



## The Bell | March Faith Formation at HUCC

### PASTOR'S CORNER LITTLE EASTERERS



This past Saturday, Val and I took our dog Olive for a leisurely stroll around Fairmont Park. As we walked and glanced toward the east, we were presented with a stunning

vista of snow-capped peaks along the Wasatch Front and a bright blue sky directly above. It would have been the quintessential experience of Utah in February, but for one thing: the temperature was sixty-five degrees down here in the Salt Lake Valley that afternoon.

I'm glad that we were able to enjoy this taste of spring while it lasted, because it didn't last very long. The next day the clouds began to roll in, the winds picked up and the chill in the air returned. As I write this today, it's now snowing (and I'm definitely not complaining about this, because we really need it). But, as I peer out my office window at the flakes falling from the cold gray sky, I do find myself feeling really grateful for that brief and joyful respite from winter.

Which brings me around to Lent, the forty day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter (well, technically, the evening of Holy Saturday) in which we will find ourselves once again beginning next week. The word "Lent," it's worth noting, is derived from the Old English name for the season of spring, and the length of the liturgical season is inspired by the duration of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. But if you look at the calendar and count days, you will see that there are, in fact, forty-six days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. So what gives?

Find out Pastor Brent's answer [here](#).

#### **God of Little Seeds:**

*We are in the gray time between winter and spring. The bare branches of trees scrape the sky. Under the ground, seeds and bulbs are sleeping, dreaming in shades of green. We are all waiting for spring, waiting for Easter. Please grow our faith, from a tiny mustard seed to a blooming tree. Amen. (Adapted from Laura Alary)*



### ASH WEDNESDAY

#### "Prepare the Soil"

On Wednesday, March 2nd at 6 p.m. we will be having a Lenten soup supper in McMullen Hall, followed by a livestreamed Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary from 6:45-7:00 p.m. Following the conclusion of the livestreamed service, there will be prayer stations set up in the sanctuary for people to spend time in personal reflection, including a craft prayer station for children and youth. If you are planning to participate from home, make sure you have a candle and *matches* (not a lighter). If you are coming in person, soup will be provided at 6 p.m. including a vegan option.

Ash Wednesday is a powerful reminder that we are all made of soil. Check out Pastor Chelsea's video explaining Ash Wednesday to kids [here](#).

**Lenten Soup Suppers are back!** Every Wednesday in Lent we will gather in McMullen Hall at 6 p.m. for all-ages prayer, and intergenerational sharing groups on the theme of "letting go." These evenings will be in-person only (no Zoom option). Below you will find a devotional to support your daily journey of "letting go" during Lent. Letting go is a way of accepting our losses and moving through the grief of these past few years toward the new life of Easter.

**Sunday School will be back "in person" soon!** In-person Sunday School will resume on the first Sunday of Lent, March 6th. We will retain a Zoom-in option every Sunday at 10 a.m. Read below for an introduction to our children's Lenten theme of generosity - letting go so that we can give to others. Have a blessed Lent!

**Sunday February 27, 2022**

-- 10 a.m. Worship --

**Transfiguration (Last Sunday before Lent)**  
*In the Sanctuary and on [Facebook livestream](#)*  
*Masks are required.*  
***[Bulletin](#) and [Scripture](#)***  
*Welcome visitors! Please connect with us [here](#).*

-- 10 a.m. Last Online-Only Sunday School --  
*See blog below for the Zoom link*

-- 6:45 p.m. on March 2nd --  
**Ash Wednesday**  
*In the Sanctuary and on [Facebook livestream](#)*

## Faith Formation Events | March 2022

### Children

#### Hybrid Sunday School

Sunday School this Sunday, February 27th will explore God's Forgiveness. The Zoom link is available on the [blog](#). Children in grades PK-6 are invited.

Beginning in March, Sunday School will be held every Sunday at 10 a.m. both in-person and on Zoom. The Zoom link is posted on the [blog](#). Tune in to watch worship and catch up with your Sunday School friends. Better yet, come in person and play together in our new space in McMullen Hall.

Our Sunday School theme during Lent will be the spiritual practice of Generosity. During worship, the children will be invited forward to see a special flower that shows generosity by freely sharing its color, fragrance, and beauty with the world.

We hope you enjoy all the [beautiful colors](#) of the flowers that will appear between now and Easter!

### Youth

#### Cooking Show

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join monthly projects to serve together, build community and have fun. Our focus this spring is service to animals. Please RSVP to [Pastor Chelsea](#) to join any of the following events.

It's time to "cook for a cause"!

On Saturday March 12th at 4:30 p.m, sign up to make muffins for St. Patrick's Day. Chef Ramzy will teach a baking class on Zoom, and email you a list of ingredients to purchase beforehand. Like last year, participants of all ages from the entire congregation are invited to join us. Extra muffins baked by the youth will be sold at church to raise money for materials to make handmade dog toys for a local rescue.

To join the youths' Summer Mission Trip to Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, UT in June 2022, please contact [Kate Palmer](#).

### Adults

#### "Letting Go" Devotional

*Living Well through Lent 2022: Letting Go with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind* is a daily devotional produced by the progressive Christian wellness foundation [Living Compass](#).

There are four easy ways to get your copy of the Lenten devotional used by our community this year:

- Pick up a free printed booklet at church on Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings during Lent. You can also ask [Peter](#) in the church office to mail you a hard copy.
- Download a [free PDF](#) to read on your computer.
- [Sign up](#) to receive the day's devotional entry emailed to you every day.
- [Purchase](#) an e-copy formatted for your Kindle device for \$1.

Faith Formation Schedule &  
Blog

## Church Tidings | February 25, 2022

In-Person Activities  
Resume

Sign Up to Host  
Bistro & Soup

Interfaith Lunch for  
Pope Francis

Jim Bale for the HUCC  
COVID-19 Team

*Looking for Light in the  
Tunnel*

As the surge in COVID cases begins to ebb, the COVID Team recommends that HUCC carefully resume selected activities, starting with Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

- In-person Lenten services and suppers will be held each Wednesday throughout Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Masks will be required except when actively eating or drinking.

The following will resume on Sunday, March 6, 2022.

- Passing of the Peace (during worship service) — Please wear masks and respect the space and desires of others. For now, handshaking and hugs are discouraged.
- Post-worship Bistro— Please wear masks when not actively eating or drinking and maintain an adequate distance between one another.
- Children's Chat (with children on the chancel). All participants in worship will continue to wear masks.
- In-person Sunday School. All teachers and students will wear masks.
- Congregational Singing - please sing joyously while wearing your mask.

The following will resume in March.

- Choir practices and performances
- Top-of-the-Hill group lunches.

Please do not attend worship or other activities at HUCC if you have symptoms compatible with COVID, have been exposed to someone with COVID in the preceding 10 days, or if you have tested positive for COVID in the preceding 14 days. The opportunity to continue these activities depends on our adherence to the COVID guidelines.

Karen Young, Kate  
Palmer & Tiffini Adams

*Let's make Bistro happen  
again!*

If you are one of those humans that enjoy the camaraderie and socially mingling with fellow congregants after worship PLUS meeting new people, Bistro is your *thing!*

Remember Time, Talent and Treasure?

We need volunteers to donate a few hours of their time on a Sunday of their choice to host HUCC's coffee hour. You can be as simple or as elaborate with your table as you want for your Sunday.

Make this a family affair! Make this a committee calling! Think of all the new faces you'll see when you're in the kitchen.

Please contact Karen Young (8014504991) or Kate Palmer (8018913316) for any kitchen questions! (If there are no sign ups for a Sunday, there will not be a coffee hour.)

Click [this link](#) to sign up, choose your dates and enter your email address. You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.



Lenten Soups

Please join us for Lent this season and be present with friends on Wednesday Nights for Soup and Bread. It takes a village. We would love a pot of soup if you can provide one. Or if you would be willing to help with Set Up or Clean Up, your offerings will be greatly appreciated!

The Signup Genius for bringing soup is [here](#).

For questions, please contact [Tiffini Adams](#).

The Holladay Interfaith  
Council

*Listening Session with St.  
Vincent Catholic Parish*

Pope Francis has created a program for the Catholic Church to gather opinions and ideas from the bottom up. Every Catholic parish is going to plan listening sessions where groups of Catholics and non-Catholics will discuss predetermined topics. During these meetings, anyone can speak and no one will judge or debate. Someone will keep a record of what is said, then each parish will share the information they gathered with their leaders.

The Holladay Interfaith Council has decided to host this listening session on Wednesday, March 16th from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at Holladay City Hall.

Every faith community is welcomed to send one representative to participate in the dialogue, in addition to the faith leaders.

Please let [Pastor Chelsea](#) know if you can join this listening session. Holladay City Mayor Robert Dahle will provide you with a scrumptious lunch! First come first serve, and we need to RSVP by Tuesday March 1st. Thank you!

Salt Lake Interfaith  
Roundtable

Did you know that the annual Salt Lake Interfaith Season is virtual this year, and extends all the way through March?

The mission of the Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable, starting with the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake, is to promote love, harmony and understanding among peoples of all faith traditions, cultures, and belief systems.

A full schedule of online events can be accessed on their [website](#). You can also [email](#) them to get on their mailing list.

The well-loved annual Interfaith Music Evening is planned to take place in person later this year in the Mormon Tabernacle on Temple Square.

Thank you!

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