

*Our Savior's & Gilmanton United
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Return Service Requested

Community Events

Mondovi Sharing Table



Wednesday, March 12
4:30—6:00 pm
Central Lutheran Church



Thursday, March 20
4:00—5:30 pm
Mondovi County Shop

OUTREACH

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MARCH 2025

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Beloved in Christ,



Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we enter this sacred season of Lent, I am reminded of the words and teachings of John Wesley, who often spoke of Lent as a time for deep spiritual renewal and earnest self-examination.

Wesley believed that Lent was not merely about outward observances but about inward transformation. He encouraged believers to engage in the "means of grace," such as prayer, fasting, scripture reading, and acts of mercy. These practices, he taught, were not ends in themselves but channels through which the Holy Spirit works to conform us more fully to the image of Christ.

Fasting, for Wesley, was more than abstaining from food; it was an opportunity to humble ourselves before God, to be reminded of our dependence on His provision, and to grow in compassion for those in need. He often paired fasting with giving to the poor, emphasizing that true spiritual discipline always leads to love in action.

In his sermons, Wesley often spoke of repentance as a joyful turning toward God, not driven by fear but by the assurance of God's boundless love and grace. Lent, he would say, is a season to "watch and pray," allowing the light of Christ to reveal areas of our lives that need healing and renewal.

As we journey through these forty days, may we, like Wesley, seek to grow in holiness of heart and life. May our fasting be filled with prayer, our prayer lead us to service, and our service be marked by the love of Christ.

Let us walk this path together, trusting in the promise of resurrection that awaits us.

With every blessing in Christ,
Pastor Dr. Hyuntae Kim

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Happy Birthday!

3/1 Tyler Fillmore
 3/3 Dale Snyder
 3/4 Brandon Saxe
 3/6 Anna Kent
 3/6 Eli Sandberg
 3/7 Jim Hesselman
 3/9 Darrell Kleven
 3/10 Kelly Welke
 3/13 Hyuntae Kim
 3/14 Dannica Zingshiem
 3/17 Maddy Marten
 3/20 JT Parr
 3/22 Molly Marten
 3/25 Alana Bishopp
 3/25 Jim Dieckman
 3/26 Jon Seipel
 3/28 Jason Marten
 3/28 Weston Sandberg
 3/31 Lara Ramthun

Happy Anniversary!

3/8 Cody & Tanya Dziekan
 3/25 Randy & Jill Poeschel
 3/29 Jon & Amanda Seipel

**DARTBALL
TOURNAMENT**

March 3
 Central Lutheran
 7 pm



March 5
 Joint Worship at OS
 6:30 pm
 Combined Choirs Sing

Keep in Prayer...

Members who are in long-term care facilities.

Military veterans.

All firefighters, EMTs, police, and military personnel.

Brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

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 DON'T FORGET
 TO CHANGE
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antees! No, Lent is also a season of reception. We fast and pray so that we may receive what God desires to give us. We study so that we may learn from Jesus as we follow him from the wilderness temptation to the cross to the Resurrection. We give of ourselves to others, because what we receive during Lent is not meant for us to keep. Indeed, the words of Jesus are true, "It is more blessed to give, than to receive. (Acts 20:35)"

The apostle Paul writes to the Corinthian Church, "Because we have [Christ's] promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God. (2 Corinthians 7:1, NLT)" The invitation Paul gives to the Corinthians is our invitation to the Lenten season. We, too, are called to allow the Holy Spirit to perform the cleansing work, removing all outward and inward sin. Such cleansing frees us to go on to complete holiness in the fear of God.

Wesleyan theology is a great gift to greater Body of Christ, but we Wesleyans are called to make it practical, to put it into practice, and to set our beliefs into motion. Then, the world may very well catch a glimpse of the beauty of the Methodist/Wesleyan movement.

Therefore, the questions stand before us. How will you let the Holy Spirit guide you during this season of Lent? More importantly, how will you let him make your theology practical?

As we walk through another Lent, we do so discerning the will of God, following Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb, and availing ourselves to the presence and power of the Spirit. In doing so, we may see the fires of the Methodist revival be rekindled again.

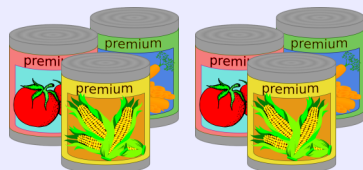
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<https://seedbed.com/the-season-of-lent-and-wesleyan-practical-divinity/>



United
Women
in Faith

March 12, 2025, at 2:00 pm

**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY
MARCH 30**

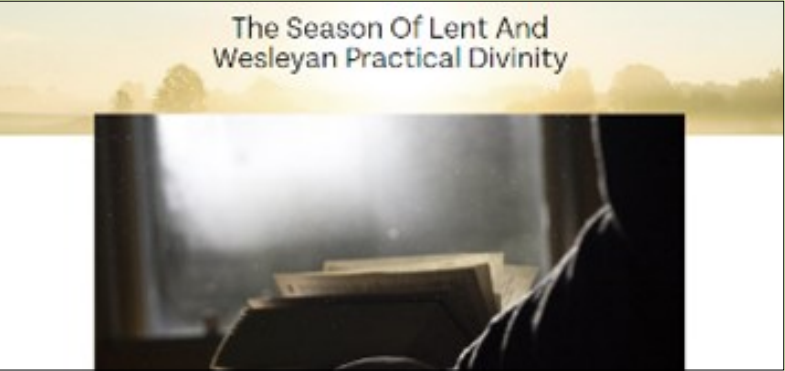
Wednesdays
March 12, 19, 26
April 2, 9
12-1 pm at Our Savior's UMC

We will serve soup, cheese, crackers, and bars. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Please sign up to make soup or bring crackers and cheese. People will be called to bring bars. See you there!



For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11



by Keith Turner (March 13, 2017)

In 1790, just one year before his death, John Wesley compiled what he titled *A Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People Called Methodists*. While the poetry included in the hymnal is nothing short of a grandiose combination of beauty and rich theology, Wesley saw the collection as having a distinct purpose. He writes in the preface:

The [hymn-book] is large enough to contain all the important truths of our most holy religion, whether speculative or practical; yea, to illustrate them all, and to prove them both by Scripture and reason. ... So that this book is in effect a little body of experimental and practical divinity.

In other words, for Wesley, the hymnal was a theology textbook! But unlike Calvin’s Institutes of the Christian Religion or Luther’s Small Catechism, Wesley saw theology as not something meant to be kept in the likes of an ivory tower. Rather, the faith of the Church is meant to be lived out, both in corporate worship and in the everyday life of the believer. Perhaps this conviction is why William Willimon writes in his book, *United Methodist Beliefs: A Brief Introduction*, “John Wesley praised theology that was “practical,” that is, belief put into practice, belief in motion. Doctrine ought to be performed as a sign of our faith in a Lord who invited and commanded, “Follow me.”

Wesleyan theology in all its various expressions yet in its truest form holds in careful balance its inward and the outward—the internal and the external—components. It holds tremendous value in both the warmed heart and the strong social witness. Yet Wesley consistently feared the fires of the Methodist revival would eventually become cooled. Thus, Methodism would lose its fervor and join the ranks of any and every other institutional religious expression. The flame God’s Spirit ignited was in danger of being extinguished by complacent religiosity. Such sentiments are identified in Wesley’s Sermon 116, “Causes of the Inefficacy of Christianity.” The sermon was delivered in Dublin in 1789. In it, Wesley asks:

Why then are not these altogether Christians, who have both Christian doctrine and Christian discipline, why is not the spiritual health of the people called Methodists recovered? Why is not all that “mind in us which was also in Christ Jesus?” Why have we not learned of him our very first lesson, to be meek and lowly of heart, to say with him, in all circumstances of life, “Not as I will, but as thou wilt. I come not to do my own will, but the will of him that sent me?” Why are we not “crucified to the world, and the world crucified to us,” – dead to the “desire of the flesh, the desire of the eye, and the pride of life?” Why do not all of us live “the life that is hid with Christ in God?”

Undoubtedly, Wesley’s words are timeless. The dangers over which he fretted still loom over those who would call themselves Methodist or Wesleyan today. He was consistent to distinguish between “real” and “formal” religion, or as he was wont to put it, “the power of God” versus the “form of godliness.” While we may say we desire and pray for the real religion of the power of God, our personal lives and our churches often resemble the formalities of godliness yet denying God’s power among us.


The season of Lent is a wonderful liturgical season to reverse these trends both in our individual lives and in our shared lives together. It is a season for Methodists and Wesleyans of all kinds to flex their practical divinity muscles. Lent is, in short, forty days of practical divinity, of putting our beliefs into motion! The practices of fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and study are the traditional Lenten disciplines. But Wesley required these disciplines for those who would call themselves Methodists.

So why then do we engage in these disciplines? The austerity of the season aside, Lent is not merely a season of deprivation. If we are only depriving ourselves of some sort of good for the sake of the season, we have missed the whole point. Giving up chocolate or alcohol will not intrinsically draw us closer to God. We are not talking about fool-proof guar-

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Holy Communion 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior’s Worship	3 Dartball Tournament	4 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting	5 Ash Wednesday 5:30-7:00 F3/Confirmation 6:30 pm Joint Worship at OS; Combined Choir Sings	6	7	8
9 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior’s Worship Daylight Saving Time Begins	10	11	12 12:00 pm Soup & Sermon 2:00 pm UWF 5:30-7:00 F3/Confirmation	13	14	15
16 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior’s Worship	17 St. Patrick’s Day	18	19 12:00 pm Soup & Sermon	20 6:00 pm Council Meeting Spring Begins	21	22
23 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior’s Worship	24	25	26 12:00 pm Soup & Sermon 5:30-7:00 pm F3/Confirmation 6:30 pm OS Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 Food Pantry Sunday 8:30 am Gilmanton Choir Practice 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior’s Worship	31 Dartball Banquet					

March Worship Service Helpers			
	Greeters/Ushers	Worship Leader	Money Counters
Mar 2	Leah Pichler & Terry Stiner	Mary Beth Pichler	Linda Johnston & Mary Beth Pichler
Mar 9	Linda Johnston & Sue Sie	Katie Sandberg	Katie Sandberg & David Saxe
Mar 16	Jay & Kolleen Branger	Brendan Williams	Stephanie Stamm & Jan Bechel
Mar 23	Jim & Gloria Williams	Ann Yelle	Jay Branger & Linda Johnston
Mar 30	Stephanie & Lily Stamm	Mike Bruning	Mary Beth Pichler & Katie Sandberg
Camera Operator: Saul Ness			



Refreshments will be served after church at Our Savior’s on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.