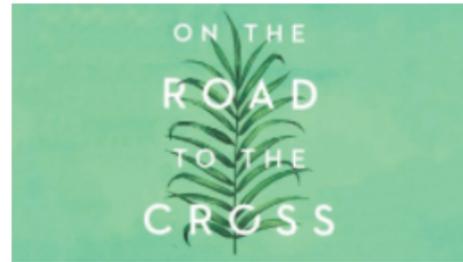


For Week of February 26, 2017

Lenten Small Group Study

Starting Next Week
Sign-Up Now!



Canterbury will embark on a church-wide Lenten small group study beginning the week of Ash Wednesday, based on the book "On the Road to the Cross." Choose any of the following ways and experience the holy season of Lent in a more meaningful way than ever: (1) Use the curriculum in your existing small group or Sunday school class; (2) Start a Lent small group with a group of friends using the study; or (3) Register for one of these staff-led groups:

Mondays at 6 pm beginning February 27th, A122 | Brian Ward

Wednesdays at noon beginning March 1st, A122 | Tori Hastings

Wednesdays at 6 pm beginning March 8th, M228 | Drew Clayton & Tori Hastings

Thursdays at 7 am beginning March 2nd, A122 | Dale Cohen

Thursdays at noon beginning March 2nd, A122 | Drew Clayton

Thursdays at 1:30 pm beginning March 2nd, O'Henry's Coffees, Brookwood Village | Sheryl Thornton

Contact Ellen Thomas at ellen.thomas@canterburyumc.org.

Encore Volunteer Training - Monday, February 27 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon, Room M142

If you would like to help with this new, rewarding, and very enjoyable community respite ministry, please sign up now and come to our next Volunteer Training session on February 27. For information and sign-up, contact Valerie Boyd at Valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org or 205-229-4080.

Special Announcements

In the Hospital / Rehab (as of February 22)

John Luther.....Grandview
Christopher Scott Gentle.....Grandview
Roland Self.....St. Vincent's

Thanksgiving for the Life of

Mary Lowery.....February 17, 2017
Dolores Dunn.....February 19, 2017

Flowers on the Sanctuary Altar

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar are placed in honor of Lauren Melinda Belcher & Robert Reese Goode who were united in holy matrimony on February 25th.

Birth Announcement

The rose on the Sanctuary lectern is placed in honor of Lucy Katherine Gearhart, daughter of Morgan & Andrew Gearhart, who was born on February 15th.



Traditional Worship

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

PREACHING — REV. DALE COHEN

LITURGIST — REV. SHERYL THORNTON

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DR. LESTER SEIGEL

FRIENDS & FAMILY

"Some friends play at friendship but a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin." (Proverbs 18:24, NRSV)

As a child, life in our neighborhood revolved around all the kids being out in the afternoon after school and playing until supper. During the summer, as soon as we heard the first kids out playing, the whole neighborhood would drain from their houses and hit the yards. Baseball, Tag, Capture the Flag, Red Rover, Football, Basketball, Sardines, and any other game we could think of, would occupy hours on end. Even in the winter, we found ways to fill up our free time with outdoor games and fun.

After we exhausted ourselves, if it weren't time to go inside for the evening, we would end up sitting on a rock wall or a front porch to wait for the call or the whistle that would send us home. Often, we would joke with each other and tease each other. Eventually, the conversation would die down, and we would just sit there in silence.

Occasionally, out of that silence, someone might ask a serious question. There was always something behind the inquiry although the person asking tried to hide the real reason for asking. Sometimes the question was a veiled revelation about fear, heartbreak, transgression, or some other hurt in the questioner's family. The unspoken rules were that we only dealt with the questions at a superficial level. Our responses would never get specific because that would reveal that we already knew too much about the questioner's situation—which we often did. We were too young to know how to handle a lot of what we heard, so we probably weren't much help to each other. But we were there for each other as best as we could be. That is what friends do.

I am thankful for my family, which was relatively healthy. Unfortunately, not every family functions well. Family life can be complicated. Even the best of families can struggle at times. Finding a safe place to talk about life in our families is helpful as we try to navigate the complexities of living life in proximity to one another. A "true friend who sticks closer than one's nearest kin" can be a blessing, especially if our family lets us down.

The church is the result of God's intention that everyone should have a place of safety to deal with all that matters to them. The church can be a family for those who need a family, or we can be a friend to those who need a friend. Sometimes we're both. Let us be there for you, too. We would love to share this journey of faith together. I hope you'll give us that opportunity.

Dale Cohen, Senior Pastor

WELCOME CHILDREN! —Parents, make sure your children get a worship activity pack in the Narthex entrance area. The Children's Comfort Room is also adjacent to the Narthex.



Hearing assist devices and large print hymnals available — ask an usher for help.



FOLLOW Jesus...
SERVE OTHERS...

Order of Morning Worship

*Congregation Please Stand

Words in bold type are spoken or sung by the congregation.

Today is the last Sunday after Epiphany, celebrated as Transfiguration Sunday. In the biblical context, the gospels narrate the Transfiguration as a bridge between Jesus' public ministry and his passion. From the time of the Transfiguration, Jesus sets his face to go to Jerusalem and the cross. For us, this Sunday is the transition between the Season after Epiphany and the beginning of Lent.

Voluntary In This Still Room (Are Angel Voices) Gwyneth Walker

Welcome and Parish Notices

Choral Introit God in Man on Mountain Height SALZBURG

God in man on mountain height, shining in resplendent light,
Where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw.
When from there thou leddest them steadfast to Jerusalem,
cross and Easter Day attest: God in man made manifest. (F. Bland Tucker, alt.)

* Processional Hymn 166 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine SINE NOMINE

* Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Gloria Patri MEINEKE
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

* Passing of the Peace *The Peace of the Lord be with you, and also with You.*

Children's Moment Carrie Ward

Infant Baptism Charlotte Anne Dukes *see insert*
Mary Schuyler Woods

Anthem Beautiful Savior arr. F. Melius Christiansen
Matthew Parker, soloist

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving, both now and evermore be thine!

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Our Gifts and Music

Offertory Anthem And Then Shall Your Light Break Forth (Elijah) Felix Mendelssohn

And then shall your light break forth, as the light of morning breath, and your health shall speedily spring forth then; and the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you.
Lord our Creator, how excellent Thy Name is in all the nations! Thou fillest heaven with glory.
Amen!

* Doxology OLD 100TH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation 467 Trust and Obey, vv. 1 & 3 TRUST AND OBEY

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 4: 1 - 7, 11 - 16
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dale Cohen

Hymn of Commitment 548 In Christ There Is No East or West MCKEE

Remember Your Baptism and Reception of New Members

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Recessional Prayer Ted Clark, cantor
Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the words we have said and sung this day may be so grafted and guarded in our hearts, that our lives may bring forth good fruits, and our lips shall show forth Thy praise, to the honor and glory of Thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESTER SEIGEL in Organ Recital at Bluff Park UMC
733 Valley Street, Hoover
Sunday, March 5 at 3:00 PM - All are invited!

Want to know more about Following Jesus and Serving Others? To make Canterbury your home church, contact Rev. Tori Hastings at 868-6580 or tori.hastings@canterburyumc.org.