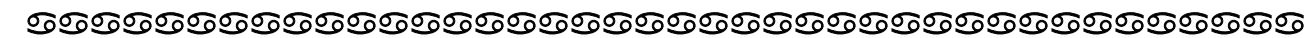


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THE COMMUNICATOR



Ada/Minneapolis Community UMC

March, 2017

Christ's Ambassadors by Inviting, Sharing, Nurturing and Forgiving

From the Heart of the Pastor!

March 1, 2017 begins the Lenten season! It is also known as Ash Wednesday! Ash Wednesday is a day of mourning and penitence. Some churches have ashes placed on the forehead of both clergy and laity as tokens of repentance. The ashes are from burned palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday worship service. Ash Wednesday is a day set aside to clean out our hearts as the Lenten season begins. Early believers observed Ash Wednesday as a way of preparing themselves for this very serious and significant season of the year. It was a day of becoming real with ourselves and our sin before our Creator God. It was a day to examine what areas of our lives needed changing and what station we were on our faith journey. A day to pray to God like David did; "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!" (Psalms 139:23-24). The Lenten season is a season of penitence in preparations for Easter. The season concludes at sunset a day before Easter, Easter Eve. Not all Protestant Denominations observe the Lenten season, neither is it mandated by scripture. It developed over the centuries as a guide for our Christian year.

In fact another tradition just before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday! The French call it Mardi Gras! Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the word "shrive" which means to confess sin. To shrive is an old fashioned way of talking about hearing another's acknowledgment of sin, to assure them of God's forgiveness, and to give them appropriate spiritual council or advice. Instead of preparing ourselves for a time to remember the sacrifice of Christ by confessing our sins, Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday and Shrove Tuesday have become a time of over indulging ourselves to go overboard and to do everything to excess!

As we begin this year's Lenten season; whether with Ash Wednesday or with Shrove Tuesday; or without both Ash Wednesday or Shrove Tuesday, let us remember that we worship a Savior who died and rose for us. We have a Savior who loves us unconditionally and sacrificially. It is our choice to intentionally commit ourselves to reflecting on our life's journey. Some will choose to fast or read daily scriptures or study a Lenten study book or to go overboard and do everything to excess.

This year, every Sunday of the Lenten season and Easter Sunday, I invite you all to prayerfully choose a mission of your choice and give something towards that mission through your church remembering that we are Christ's Ambassadors by inviting, sharing, nurturing and forgiving!

Thank you all. See you in church!

Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 - Stoney Runnion
2 - Rebecca Williamson and Michelle Baccus
3 - DeMerle Eckart
5 - Joyce Bacon
7 - Bryson Blake
8 - Diana Peck and Weston Penn
9 - Michaela Diercks and Joseph Huiett
10 - Jean King
11 - Carragan Lynn and Brook Campbell
14 - Debra Pounds, Rachel Williams and Mikody Griffin
17 - Patti Bertrand
18 - Al Miles and Shayla Boyer
20 - Ethan Bohl
22 - Jeff Lott and Charlotte Johnson
24 - Leah Stone
26 - Linda Hendrixson
27 - Gunner Campbell
30 - Arlen Bacon
31 - Colleen Hogg and Joel Abell

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

5 - Craig & Megan Grimes
17 - Joe and Cherryll Watkins

MARCH CHILDREN'S MESSAGES

5 - Rosalee Tibbits
12 - Puppeteers
19 - Tamala Lott
26 - Tammy Krueger

MARCH LITURGISTS

5 - Shayla Boyer
12 - Shayla Boyer
19 - Daren Sanders
26 - Dale Henderson

MARCH ACOLYTES

5 - Maddy and Dalton Krueger
12 - Paul (P.J.) and Kaleb Ocker
19 - Braxton and Gracen Grimes
26 - Joel and Braedee Weatherman

GREETERS FOR MARCH

5 - Larry and Javine Bertrand
12 - Larry and Javine Bertrand
19 - Kermit and Shirley Shipley
26 - Kermit and Shirley Shipley
MARCH NURSERY HELPERS
5 - Barb Kibler and Becky McDuffee
12 - Rosalee Tibbits and Becky McDuffee
19 - _____ and Becky McDuffee
26 - Angel Constable and Becky McDuffee

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Following are the lessons that will be discussed in March:
5 - The Source of All Love
12 - God's Overflowing Love
19 - God's Love Manifested
26 - God's Love Restores

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.
March 3, 2:00 p.m. - World Day of Prayer Service hosted by UMW. The theme is, "As I being Unfair to You?"
March 12 - Second Sunday Dinner after church UMW host Baked Potato Bar. A-L bring salad or side dish, M-Z bring dessert.
March 21 at 7:00 p.m. is the UMW monthly meeting in the Wesley Room. All women are invited.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Donations are always welcome for the Salina Rescue Mission for men and the Ashby House for women and children. Both places need clothing and toiletries. The donation boxes are in the hallway south of the Church office.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for your \$120.00 donation to the Mission. A lot of the men have never had anyone care about them. Changes happen when they are shown Christ-like love.
Barbara Archer
Salina Rescue Mission Board Member
(The above Thank You Note was sent to the Ada Methodist Church.)

DILLONS REWARDS

If you have a Dillon's plus account and an e-mail address: Search Dillon's Community Rewards

Sign in OR create an account
Click on "Enroll Now"

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First United Methodist Church No. is 24771

THE ANDERSON FAMILY



The Anderson Family from Wichita blessed us with their music ministry on February 19.

SAVE-A-LABEL PROGRAM

We are officially registered in Best Choice "Save-A-Label" program. Save only the UPC symbol from Best Choice products. Some products are excluded from the program:
aluminum soda cans, aerosol cans and cigarettes. Please leave labels in the box provided in the foyer. All money earned from this program will be used for youth projects. Contact Colette Henderson with questions.

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

Be saving up your change, the kids will be having the noisy buckets offering later in the month to help with camp.

Our church family to pray for is Mount Bellingham Church on Bellingham Avenue, Chelsea, Massachusetts...please remember to pray for them.

FORMAL WEAR

If you are in need of, or know of anyone (cousins, nieces, etc. male or female) who are in need of formal wear, shoes, and jewelry for the forthcoming formal school events, please call Angel Constable at (785) 392-7522 to make arrangements to view and try on used items for the events.

Remember to change your clocks on March 12, 2017





In 1973, a spiritual awakening captures the hearts of the Woodlawn High School Football team. Lead by their coach, Tandy Gerald, and fueled by the team's dedication to love and unity in a school filled with racism and hate, the team makes an astounding run at the playoffs, leading to the largest high school football game ever played in the torn city of Birmingham, Alabama, and the rise of its first African American superstar – Tony Nathan.

Based on a true story that follows the Woodlawn football team on their journey to the state championship against Banks High School. This journey takes place

during the early 1970's, and depicts the turmoil of racism in Birmingham. It also chronicles the Jesus Movement and the impact it has on teams and students as many of them come to know Christ.



WATCHING THE MOVIE

WHO IS THIS GUY GETTING FOOD SNACKS WHILE WATCHING THE GREAT MOVIE?



MARCH

EXCERPTS FROM BIBLE STUDY

"Lead Me, Holy Spirit"

Longing to Hear the Voice of God

By Stormie Omartian

Excerpts shared by Joan Miles

I have been attending a Bible Study and would like to share some of the lessons that really touched me regarding the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Stormie says that:

"God, who is the Creator of all things.

Jesus, who is God's Son - and also God.

The Holy Spirit, who is God's Spirit- and also God

God, His Son, and His Spirit are inseparable.

They are always together in one another, yet separate (John 14:10-11. Three separate persons, yet one God."

Stormie also lined out that God wants us to know Him. When you receive Jesus, the relationship with God you have always needed it established, whether or not you fully recognize that He is what you've needed all along.

"...Whether it is in the privacy of your own room or in the midst of worship with a congregation, sing out and speak words of praise in your worship time. Simply speaking or singing audibly will be a step forward for many people. This is not about being out of order or attracting attention to yourself. This is about exalting God so the enemy will hear it. Praise is a weapon of warfare. This is

not about volume. It is about what's in your heart...."

"...The Holy Spirit never leads us to complain; He leads us to worship. In fact, if you find yourself complaining, then you are not being led by the Spirit and you need to change that.

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Complaining is not the same as going before God in prayer and telling Him the concerns of your heart. In prayer you are seeking the Lord's perspective, understanding, wisdom and help.

Complaining about a situation is something you do *instead* of taking your concerns to God. You cannot worship with your whole heart if you are complaining and grumbling...."


PRAYER POWER

Lord, help me to hear Your voice speaking To me when I read Your Word so that I can recognize Your voice speaking to my heart at other times as well. I know You care about the details of my life, so I ask You to help me understand when You are giving me specific directions. Keep me from moving on something before I know what You are leading me to do. I don't want to do anything without seeking You first.

There are many things I am unsure about each day, and I cannot navigate through my life without hearing Your voice to my heart telling me which way to go. I know You are specific about the things you

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want me to do because You want what is best for my life. Help me to walk the right path every day. If there are words you want me to speak to another person, give me the "tongue of the learned" so that I will "know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary" (Isaiah 50:4)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 1:00 Youth Roller Skating 7:00 p.m. Movie Night			1 Ash Wednesday FFA Meeting 8am – 4pm FCA meal at the high school	2	3 2:00 pm UMW host World Day of Prayer Service	4
5 1 st Sun. of Lent Communion	6 North Central KS Men & Boys Rally in Beloit	7	8 7:00 p.m. Ad Council Mtg. In Wesley Room 6:30 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	9	10	11
12 2 nd Sun. of Lent Girl Scout Sun. UMW host 2 nd Sunday Dinner – Daylight Savings Time Begins	13	14 9:00 am – Noon Clergy Group Mtg.	15 6:30 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	16	17	18
19 3 rd Sun. of Lent	20 	21 7:00 p.m. UMW Unit Meeting	22 6:30 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	23 Ministerial Meeting	24	25 UMW Bi-District Spiritual Growth Retreat at Clay Center.
26 4 th Sun. of Lent 2:45/3:30pm Worship svc Good Sams and LTC	27	28	29 6:30 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	30	31	

Keep me from saying anything to someone in the way of advice or warning that is not of You. If someone speaks a word to me, help me to know for certain whether it is from You or not. Teach me to become good at hearing Your voice and following Your leading in my life.

In Jesus' name I pray,
Stormie

MORE FUN AT THE SKATING RINK!



Connor Peck and Riley Bohl take time for a break and refreshments.



Looks like Maddy Krueger is getting her figure skating "down pat"....!



HELLO BOYS AND GIRLS!
OK, we took time to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN. It looks safe so now we can cross. GREAT!
Children, what you have just done is very important. If we are going to keep safe while going to all the exciting places we

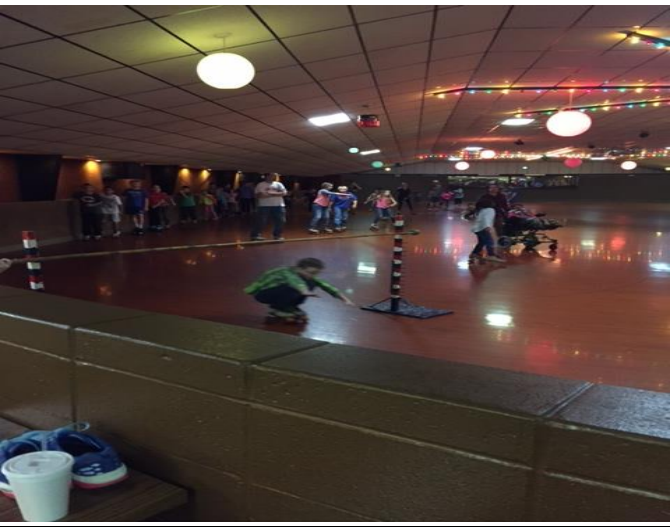
want to go to we need to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before crossing the street. In life it is important to do the same thing. We get so busy and we are often in a rush. It's very important that we think about what we are doing. Are we doing what God wants us to do? Are we becoming the sort of person God wants us to be? We need to LISTEN to God, by reading the Bible and taking time to pray. This season of LENT is a great time to do just that. If we do take time to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN we can make sure our lives are lined up with God, that we are safe and that we will enjoy all the wonderful adventures that God has for us.

Soon we will be celebrating Easter. That's the time we celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. The preparation period of time is called LENT. It's a special season of prayer where we take a look at our own lives and make sure we are doing what God wants us to do and becoming the people God wants us to be. Now...pay close attention....I want to pretend someone has asked us to come play in the park. OK, let's go....Oh look, there is the park!! It looks like they are having fun there. But first let's pretend there is a road right in front of us here. What should we do? Should we just go straight across? Of course not...we need to STOP! Then what should be do after stopping? That's right, we need to LOOK to see if a car is coming. Then what? That's right, we need to LISTEN.

Prayer: Dear God. Help us always remember to take time to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN when we are crossing a street. Help us also to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN especially during this time of year called LENT.



13 youth and 7 adults enjoyed the February activity at Starlite Skating Rink in Salina. A good time was had by all!



WOW! Look at Braxton Grimes go!



Quinley Bohl and her dad, Corey taking a break!





IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO PLAN AHEAD

YOU'RE INVITED TO CCIP-ZIMBABWE

CCIP-Zimbabwe invites you to join an exciting Mission trip to Zimbabwe, Africa July 18 to August 01, 2017. CCIP-Zimbabwe is a 501 (c) (3) organization and a United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries approved Advance Special project, #15120N. CCIP-Zimbabwe seeks to radiate the love of God through participating in sustainable projects and

programs, building relationships and learning

The focus for the 2017 team: CONSTRUCTION, WORKSHOPS and REVIVAL! Our partner in 2017 is Makoni/Buhera District of the United Methodist Church. VIM team members will stay with host families selected by the District. The cost of this trip is \$3,600.00 covering air travel, ground travel, two nights motel, accident insurance, food, administration and project money. If you are interested in going on the 2017 VIM trip, start sending your money to Minneapolis UMC, 418 N Rock Street, Minneapolis, KS 67467 so that you are paid up by April 15, 2017. Team members are encouraged to raise funds for the construction project or any other project of their choice!

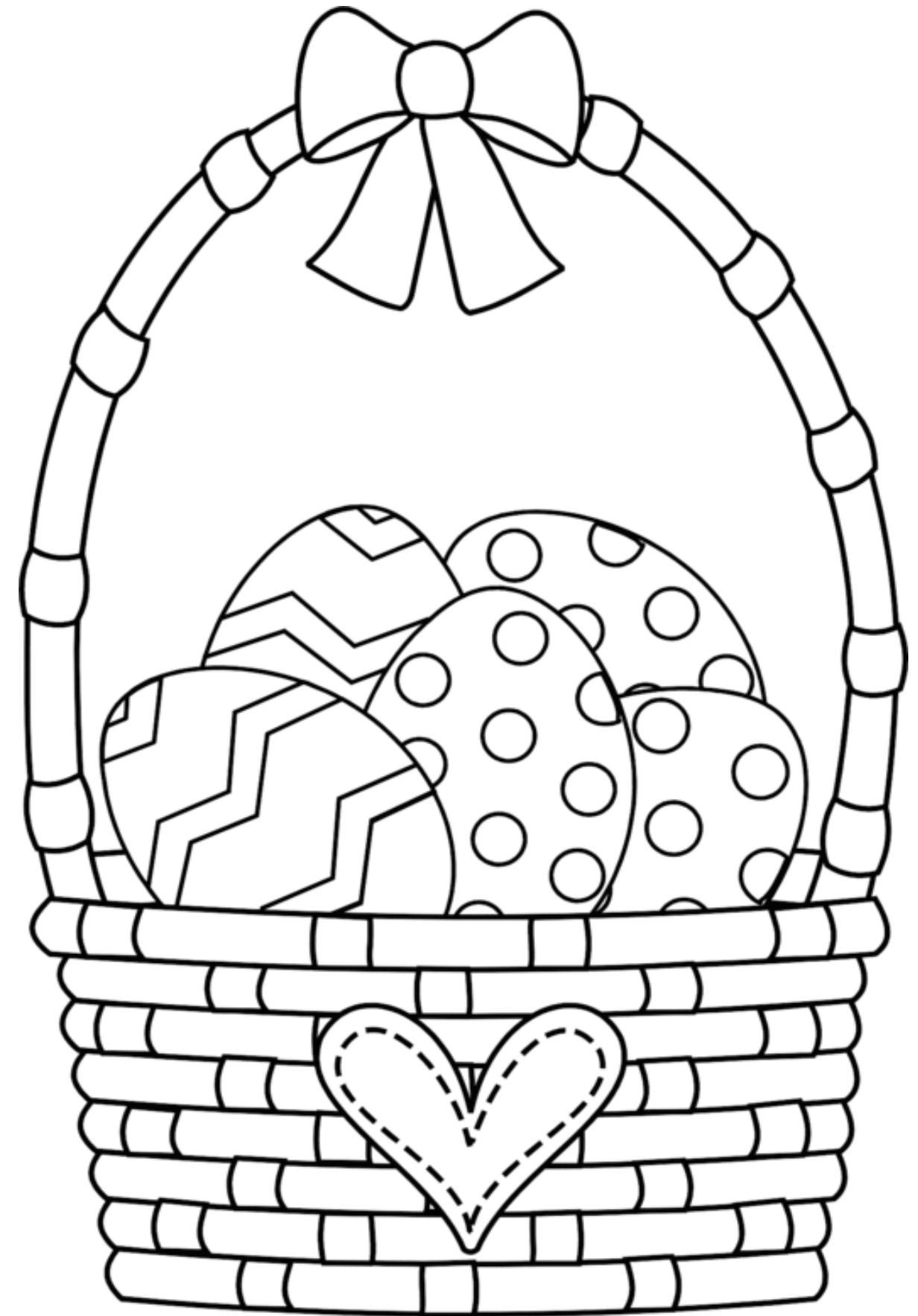
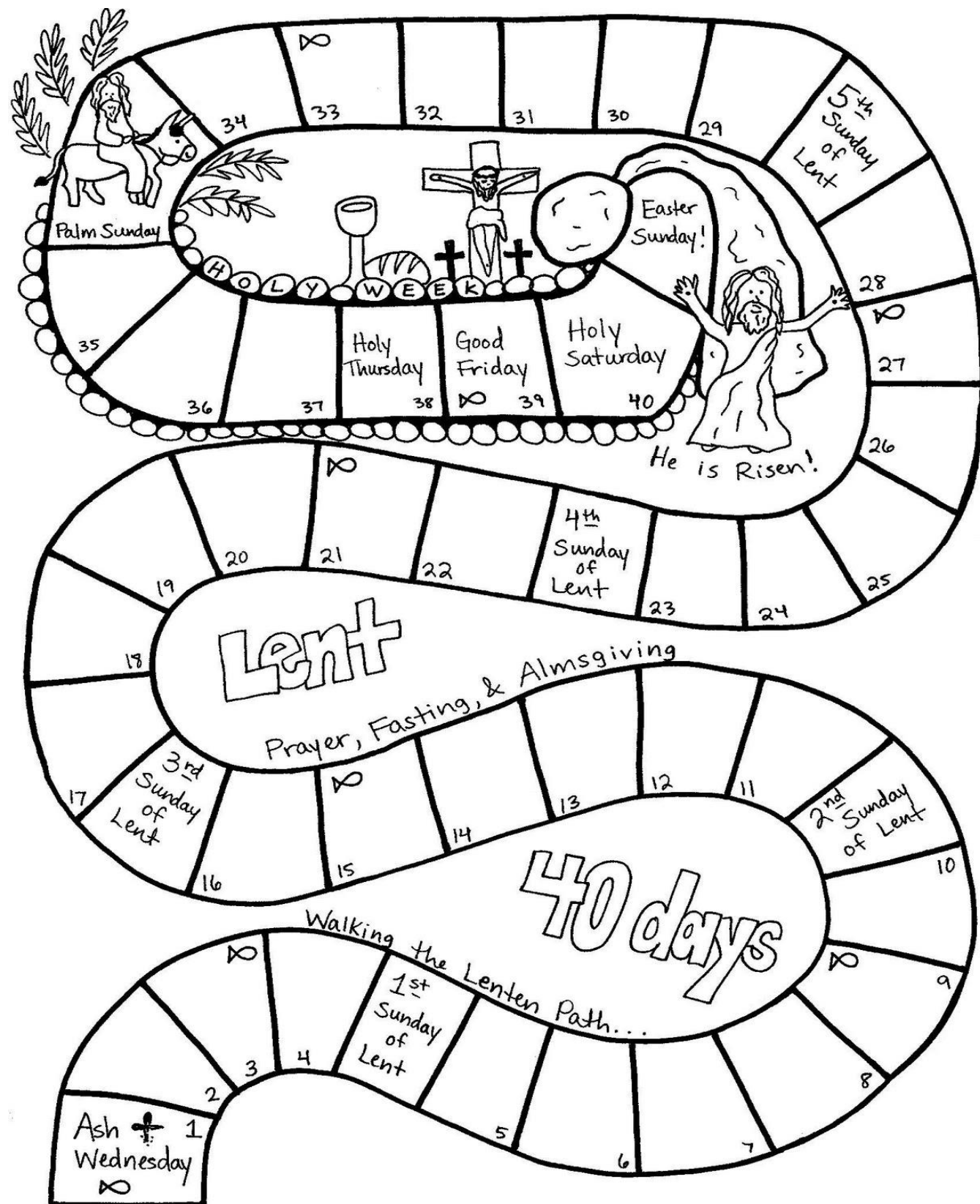
If any has questions or need more

information, please contact Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza at mwaona@hotmail.com or by phone at 620 382 5480 at any time.

Below is the tentative schedule for 2017.

July 18 Tuesday leave the USA
July 19 Wednesday Arrive in Zimbabwe
July 20 Thursday travel to Rusape
July 21 Friday visit work site
July 22 Saturday attend revival
July 23 Sunday attend revival
July 24 Monday work day
July 25 Tuesday work day
July 26 Wednesday work day
July 27 Thursday work day
July 28 Friday work day
July 29 Saturday revival
July 30 Sunday Revival
July 31 Monday travel to Harare
August 01 Tuesday leave Zimbabwe.





Color each day a different color to keep track of what happens during the Lenten and Easter Season (also color the large letters and figures!)