LENT 2016: Re-Lent

We will be joining Bishop Mueller and the Arkansas Conference’s initiative to explore Spiritual Revival. What does it mean? What are the characteristics? What role do we play?

“Lent is a season of renewal of the earth; rebirth of the springtime; recommitment to our covenant promises; and the restoration of our souls. Life and ministry are all about relationships; and finally, we serve a risen Savior who was resurrected on Easter morning! ... Ultimately, revival is a work of our graceful and loving God who creates and recreates every day.”

Come explore these ideas and be renewed. Sundays at 4 p.m., from Feb 14 through March 13, Room 216.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Set Feb. 9

The Conway FUMC MidYouth would like to invite their church family and the community to enjoy a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, in the Great Hall. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent begins where you can eat all you want before going into the season of fasting leading up to Easter. The Pancake Supper will include great food, great fellowship and great fun for the whole family as we have our own Mardi Gras right here at Conway FUMC. There is no charge for this event.

Ash Wednesday Worship — Feb. 10

7 a.m., in the Chapel — Worship and imposition of ashes. Bagels and coffee will be available following worship. Everyone is invited!
6:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary — Worship and imposition of ashes. Open to all!

Under the Dome Recital to Feature Composers Guild

The Conway Composers Guild will be our “Under the Dome” guests at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, in a recital of new and recent music by local composers.

The program features works by Jorrell Bonner, Paul Dickinson, Karen Griebling, Sydney Hickok, Michael Yoder, and Ryan Key. This event is free and the public is invited.

Collecting Valentines for Homebound

Help us shower our homebound folks with Valentine’s Day. Pick up a list in the lobby of either building. Drop your Valentines in the boxes located in each lobby by Friday, Feb. 12. We are hoping to have your Valentines and a treat delivered on Valentine’s Day! You can write cards to specific people on the list or keep them generic — use store bought or create your own.

We will have the Valentines and baked goods ready to be delivered Sunday, Feb. 14.
If you can help sort and sack valentines on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 9 a.m. and/or deliver to just one of our homebound on that Sunday, please contact Kisha Bumpers, 329-3801 or kbumpers@conwayfumc.org.

Lay Your Burdens Down at the Foot of the Cross

The prefix “re” means “again.” The word Lent is an old English word meaning “spring.” Illustrated in nature around us, Lent is a season of spiritual Re-vival. We are created for “re” -- to REturn again and again and be REnewed in God’s life-giving love.

As we Re-LENT together, you are invited to BRING A ROCK to worship! Starting Ash Wednesday (Feb. 10), and/or anytime during Lent, you are invited to bring a rock to lay at the foot of the cross. The hope is that we will cover the foot of the cross with our burdens and hopes. Let this rock represent something you need to RElease and the opening of your heart to REceive from God.

Call to Prayer During Lent

Wednesdays, 11:30 to 1:30 in the Chapel

Scripture teaches, over and over, that we are to seek God in prayer. During Lent, starting Ash Wednesday, the congregation and community are invited by our Healing Prayer Team to come to the Chapel between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, for a time of personal dedicated prayer, beginning Feb. 10 until Easter.

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Adult Sunday School — 10 a.m. Feb. 7

Dorothy Robins-Light 212

“Matthew,” from the Immersion Bible Studies, by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

Faithbuilders 220

Faith in Action (FIA) 214

“Grace: More Than We Deserve; Greater Than We Imagine” by Max Lucado

Forum 222

“Hop, Skip, and a Jump: A Brief Survey of the Protestant Movement Since Luther’s 95 Theses” by Dr. John Sanders, Hendrix College professor of Religion and Classical Language

Genesis 227

“Ignite...Your Passion for God” by Kay Arthur & Mark Sheldrake

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) 216

FaithLinks

Koinonia 219

“No a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem,” by Adam Hamilton

Round Table 217

A Study of Judaism

Bible Lecture 228

“Exodus,” Leader David Sutherland

Our Church Family

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tal

Out of Town: Amanda Cnic.

Sympathy

To the friends and family of Hank Allen on his death Jan. 24, 2016.

To the friends and family of Billy J. Russell on his death Jan. 28, 2016.

Prayers For Those Serving Overseas

Ian Sheehan (nephew of Chris & Lynn Bills)

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High School Formal Wear Donations Needed

Do you have High School-appropriate formal wear you would like to donate to a good cause?

The Missions Committee is collecting formal dresses and accessories (shoes, jewelry and purses) of all sizes to assist any High School girls who may have difficulty purchasing or not be able to attend Spring Prom due to limited finances.

With assistance from the High School counselors and teachers, the Missions Committee will have a “free shopping day” for the girls in mid-February. Help us make it a special day for these girls and donate any dresses and accessories that may be hanging in your closet never to be worn again.

We are accepting donations up until the event. They can be brought to Room 107 at any time or to the Koinonia Class in Room 219 (upstairs in the Sanctuary building) during Sunday School.

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Stephen Ministry Training Planned

If you are interested in being trained as a Stephen Minister, please contact Kisha Bumpers, 501-329-3801 or kbumpers@conwayfumc.org. We will begin training the first week of February.

Stephen Ministers are trained for one-on-one caring relationships with people going through a challenging time in life.

If you or somebody you know could use somebody to listen through these challenging times, contact Kisha.

Childhood Center Registration

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year at the Early Childhood Center has begun!

We offer T/Th classes for ages 17 months-2 years and several options for 3- and 4-year-olds ranging from T/Th to M-F from 7:30 am-4:30 pm.

Registration forms may be picked up at the ECC office in February.

Registration will begin in the ECC Office at 8:45 a.m. on the following dates:

Monday, Feb. 1 — for currently enrolled families.

Monday, Feb. 8 — for FUMC church members.

Monday, Feb. 22 — Registration opens to the community.

For more information, please contact Mary Spears Polk (329-1467; mspolk@conwayfumc.org)

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Amity Potluck

Noon Monday, Feb. 8. Fellowship Hall

Program: Chris Campbell of the Arkansas Attorney General’s Office, who will discuss scams against seniors.

Hosts: Tom and Patsy Desaulniers

This is a great fellowship for older adults.

Bring a potluck dish and join us!