



“Father, Forgive them”

Lent 2010 *Going from Tourist to Pilgrim*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Truck loads of us claim to be Christian – some even “born again.” Yet we have little to show for it in our lives. That’s because we have become Christian *tourists* rather than *pilgrims*. It is past time for us to do a little less talking and a lot more...“trucking” in our faith journey. Let’s get off the road that leads to nowhere and take the mountain pass to Jerusalem. With each passing mile, we’ll be changed, so that on Easter Day something new will rise up in us!

I look forward to *trucking* through Lent with each one of you.

Patrick +

Lent Begins

Shrove Tuesday, February 16: 6-8 PM in McArthur Hall. Come load up on pancakes to prepare for the Lenten fast. All proceeds go to support our Youth Mission trips.

Ash Wednesday, February 17

Worship Times in the Chapel: 8:10 AM; 10 AM & 6:30 PM

Ash Wednesday Sermon: *The Long Haul* – We love everything instant – from instant oatmeal to instant credit. But faith does not come instantly. We must commit to the long haul if we are to get anywhere in our spiritual life.

Sundays in Lent

Lenten Preaching Series at 8 and 10:30 AM Services

The famous Ascent Psalms – the traveling Psalms of the Bible – will provide our texts for the Sermon series.

Lent 1, February 21: *U-Turn* – At some point we must do a 180° turn away from the fluffy, Walt Disney notion of faith and begin the arduous climb toward transformation in Christ.

Lent 2, February 28: *Road Hazard* – If you’ve been imagining that Christians follow the “road less traveled” – think again. We face the same curse, potholes, and breakdowns as everyone else. The difference is that we know our destination.

Lent 3, March 7: *Rest Stop* – More Americans are at church on Sunday morning than those skiing on lakes, skiing down slopes, hiking up trails, rushing through malls, or meandering along golf courses. But what draws them to worship week after week?

Lent 4, March 14: *Service Road* – The avenue to ultimate liberation is not the quest for unrestrained freedom but the choice of the right master under whom to serve.

Lent 5, March 21: *High Water Crossing* – Christians know all too well the dangerous currents that threaten to engulf and carry us away. Taking a closer look at the map, we discover the road to higher ground.

NOVA Teaching Series, Sundays at 9 AM

NOVA is a groundbreaking worship and educational experience all rolled into one. It is ideal for families of all sorts and stages in their lives who desire to learn and grow in the faith together.

Sundays in Lent, NOVA will offer the series "Who Is Jesus, Anyway? The Seven Faces of Christ". We will follow the life from Jesus as infant and boy to the one who was baptized, from the teacher and healer to the host of the Last Supper, and finally to the crucified and resurrected one. Each message will be accompanied by a faith experience you will take home with you to develop during the week.

Special Wednesday Programs in Lent

A delicious soup supper is served by the ECW beginning at 5:15 PM in McArthur Hall, followed by . Worship and the special program at 6:30 PM in the Chapel.

February 24 – The Rev. Bur Dobbins: *Bordering on Courage* – Hear the painfully honest tale of a priest who was frozen on one side of the border until he could muster the courage to cross over to heal others and himself.

March 3 – Maestros Anne Jones and Carole Hofstad: *Courageously Singing* – These two magnificent ladies have prepared a concert for us to rival anything the Three Tenors could put together.

March 10 – Dean Emeritus Bill Bedingfield: *Courage from a Christ Centered Life* – In the face of illness, incessant hospital visits, and family calamities, Bill and Phyllis keep on smiling. What's the secret of their strength?

Remember – that every Wednesday at 6:30 PM Bishop McArthur and the Halftime Band lead us in robust worship!

Fridays in Lent

Each Friday mornings in Lent at 10 AM we will walk the Stations of the Cross. Fridays – February 19, March 5, and 19 – we will walk the Stations around the Courtyard. Fridays – February 26, March 12, and 26 – we will walk the Stations around the Nature Trail.

Holy Week 2010

Palm Sunday, March 28: *The Passion of Christ* – Worship at 8, 9 & 10:30 AM.

Wednesday in Holy Week, March 31: *Led by Bp. McArthur and the Halftime Band* – Worship at 6:30 PM in the Chapel

Maundy Thursday, April 1: *The Institution of the Lord's Supper and the Stripping of the Altar* – Worship at 6:30 PM in the Church.

Good Friday, April 2: *The Stations of the Cross illuminated by songs and readings* – Worship at 1:00 PM in the Church.