led by Pastor Clara Thompson, will be offered this spring at Covenant Presbyterian Church

- Are you grieving the loss of a loved one and feel like you're drifting aimlessly?
- Do you wonder if what you are feeling is "normal?"
- Do you seek an opportunity to learn more about grief so that you can respond to it more faithfully?

Covenant Presbyterian Church is pleased to offer a four-week support and ministry program this spring. The group will meet on Sunday afternoons from

5:00 AM Shelter Breakfast

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 3/9
night - Spring Forward!**

SUNDAY 3/10

9:45 AM - Worship

11:00 AM - Intergenerational
Event - Book Mark Making for
MAJM



Focus Text This

Sunday: Luke 9:28-36



Staff:

Scott Anderson, Pastor

Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music

Amy Poland, Childrens Ministries
Coordinator

Katie Bencze, Church Admin

Dorothy Blotz, Accompanist

Vern Forsberg, Pastor Emeritus

12:15-1:45 PM, (on March 17, 24, and 31, and on April 14 – note there is NO GROUP in April 7) with a light lunch being served and good opportunities for sharing and learning together each week. We will meet at Covenant in Room C-206.

Our conversations together will be based on the book *Beyond the Broken Heart, A Journey Through Grief*, by Julie Yarbrough. Copies of the book will be available for purchase (\$12) in advance of the first group gathering. I think you will find the book to be a good resource for your journey, as well as the companionship of others who have experienced grief first-hand. Though regular group participation is helpful, it is not mandatory. Come to the group as often as you are able!

Topics to be covered are as follows:

March 17 Sharing our Stories of Loss, Naming our Grief, and Understanding Grief

March 24 Yielding to Grief, and Responding to Grief

March 31 Adjusting through Grief, and Responding to Grief

April 7 NO GROUP MEETING this day!

April 14 Growing Spiritually through Grief, and Living Beyond Grief

Feel free to bring a relative, friend, or neighbor! All are welcome!

Please sign-up by March 1st by calling the Covenant church office at 233-6297, or email Pastor Clara at cthompson@covenantmadison.org. Feel free to contact Clara for further information!