

The Grapevine

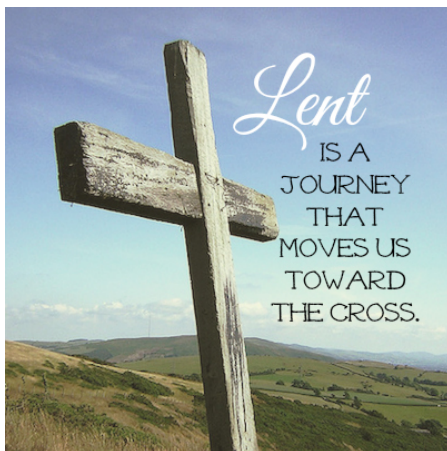
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Important Info for February:

- Office Hours Tues & Wed 10-12pm
- Please leave a message in the office and I will return it when I am here or send an email to vinelandchurch@gmail.com to get a faster response.



A Note From the Pastor

In Ecclesiastes 3:1, we read "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity

under the heavens," so it should be no surprise that this is a season of change. There are only a few occasions in the Christian year that call us to reflect on transformational change as does Lent in preparing us for Easter. Spring brings rebirth, new beginnings, and new growth, but all too often we want to rush towards Easter and the resurrection of Jesus without fully embracing the process that gets us there.

Reflect on the fact that Jesus wandered in the wilderness for 40 days, hungry and thirsty, tempted by Satan, in preparation for a ministry that was destined to end in his own crucifixion. None of us can relate to that level of sacrifice or commitment in our faith journey, nor do we hunger and thirst as did Jesus. But remember, "blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied (Matthew 5:6).

Lent provides us with an opportunity to deepen our faith, increase our spirituality, and nourish ourselves in the gifts of the Holy Spirit found in 1 Corinthians 12, Doing this will allow us to transcend the limitations of human reason and human nature, and be active participants in the life of God, as Christ promised in John 14:23. We need to seek out opportunities

for the Holy Spirit to work within us, to learn what we can be with God present in our lives, or to identify what we are like without God's presence to embrace our need.

Easter allows us to glorify and give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus, and it is only because of his crucifixion, death, burial, rising from the grave conquering death, that redemption of our sins comes to each of us.

I offer you sincere blessings for a transformational Lenten season and a glorious Easter.

Blessings,
Corry Higbee, Pastor

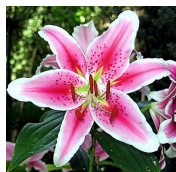


Lenten Season Schedule

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| March 5 - Ash Wednesday | 6:00pm |
| Holy Week Services | TBA |

February Giving:

2 Watoto children - \$765.50
Angel Tree - \$250.00
UMCOR Calif. Fires - \$1512.00



Spring Lilies are available for Easter remembrance.

Please make your orders soon, there are only 30 available for purchase.

The Sermon of the Lilies

Spring Lily Order Form

I would like to order ----- Easter Lilies

From

Phone Number

Given in Memory of

*Given in Honor of
\$20 Each*

*Please return the order form by April 6,
to Carol Lombard (719-250-5782)*

Thank you.

March 2025 Lectionary

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

March 23, 2025

3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 30, 2025

4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March Mission

Pueblo VFW



Pueblo VFW Food pantry serves not only veterans but the community as well. Our mission

for the month of March is donations by the congregation of adult coats, socks, sweats, gloves, and hats for the VFW.

The clothing sizes of men's Medium & Large and shoe sizes 11, 12, 13 are most common. These will be distributed to the homeless and others in need.

Thank you

The Lenten Challenge

The Lenten Season is upon us and is one of the most significant seasons in the life of the church. The church will be holding extra worship services and times of prayer and reflection.

In recognition of the greatest sacrifice from God, we are called to make sacrifices.

We have become aware of the Crazy Faith Street Ministry in Pueblo. This is a grassroots ministry that started a few years ago and provides food, worship and services to homeless people of Pueblo. We have been challenged to collect one or more items from purchases or household items each day during lent. We will bring our donations to the church on Palm Sunday for

distribution to the center. The headquarters for the program is located on north Elizabeth near Old Chicago. They welcome volunteers and visitors. A List of their needs:

Paper towels

Kleenex

Men's sweatpants

Men's & Women's

underwear

Men's t-shirts

Sleeping bags

Blankets

Can openers

Backpacks

Latex gloves

Belts

Bus passes

food gift cards (\$5-\$10)

Food:

Vienna sausages, chicken soup, raman, tuna, oatmeal, pop tarts, canned fruit & vegetables, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, granola bars etc.



Unusual Narrator

Come join the book club March 18th at the Giadone Library. The March novel The Art of Racing In the Rain by Garth Stein is narrated by an old soul

dog. It is a heart wrenching but deeply funny and uplifting read. The discussion should be most lively. You are welcome to be part of this group, 2:00PM.

The Hearts @ Home ladies will be meeting on Friday, March 14, at 7:00pm.



Youth

Dessert Mission Project

Thank You to everyone who participated in the dessert auction on Sunday, February 9. Many of you baked your hearts out and your generosity during the auction was outstanding. The auction was so successful, we raised \$1379.00. The youth group decided to donate half of the money to WATOTO and the other half, to the scholarship fund. We are all so blessed to have such support and love. God Bless

you all.



Colorado State Fair Food Booth

Mark your calendars!

| State Fair Food Booth Mission Project | |
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| 6/21, 9am | Clean up Food Booth |
| 6/27-6/29 | Serving the Lord @ the Car Show |
| 6/30 9am | Clean up food booth |
| 8/17 9am | Clean up Food Booth & Bless/Worship @ the State Fair |
| 8/22-9/1 | Serving the Lord@ the State Fair |
| 9/2 | Clean up the Food Booth |

This Mission is important to our church and our community. This project makes it possible to meet our missions goals, locally, and globally. It is very important to get as many people out to help in whatever capacity they are able. Thank you for your prayers and action!



Our

church is looking for someone who gifted and feels led to assist in worship music. Consider prayerfully if this is a ministry you are called to do and contact the pastor or Cathi Stueve for more information.

Community Service Project Pays it Forward

In January,
Nurture and
Outreach made
the decision to
partner with



Angel Tree Ministries and help with the summer camp that will be attended by children who have a parent who is incarcerated. The group committed to providing fleece blankets for the girls camp again this year.

The 4-H Clubs led by some of our church members stepped in to help. February 1, 4-H kids and their parents gathered in the education building and completed the blankets for all the camp attendees. Each girl will receive a custom made blanket and the 4-H members fulfilled their commitment for community service. Our church has been richly blessed by these two groups of young people and their leaders.



3/1 Shelbi Gillispie
3/4 Angie Stewart
3/5 Kathy Unwin
3/6 Garran Eastman
3/12 Joe Klun
3/14 Warren Chambers
3/14 Rozlynn Kratzer
3/16 Bonnie Norton

3/17 Patty Eastman
3/17 Kim Gillispie
3/19 Abigail Calhoun-Martinez
3/24 Marianne Bush
3/24 Gregg Hartman
3/26 Jim Jr. Provost
3/26 Donna Shifflet
3/30 Amber Garrett



Wyberg Derek & Jenna 3/27

Nurture & Outreach/Administrative Board Minutes

February 19, 2025

Prayer

Old Business

February Mission ~ Dessert Auction

February 9, 2025

Proceeds - \$1,379.00 Watoto Mission - \$689.50 and Scholarship Fund - \$689.50

UMCOR – Relief for California Fires

Total of congregation's donation will be figured and matched by 'Missions'.

March Mission ~ VFW

Coats, socks, sweats, gloves and hats will be donated by the congregation

Serving veteran and homeless population

Adult medium and large sizes in particular demand in adult clothing

April - VMC Blessing Box

Crazy Faith Ministries ~ Kathi McIntyre

Kathi McIntyre met with Tammy and attended services on a Sunday

Approximately 100 people were present

Kathi was given a list of items that are in demand for the people served by Crazy Faith Ministries

Pastor Corry proposed a Lenten activity for the congregation

A contractor-size garbage bag will be provided to participants

People are encouraged to add one item from the list each day during Lent

Diana Garcia-Rincon will donate Bibles to be placed in each bag

The bags will be delivered to Crazy Faith Ministries following Easter and will be distributed by the ministry.

Diana Garcia-Rincon made a motion to participate in the activity for Lent for Crazy Faith Ministries and Carol Lombard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Angel Tree Camp Blankets – Debbie Walters

Twenty fleece blankets were cut and tied by the Cossel's 4-H group; more will be made if necessary.

Pueblo Cooperative Care Need – Debbie Walters

Underwear is needed for men and women. New or used underwear is acceptable.

Church Musician – Kathi McIntyre

CSU-P does not have a musician available for the salary offered

Those in attendance are satisfied with the use of taped music during worship

A notice will be placed in the Grapevine to see if anyone in the congregation is interested in playing the organ for worship

Computer and Software for Sanctuary – Ralph Newby

Ralph Newby is researching a replacement computer for the sanctuary.

Needs: CPU, monitor, external DVD player and Media Shout. The estimated cost will be between \$1,300 and \$1,500. When the final needs are determined, Mr. Newby will make the decision for the purchase.

Cathie Stueve made a motion to approve the purchase of new technology for the sanctuary and Shelley Gauna seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

Jackie Dorenkamp asked Mr. Newby to subscribe to and download the MS Office program. He will be reimbursed.

Scholarships - Diana Garcia-Rincon

A presentation was made regarding scholarships for the 2025-26 school year for working at the food booth.

A suggestion was made to include a stipulation on the application that the scholarship must be used in the 2025-26 school year or the award will be revoked. Funds that have been documented as unclaimed will remain in the scholarship fund.

Jackie Dorenkamp suggested compensating the students from PCHS by donating \$25 per shift worked to the scholarship fund. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Pam Pettijohn and seconded by Shelley Gauna that a donation of \$25 per shift worked by Pueblo County High School students during the previous Colorado State Fair will be made by VMC to the scholarship fund. The distribution of the available scholarship funds will be made by the scholarship committee. The motion carried.

Balance in Scholarship Fund - \$500; proceeds from dessert auction - \$689.50; and donation made from 2024 Colorado State Fair - \$1,250. Total - \$2,439.50

Easter Worship Schedule – Pastor Corry

March 5 @ 6 p.m. – Ash Wednesday

April 13 @ 10:30 a.m. – Palm Sunday

April 14 @ 6 p.m. – Holy Monday Devotional Service

April 15 @ 6 p.m. – Holy Tuesday Devotional Service

April 16 @ 7 p.m. – Holy Wednesday Devotional Service

April 17 @ 5 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Supper

April 17 @ 6 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service

April 18 @ 6 p.m. – Good Friday Service

April 18 @ 6 p.m. – Holy Saturday Devotional Service

April 19 @ 6 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service

April 19 @ 7:30 a.m. – Easter Breakfast

April 19 @ 10:30 a.m. – Easter Worship Service

April 19 @ 11:30 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt

Next Meeting: March 19, 2025

Members in Attendance: Denise Cooper, Mike Cooper, Jackie Dorenkamp, Shelley Gauna, Diana Garcia-Rincon, Corry Higbee, Wadene Hopper, Danny Jones, Donna Klun, Carol Lombard, Kathi McIntyre, Margaret Newby, Pam Pettijohn, Bruce Roberson, Cathie Stueve, and Debbie Walters.

Guests in Attendance: Nancy Higbee and Ralph Newby



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 Adult SS 9:30 Worship 10:30 Children's in worship | 3 | 4 Lion's Club 6pm | 5 Prayer Meeting 10am Ash Wednesday Observance 6pm | 6 | 7 | 8 Men's Breakfast 8am |
| 9 Worship 10:30 Children's SS during worship | 10 | 11 | 12 Prayer Meeting 10am | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Adult SS 9:30 Worship 10:30 Children's SS during worship | 17 Newsletter Deadline | 18 Bookies - Giodone Library 2pm | 19 Prayer Meeting 10am N/O Mtg 6:00pm Fireside Room | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Adult SS 9:30 Worship 10:30 Children's SS during worship | 24 | 25 | 26 Prayer Meeting 10am | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Adult SS 9:30 Worship 10:30 Children's SS during worship | 31 | | | | | |

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Please join us for worship

Every Sunday at 10:30

Children's Sunday School during worship

Adult Sunday School at 9:30am



See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs
up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way
in the wilderness and streams in the
wasteland.

ISAIAH 43:19

*We gather in God's grace to serve our Lord,
each other, our community, and our world,
by spreading the Love of Jesus Christ.*
