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This is the season of Lent. It is a time to re-focus on our identity and mission as children of God and disciples of Christ. It is a time to remember that Jesus is our Lord, and that he taught us that a servant is not above his master. It is a time to think again about the choices Jesus made and the path he walked. We who follow him, follow him to a cross. His way is the way of the cross. It doesn't mean we are called to be masochists. Rather, it means we are called to "put others before ourselves" (Philippians 2:3). It is what a good parent does for a child, what a good friend does for a companion. With followers of Jesus it is even what we do for someone who doesn't treat us kindly in return.

For First Christian Church we are entering another season. It is a season of rebirth. It is a time for "growing young". During this Lenten period our entire church is having weekly discussions on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings to consider how our fellowship can put others before ourselves in such a way that we can share our faith and nurture our community. This is the way of the cross. It does involve sacrifice. It does require change. Change

is inevitable, and unavoidable, but necessary. We can either resist change and react to the changes that result. Or, we can embrace change and move to a better future. As many have observed, change doesn't always mean improvement, but there can be no improvement without change.

Let's choose the change for the better. Let's decide as a congregation to **grow young**. Please join one of our discussion groups so you don't miss out on what we are trying to do. *Jesus is our guide, our way. He is a living presence, and we can do all things through him who strengthens us.*



**Is an 8 Week Study
of the book
Growing Young**

*6 Essential Strategies to
Help Young People Discover
and Love Your Church*

Beginning Sunday, March 10 - for information link to the website

[Growing Young](#)

●●●●●●● **Change isn't an option.** ●●●●●●●
How you respond to it is.
- Reggie Joiner

HCWC SPAtacular • March 28 @ HCWC

A sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Center on Sunday, stop by and see how you can help give a group of well deserving women from HCWC

a SPAtacular Evening!!

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Lent 'n Learn for Children

Children's Church will focus on Jesus' baptism and wilderness struggle, prayer, temptation and Holy Week for their Lenten study. The season of Lent is an opportunity for them to look inward to what God is creating in them, reflect on what He means in our lives, express sorrow and change our ways in areas we not living as Jesus taught. The children will be creating a Lenten calendar, and make their own Lenten promise, i.e. do something loving, give up something that isn't helping our lives, in order to help us remember Jesus. We hope your child will join us for this formative journey; **Sundays at 10:30 a.m.**

***Join us This Sunday, March 17th at 11:30
for our **Monthly POTLUCK!*****

**Bring any dish you like to celebrate St. Patty's Day
Lent, and the start of Spring.**