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Following Christ, We Connect a Diversity of People with each other and with God!

10 Reasons to Love Lent – Anne Kennedy

You do realize, don't you, that lent is just around the corner? Do you think it's appropriate to calmly sit there, reading the Internet and eating chocolate? Don't you feel anxious and appalled? What kind of person are you! I'm just kidding. But for real, Lent is just around the corner. And that's wonderful because it's my favorite season of the year. I love it more than Christmas, more than Easter, and certainly more than ordinary time. It is exactly the right kind of space for me to be the person I really am. Which is surely the point. Here are ten reasons to be happy about lent.

Reason #1: In the last ten years, for me, the months before lent have always turned out to be awful so that by the time Lent arrives I'm basically already feeling terrible about myself, and have nearly already hit bottom so that I just touch my toe down and start crawling back up.

Reason #2: A couple of years ago January and February were so bad that I instituted, as my spiritual discipline, Lenten Flowers. I even started a board on Pinterest. Every week I bought myself flowers and photographed them so that I could always live in their glory.

Reason #3: What, you say! Lent isn't about glory! Yes, it is! The most glorious thing in life is to find yourself in a pit, a pit that you dug for yourself through your own sin and stupidity, with no way to get out however hard you try, and then to look up and see that God, who didn't have to, nevertheless had mercy and came and died so that you there in your pit could be rescued, set up right, free to live on into eternity. For the person who is overburdened by sin and sadness, this is the best season, the most glorious time in the church year.

Reason #4: But I don't feel bad about my sin! you say. Well, that's a great pity. You can't revel in the wonder of the cross if you haven't bothered to notice the mire of the pit. You can overcome this problem by relishing the words in the confession prayer, "The burden of them is intolerable." If you happen to think as you say these words, as I sometimes do, 'No it's Not, I'm tolerating it just fine,' you can then pause and consider what you're actually saying, what sin actually does, and what hope you actually have. Then, over time, you begin to surely feel how intolerable your sins are and how remarkable it is to be rid of them.

Reason #5: Lent is a microcosm of the Christian life. It is the 40 years in the wilderness, the 40 days in the ark, the 40 days of temptation. It is all about facing down the reality that in life it very often it feels like there is no food and no water and that I loathe this worthless food—that no matter what God provides to the Christian, there is always an aching after something more, a dissatisfaction, a restlessness. It's not just because of all the sin, it's

because once you've seen the cross, it's hard to stick it out for the whole distance, you want to just jump to the end and be happy.

Reason #6: This wanting to jump straight past the suffering to the end is a big problem in the west right now. We have no patience anymore, no ability to sit and think, no willingness to suffer. Lent only makes sense if you settle down and purpose to endure for a while, to be unhappy without despair, to be hungry without starving, to be so humble that God can yet lift up your head.

Reason #7: Everything about lent, even your own attempt at some kind of sacrifice or discipline, points to the cross. Say you decide to give up something, like chocolate. There you are, day after day, reminded of how much you love chocolate, how much you wish you could just have a bite. Instead of thinking less about chocolate, you find that it overcomes your thoughts. You think about it all the time. Perhaps you even fail, and one time eat chocolate. There you are, a miserable failure. At which moment, Rejoice! Of course, you are! Did you think that just avoiding chocolate would somehow make you a winner in lent? No matter what you do in this life, what kind of temptation you try to avoid, what kind of goodness you try to embody, you can't do it. At the end of the day you won't have anything left of your efforts to be good and just and merciful and right. And that is why, at the end of 40 days, we have Good Friday and Holy Saturday and Easter. It was so bad that Jesus came and died instead of you.

Reason #8: Lent is also completely charming because the Christian can, for "religious reasons" take a break from the world for a bit. Are you exhausted by politics? By the Internet? By Facebook and Twitter? By the shouting that you have to respond to each fresh hideousness that is now the substance of our common political reality? Then put it away for a while and remember the one who can handle it all and is not surprised by anything. Let him worry about the refugee crisis and the Russian thing and all the poverty and all the trouble. Unplug (except for this blog, cough) and let Jesus be the thing you think about for a while.

Reason #9: An inescapable joy creeps in as you go on in lent. In the darkness of the wilderness, in the dust and the details of life, you begin to realize that there is an endpoint, that this too shall pass, that the only constant unchanging reality of the cosmos is God himself. The days build together towards the triumphal entry and then there you are, with a whole week to gaze upon the wonder of the cross, the power of God to overcome the totality of our evil and suffering. You have to be stone cold not to be moved to wonder when beholding the cold, toppled stone on Holy Saturday.

Reason #10: Lent is for sinners. And you are a sinner. So, this season is specially made for you. It's the perfect gift designed just for you, to draw you closer towards a perfect High Priest, one who sympathizes with you in your weakness, in your hunger, in your loss, in your anxiety. He ripped open the curtain, the veil that separates you from the glory and holiness of God. You can go up close and speak to him, can sit and rest while all around you scramble and strive. It's the best thing! And you have a whole week to get ready!

Enjoy the next 40 days of Lent and I will see you on Easter Sunday!

Rev. Co

Worship Ministry

March 1 – Communion

Service of Worship	8:00a & 9:30a
Coffee Hour (Webster Hall)	10:30a
Lay Reader	Michelle Herrera
Scripture Reading	Matthew 3:1-11
Usher Team	Jim Foster

March 8

Service of Worship	8:00a & 9:30a
Coffee Hour (Webster Hall)	10:30a
Lay Reader	Lowell Handy
Scripture Reading	John 3:1-17
Usher Team	Jim Foster

March 15

Service of Worship	8:00a & 9:30a
Coffee Hour (Webster Hall)	10:30a
Lay Reader	Katy Berman
Scripture Reading	John 4:5-42
Usher Team	Jim Foster

March 22

Service of Worship	8:00a & 9:30a
Coffee Hour (Webster Hall)	10:30a
Lay Reader	Ellen Alde
Scripture Reading	John 9:1-41
Usher Team	Jim Foster

March 29 – Youth Sunday

Service of Worship	8:00a & 9:30a
Coffee Hour (Webster Hall)	10:30a
Lay Reader	Youth
Scripture Reading	John 11:1-45
Usher Team	Jim Foster

Children's & Adult Education Ministry



February Grandparents' Day FCC-style



Membership & Communications Ministry

Walk in the Woods

All ages are welcome to join us for our annual “Walk in the Woods,” which this year takes place on Sunday, March 15. Plan to meet in the Interpretive Center of The Grove (1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview) at 3:00pm and then we’ll take a leisurely walk around the beautiful grounds. Afterwards, anyone who is interested will meet for dinner at the nearby North Branch restaurant (4520 W. Lake Ave., Glenview). Separate checks. **Please sign up** if you plan to attend. Questions? Speak with Debbie Walusiak.

Bowling & Pizza

Our annual Bill Opalka Memorial Bowling & Pizza Party is scheduled this year for 3:00pm on Sunday, March 22 at River Rand Bowl in Des Plaines. Cost is only \$10 for two games, shoes and pizza. (\$5 for pizza only) All ages welcome. *New this year – a variety of prizes will be awarded!* **Please sign up** if you plan to attend. Questions? Speak with Bob McCullough.



In February we recognized our Sunday Coffee Hour coordinators – Betty, Barry and (not pictured) Anthony. Thanks for all you do!

Save the Date...

The Easter Bunny once again will lead our annual children's Easter Egg hunt, which this year takes place on the playground (weather permitting) after the 9:30am worship service on Sunday, April 5. Details to follow in Notes from Co and your April Tidings. Questions? Speak with Ralph Murdy.

A New Opportunity for Fellowship

As the Easter holiday approaches, those who otherwise might be alone for an Easter Sunday meal are invited to be paired up with others from our congregation who have room at their table for an extra guest. Look for a sign-up sheet coming soon in the Church Office. Questions? Speak with Michelle Herrera.

A Busy Spring Ahead for Evening Circle

Tuesday, March 10 6:00pm at Jimmy's Restaurant (1440 Rand Road, DP) for our 'annual' meal out. We will be making a reservation so you must sign up!

Tuesday, April 14 We will be going to Schaumburg for an evening session (6:00pm – 7:30pm) at "Feed My Starving Children," 740 Wiley Farm Ct. Those at our recent meeting who have done this before, said it was a wonderful experience, very rewarding and can't wait to do it again! *Also, please wear your FCC sesquicentennial T-shirt, if you have one.* **ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.** Plan to carpool. Signup sheet in Church Office or you can sign up through our church website, www.fccdp.org/

Sunday, May 17 3:00pm matinee. We will be going to the Metropolis Performing Arts Theater, 111 W Campbell St, Arlington Heights, to see a musical. *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, based on the popular 1988 MGM film, takes us to the French Riviera for hijinks and hilarity. Sophisticated, suave with a good dash of mischief, this hysterical comedy features a delightfully jazzy score by David Yazbek (*The Full Monty*) and was nominated for a staggering eleven Tony Awards. We are inviting all church members to join us. We will be getting the group rate of \$28.00 per person. We may go out for a meal before or after the show.

And don't forget our **Bake and Craft sale** dates are **Sunday, March 29 and April 5.**

Join Church Women United on March 6

Church Women United invites all women of the church to attend World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 6 at Christ Church UCC, 1492 Henry, Des Plaines. Registration begins at 9:30am and the program *Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk* will be followed with a potluck lunch. For more information, please contact Pat Hurley at 847-977-8730 or phurley1234@sbcglobal.net.

Want to Promote Your Ministry?

The display cabinet in the main hallway at church is available on a monthly basis for use by church ministries, committees and other church groups. You can sign up on the dry erase board, on the left side of the cabinet.

Check Out Our Website...

A reminder to check out our church website, www.fccdp.org, and to use it for submitting upcoming events and signing up for church events. Our webmaster, Ellie DuToit, welcomes your feedback! Contact her at elliedutoit@outlook.com.

Mission Ministry

FCC Mission Team Prepares for Tower Hill trip

Our church's Mission Team is getting ready for the annual service trip to Tower Hill Camp in Sawyer, MI. This year's trip is set for May 31 to June 6. This will be our fifth year of volunteering at Tower Hill. In the past, our Mission Team has built decks on both sides of all four of the A-frame cabins, built a deck on the dining hall, built a handicapped ramp on the dining hall, built a storage building for the fire wood supply, painted and constructed five fire pits. To learn more about the Mission Team and the trip to Tower Hill, please contact Jim Foster.

Music Ministry

Wholly Ringers, Christ Church Join Forces for Bells Concert

A free concert featuring the music of two handbell choirs will be presented in the sanctuary of our church on Sunday, March 1. A potluck supper starts at 5:00pm in Webster Hall, followed by the concert at 6:00pm. Both choirs are directed by Ellen Alde. Concert selections include *Dancing Queen*, *Stairway to Heaven*, *Bound for Glory* and more. A free-will offering to benefit the churches' music programs will be collected during the concert. For further information, call 847/299-5561.



Property Ministry

News from our Property Manager

Early donations for our church's annual Second Time Around rummage sale include two, new 32-in. pre-hung exterior doors. Approximate value is \$200 but reasonable offers will be considered. Also for sale are eight, 4-ft. light fixtures (T5 HD high output bulbs) that previously were in Webster Hall before the upgrade to LED fixtures. Great for a workshop! Suggested price is \$25 each or \$150 for all eight fixtures. See Jim Foster for details.

Memorial Garden Bricks on Sale

If you haven't yet purchased a brick in honor of/in memory of a loved one to add to our church's memorial garden, you can do so now. Large-style bricks (8 in. by 8 in.) are available, and you can complete your selection by filling out one of the forms on the credenza outside of the Church Office. Questions? See Bob McCullough.

Finance Committee

Financial Report

For the month of January, we had income of \$26,211 and expenses of \$25,638. Through the first seven months of this fiscal year, we are running in a positive position of \$25,242. Thank you to all our church members and friends for keeping up to date with their pledges and offerings - and to church ministries for continuing to hold the line on expenses.



Talent & Gift
Auction
2020

Talent & Gift Auction Results

This year's Talent & Gift Auction raised over \$4,000 for our church's general budget. Thanks to our Finance Committee members who organized and conducted the event and to our donors: Co & Ellie DuToit, Faith Engler, Jim Foster, Lowell Handy, Michelle Herrera, Jennifer Hinderliter, Joanne Kimball, Anna Lodewyck, Pam Lorvig, Judy Mahr, Bob McCullough, Nancy Meyer, Nancy Schacht, Jackie Schmitt, Alice Tucker, Marcia Urban, Sharon Urry, Wendy Wallace, Debbie & Ken Walusiak, Teena Whittenhall and Cathy Wiesner. And a special Thank You to Karen & Raino Trifonoff, who donated a week's vacation in the Smoky Mountains! We'd also like to thank these entertainment venues who donated event tickets: The Chicago Wolves, Lifeline Theatre in Chicago, Metropolis Theatre in Arlington Heights, Northlight Theatre in Skokie, Oil Lamp Theatre in Glenview and Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago. And most of all, thanks to all our shoppers! We couldn't have done it without you!

Almost Time for "Second Time"

There will be a meeting for room chairmen and all others interested in getting involved with our 2020 "Second Time Around" rummage sale, immediately after the 9:30am worship service on Sunday, March 8. This year's sale dates are Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25. Also, STA raffle tickets go on sale March 1. Finally, STA is looking for Chairpersons for Jewelry & Antiques. For details speak with Bobbi Pelletiere.



Our Tree of Life

FCCDP Tree of Life

How often do you look at the wooden tree with metallic leaves that is displayed in the hallway outside of the church office? Do you ever wonder what it's all about or how people qualify for leaves? The FCCDP Tree of Life was erected in 2011 to recognize special contributions made to the life and growth of our church. Four different donation levels are recognized with leaves: a green leaf for a donation of \$2,500 to \$4,999; a bronze leaf for a donation of \$5,000 to \$9,999; a silver leaf for a donation of \$10,000 to \$24,999; a gold leaf for a donation of \$25,000 or more. Donations to the Church Foundation, a specific church ministry, or general gifts outside of regular pledges will be recognized. Personal property, securities and real estate will be recognized at market value when received by the church. For more information, contact the church office.

Personnel Committee

An Update

The Personnel Committee met to discuss and review all church staff positions in February. Our review of the positions is ongoing and we will be meeting again to finish our reviews.

We are very lucky as a church to have the majority of our current church staff as church members. The bonus to having church members on our staff is that they are dedicated and committed to the mission, growth, and success of our church. There becomes an issue though when the boundaries between their staff responsibilities and their membership at church becomes blurred.

As a reminder to everyone, many of our church staff positions do not have Sunday work requirements. The staff positions that are required to be in attendance every Sunday morning are the Pastor (Co), the Director of Music Ministries (Scott), and the Church Accompanist (Anna). The Coordinator of Children and Adult Education (Sue) is required to be in church most Sundays when there is Sunday School, the Coordinator of Youth Ministries (Matt) is asked to be in church when needed for coordination of youth events and programs, and the Director of Handbells (Ellen) only has to attend services when the handbells play. The other staff positions in the church do not have any Sunday requirements or responsibilities. When we see them on Sunday mornings, they are attending church and serving as church members. If they were not church members, we would not see them on Sunday mornings. Please try not to ask them about work related items on Sunday mornings. Instead, leave a note for them in the church office or send them an email. If everyone who talks to them has just one question for them that is job related, they can, and have, spent their entire fellowship time after church working. We understand it is something that most people do not even think about, which is why we decided to take the time to make everyone aware of which staff have and do not have work requirements on Sundays. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to anyone on the Personnel Committee.

Save the Dates

March 1	Handbell Concert
March 8	Scout Spaghetti Dinner
March 15	Walk in the Woods
March 22	Bowling & Pizza
April 24/25	"Second Time Around" Rummage Sale

Update from Our Wednesday Work Crew (WWC), Part Two

The Wednesday Work Crew (WWC), under the direction of Jim Foster, has done many jobs for the church in the past six years. The following are some of our accomplishments:

- Repainted, installed chair rail and built custom cornices in the Barwick Room.
- Rehabbed Webster Hall including new cove moldings, painting between panels, building and hanging cloth panels and repainting all walls. The total cost to FCC: \$215.00.
- Painted walls, installed blinds, painted, built and installed cornices in the Bennett Room.
- Repainted the West Entrance.
- Repainted the kitchen walls and ceilings.
- Rehabbed both first floor bathrooms and made one handicapped accessible and painted the second floor bathrooms and two bathrooms near Brehm Hall.
- Repainted and installed new wall cabinets in office.
- Repainted first and second floor hallways including ceilings.
- Plastered a wall and repainted the Choir Room.



Our Wednesday Work Crew: Front row (l to r) Rich Weihsmantel, Roger Alde, Barry Haas; middle row (l to r) Jim Foster, Bob McCullough, Ralph Murdy, Don Cameron; back row (l to r) Dave DeHart, Jim Ruedisueli.

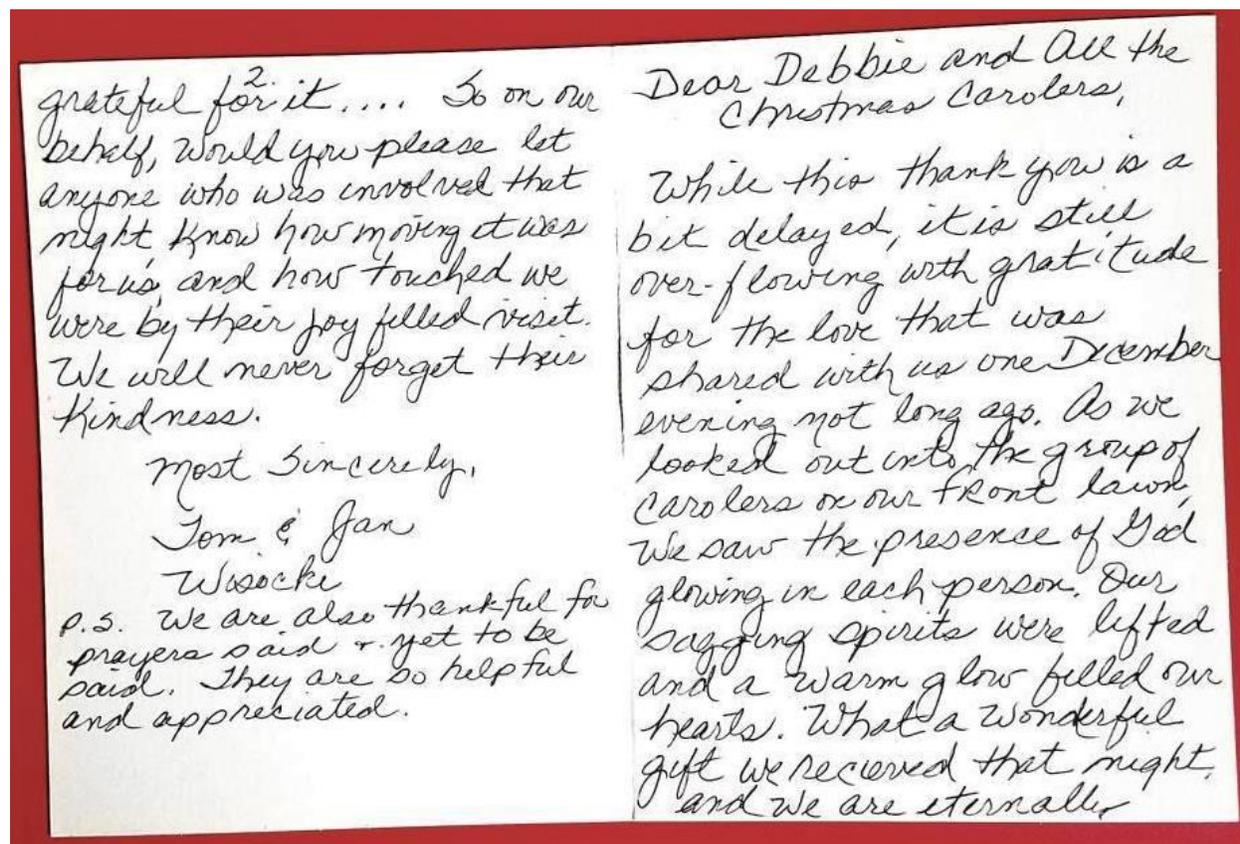
- Scraped and painted all steel railings inside and outside.
- Stripped vines from the outside brick façade as high as we could reach with the FCC extension ladder.
- Rebuilt outside kitchen stairway.
- Resealed outside doors.
- Installed brass kick plates on various interior and exterior doors.
- Upgraded and replaced all exit signs and emergency lighting.
- Painted outside windows and frames.
- Cleaned and touched up wall paint in sanctuary.
- Retrofitted all Pew Racks for new hymnals.
- Replaced old leaky downspouts with new oversize aluminum downspouts from the third floor roof to the ground.
- Removed paneling in the Pre-school hallways, plastered those walls, and prepared walls for Eagle Scout Project to prime and paint them to conform to State of Illinois regulations.

Our work sometimes takes many weeks; often it is not noticed because it is not "dramatic". Many times, members bring their own tools and materials to save expense and time. In addition, the WWC has picked up and hauled scrap metal for recycling on a weekly basis. (Proceeds from scrap metal over the past nine years exceeds \$25,900; this is for the church's general budget.)

The members of the WWC are:

Roger Alde, Don Cameron, Dave DeHart, Jim Foster, Barry Haas, Bob McCullough, Ralph Murdy, Jim Ruedisueli, Rich Weihsmantel.

Words of Appreciation



From Our Preschool

Registration is underway for the 2020-21 First Congregational Preschool year. The preschool serves children ages 2 ½ to 5 years, and classes are offered from two to five days per week. For further information, contact director Nancy Quam through the Church Office at 847/299-5561.

From the Community

Scout Troop 6 invites you to our annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Sunday, March 8 at First Congregational Church of Des Plaines. The dinner starts at 4:30pm and goes through 7:30pm. WALK-INS ARE WELCOME or advance tickets can be purchased from any Troop 6 member. Cost is \$6.00 for the all-you-can-eat (or carry out) dinner, which includes spaghetti & meatballs plus garlic bread & salad. Many great prizes will be raffled off as well. (Winner need not be present) The event helps the Scouts finance their activities as they progress through the ranks of Scouting. Many Scouts will use the funds they earn from this event to pay for their annual week-long summer camping trip.

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau is responsible for conducting the nationwide census. From determining the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives to planning for roads, schools and hospitals, an accurate count is crucial. Recruiting is underway to fill important positions in communities across the U.S. Census takers earn weekly pay, have flexible hours and receive paid training. To learn more about becoming a census taker, call 855/JOB-2020.

Happy Birthday to You!!

Congratulations to the following church members/friends on their birthdays!!
(Please notify the Church office if there are additions, deletions or corrections to be made.)

3/1 Ella Hubert	3/15 Betty McMillan
3/1 Marcy Vedral	3/15 Seth Struck
3/4 Matt Koulentes	3/19 Jimmy Larson
3/5 Clay Thompson	3/19 Nate Bryers
3/5 Evan Tomsic	3/21 Ralph Engler
3/7 Zachary Yost	3/21 Lindsay Skarbek
3/8 Midge Wolfram	3/26 Laura Hubert
3/11 Kallie Haas	3/26 William Hinderliter
3/11 Madeleine Larson	3/27 Jim Larson
3/11 Barb McCullough	3/27 Ann Schwiger
3/11 Mia Thomas	3/27 Wendy Wallace
3/12 Colleen Alde	3/30 Cindie Hoch
3/12 John Lodewyck	3/30 Ryan Johnson
3/14 AJ Cruz	3/31 Colleen Skiba
3/14 Rebecca Quam	

In Memoriam

Patricia Polly
February 7, 2020

Gifts & Memorials

In Loving Memory of Eve Hill from Dee Hardesty

In Loving Memory of Shirley Doyle from Hans & Inge Eschenbach

In Loving Memory of Shirley Doyle from Marilyn Juister

In Loving Memory of Shirley Doyle from Dee Hardesty

In Loving Memory of Pat Polly form Wendy Wallace

In Loving Memory of Shirley Doyle from Wendy Wallace

In Loving Memory of Eve Hill from Carl & Judy Mahr

In Loving Memory of Shirly Doyle from Carl & Judy Mahr

In Loving Memory of Paula Ann Bleatman from Carl & Judy Mahr

In Loving Memory An Luu form Carl & Judy Mahr

In Loving Memory of Eve Hill from Flo Hoffman

In Loving Memory of Pat Polly from Evening Circle

In Loving Memory of Eugene Domrowski from Rod & Joyce Beets

In Loving Memory of Shirley Doyle from Rod & Joyce Beets

From our Historian, Nancy Meyer

Over the years we've always had weekly Lenten programs. I just ran across these ads in the 1982 Tidings...don't know what kind of copier, ditto machine or mimeograph we had 38 years ago, but office staff sure were creative!! And it sounds like a fun evening!! Were you there?!

OLD WEST FEST

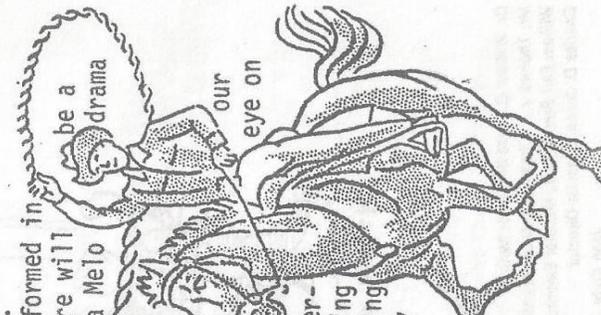
"Whoo-pee ti yi yo,
Git along little doggies,
It's your misfortune and
None of my own . . ."

As the old song says, "It's your misfortune.. " if you don't hurry along and git your tickets for **Old West Fest!** There's now less than 50 tickets available for a night filled with fun, fellowship, plenty of good food, lively entertainment, and music! We are expecting a "sell out" for **Old West Fest!** so be among the lucky few to pick up some of the last tickets.

Also, you are invited to come in costume if you would like. Dress up like a Miner, Cowboy/Cowgirl, Indian Brave/Princess, Farmer, Rambler or whatever. The Senior High Schoolers from our P.F. and Confirmation Class will be waiting tables again this year so you may wish to bring an extra dollar to "tip" the young people, if you feel you receive exceptional service. Any tips will go toward P.F. activities. Your ticket, however, provides for all food and entertainment for the evening.

Webster Hall will be transformed in to a colorful setting. There will be a "Stage Show", featuring a Melodrama entitled: "In the Nick of Time" or "Something's Gone Wrong at the Crossroads!" And—you'd better watch your step 'cause our own Sheriff will be keepin' his eye on any trouble makers!

Tickets are only \$10.00 per person and may be purchased by calling Janet Puffer at 827-8711, or during the Coffee Hour on Sunday. Hurry along or you'll be left out of a great evening in the "Old West!"



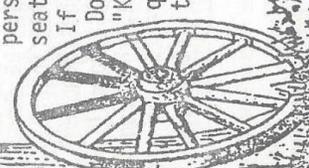
OLD WEST FEST

You better 'git along little doggies and "crack your whip" if you're gonna be among the lucky folks to share an evening of fun, dinner, entertainment, music and fellowship! Tickets for the **Old West Fest!** went on sale last Sunday and almost half the tickets have been sold! Now, don't git discouraged, 'cause if you hurry you'll still have a chance to sit with your partners and saddle-mates. But you better 'git along...

Old West Fest! will be held Saturday, February 27, beginning at 7:00 p.m. A delicious dinner (or "grub list") will feature a complete meal with "all the trimmings". No cold-canned-beans for you folks—just the very best of the Old West! So as you don your duds, bring along a hardy appetite 'cause there'll be plenty of food, and real good food at that! Plus there'll be Music, Songs, Decorations and a Melodrama, too! All sorts of excitement goin' on wherever y'all may look.

Tickets are available during the Coffee Hour on Sunday morning or during the weekdays at the Church Office. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and as much as possible, special seating arrangements will be honored. If you have any questions, just call Doc Grice, Fingers Jenks or Miss Helen "Kitty" Beck. They'll answer your questions and tell you where to go to get your tickets for **Old West Fest!**

See y'all February 27 at 7:00 p.m.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Lent 1 8 & 9:30am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 5:00p Potluck 6:00p Wholly Ringers Concert	2 7:00pm Knit Wits	3	4 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study	5 7:00p Membership & Communications	6	7
8 Lent 2 Daylight Savings Time 8 & 9:30am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45a Ministry Staff STA-Sale Chair mtg 4:00p Scouts Dinner	9 9:30a Creative Conversation 7:00p Finance 7:00pm Knit Wits	10 7:00p Evening Circle	11 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p PRC 7:00p Joyful Noise 7:30p Chancel Choir	12 2:00p Pre-School Grandparents day	13	14
15 Lent 3 8 & 9:30am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Chancel Players 3:00pm Walk-in-the Woods Dinner @North Branch	16 6:30p Property Ministry 7:00pm Knit Wits	17 12:00p Administrative Staff Meeting	18 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study 7:00p Joyful Noise 7:30p Chancel Choir	19	20 Tidings Deadline	21
22 Lent 4 8 & 9:30am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	23 Pre-School Spring Break 7:00pm Knit Wits 7:30p Wholly Ringers	24 7:00p Council	25 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study 7:00p Joyful Noise 7:30p Chancel Choir	26	27	28
29 Lent 5 – Youth Sunday 8 & 9:30am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Craft and Bake Sale STA-Drop Off Metal Recycling 4:00p Potluck and Chancel Players	30 7:00pm Knit Wits 7:30p Wholly Ringers	31	Fellowship – Webster Hall Knit Wits – Panera’s Council – Barwick Room PRC – Barwick Room	Finance – Jana’s Office Property – Little Villa Music & Drama – Co’s Office		