



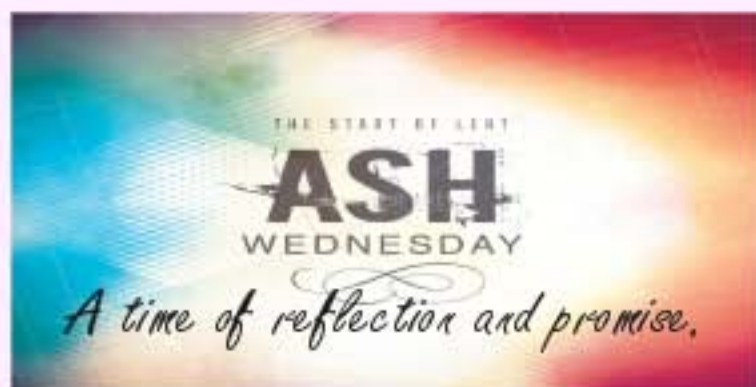
*Catch the Wave at Bayshore PC*

# Tidings

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*Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. Ashes are what remains after a fire. Fire symbolizes purification. Let us begin our Lenten journey ready to learn and grow.*



- 2/13 at 6 PM, Shrove Tuesday Fun Program followed by a pancake supper.*  
*2/14 Ash Wednesday Services at Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church;*  
*12:15 PM - Chapel, 6:30 PM Sanctuary, 7:30 PM Chapel*

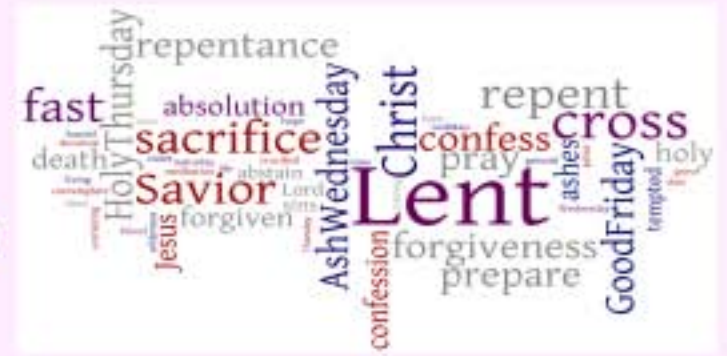
*Lent is not just a time to give up something but a time to gain a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior!*







## Our Pastor



Hello, friends, as we come to the beginning of the season of Lent! This season of Lent is about preparation, so that we can “Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. (Psalm 100:4). We long to arrive at Easter with the quality of renewed spiritual energy that comes in response to our discipline over the 40 days of Lent. We long to celebrate Easter’s victory of light over darkness at its fullest.

Unfortunately, we often fail to use this time of preparation. We fail too to prepare for the significant meaning of Easter. We replace that unique meaning with secular values and dwell on bunnies, eggs and baskets. Failing to prepare during Lent, we often arrive at Good Friday having missed the focused opportunity Lent provides to share in the original disciples’ experiences of sitting at table with Jesus and listening closely to his words of grace and hope and challenge. I urge each of you to begin a daily devotional during this season of Lent so that on Easter morn we are all ready to be Easter People that day and each day thereafter!

There are many Lenten devotionals available on line. One I can surely recommend is Reaching Toward Easter by Derek Maul, husband of Rebecca Maul who served many years as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Brandon. If you have any trouble finding a devotion guide that fits your needs, please give me a call and I will try and help!

The session has asked that we again have a video study series at the close of our 10:30 services during Lent. We will have a series that focuses on the “Words From The Cross.” I hope that each of you will find it helpful. We will stay a bit after each service and discuss the video if any one would like to do so. Please let me know your feelings in this regard.

This season of Lent can be an emotionally charged season. This 40-day journey (not counting Sundays) provides us a glimpse of Jesus and the Twelve as they grow in faith to the loving God whom Jesus tenderly calls Abba. Our Savior confronts and overcomes temptation in the loneliness of the desert. His prayer reveals both his agony and his trust. There is practice and there is failure as the disciples face their own temptations as they are sent out to serve, heal, teach and proclaim the reality of God’s kingdom on earth. Lent is a time of deep reflection as we consider the desert places of our own lives and as we consider our own quest for faithfulness to the God of love, peace, and justice.

I pray that each of you will take the time and the energy to make this time of Lent a special time for you individually. May the God of love and peace, who gives us both tears of joy and sorrow, comfort us when we mourn, soothe us in our distress, rejoice with us when we are glad, and be with us always. Amen.

*Pastor Celie*



# Our Church



Souper Sunday Luncheon



One of the scouts held the helmet for Souper Sunday collections for the Beth - El mission!



A very special Birthday Wish to Henry G. on his 96th Birthday February 22.

## Calendar

3/1 Alex B.  
3/2 SeEun S.  
3/4 Paul S.  
3/5 Greg B.  
3/7 Gordon K.  
3/11 Anika S.  
3/26 Helen A.  
3/26 Cynthia U.

2/13 Shrove Tuesday  
2/14 Ash Wednesday - Valentines Day  
2/17 Men's Breakfast at Mama's Kitchen  
5524 S. Dale Mabry  
2/25 Outreach Comm. after worship  
2/27 Worship Comm. at 6 PM at Debi's



# ...More BPC



Our Birthday girls at their annual lunch.

# Valentine's

## Day With Jesus

Jesus does not send perfume  
To linger in the air  
Instead He sends salvation, sweet  
To show how much He cares.

He doesn't bring me candy hearts  
In boxes of delight  
Instead He always lets me know  
I'm precious in His sight.

He doesn't send out pretty cards  
Trimmed in shades of red  
Instead He gave His life for me  
His precious blood was shed.

He doesn't hand out fancy gifts  
Like we would send to mother  
Instead He sends a message clear  
To always love each other.

He doesn't give me teddy bears  
That whimper, "please be mine"  
Instead He gave His heart to me  
I wear it all the time.

He doesn't give me roses, pink  
For all the world to see  
Instead He gave eternal life  
That's good enough for me!

- Marilyn Ferguson-



The scouts and families were with us Sunday the 4th. We love and support our scouts.

The Gasparilla Parking Fundraiser was a huge success! We sold out tickets for both days.

The grand total was \$6272. - 1/2 each to BPC and the scouts.

