

# NEWS FROM THE CORNER

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## **Lent Begins this Month!**

### **Are You Ready? Prepare for Him.**

The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **History of Lent**

The 40-day period of Lent spans the six weeks prior to Easter Sunday beginning on Ash Wednesday, not including Sundays. *Lent* is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words *lencten*—"spring"—and *lenctentid*—"March." A period of Lenten preparation before Easter is believed to be of apostolic origin, dating it to the earliest days of the Church.

The number "40" has Biblical significance regarding preparation: Moses spent 40 days and nights on Mount Sinai before receiving the Ten Commandments; Elijah walked 40 days and nights to meet God at Mount Sinai; Jesus fasted 40 days and nights in the desert before beginning His ministry.

From its earliest traditions, the primary spiritual exercises of Lent are prayer and fasting, marking it as a special time of penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the Easter celebration. That Lenten focus remains unchanged today: to repent of sin, to renew our faith and to prepare to celebrate joyfully the mysteries of our salvation.

Source: Catholic Education Resource Center

## **Quiet Time with The Father**



I don't want your sacrifices - I want your love; I don't want your offerings - I want you to know me. Hosea 6:6 (NLT)

God wants to bless us so much! But just as Israel did, our vision can stray off of God and His love. We can get so caught up in the "duty of things" that we forget that God wants us to just love Him.

Take time this month to "go off duty" and just simply love Him.

## **January Wednesday Night Dinner a Success**

*Save the Date for the Next One: February 8<sup>th</sup>*

In January, 80 adults and a handful of kids enjoyed chili, chicken noodle soup, corn muffins and dessert. The food was tasty and the fellowship was wonderful as laughter and conversation filled the air. A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the January dinner a huge success.

Please join us on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:45 – 7:00 pm for the next Wednesday Night Dinner. The food is sure to be pleasing and you can't beat the company! Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated for help with set-up, cooking and clean-up. Please contact [dinners@cornerstoneumc.com](mailto:dinners@cornerstoneumc.com) for more information or to RSVP.



## How Does the Church Run?

Cornerstone UMC operates through an Administrative Council that leads with long-range planning and carries out its program so that people are received into the church fellowship, encouraged in strengthening their relationship with God, and supported as they endeavor to live as Christian disciples.

So what does that mean? The goal is to support individuals growing in their faith and ministering to others. But, at the “nitty gritty” level, there are MANY things - operational and programmatic - to be planned, administered, evaluated and prayed over.

The Administrative Council is the voting body of the church and responsible for all operating and program ministries. We have just increased members from 15 to almost 40 to better represent our congregation. The Council is currently led by Chair Jim Melear.

The Council meets the fourth Tuesday evening of every month. Church members are welcome to come, watch and comment.

## Evangelism 101

Step 1: Smile!

Step 2: Say hello to ALL the people you meet.

Step 3: Repeat until a new relationship is built.

Step 4: Invite them to church with you.

It sounds overly simplistic, but it works!

## “Heart and Soul” Valentine Social

Do you have your tickets?!? Last year the event sold out!

The Cornerstone United Methodist Men cordially invite you to its Second Annual Valentine Social on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

Live big band music from 7:30 -9:30 pm from the Peachtree Jazz Edition with vocalist Toni Byrd playing classic jazz for your listening, romancing or dancing pleasure.

Desserts, chocolate, gourmet coffee, photos, and surprises! Free child-care with advance email reservations is available, [cstonechild@numail.org](mailto:cstonechild@numail.org). Advance tickets are \$15, or at the door \$20. Get your tickets early from any UMM member or the church office.

## Adult Sunday School Studies



Please join us on Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. for in-depth study and Christian fellowship. Our current studies are:

Aldersgate – So Where Did the New Testament Come From Anyway?

Friendship – Epistles of Paul; Letters to Corinthians and Romans

Genesis – Christian Living in Today’s World

Pathways – Book of Matthew

Revival – Family Relationships using Chicago Public Radio’s *This American Life*

Seekers – Uniform Series of Adult Bible Studies; 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter - Genesis, Exodus and Galatians

Stewards – Book of Luke



Valentine Social Last Year

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