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**Joys & Concerns**

*Recently hospitalized or under special care...* Mary Lou Hinkley (Elmbrook Hospital), Phil Nelson (recovering at home)

*Our sympathy to...* the family of Corrine Nelson, who passed away February 16. A memorial service will be held on March 7 at the Harwood Place Chapel at 11:30 am. Visitation is from 10:30 am until time of service.

**Calendar****February 23**

7:00 pm Ministry Planning Meeting – Kearns Conference Room

**February 24**

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group – Heywood Room

**February 25****Ash Wednesday**

9:00 am Men's Bible Study – Heywood Room

6:15 pm No Tower Bells Rehearsal

6:30 – 6:55 pm Cherub Choir – rm. 217

Troubadour Choir – rm. 217

Youth Choir – Chapel

Prayer Shawl Group – Heywood Room

Chancel Choir – Wesley Hall

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary

8:00 pm Chancel Choir – Wesley Hall

**February 26**

9:00 am Women's Spiritual Enrichment – Heywood Room

7:00 pm Three Simple Rules Lenten Study – Wesley Hall

**February 27**

10:00 am Three Simple Rules Lenten Study – Heywood Room

**March 1**

9:15 am Jello Bucket Sunday  
 "The Last Week" class – rm. 4

11:30 am SPRC – Kearns Conference Room

**Ash Wednesday Service**

We begin Lent with Ash Wednesday. On this day, we take the time to reflect upon our mortality as well as recognize the ways we have become separated from God. A service of worship will be held on Wednesday, **February 25, at 7:00 pm**. The service will include communion and the imposition of ashes (a sign of our repentance and our mortality). Being marked with ashes can be a

humbling experience that may open our hearts in a new way to the presence of God. The imposition of ashes on our foreheads will be an option for those who may find it meaningful, but you need not participate in this aspect of the service if it is not comfortable for you. Also, feel free to pick the The Sanctuary for Lent daily devotional book, in the baskets close to the sanctuary and chapel. There will be large-print editions for those who might find those useful.

**Please note:** Parents & children of **Cherub, Troubadour, & Youth Choirs** are encouraged to attend the Ash Wednesday service beginning at 7:00 pm. The choirs will rehearse from 6:30 – 6:55 pm. The Cherub & Troubadour Choirs will rehearse in rm. 217 (Troubadour Choir Room) to rehearse their Palm Sunday piece, so parents are asked to pick them up there. The Youth Choir will rehearse in the Chapel.

The **confirmation class** will sit as a class for the Ash Wednesday Service. Parents are encouraged to stay and participate along with their confirmation student.

### **Lenten Emphasis: Three Simple Rules**

During the upcoming Lenten weeks, we will be offering study group options based on Rueben Job's "Three Simple Rules." The classes will be held:

- Thursdays: February 26 – April 2, at 7:00 pm in Wesley Hall
- Fridays: February 27 – April 3, at 10:00 am in the Heywood Room
- Mondays:
  - February 16, March 16, April 20, & May 18, at 10:30 am at Harwood Place Chapel
  - February 16, March 16, April 20, & May 18, at 1:30 pm at Village at Manor Park Hickory Skywalk
  - February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, & June 1 at 12:30 pm at Luther Manor Gathering Place

In addition, the Sunday morning Children's Stories during worship and some of our youth classes, will also be based on the "Three Simple Rules." If parents would like to have conversation with their families about these rules, please check on-line for discussion starters at: <http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=746474>. This link will take you to a page on the Cokesbury website that contains information about the study book for children. scroll down a bit, until you see the "Description" of the book, and after the written description there is a link to the Conversation Guide. Click on that link and the two page guide should come up. If you are having difficulty finding this link, we will also have hard copies of the Conversation Guide, on the tables near the sanctuary.

The more we can work together on Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God, the better! Call the church office if you would like to sign up.

### **"The Last Week"**

Jesus' ministry lasted a mere three years, according to the Gospels. However, all four gospels, to a certain degree, concentrate on seven final days. Jesus predicts his end three times to his disciples and, yet, they didn't realize the way.

- ♦ A follower of Jesus means following him on the way.
- ♦ The way leads to Jerusalem.
- ♦ Jerusalem is the place of confrontation with civil & religious authority.
- ♦ Jerusalem is the place of death and resurrection.

**Beginning Sunday, March 1**, and for the following five Sundays, Jack Kaufman will lead a class on "The Last Week," based on the book by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossen. The class will be held in rm. 4 at 9:15 am. Bring a Bible and join us on the way.

### **Upcoming Confirmation Event Reminders**

Congregation Shalom Visit: Friday, March 6. We will be leaving promptly at 5:15 pm. Parents are encouraged to come along. For more information on Congregation Shalom, please visit their website at [www.cong-shalom.org](http://www.cong-shalom.org).

Country Springs Water Park Trip: Sunday, March 15, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. We will leave church by 12:30pm. Money (\$16) and slips are due by Wednesday, March 11. Extras are available. Each student is allowed to bring one friend. (We must have 15 people to get the discounted rate.)

Islamic Society of Milwaukee: Saturday, March 21. We will be leaving promptly at 12:15 pm. Parents are encouraged to come along. For more information on the Islamic Society of Milwaukee, please visit their website at [www.ismonline.org](http://www.ismonline.org).

Any questions, please feel free to call or email. I strongly encourage you to make these upcoming events a family experience!

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### **Spring New Member Classes**

Are you interested in becoming a member of Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church? If so, you are invited to orientation sessions to be held on Sunday, **March 15**, and Sunday, **March 29**, both at 6pm at the church. On March 15, we will serve snacks and desserts and on March 29, we will begin our gathering with a light supper. Childcare will be provided. New members will be received and welcomed at one of our three services on Sunday, April 5. If you would like to talk to Pastor Sue or Pastor Jan about your possible interest in these classes, please call her at the church (414-453-0700). You may also sign up for the classes by leaving your name at the church office. We look forward to welcoming new members.

### **Calling All Thespians**

Our Holy Thursday service this year will include a dramatic presentation entitled Voices from the Crowd from the Iona Community. There are six monologues including Larry, the owner of the upper room; Rachel, a servant girl; Barabbas, the criminal; Simon, the cross carrier; Cato, a soldier; and Mary, mother of Jesus. We are looking for people who want to be a part of this moving time of reflection. We also need two people who are willing to carry a cross down the center aisle as well as someone who would assemble the cross. We will need only one combined rehearsal to coordinate everything since these are stand alone monologues and most of the rehearsal time is done on your own time. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Jan at 414-453-0700.

### **Coupon Available for Jello Buckets**

Jello buckets will be available **March 1** for the St. Ben's meal program for pick up. Walgreens has a jello coupon in this week's Sunday sales flyer for Jello. Pick up 2 large jellos or 4 small lime jellos. (You will also need 2 large 29 oz. cans of pears.)

### **Help Church Women United Recycle**

Church Women United will recycle your items to designated recipients.

Used postal stamps:

- Can't use dark-colored envelopes.
- Please cut beyond the stamp making sure the decorative edge of the stamp remains.
- Foreign stamps bring more money, but save domestic stamps too.

Church Women United sells them to stamp dealers sending the money to Church World Services.

Other items to collect:

- Soda can tabs. Save only the tabs. Ronald McDonald House benefits.
- Unused greeting cards with envelopes sent to you as advertising. These are taken to the jail for inmates to use.
- Audrey Arndt, 414-462-3708, handles Campbell Soup labels. Remove the whole label. Place them in the large soup cans on the same shelf. Call Audrey for questions.

Please store small items by types in plastic sandwich bags. When you think you have an ample quantity, bring them to church. Boxes labeled Stamps, Tabs, Cards will be found on the shelves by the soda machine in the entry space to Fellowship Hall. We will take them to the next CWU meeting and put them to work. Thank you for giving this service.