



### *From the Pastor*

This Sunday is Transfiguration Sunday, the Sunday on which we celebrate the disciples' mountaintop experience when Jesus' glory was fully revealed. Our Catholic siblings celebrate the Transfiguration during Lent. Many Protestants celebrate on the last Sunday before Lent. We celebrate the revelation of Christ's glory "before the passion" so that we may "be strengthened to bear our cross and be changed into his likeness." The focus of the Lenten season is renewed discipline in walking in the way of the cross and rediscovery of the baptismal renunciation of evil and sin and our daily adherence to Christ. In the biblical context, the gospels narrate the Transfiguration as a bridge between Jesus' public ministry and his passion at Easter. From the time of the Transfiguration, Jesus sets his face to go to Jerusalem and the cross.

In preparation for worship on Sunday, I encourage you to read Matthew 17:1-9. (If you have a little extra time, Read Matthew 16:13-17:9) Matthew 17 picks up after Jesus has come into Caesarea Philippi. He first asks the disciples who other people say he is. He then asks the disciples who they say he is. After that discussion, Jesus explains it's time to go to Jerusalem and what will happen there. Imagine how the disciples might have been feeling. Scared? Anxious? Purposeful? Confused?

With those ponderings in mind, read the transfiguration story. Six days after the previous encounter, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountains where he becomes transfigured and shines like the sun. Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus. God reminds them Jesus is his son. The disciples are terrified. Jesus comforts them and tells them to not tell anyone. Imagine how the disciples felt then. More confused? More anxious? More purposeful? What might this text be saying to us as individuals and as a family of faith? I suspect it has a lot of say to us as we enter this Lenten season and begin to put flesh and purpose on our season of discernment.

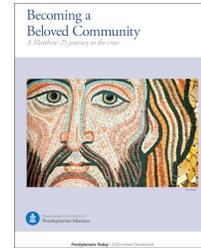
During the season of Lent, we will explore more thoroughly what it means to be a Matthew 25 congregation. (Matthew 25 is PC-USA initiative that embraces Jesus' description of our discipleship call in Matthew 25:31-46.) At their October 2019 meeting, our Session discern it to be God's will for us to join the initiative; and UPC became a Matthew 25 congregation. You will notice signage to that effect on our entrances, posters in the building, and prayer cards in the pews. During Lent we will learn more what this means in real life and where it intersects with our season of discernment. (If you can't stand the wait, click [here](#) for more info.) Transfiguration is the launching point of this phase of the

## Lenten Devotionals available in the Narthex

***Becoming a Beloved Community*** This year's adult Lenten devotional invites us on a thought-provoking journey to see firsthand how Jesus' words to "feed the hungry" and "clothe the naked" still change lives today.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke of "beloved community" to describe a society where everyone has their needs met. In "Becoming a Beloved Community," we discover how needs are met when selfless love breaks down racial barriers, gives voice to the voiceless and feeds hungry hearts, souls and bodies.

Readers are treated to beautiful ancient Christian mosaics throughout the devotional. Just the way mosaics are constructed, we are invited to reflect on how our little tile piece could be added to contribute another dimension to the beloved community where we live.



## *This Love Changes Everything* or *Jerusalem Journey*

Our children have a choice between these devotionals complete with a sticker activity for each day.

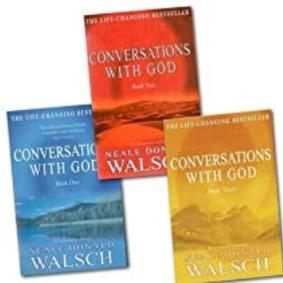
## **Drive-Through Ashes** **Wednesday, February 26th** **6:30am - 8:30am**

Everyone in the community is welcome to drive through the northern parking lot in order to receive ashes, a prayer, and a cup of coffee before heading to school, to work, or to wherever the day may lead them. Welcoming Ministry would love to have you join us in sharing God's redeeming love and a hot cup of coffee with any and all of our neighbors. If you'd like to make and/or distribute coffee & treats, contact [Ollie Seidman](#)



## **Ash Wednesday Worship** **Wednesday, February 26th 7 pm**

We will gather in the Sanctuary at 7 pm to worship our Lord as we enter the Holy Season of Lent. We will worship in a Taize fashion which is a contemplative service of prayer, litanies, scripture, and silence as well as the imposition of ashes. Please join us for this centering service



## Men's Night Out Thursday, February 27th Family Room 6pm

The menu is tilapia, and Will Jones is leading a discussion of Neale Donald Walsch's Conversations with God series. Click [here](#) to learn more about the series. ?'s: Contact [Barry Akins](#) or [John Seibert](#).

## Sunday, March 1st Taco Tuesday on Sunday potluck

Our Session is providing the meat and the hard and soft taco shells. Bring your favorite topping, a side dish or a dessert to share.



## Quarter Auction to Benefit UPC Youth Thursday, March 12th

Our Youth are again partnering with the NKY Women Entrepreneurs to host a Quarter Auction fundraiser! All the action will take place at the Florence Lions Club on

LaCresta Drive.

What's a QA? Think auction meets raffle \$.25 at a time! It's fast-paced fun. Participants can win lots of great prizes, get some great deals, and help send our youth to summer conferences. You can help by inviting friends to participate in the auction. This is a great night out for work buddies, your book club, families, and friends.

*How can you be involved now? Our youth are collecting gift cards to local restaurants and attractions as well as gift basket items to be raffled. You may drop off items in the church office.*

### Schedule for This Week

Transfiguration Sunday  
February 23rd  
9am Adult Sunday School

10am Worship

Confirmation Lunch & Class  
Pick up @ 1:30pm

12:30pm WMM Worship



### BIRTHDAYS

Monday, February 24th  
7pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 25th  
7pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, February 26th  
6:30am Drive Through Ashes  
7pm Ash Wednesday Worship  
8pm AA

Thursday, February 27th  
Noon WW  
6pm Men's Night Out  
6:30pm WMM Worship

Saturday, February 29th  
Pinewood Derby

### **First Sunday of Lent** **March 1st**

9am Adult Sunday School  
10am Worship

Potluck Lunch after Worship

Confirmation Class after Lunch  
Pick up @ 1:30pm

12:30pm WMM Worship

- 2/21 - Sue Dobrzykowski
- 2/25 - Winston Wood
- 2/27 - Robin Huddleston,  
Paul Seidman
- 3/1 - Romanus Wirasakti
- 3/4 - Liam Wood
- 3/5 - Amanda Wirasakti
- 3/7 - Alivia Gaytos, Donna Jones
- 3/8 - Nancy Goodall
- 3/14 - Jennifer Michael
- 3/15 - Tony Huddleston,  
JaNay Lastivka
- 3/16 - Teddy Springer
- 3/18 - Cheryl Martinez
- 3/20 - George Wood
- 3/23 - Mary Lu Funiak
- 3/26 - Teresa Gieske
- 3/28 - Katelyn Detwiler
- 3/30 - Luke Hillman
- 3/31 - Elizabeth Wielgus
- 4/3 - Chelsea Fry

### Online Giving

You can now give to UPC online by clicking the Give Online" button on the UPC website. You can make a one time gift or set up a recurring gift.

You may make a memorial or honorary gift and even pay for youth conferences. The online transaction processes the gift from your checking account, savings account, credit card or debit card and is secured through Vanco Payment Solutions.

You may also scan the QR code with your mobile device and give electronically via that portal.



Both methods of giving will ask you if you wish to donate an additional 2.75% to cover the cost of processing the electronic transaction.

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/17 - Kevin & Heather Dern,  
Brian & Kim Fry
- 3/25 - Brian & Shannon  
Eggleston
- 3/28 - Kurt & Kristin Lintelman



### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Sign Up For Worship  
Flowers.

February 2020		Union Presbyterian Church						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
1							10:00am - 11:00am Children's Church	
2	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	
3	3/4	3/5	3/6	3/7	3/8	3/9	3/10	
4	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8	4/9	4/10	4/11	
5	5/12	5/13	5/14	5/15	5/16	5/17	5/18	
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11	8/23	8/24	8/25	8/26	8/27	8/28	8/29	
12	8/30	8/31	9/1	9/2	9/3	9/4	9/5	

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