

Lent: Time to Tend the Fire

This month begins our Lenten journey, those 40 days we set aside for examining our soul before God as we prepare to walk with Jesus to the cross. Of course, we don't have to do this. Easter will come and go regardless of whether or not we've made space for it this year. But it is only by making space for the Spirit of God to work that our hearts will catch fire with God's resurrection life. Judy Brown's poem "Fire" reminds us as much:

What makes a fire burn
is space between the logs,
a breathing space.
Too much of a good thing,
too many logs
packed in too tight
can douse the flames
almost as surely
as a pail of water would.

So building fires
requires attention
to the spaces in between,
as much as to the wood.

When we are able to build
open spaces
in the same way
we have learned
to pile on the logs,
then we can come to see how
it is fuel, and the absence of the fuel
together, that make fire possible.

We only need to lay a log
lightly from time to time.
A fire
grows
simply because the space is there,
with openings
in which the flame
that knows just how it wants to burn
can find its way.

As you prepare for Lent, think about both the logs and the space, your spiritual practices and your weekly rhythms. We are given a gift of 40 days to do this in a more mindful way. What logs, or spiritual practice might you lay lightly, like a log on the fire? What space needs to be opened up between all the things you've crammed into the hearth of your life?

Ash Wednesday is next week. Join us. And together, let's begin to tend the fire.

~ Pastor Chris

Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday, March 6
Noon and 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Chapel

Maundy Thursday, April 18
Communion in Prayer Chapel
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19
Service of Darkness
7:00 p.m.

March at Dayspring

March 3, Sunday

10:15 Choir Rehearsal
12:15 Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Manna and Youth

March 6, Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

March 10, Sunday

10:15 Choir Rehearsal
Daylight Saving Begins

March 12, Tuesday

9:30 a.m. MOPS

March 17, Sunday

12:00 p.m. Church Lunch
5:00 p.m. Manna and Youth

March 19, Tuesday

10:00 a.m. White Cross

March 24, Sunday

5:00 p.m. Manna and Youth

March 26, Tuesday

9:30 a.m. MOPS

March 30, Saturday

8-12 p.m. Garage Sale
12:00 p.m. Courageous Conversation
@ SUMBC

March 31, Sunday

5:00 p.m. Manna and Youth

Weekly Events

Sundays

9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Coffee and Conversation

Wednesdays

10:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Sunday worship average
attendance for February: 79

Choir Rehearsal

Rehearsal will be held on Sunday,
March 3 at 10:15 and 12:15 and March 10 at 10:15.

Daylight Saving Begins Sunday, March 10

Don't forget to "spring" forward one hour.
You don't want to be late for worship!

Church Lunch Sunday, March 17, noon

Join us for lunch immediately after worship.
If you plan on attending, please sign-up in the narthex
or contact the church office.

Courageous Conversation Saturday, March 30, 12-2 p.m.

Join members of our partner churches for the next
courageous conversation at Southern Union Missionary
Baptist Church (2701 Cole St., St. Louis, MO 63106).



Parents' Night Out Saturday, April 6, 5-10 p.m.

Join us for the last parent's night out of the school year.
Kids will enjoy pizza, crafts and a movie. Cost is \$15 for
the first child, \$10 for each additional child, with a family
maximum of \$35. Sign-up will be available in the narthex.



Terry Crow
Georgiana Cameron
Parker Crump
Cole Allee
Liam Sullivan
Emily Dofing

Tiffany Murphy
Loxley Harris
Ben Crow
Simon Roland
Carolyn Crump
Eric Williams

Kaylin Dofing
Brett Summa
Tommie Cole
Eliza Sullivan
Gale Dollar

VARIETY SHOW AND DESSERT AUCTION

Thank you to all who participated! \$2020 was raised to help send the children and youth to camp.



March 6
12:00 p.m.
&
6:00 p.m.

Ash
Wednesday
Services

The poster features a large black cross, green palm fronds, and a bowl of ash.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for volunteers for the two ministry teams listed below. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Monthly Meals: Coordinate details for monthly meals, including communication with caterer and kitchen help. Set-up, decorate and clean-up Anniversary Hall.

Holiday Breakfasts/Event Refreshments: Organize annual New Year and Easter breakfasts. Organize refreshments for other special events throughout the year.

GARAGE SALE

Saturday, March 30, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Anniversary Hall

Donation drop-off begins Friday, March 22, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Additional drop-off times:

March 23, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

March 24, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

March 26 – 29, 9a.m. – 3 p.m.

If pick-up is needed, please contact the church office with item description, dimensions and weight. Someone will contact you to schedule a pick-up the week of the sale.

Donation Notes:

- If possible, please place donated clothing on hangers so they can be sorted and displayed.
- Any electrical items must be in working order.

Additional Needs:

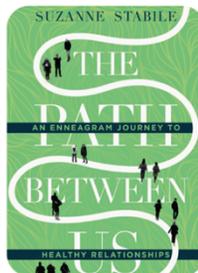
Donations of newsprint and tissue paper to wrap breakable items are also welcomed.

The Dayspring youth are hosting this garage sale and all proceeds will go toward their pledge to the Generation 2.0 campaign.

Suzanne Stabile

Resurrecting Relationships: Enneagram Wisdom for the Road Between Us

Friday, April 12: 6-9 p.m.
Saturday, April 13: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Join Suzanne Stabile, author of *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery*, as she discusses the Enneagram and Relationships.

The cost is \$100, which includes snacks, drinks and workshop materials. A \$30 discount is available to all Dayspring members. At checkout enter the code Dayspring. To register and find out more, visit DayspringSTL.com

Love for Missions Tea

The women of Dayspring enjoyed an afternoon tea while supporting the Women's Mission Council's Love Gift.



We want to thank our Dayspring Family for all the support, care and love we have felt during this past year. Our daughter, Pam, learned last March that she had breast cancer and carries the BRCA1 Her2 gene. She began chemo treatments in April that ended in August. Also, she had a double mastectomy in August and now faces reconstructive surgery as the first attempt was unsuccessful. She also had her ovaries removed in January. Meantime infusions continue until May of this year. She is now cancer free and back at work supporting her 2 sons.

Our son Phillip was diagnosed with a failing aortic valve and that surgery was on January 11. God certainly answered prayers that day as the surgeon decided he was not going to have to do extensive open-heart surgery but could replace the valve in a minimally invasive manner. He is 52 years young, has Down Syndrome and had never been in the hospital before. Our faith community has meant so much to us as we have tried to "be there" for our children as they have experienced these health issues. Thank you, thank you, thank you for all your prayers and for "just being there for us!"

George and Pat Burris

Thank You

Youth Corner!

The youth are making headway in their spring curriculum with their daily Bible reading plan as well as digging in to some of the most foundational aspects of the Christian faith-- God and church, and we're having a little fun while we're at it! They are also gearing up for their garage sale on March 30th. The youth have set a goal of \$1,000 to contribute to the Generation 2.0 campaign. All proceeds from the garage sale will go to support this effort.



From the Leadership Team:

The Leadership Team has approved an upgrade to our aging sound system in the sanctuary as part of the Generation 2.0 campaign. New speakers, microphones, amplifier, as well as a new video monitor will soon be installed.

We are also in the process of re-evaluating our monthly church dinners. Attendance has been steadily declining, and costs continue to rise at these monthly events. The leadership team is considering moving these to a quarterly celebration in an effort to control costs as well as increase interest and attendance. We will likely begin this practice following this May's lunch.

The quarterly business meeting and lunch in April will be moved to the fourth Sunday, April 28 in observance of Easter on the 21st.

Blessings,
Steve Lorberg (Moderator)

Dear, dear friends,

Seven months ago, I wrote to thank you for honoring Marsha's retirement so well. Now it's time to thank you for caring for us so well during the eight months between the diagnosis of her tumor and her passing, and for the four months since, during which our family has been learning to live without her physical presence and voice.

In the center of all your gifts to us was what you've taught us about love—from the start, when Marsha and I were falling in love in 1986, through the long journey of life together, parenthood and career and Marsha's autoimmune disease, and even as recently as last Sunday. The spirit of our love as a couple was ignited within the spirit of your love as a church. You have kept both of them burning bright these many years. In the time of Marsha's cancer, when her life and ours as a family were under such desperate threat, you made the five of us—John, Hannah, William, Marsha and me—feel dearly loved and thus safe and thus free to care for Marsha and to love each other with deepest delight.

Through meals and prayers and kind words, in person and in writing, through visits to our home and through your financial help in providing the wheelchair van that helped us in the fall when Marsha was so weak, through your abundant kindness in making Marsha's funeral a time of grace and loving remembrance, of music and generous hospitality—in all these ways you've carried us with heroic care for the past year.

Your love for us was always there. It came to full and visible light in that time of trouble. We feel its warmth even now.

Love,
Chuck, William, Hannah and John

thank you

Missions and Outreach

March and April Mission Offering: Care and Counseling



"We are... practicing peace, creating community" - Our Mission Statement

Peace is not always directed at exterior violence or armed conflict. Often there is turmoil, hatred, and violence that stirs deep within us. This is made all the harder when we feel isolated.

One of the ways we practice peace and create community is through our support of Care and Counseling. Care and Counseling provides services to bring peace where there is inner conflict. It is a place where people can find support on their journeys to mental and spiritual health. Care and Counseling provides counseling and spiritual direction, as well as specialized services for pastors and churches.

Your support of Care and Counseling through the missions offering allows them to provide their services on a sliding scale for those who cannot normally afford mental health services.

To give, make a donation designated to "missions offering" during March and April. Learn more at <https://careandcounseling.org>.

***In January and February Dayspring collected \$725 to support Circle of Concern.
Thank you for your generosity!***

Circle of Concern Food Pantry: Circle of Concern feeds the hungry and provides assistance to low-income families living in west St. Louis County.

Current needs: (no glass, please; place in bins in Narthex)
Canned Pasta Jelly Size 5 & 6 diapers
Pasta Sauce Cereal Baby Wipes





Your Church Staff:

Chris Fillingham, Senior Pastor
Lyndsay Williams, Youth Minister
Stephanie Allee, Music Coordinator
Valerie Strate, Administrative Assistant
Brenda Hamm, Nursery Director
Angie Smith, Manna Director

Your Leadership Team:

Steve Lorberg - President/Moderator
Worship liaison
Joan Barth - Hospitality liaison
Jordan Dollar - Missions liaison
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