

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JEANINE

Happy February Friends!

Lent begins on February 14th with Ash Wednesday. Services will be at 11 am and 7 pm.

"The name "Lent" comes from an old English word for "lengthening," referring to the gradually longer days of springtime. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, what was cold becomes warm. What was dormant awakens. Just as green shoots break through the winter earth, so the church stirs into action to proclaim the Easter mystery: in dying, God destroys death, and in rising, God delivers and proclaims newness of life." -www.saltproject.org

So starts the weekly Lenten reflection guide "Practicing Lent" that is available to all who would like a copy. **Please let the office know, so we can have enough printed, an online version is also available.**

"This guide offers six weekly Lenten practices, each designed to deepen your journey through these 40 days of lengthening light. Practice them alone, or with your partner, friends, or family, sharing experiences and insights as you travel."

Each week includes a scripture and a related quote to read and consider during the week.

The Annual Meeting and Potluck will be February 25th after 10 am worship.

We will be discussing council's vision for 2024, most particularly costs of building maintenance. You, your vote, and your voice are needed as we talk about United in Faith and your shared mission on Irving Park Road. Moving forward. Stepping up and out in Faith. Allowing God to speak to us in our reflection and in our action. These are the things we will explore. I look forward to spending this time with you, listening for the breathe of God in our work.

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Pr. Jeanie