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FEBRUARY 2018 UPDATE



The Season of Lent

Lent is the forty-day period before Easter, the day Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. It is a time of recognizing our need for God in our lives so that we may face life and have him journey through it with us. The reality is that we too suffer then die and faith shows that God makes that journey with us. God relates to our suffering because He too knows of pain and tears.

The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. The purpose of the liturgical calendar is to relive the major events in Jesus' life in real time, which is why Lent is forty days long.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday in the dark of winter. We skip Sundays when we count the forty days, because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. Lent begins on February 14 and ends March 31, which is the day before Easter.

Ministry to the Differently-abled and Their Families

The next monthly birthday party is scheduled for **Sunday, February 4**. We hope to have members from the communities of the differently-abled join us in celebrating their birthdays.



Tax Tips

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has announced that January 29, 2018 begins the nation's tax season. The filing tax deadline will be April 17, 2018 giving taxpayers two additional days to get the job done.

Taxpayers are reminded, that by law, the IRS cannot issue refunds claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) before mid-February.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that they should keep copies of their prior-year tax returns for at least three years. Taxpayers who are using a tax software product for the first time will need their adjusted gross income from their 2016 tax return to file electronically. Taxpayers who are using the same tax software they used last year will not need to enter prior-year information to electronically sign their 2017 tax return.

What you need to do:

Be careful not to count on getting a refund by a certain date, especially when making major purchases or paying other financial obligations.

- File a complete and accurate return and include all known refundable credits with your original return.
- File when you're ready. If you usually file early in the year and you're ready to file a complete and accurate return, there is no need to wait to file.
- If you are using a software product for the first time and you have a copy of your 2016 federal income tax return, your AGI is on line 37 of the Form 1040; line 21 on the Form 1040-A or line 4 on the Form 1040-EZ.

If you don't have a copy of your 2016 tax return:

- Ask your paid preparer, if you used one last year.
- Log in to [IRS.gov/account](https://www.irs.gov/account) to access your account information.
- Ask the IRS to mail a Tax Return Transcript to you by calling 800-908-9946. Allow 5 to 10 days for delivery.

Visit IRS.gov. IRS.gov is a great place to get what you need to file your tax return. Click on the "Filing" icon for links to filing tips, answers to frequently asked questions and IRS forms and publications. Get them all at any time. The IRS Services Guide outlines the many ways to get help on IRS.gov.

~ Carolyn Holland ~

Congregational Care

The weekly prayer list found in your bulletin keeps us mindful of those in need of prayer. However, the list continues to grow. Please help us keep the prayer list up-to-date by calling the church office to let us know when a name may be removed.



Thanks

Thank you so much to my HVCC Family for all the Prayers and Concerns given to me for surgery and recovery. I am home and doing well. ~ *Lorna Larson*

Box Tops for Education

Thank you to everyone who has been saving Box Tops for Education. That is greatly appreciated. For the Box Tops for Education, please save the Box Tops coupon. Thank you for your support!



February Birthdays

Jerri Holland
Denise Idun
Delores Riley
Danielle Azu
James Griffin
Bessie Bradford
Justin Miles
Taylor Brown

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. Luke 4:1-2

Newsletter Deadline

All articles to appear in the Update must be submitted by the 20th of each month.

February Events

February 4	Warm Nights
February 14	Ash Wednesday Service
February 18	Retirement Party for Pastor Martha Brown

Coming Soon

March 29	Maundy Thursday
March 30	Good Friday

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

African American History Month				1	2	3
<p>4</p> <p>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p><i>Rev. Shauni St. Clair Fleming, Preaching</i></p> <p>9:45 a.m. Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Congregational Meeting</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 a.m.</p> <p>PGCPS Infant & Toddler Program at OH Library</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	8	9	10
<p>11</p> <p>Transfiguration Sunday</p> <p><i>Rev. Charles L. Lucas, Jr., Preaching</i></p> <p>9:45 a.m. Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 a.m.</p> <p>PGCPS Infant & Toddler Program at HVCC</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service here at HVCC</p> <p>NO Bible Study</p> <p>NO Choir Practice</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>MIDS Black History Program</p>	17
<p>18</p> <p>First Sunday in Lent</p> <p><i>Rev. Allen V. Harris, Preaching</i></p> <p>9:45 a.m. Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Week of Compassion Special Offering</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Pastor Martha's Retirement Party</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Presidents Day!</p> <p>Church Office Closed!</p> <p>MIDS Closed!</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 a.m.</p> <p>PGCPS Infant & Toddler Program at HVCC</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	22	23	24
<p>25</p> <p>Second Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p><i>Rev. Charles L. Lucas, Jr., Preaching</i></p> <p>Week of Compassion Special Offering</p>	26	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 a.m.</p> <p>PGCPS Infant & Toddler Program at HVCC</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>			

