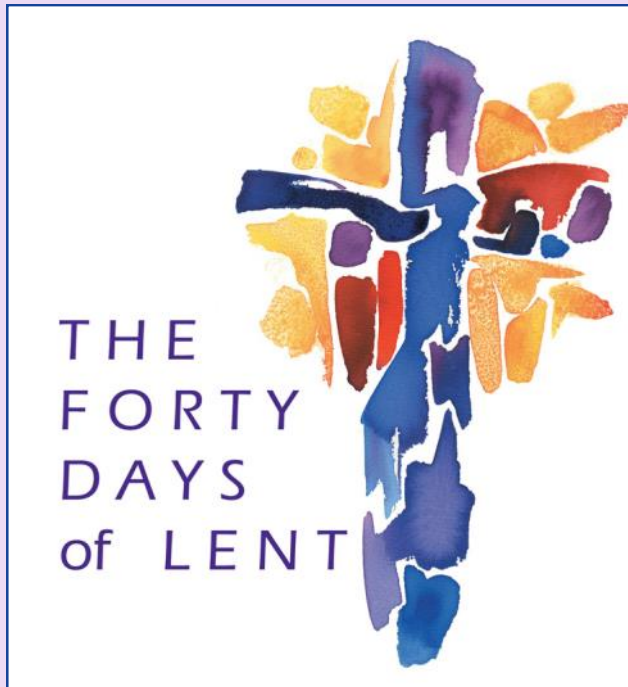


Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ

9:00 & 10:00 am Worship

LENT



*When the days drew near for him to be taken up,
he set his face to go to Jerusalem.*

Luke 9:51

You are welcome to keep this monthly bulletin folder or leave it in the pew for reuse.

Sundays During Lent at Village Church!

- 9am** *First Worship*, Chapel; Intergenerational with Communion
10am *Second Worship*, Sanctuary
Children's Church & Youth Programs
Infant through age 3: Family Worship Room, 1st floor, beginning @ 9:50am
Pre-K, K, Grades 1-5 & Grade 8: begin in worship & proceed to Upper Floor
Grade 6th & 7th Youth Group: Begins lower level 10am
11:15am *Faith & Fellowship Hour*
1pm *Wellesley Chinese Language School*, Upper Level, Room B14
7pm *High School Youth Group* (grades 10-12), Youth Room (NOHSYG Feb 18, 25)

Family Life @ Village Church

Youth Groups & Choirs

6th & 7th Grade Youth Group: 10am Sundays, Lower Level

8th Grade Youth Group: 6:30-8pm, every other Tuesday w/ dinner

Grade 9 – Confirmation: 7-8:30pm Wednesdays, Lower Level

High School Youth Group: Sunday evenings, 7pm, Lower Level (details above)

Youth Choir: (Grades 6-12): Wednesdays 6:15pm, Lower Level Choir Room

Confirmation Retreat ~ Sat. & Sun., Mar. 3-4

Knitting for a Mission ~ (Mar. 7, 12noon, Parlor)

Christian Practices for Parents (high school) ~ Mar. 11, 7-8:30pm

Christian Practices for Parents (middle school) ~ Mar. 13, 6:30 – 8pm

Village Church Mom's Group ~ Thur, Mar. 15 @ 7:30pm at the home of Cyndi Miller

Contact Kerry Evans: kegevans@gmail.com

Village Church Dad's Group ~ Tuesday, Mar. 13 @ 7pm

Contact Bob Furlong: bobfurlong@bulfinchgroup.com or

Ed Berger: eberger21@gmail.com

Bingo Night ~ Sat. Mar. 17, 6-8pm, Fundraiser for Youth Service Project scholarships.

Ongoing Midweek Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Wednesdays, 9am, Library

Yoga, (gentle) Tuesdays 9:15am, (moderate) Thursdays, 4:15pm, 6pm Couples

Thursday Night Bible Study, Thursdays, 7pm, Upper Level - Rm. 215

Knitting & Sewing Group, Wednesdays, 9:30am - Seminar I

Senior Life @ Village Church, Wednesday, Feb 21, 10:30am, Parlor

Men's Book Group ~ Saturday, Apr. 7, 9am, Parlor

For details & more information, visit our website,

www.wellesleyvillagechurch.org, & please sign up to receive our weekly Enews.

Lenten Opportunities

UCC Lent Devotional 2018 available at all entrances to support your Lenten journey.

Join the Environmental Ministry in a Lenten Carbon Fast!

Lent is a time of repentance, reflection and action. During Lent we invite you to prayerfully consider enrolling in the Ecumenical Carbon Fast. **To enroll** visit our website. Participants in the Carbon Fast are invited to an informal discussion after church each Sunday during Lent. Families are welcome!

Church Leadership Commissioning – Feb. 18, 10am OR Feb. 25, 9am

If you are serving on any church board, deacon ministry team or committee, please be present at one of the above worship services so the congregation can bless your ministry this year.

Lenten EKKLESIA Groups

Thanks to the thoughtful work of Pastoral Resident, Eric Ogi, our Lenten journey of *ekklesia* begins in March! Sign up in coffee hour or via Enews/website and join the journey. There is a group for everyone!

Common Art Gallery is now exhibiting in the church office lobby and hallway. Thank you to all who purchased art from the talented, unhoused artists of Boston and donated art to the church's Common Art Gallery. Gratitude also to Waterman's for generously framing much of the art. Come see!

Family Promise guests are with us the week of March 4-11. Contact Christina Oliver at: christina.oliver20@gmail.com.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday *March 25, 9 & 10am*

Maundy Thursday *March 29, 7pm*

Good Friday *March 30, 7pm*

Easter Sunday *April 1, 7am, 9am & 11am*

A Message From the Stewardship Team:

Thank you for all you do and give so that Village Church will SHINE FORTH with Conviction, Connection and Commitment this year!

† To all who have offered a 2018 pledge so far: Thanks to you, we are well on our way toward our goal.

† To those who have not yet made a pledge, please do so asap. Pledge cards are available in the lobby, and pledges can also be made on line via the website. We will begin our follow-up calls in March.

EVERY PLEDGE MATTERS, and our goal is 100% participation. Thank you,

~Your 2018 Stewardship Team, Mark Lenci, Ed Berger, Bob Froh, Amy Hille,
Matthew McKay, Arthur Stock and Phil Carens.

Welcome to Wellesley Village Church!

*As an Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ
Whoever you are, wherever you are on the journey of life and faith,
we are delighted you are here!*

We Welcome All!

We extend a welcome as broad as the outstretched arms of God,
who calls us together to pray, sing, and rejoice in God's glorious presence.

We welcome children to participate fully. Children are invited to visit and use:

- + The "pray ground" during worship or;
 - + The worship supplies on the steps by the piano in the Sanctuary during 10am worship.
- Childcare for under 5 is available in the Family Worship Room,
located just outside of the sanctuary.
- Children pre-k – 5th grade & 8th grade begin in worship before transitioning to
Village Children's Church.

We Value Community!

Visitors, we want to help you connect with our community.

Please fill out a Connection Card found in the blue folders or sign the welcome book and pew pads. Questions about our life together are always welcome, or find information on our website.

God Calls You By Name, and So Do We!

Please wear a nametag; temporary stickers are available and you
may request a permanent nametag anytime.

We Like to Linger!

Please stay for refreshments and conversation in Village Common after both services; ask a
neighbor to show you the way!

Phil Carens ~ Moderator

Lori Bruce ~ Vice Moderator

Susan Sullivan ~ Immediate Past Moderator

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter ~ Senior Pastor

Associate Pastors

The Rev. Pam Emslie

The Rev. Liz Garrigan-Byerly

Pastoral Residents

The Rev. Eric Ogi

Ministry Directors

Michaela McDonald – Children's Ministry

David R. Carrier – Music

Jodi Hitzhusen – First Worship Music

Dr. Kevin McDonald – Youth Music

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