

Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith MCCC Lent 2023

Church Family, our Lenten theme this year is "Seeking" and together we hope to more deeply explore the scripture and our faith. As we go on this Lent journey with Jesus we will seek to stay curious, open, and nimble. To soften our assumptions, see things from a different angle, and expand our perspectives. In the scriptures we will read, there will be questions and those questions will invite us to go deeper. Some of the questions are restorative ("Can these bones live?"). Some are a challenge.

("Who will you listen to?"). Some questions are hopeful and curious ("How do we begin again?"). As we do so our assumptions can be disrupted, a new perspective emerges, and sometimes there is illumination of a new way of being. Let's go on this journey with Christ to the Cross seeking honest questions for deeper faith.

In addition to "giving something up for Lent," consider...

-- Giving food to the 4C's, donating to Kids Weekend Meals, or the Week of Compassion -- Fasting from excess television or social media -- Refraining from purchasing items you don't need

DEVOTIONAL & DISCUSSION BOOK STUDY - Wednesdays 7-8:30pm at church building

If desired, purchase "Banned Questions about Christians" by Christian Piatt here: <u>Amazon Link</u>
Having the book is not necessary for participating, but may be desired.

MUSIC - Sanctified Art "Seeking: Songs for Lent" Playlist (on Spotify) <u>CLICK HERE</u>

LENT WORSHIP: In-Person/Online Worship at 9:30am (unless otherwise marked)

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - Feb 22, 7:00pm in-person/online - Isaiah 58:1-12

Sun, Feb 26: Who will you listen to? - Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-11 & Matthew 4:1-11

Sun, March 5: How do we begin again? - Genesis 12:1-4a & John 3:1-17

Sun, March 12: Will you give me a drink? - Exodus 17:1-17 & John 4:5-42

Sun, March 19: Who sinned? - John 9:1-41

Sun, March 26: Can these bones live? - Ezekiel 37:1-14 & John 11:1-45

Palm Sunday April 2: Where are you headed? - Matthew 21:1-11

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 6 at <u>Hiram Christian Church</u> 7:00pm: Will you wash my feet?

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7 at <u>Hiram Christian Church</u> **12:00pm:** Why have you forsaken me?

Easter Sunday April 9: Who are you looking for? - John 20:1-18

Sunrise Service - 6:30am at Derthick's Farm