Special Events During Lent

Stephen Ministry Lunch & Learn Sunday, February 28, 11:45 a.m.

You are invited to enjoy a light lunch, hear and ask questions concerning Stephen Ministry at First Pres., and prayerfully consider if God is calling you to the Ministry of Caregiving.

Children's Easter Egg-stravaganza

Saturday, March 19, 9:00 — 11:00 a.m. for children age 3 through 5th grade Breakfast, Art, Pictures with the Easter Bunny & an Easter Egg Hunt!

Palm Sunday Breakfast (Student Ministries Fundraiser) March 20, 8:15—10:30 a.m.

Come join your church family for our Palm Sunday Breakfast, hosted by Student Ministries. A freewill offering will be received to help with the costs of mission trips and retreats. This is Student Ministries' main fundraiser of the year.

One Great Hour of Sharing

On Easter Sunday we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering which supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Committee for the Self-Development of People.

Adult Ed. Classes & Small Group Studies During Lent

Sunday Mornings

8:00 a.m.—B.I.B.L.E. Class in the Fireside Room using Max Lucado's book *Traveling Light*

10:15 a.m.—Bible Perspectives in Room 201

Wednesdays, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

"What Should I Do" Adult Discussion Group in the Fireside Room

Wednesday Nights During Lent

Come at 6:15 p.m. for dinner with our ZooM family; stay for an informal time of worship for all ages, 6:45 to 7:15 p.m.— We'll sing, pray, read the scriptures and share in a short Lenten Meditation based on Max Lucado's book, *Traveling Light*.



Max Lucado's Book, *Traveling Light, Releasing the Burdens You were Never Intended to Bear*, is available on the book table in Hoffman Hall for \$10.

"Traveling Light"

Releasing The Burdens You Were Never Intended To Bear

Based on Max Lucado's Book, Psalm 23 & Matthew 11:28-30

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"Traveling Light" Lenten Sermon Series & Book Study

We've all seen weary travelers, staggering through terminals with everything they own crammed into their luggage. At times, we are people just like that—if not with our physical luggage, at least with our spiritual baggage. We all carry loads we were never intended to carry—fear, worry, discontent, etc. In his book, "Traveling Light," Max Lucado invites us to lose some of that baggage. Using the twenty-third Psalm as our guide, we can release some of the burdens we were never intended to bear. Max Lucado walks us through a helpful inventory of our burdens with the promise that God will lighten our loads, if we let him. Traveling light means trusting God with the burdens you were never intended to bear.

1st Sunday in Lent, February 14 "Greater Horizons: Let Go of a Lesser God" (Chapter 2) Psalm 23:1, Exodus 3:11-15, John 6:32-36

Traditional Worship at 9:00 a.m. with Chancel Choir & Glory Ringers Contemporary Worship at 10:30 a.m. with Worship Band

2nd Sunday in Lent, February 21 "Letting Go of Worry" (Chapter 6) Psalm 23:2, Philippians 4:4-9

Traditional Worship at 9:00 a.m. with Chancel Choir Contemporary Worship at 10:30 with Worship Band

3rd Sunday in Lent, February 28 "Letting Go of Fear" (Chapter 12) *Psalm 23:4*

Traditional Worship at 9:00 a.m. with Chancel Choir & Glory Ringers Contemporary Worship at 10:30 with Worship Band

4th Sunday in Lent, March 6 "Discover Joy; Discard Discontent" (Chapter 4) *Psalm 23:1, II Corinthians 8:9, Matthew 6:19-24*

Traditional Worship at 9:00 a.m. with Chancel Choir Contemporary Worship at 10:30 with Worship Band

5th Sunday in Lent, March 13 "Get Over Yourself; Put Away Pride" (Chapter 9) *Psalm 23:3, Romans 3:9-25a, Mark 10:18*

Traditional Worship at 9:00 a.m. with Chancel Choir & Glory Ringers Contemporary Worship at 10:30 with Worship Band

Palm Sunday, March 20 "Abundant Blessings or Envy?" (Chapter 16) *Psalm 23:5, James 3:13* -4:3, Luke 19:29-42, 44b

Traditional Worship at 9:00 a.m. with Chancel Choir Contemporary Worship at 10:30 with Worship Band

Maundy Thursday, March 24 "He was Lonely to Become Our Companion" (Chapter 13) Psalm 23:4, Matthew 26:34-46

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion at 7:00 p.m. with Chancel Choir

Good Friday, March 25

6:00 p.m. Meditative Service Dale Ambler & Bob Haas leading worship



"I Will Be With You: Let Go Of Death" (Chapters 10 & 18) Psalm 23:4, 6; John 14:1-6

3 Worship Services

8:00-8:30 a.m. Communion Service Scripture...Prayer...Song Around the Lord's Table

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir, Glory Ringers & Brass

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Worship Band

Children's Worship at 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Hunters at 10:30 a.m.