



# INTO THE HEART OF **ROMANS**

*Where Hope has the final word*

**LENT 2026**



Lent is a sacred season of the church. Churches observe the season in different ways. The United Methodist Church calls its members to a time of repentance and self examination. As we focus on the last days of Jesus' ministry we look at our lives and ask God how we need to change to be more like Jesus. During Lent 2026, we will begin with an Ash Wednesday service which is a service of confession, repentance and commitment to the journey of growing a little more in our faith. I am excited to build on last year's changes to Holy Week and do some other new things this year.

I encourage you to read through the Lenten mailer for information on all the church will be offering. Take some time to pick out the different programs and services you can be a part of that will help you to get your heart and mind into a rhythm of hearing from God in this season. I want to highlight the services of Holy Week and the Lenten Reader as key opportunities to lean into the season.

I also want to challenge you to follow the Lenten practice of Giving Up/Adding On. This means we choose something to either give up or take on that will help you get closer to God. The act of giving up is usually something where you will have to depend upon God not to do it. The same is true for adding something into your life. This is usually something that you will need God's help to consistently do, like fasting or starting a new Bible study.

My prayer for you during Lent 2026 is that you are able to hear God's calling upon your heart. God's desire is that we grow a little bit more consistently in developing the ability to love like Jesus and align our lives to the Truth of God.

May God bless us all as we enter into this season of reflection, surrender and love



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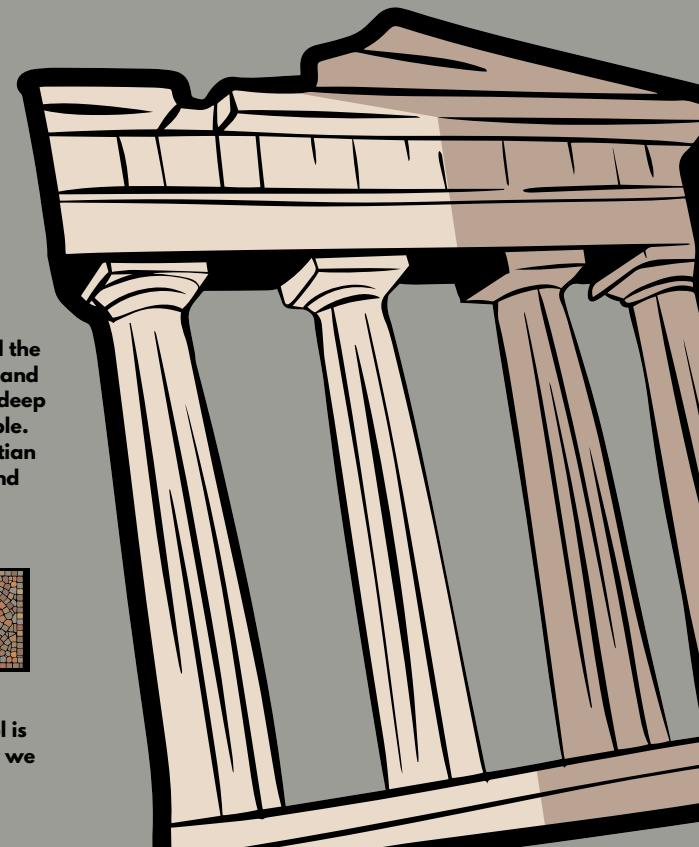
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## SERMON SERIES

What if one chapter of Scripture could reshape the way you understand your faith — and the rest of the Bible? This year, we will journey through Romans 8, one of the most powerful and hope-filled chapters in all of Scripture. N.T. Wright suggests that Romans not only offers deep theological insight into our faith, but also provides a lens for understanding the entire Bible. And within Romans, chapter 8 captures the very heart of what the book — and the Christian life — are all about. Each week, we will explore key passages that illuminate Scripture and reveal foundational truths that anchor our hope and shape our lives.

## LENTEN STUDIES & DEVOTIONAL

Many of our Sunday School classes will be studying a specific Lent curriculum during the season. Please consider visiting a new Sunday School for the weeks of Lent. Sunday School is a great way to grow deeper and build community! If you would like to add personal study we have developed a 40 Day Devotional based on the Hymns of Charles Wesley. They can be picked up in the atrium, church office, or on the church website.



# EVENTS



## GRAVITY FUNDRAISER PANCAKE DINNER

### **Wed, February 18th, 5pm, Atrium**

Support Gravity Youth Missions at our pancake dinner and head to Ash Wednesday service after! Free will donation, all monies raised will go towards Youth Local Mission Project this summer.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

### **Wed, February 18th, 6pm, Sanctuary**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a holy season where we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter by seeking the mind of Christ with humbleness, confession, repentance, and spiritual disciplines. As the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday emphasizes our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. When we receive the ashes upon our head the pastor will say, "To dust you have come and to the dust you will return. Repent and believe in the Gospel". Ash is the symbol of lament and humbleness as we begin a journey of renewal that will end in victory on Easter Sunday. Nursery Available.

## RE-CONFIRMED CLASS

### **Tues, beginning February 24th, 6pm**

Whether you were never confirmed in the Methodist church or can't remember what you learned during your confirmation, this 5 week class will be a great opportunity to learn what marks us as believers in Jesus Christ. From the creeds to the sacraments, come and learn what and why we believe what we believe!

## LILIES FOR SALE

### **March 8th - March 29th**

Lilies will be on sale (\$20 ea.) for you to honor a friend and/or family member, or honor the memory of a loved one. The lily will adorn the Sanctuary and Chapel during Easter Sunday. They will be available for pick up after Easter services.

## PALM SUNDAY

### **Sun, March 29th, (Kids Processional at 10:20 & 10:30 Services)**

Come join us today as we commemorate Jesus' triumphant, humble entry into Jerusalem, fulfilling prophecy just days before his crucifixion. On Palm Sunday the kids of Central Rogers will process into our 10:20 and 10:30 services waving palm branches to commemorate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. We will spend the Sunday school hour rehearsing, and the kids will be seated with their families after the entrances.

## COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

### **Sun, March 29th, 2pm - 4pm**

Our annual Egg Hunt on the front lawn will be a community wide event you won't want to miss! Beginning at 2pm, we will have games, crafts and events for egg hunters of all ages and abilities. While the actual egg hunt won't begin until 3pm, there will plenty to do and see. Our missions team will be serving hot dogs & chips, and there may even be an Easter bunny sighting. Invite your friends and neighbors to this community wide outreach event today!

## 24 HOUR PRAYER WATCH

### **Thu, April 2nd, 12:01am - 11:59pm, Chapel**

This year, we are observing Maundy Thursday, April 2, with a revised schedule. Holy Communion will be offered in a come-and-go format from 8-10am, 12-3pm, and 6-9pm, with prayerful music provided in the chapel. The chapel will be open from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. for a full day of prayer. Security measures will be in place during early and late hours. Be on the lookout for a link in upcoming communication on ways to sign up for a time slot. Even if you do not sign up, you are welcome to come and pray as you prepare your heart for Easter weekend.

## TENEBRAE SERVICE

### **Fri, April 3rd, 7pm - 8pm, Chapel**

Join us for a Tenebrae Service (Tenebrae-- Latin meaning darkness or shadows). It is an ancient service from the middle ages, that begins in candlelight and ends in darkness centering worship around the Passion of Christ on the cross. Nursery Available.

## THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

### **Sat, April 4th, 8pm - 9:30pm, Chapel**

The Great Vigil of Easter is the most significant liturgy of the Christian year and is the culmination of the Triduum, the Sacred Three Days. This special candlelight service represents the passage from darkness into light--from death into life--told through ancient texts, scriptural readings, and music, telling of God's saving actions through history. This night will feature baptism, the religious rite of confirmation, and the celebration of the First Eucharist of the Resurrection. Nursery Available.

## EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

### **• CHAPEL - April 5th, 8:15am, Chapel**

Early Traditional Communion Service. Nursery available.

### **• CONTEMPORARY - April 5th, 9am, Sanctuary**

Contemporary Worship with Praise Band. Nursery available.

### **• TRADITIONAL - April 5th, 11am, Sanctuary**

Traditional Worship Service. Nursery available.

# CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
15 <b>FEBRUARY</b> Grace Community Meal	16 Church Council Meeting	17	18 <b>PANCAKE DINNER</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE</b>	19 JOY+55 Hits the Road	20	21 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
22 Evensong	23	24 <b>RE-CONFIRMED CLASS BEGINS</b> Book Club	25 Trauma Support Group Begins Wed. Nite Live (Dinner: Pulled Pork)	26	27	28 How To... AI for Everyone
1	2 Run Club	3	4 Wed. Nite Live (Dinner: EggRoll Bowl)	5	6	7 Gravity Guys Night
8 <b>LILIES FOR SALE</b> Daylight Savings	9	10 Bike Club	11 Wed. Nite Live (Dinner: Pizza)	12	13	14
15 Grace Community Meal	16 Run Club	17 Bike Club	18 Wed. Nite Live (Dinner: Potato Bar)	19	20	21 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
22 - - - Church Wide Prayer	23 - - -	24 <b>SPRING - BREAK</b> - - -	25	26	27	28 How To... Create and Connect
29 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Lilies Sale Ends <b>COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT</b>	30 Church Council Meeting	31 Bike Club	1 Wed. Nite Live (Dinner: Taco Bar)	2 <b>APRIL</b> <b>24 HOUR PRAYER WATCH</b>	3 <b>GOOD FRIDAY TENEbrae SERVICE</b>	4 <b>THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL</b>
5 <b>EASTER SERVICES</b> 8:15 Chapel 9:00 Contemporary 11:00 Traditional	6 Church Office Closed	7 Bike Club	8 Wed. Nite Live (Dinner: Wings)	9	10	11