



## Announcements and Events – February 26, 2023

### The Season of Lent

Lent is the 40-day season of the Christian year where Christians focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting, in order to grow closer to God. It is a season of taking stock of one's life in general and one's spiritual life in particular, and to seek repentance, renewal, and rebirth. In some traditions it is when the catechism process happens for those preparing to join the church or be baptized. *Lenten Devotionals are available in the Narthex and the Church House.*

### Lenten Sermon Series - "What Does Greatness Look Like?"

Looking at the Parables of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, we will explore the Kingdom of God's perspective on greatness, in contrast to greatness as defined by our culture.

### Lenten Services of Music and Meditation

Join us the first four Wednesdays in March at 12 noon in the Sanctuary, followed by lunch in Westminster Hall.

### Adult Small Group Opportunities - Contact Maureen Paterson for more information

- Sunday Morning Early Bird Bible Study (8:30 a.m. hybrid in the Church House Parlor and on Zoom). Led by Chris Whitlock, the Early Birds are studying the Sunday service hymns and anthems and the scriptural basis behind them.
- Sunday Morning Adult Study Group (11:30 a.m. on Zoom). Charles King will lead a study that follows the Narrative Lectionary readings. All are welcome.
- Monday Afternoon Book Group (Monday 2-4 p.m. every other week on Zoom). The group is currently reading *Home by Another Way* by Barbara Taylor Brown.
- Tuesday Evening Study (7:15-8:45 p.m. hybrid on Zoom and in the Church House Library). This group will study "The Problem of Evil" using 8 segments of the Great Works series.
- Wednesday Women's Bible Study (9:30-11a.m. in the Church House Parlor). A new study will be led by Dennis Jones beginning on February 22<sup>nd</sup> based on the upcoming Sunday Scripture passage.
- Wednesday Lenten Small Group Bible Study (6 week program, 7-8 p.m., on Zoom starting March 1<sup>st</sup>). The group will explore the book Last Days of Jesus by Matthew Williams. Six Video Lessons by leading scholars will be shown followed by discussion. See details and register at our events page at [brpc.org](http://brpc.org) or contact Maureen Paterson at [mpaterson@brpc.org](mailto:mpaterson@brpc.org).
- Meditation Group (Mondays, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.; Thursdays, 4:30 p.m., on Zoom). Christian meditation helps each of us to step into the presence of the Almighty, access the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, and create space for resting in the love of our Lord and Savior. Everyone is welcome to give it a try!
- Seeking Strength Groups (Thursdays, 9:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., on Zoom). Using Bible passages, prayer and sharing of experiences both good and bad, these groups provide the members ways to find strength in these troubled times. New groups and in-person groups may be formed based on popular demand.

### Lenten Offering

The Mission Council has designated the special Lenten Offering to be sent through PDA for earthquake relief in Turkey/Syria. If you would like to contribute, please mark envelope/memo or online donation: "Lenten Offering".

### Christian Chair Yoga 6-Week Program

Join us for Christian Chair Yoga starting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be held in Westminster Hall each Thursday at 4:00 p.m. There is no fee for this program. Sign up by emailing certified instructor, Patty Haines, at [patriciadhaines@gmail.com](mailto:patriciadhaines@gmail.com).

## Creation Care Program – March 19, 2-4 p.m. in the Church House Parlor

BRPC kicked off a series on February 5 that explores the concept of Creation Care. You can view a recording of the program on our website by scanning the QR code. The next Creation Care program, on March 19, will focus on Living Simply & Justly. In preparation, please take a minute to evaluate your environmental footprint using this easy calculator (or another one of your choice):



<https://www.footprintcalculator.org/home/en>.

## Children & Family Ministry Programs, Upcoming Events & Sign-ups

- Sunday School, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Nursery Care is available every week.
- Tuesday Midweek program at 4:15 p.m., Westminster Hall & Sanctuary
- March 19: Tree House Sunday. All Tree House families are invited to join us for Worship, immediately followed by a Bubble Show in Westminster Hall.
- Sign up to be an acolyte by contacting Stacy Currie at [scurrie@brpc.org](mailto:scurrie@brpc.org).
- Want to be a part of our ministry? We would love to have you! Please contact Stacy Currie with any questions at [scurrie@brpc.org](mailto:scurrie@brpc.org).

## Youth and Young Adult Ministry

- Bibles and Bagels returns today in the Church House Library! All middle school students are invited to attend. We will meet in the narthex together after the Children's Message and walk over for a lesson, hot chocolate and bagels.
- Confirmation Class meets today in the Church House Parlor from 11-12 p.m. after Worship.
- Middle School Fellowship meets tonight in the Youth Center from 5-6:30 p.m. Chris Fortin, the Director of Music Ministries at BRPC, will be our guest.
- Senior High Fellowship "Charcuterie Night" meets tonight in the Youth Center from 7-8:30 p.m. Bring a charcuterie/serving board of your favorite goodies for the group. Be Creative! Chris Fortin, the Director of Music Ministries at BRPC, will be our guest.

## Is God Calling You to Serve as an Elder, Deacon, or Trustee?

Please email any suggestions or nominations to [nominating@brpc.org](mailto:nominating@brpc.org), or speak with Joan Eichhorn or Dennis Jones.

## Kitchen Renovation Task Force

A Westminster Hall Kitchen Renovation Task Force has been formed. Trustee Dave Gibbons will serve as the "project manager," and individuals representing the various ministry groups that use the kitchen will be included. Please keep the group in your prayers as we begin this process and stay tuned for opportunities to share your suggestions and ideas. We are excited to renovate and improve that space and make it even more of a blessing to countless fellowship and outreach gatherings.

## Maundy Thursday Mission Project - Collection of Toiletries for Refugee Assistance Partners

Collection boxes are available in Westminster Hall and the Church House. Join us for dinner and assembly of kits on Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Westminster Hall followed by worship at 7:00 p.m. Items needed:

- shampoo for thick, curly hair, 15 oz. or larger
- conditioner for thick, curly hair, 15 oz. or larger
- bar soap, full size
- lotion for dry skin, 7 oz. or larger
- toothpaste, 4 oz. or larger
- toothbrushes, manual type, child or adult sizes
- feminine pads (not tampons), package of 36 or more

See our website [www.brpc.org](http://www.brpc.org) for details about all our ministries and programs.  
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