



From the Pastor's Pen

We are now in the season of Lent.

This special period of time begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the evening before Good Friday. It lasts for 40 days (not counting Sundays). The number 40 is significant. It often symbolizes a “period of testing, trial or probation.”

During Moses' life he lived forty years in Egypt and forty years in the desert before God selected him to lead his people out of slavery. Moses was also on Mount Sinai for 40 days and nights, on two separate occasions, receiving God's laws. He also sent spies, for forty days, to investigate the land God promised the Israelites as an inheritance. The prophet Jonah powerfully warned ancient Nineveh, for forty days, that its destruction would come because of its many sins. The prophet Ezekiel laid on His right side for 40 days to symbolize Judah's sins. Elijah went 40 days without food or water at Mount Horeb. Jesus was tempted by the devil not just three times, but many times during the 40 days and nights he fasted just before his ministry began. He also appeared to his disciples and others for 40 days after his resurrection from the dead. (Taken from www.BibleStudy.com.)



Sounds like serious business, right? Well, if we've lived long enough, we know that life is often serious. But something to make sure we don't overlook is that all of these instances of “40” are times of preparation for powerful moves of God in human history. Moves of liberation, purpose, grace, and salvation.

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Traditionally, Lent has been a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Let me suggest that this season is not so much about navel gazing and dwelling on how much we fall short of some ideal. This is a time to get ready for God to do something life-changing. I think we can make the most of these 40 days by bringing our full attention to how much we trust in God.

That means letting go. Letting go of our need to control all the details of our time, our relationships, and our resources. It means opening ourselves to the impact that God wants to have in each of these areas of life. God wants his liberation, purpose, grace, and salvation to work its way into our time, our relationships, and our resources. And if we don't let go, God's not going to force himself on us.

If you speak to anyone about how their trust in God has grown over the years, they's never tell you that it was by holding on more tightly. It is by letting go. So let's let go this Lenten season. And let's get ready for God to move!

Yours in Faith,

Pastor Rob Hunter



Our 5-Year VISION

*Inviting New People to Faith
Growing in our Relationship with Christ*

FAITH CHURCH STAFF

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MARCH PROPERTY REPORT

FAITH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUMMARY OF PROPERTY REPORT

February 21st, 2020

Work was completed on the roof.

Set dates for the first two workdays of 2020. February 15th and April 16th.

Inspected all the toilets and faucets, replaced light bulbs in both restrooms, storeroom and conference room. Put down fertilizer and seeded some areas. Replaced broken sprinkler head, east side lot. Pulled out three sea grapes east side of building.

Tested sprinklers. Repaired broken sprinkler pipe and refilled the rust system.

Washed down building on east side in prep for repainting.

Donna Pecho

DID YOU KNOW? Faith Church has an amazing, dedicated team that volunteer a couple hours ONCE a month to do the general cleaning of the church. Some of these people have been on this team since the building opened in 2000. If you have been thinking of another way to serve in our church, please consider joining the cleaning team. If you have any questions speak to one of us. —Donna & Rich Pecho

SISTERS IN FAITH
Spring Fling Luncheon &
fashion
show

Saturday, March 21st
at 12 noon



Fort Pierce
Food Bank

Non-perishable food donations
COLLECTED EVERY FIRST SUNDAY

Examples

Peanut Butter	Tuna fish
Jelly	Cereal
Pasta	Canned Vegetables
Pasta Sauce	Canned Fruit

Jesus Performs His First Miracle

John 2:1-12



Jesus is at a wedding in Cana when the hosts run out of wine. Jesus asks servants to fill jars with water and then makes wine that amazes the guests! It's the first time Jesus publicly shows that Jesus has God's power.



"This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him" (John 2:11).

Fill the Jar

Celebrate Jesus' power with this fun family activity.

1. Get out a large jar and some sweetened powdered drink mix.
2. Give everyone a cup of water.
3. Everyone will take turns giving examples of Jesus' power. These can be from the Bible or personal experience.
4. For each example, that person will pour a little water into the jar.
5. Continue until the jar is full. Then add some powdered drink mix and watch the water turn into "juice."
6. Pray together that God will fill your lives with his power.
7. Drink the juice together.

Through the Week

Here's an activity you can do throughout the week.

1. Start out the week by unplugging everything in your house that requires power (except the refrigerator!). You could even unscrew lightbulbs, too.
2. Whenever someone needs to use a powered device, plug it in or screw in the bulb. (Parents, help younger kids with this.)
3. At the end of the week, count how many things you plugged in throughout the week.

Talk about these questions together:

What would it be like to go a whole week *without* any of these devices?

Which would you miss the most? Why?

What would it be like not to have Jesus'

Family Discussion

- What does it show you about Jesus that his first miracle happened at a party?
 - How do you know Jesus has power?

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Ladies Brunch

Wednesday, March 11th @11:30 am
Diane Hirling's Home
The Lakes @ St Lucie West
1212 A NW Sun Terrace Circle

Come Join Us for food and great conversation.

Please RSVP
Lee Hicks , Phone: 772-879-1205

Growing Through Grief



Have you experienced a significant loss?

**Tuesday March 24th @ 7:00 pm
at the Church**

See Gladys Dolan for more info.



4-Dorothy Byrne
6-Jacqueline Duncan
7-Ava Kenyon
8-Carol Knepshield
9-Scott Buehler
9-Carol McDonnold
14-Avery Zech
15-Karen White
15-Pandora Whiting
16-Mike Young
17-Lee Hicks
28-Gladys Dolan
29-Raymond Arroyo



27-Kathy & Chuck Oliver
30-Carol & Ron Knepshield

MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Choir 8 am Worship 9 am	2 DIRECTORY PHOTOS	3 DIRECTORY PHOTOS	4 Bible Study 10 am Choir 7 pm	5 Community Meal 5-6:30 pm	6	7 Sisters in Faith 10am
8 Choir 8 am Worship 9 am	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10	11 Bible Study 10 am Faith Ladies Brunch 11:30am Choir 7 pm	12 Community Meal 5-6:30 pm	13	14
15 Choir 8 am Worship 9 am Shepherds 10:15am	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17 ST. PATRICKS Day  PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY	18 Bible Study 10 am Choir 7 pm	19 Community Meal 5-6:30 pm	20 Steering Committee 10 am	21 Sisters in Faith Fashion Show & Luncheon 12pm
22 Choir 8 am Worship 9 am	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 Growing Through Grief 7pm	25 Bible Study 10 am	26 Community Meal 5-6:30 pm	27	28
29 Choir 8 am Worship 9 am	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31				