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## What is Lent?



Lent is the season of forty days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It commemorates Jesus' time of preparation in the wilderness for forty days following his baptism, and is meant as a time of preparation for Easter.

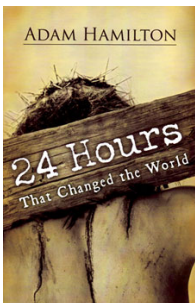
For centuries, the church has encouraged Christians to fast (abstain from food or drink) during Lent as a way to prepare one's heart and mind for the celebration of Easter. The point of fasting is to rely on the power of God to deny oneself, thereby bringing our hearts closer to God. There are many that may choose to do this.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent; a season of introspection and solemn meditation on the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Join us for our **Ash Wednesday service on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. During the service, you will be invited to write a small message to God - a statement of confession, repentance and/or commitment. You will then be invited to bring this forward and place it in an offering plate. (Your message will be prayed over, but *not* read.) The traditional imposition of ashes will be offered at the altar rails.

God continues to bless us at New Haven UMC. This past Sunday was a remarkable day in honoring our Special Needs Ministry – what a blessing they, and all of our leaders, are to our hearts. This *next* Sunday is Scout Sunday where we will have the joy of celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Boy Scouting. What a day that will be. Give all the thanks and glory to God for all He is doing in our midst!

Walking the journey with each of you,  
Pastor Cindy

## Lenten Sermon Series “24 Hours That Changed the World”



On the first Sunday of Lent, we will begin the journey to the cross with a special sermon series based on the book by Adam Hamilton, “24 Hours That Changed the World.” This series focuses on the last 24 hours of Jesus' life, beginning with the Last Supper and ending with his crucifixion. We will walk through the weeks of Lent, hour by hour, up until the culmination on Easter Sunday of the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord!! I pray this will be a time of growing together in our faith and in our understanding of what Jesus experienced in the last 24 hours of his life, and what it means to us.

Two Sunday school classes are using Hamilton's book, a DVD and a 40 day devotional book that coincide each week of the sermon series; the Journeys S. S. class in room 205, and our newest S. S. class in room 183. If you are interested in having these materials for your class, or on your own, please let me know. – Pastor Cindy

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new charismatic movement.

**John's words:**

*Jesus, oh Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs  
Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
Oh, let Him have those things that hold you  
and His Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.*

*Oh, come and sing this song with gladness  
as your hearts are filled with joy.  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.  
Oh, give Him all your tears of sadness;  
give Him all your years of pain  
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.*

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!  
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## SNOW & ICE V.I.M DISASTER RELIEF

Teams are being formed to go out to help our sisters & brothers who were affected by our last storm. I would like to take a team on a Saturday or Monday soon. The VIM office has asked team leaders to respond asap because there will be work for the next 3 months. I will have a sign up this Sunday in the hallway. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, all kinds of help will be needed. You do not need to have any special skills.....they can use anyone willing to help!

Our location is not known yet, but if you'd like more information, please call me at 250-5966.

### Adult Sunday School Classes Come join us at 9:45 am!

#### Room 185: Discovery Class

The Gospel of John (3 month study)

#### Room 211: Fellowship Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum:  
The Gospel of Matthew

#### Room 210: New Friendship Class

"Lord, Where are You When Bad Things Happen?" by Kay Arthur

#### Parlor: Christian Living Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

#### Room 183 New Haven's Newest Class!

"24 Hours that Changed the World"  
Lenten Study by Adam Hamilton

#### Room 205: Journey's Class

Book of Philippians (6 weeks), then  
"Christianity and World Religions"  
by Adam Hamilton

### BERRIES & SEAFOOD

The UMW is now taking orders for Bithell Farm berries and seafood for an early March delivery. This is a fundraiser for the UMW and your orders are greatly appreciated. Order blanks for this delicious food are in the church office area. Thank you!

## Opportunities of the Week February 14-21, 2010

### SUNDAY, February 14

#### Boy Scout Sunday"

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
5:00 pm All Church Valentine Dance  
5:30 pm UMY

### MONDAY, February 15

4:30 pm Beginning Guitar/Youth  
5:15 pm Intermediate Guitar/Youth  
6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

### TUESDAY, February 16

6:00 pm Youth Bible Study  
6:00 pm New Haven Nites Studies  
7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209  
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

### WEDNESDAY, February 17

6:00 pm Chancel Bells  
7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
5:00 pm Math Tutoring/184  
6:00 pm Band Practice  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service  
7:30 pm Yoga/211

### THURSDAY, February 18

### FRIDAY, February 19

7:30 pm AA /Gym

### SATURDAY, February 20

3-7:00 pm Respite Care

### SUNDAY, February 21

#### First Day of Lent

8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday Schools  
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service  
5:00 pm Children's Choir  
5:30 pm Bible Blast  
5:30 pm UMY

## SCOUT SUNDAY

"On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God . . ."  
Scout Sunday -- February 14th



Boy Scouts of America is celebrating its 100th anniversary this month. New Haven's own Troop 16 will be helping us observe Scout Sunday on February 14th. Please plan to attend and wear your uniforms to help celebrate Scouting's timeless values of "Duty to God, duty to country, duty to others."

Troop 16's scouts are always eager to "Do a good turn daily." If know of a need that the troop might be able to address as a service project, please contact Barry Puryear. Troop 16 welcomes scouts from other units (packs, troops, teams, crews, etc.) to participate in New Haven's Scout Sunday; call Barry Puryear at 946-5438 for more information.

## New Haven to Provide Health Kits to Disaster Areas

The Church Life and Outreach Committees are asking for your monetary help to buy supplies for health kits to be distributed throughout disaster areas. These kits will contain a washcloth, hand towel, comb, nail clipper or file, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste and bandages. Each kit costs about \$12. to put together. Someone will visit your Sunday School class next week and a table will be set up in the hallway by the Sanctuary to accept your donations. When the materials have been purchased, we will also need help in assembling the kits. Please make your checks to New Haven UMC with the memo line saying "Health Kits" on it.



MEET  
JUDY CASH,  
NEW HAVEN'S  
NEWEST  
MEMBER!

Judy joined in membership with us on Sunday, February 7th. We know you'll want to get to know Judy and give her the famous "New Haven Welcome!"