

National Avenue Christian Church

March 2011

Springfield, Missouri

Searching for the Ancient Paths ~ Lent 2011 ~

The Season of Lent invites us to search the Ancient Paths looking for the light in a world of shadows. We begin with ashes and an invitation to start a journey – a journey that will take us from the things that distract us from recognizing the God who journeys with us always. Over these forty days as we walk the circular path, we will be invited to come ever closer to the God who created us. And we will take with us this blessing...

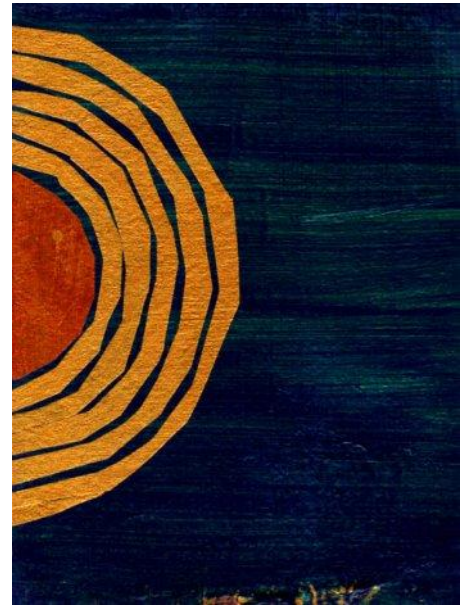
That each step may be a shedding.

That you will let yourself become lost.

That when it looks like you're going backwards,
you may be making progress.

That progress is not the goal anyway, but presence to the feel of the path on your skin, to the way that it reshapes you in each place it makes contact, to the way you cannot see it until the moment you have stepped out

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Lenten Schedule

Wednesday, March 9th 7 pm ~ Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, March 13th First Sunday of Lent
10:00 am Worship ~ Everyday Sacredness

Sunday, March 20th Second Sunday of Lent
10:00 am Worship ~ Practicing the Way of Jesus
3:00 to 5:00 pm ~ Introduction to the Labyrinth

Sunday, March 27th Third Sunday of Lent
10:00 am Worship ~ The Contemplative Way
3:00 to 5:00 pm ~ Walking the Labyrinth

Sunday, April 3rd Fourth Sunday of Lent
10:00 am Worship ~ The Communal Practices
3:00 to 5:00 pm ~ Walking the Labyrinth

Sunday, April 10th Fifth Sunday of Lent
10:00 am Worship ~ The Activist Way
3:00 to 5:00 pm ~ Walking the Labyrinth

Sunday, April 17th Palm Sunday
10:00 am Worship ~ Moving On
3:00 to 5:00 pm ~ Walking the Labyrinth
7:00 pm ~ A Special Musical Performance with Selections from Mozart's Requiem
~ Stone Chapel, Drury University Campus

Thursday, April 21st 6:00 pm ~ Maundy Thursday Dinners ~ various homes

Friday, April 22nd 4:00 pm ~ Midnight, Stations of the Cross

Before Lent Begins...

If you love pancakes and sausage, you will want to be at church this ***Tuesday night at 6:00 pm*** for our annual ***Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*** which is held each year the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. If you did not receive an Evite or have not replied, please let us know you will be coming by making a note on the Fellowship Pad at worship on Sunday or by calling the church office by Monday afternoon. The dinner is free, but of course donations will be accepted!

Ozark Food Harvest next Saturday...

We will work our usual day at Ozark Food Harvest this month which is next Saturday, March 12th. Contact Chad Young after worship on Sunday [he lives in the balcony running sound on Sunday mornings] if you can help this month or if you need additional information.

Making a Difference in Nicaragua...



There are four new students in Hilapo Dos that need sponsors for this school year:

- Otoniel Jose Fonesca Hernandez
- Wilton Josue Centeno Artola
- Jose Santos Perez Castro
- Norvin Antonio Velez Hernandez

For \$25 a month you get the opportunity to make it possible for one of these boys to go to high school through the Rainbow Network. Your monthly support provides a backpack, school supplies, transportation, tutoring and tuition. Education is the key to help the village climb out

of poverty. Go to <http://www.natlave.com/rainbow.php> or look on the Outreach bulletin board to see their profiles. Contact the church office or Brad or Lucinda Wadle [862-8754] or email, bmlwadle@mchsi.com if you can help.

Shoe Drive for Nicaragua...

Kelsey Zimmerman is leading our congregation in the collection of new or gently used shoes to send to Nicaragua. Kelsey says the shoes can be of any size and ones that you would be happy to give away to a place and people in need. She has placed a bin in the fellowship hall for the shoes and if you have any questions about this project, just look for her at church.

CWF Bake Sale...

The CWF would like to thank all the volunteers that helped and/or made all the baked goods and soups, as well as the congregation for supporting our sale by generously purchasing items over the past few weeks. Profits from the sale [which were \$1,061.00 this year], will be used to support CWF Outreach, CWF Departments, and Local CWF Church Concerns. Thanks again for all your generous support.

CWF Project for the Month of March...

CWF will be serving Sigma House located at 800 South Park during the month of March. The Sigma House was founded by the Council of Churches of the Ozarks and it is a separate corporation today, operating as a non-profit, full spectrum drug and alcohol treatment center.

The Sigma House will appreciate anything we can take to them. We would appreciate your help in providing the following items: fresh fruit, vegetables, popcorn, chips, cheese, crackers, peanuts, peanut butter, cake mixes, brownie mix, personal items and good reading materials [books, catalogues, magazines]. It has been requested that no home made items or mouth wash be contributed. There will be a box in the fellowship hall in the northwest corner for our delivery on each Monday. We will be collecting items and making the deliveries from February 28th to March 27th.