

Parish Movie Night: *God's Not Dead 2*

Friday, March 31, 2017

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Kingston House of Prayer ~ 447 Division St.



From the college classroom of *God's Not Dead* to the public square in *God's Not Dead 2*, the name of Jesus is welcomed less and less with each passing day. This highly anticipated sequel tells the story of Grace Wesley, a high school history teacher who gets caught up in a high-profile legal case over her right to discuss Jesus in a public classroom. Join us for this evening of fun and fellowship. Refreshments will be provided.

"I'd rather stand with God and be judged by the world, than stand with the world and be judged by God." ~ Grace Wesley

Lenten Speaker Series

Practicing the Spiritual Disciplines

Sunday Morning's in Lent

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

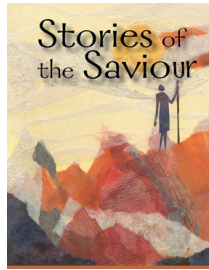


Lent is traditionally a time of spiritual renewal—a time when we intentionally prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent also provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our own life and faith—to examine our sin in light of God's holiness; our lives in light of God's love; and our merit in light of God's mercy.

The classical disciplines of the spiritual life call us to move beyond surface living into the depths of the heart, and to explore the inner caverns of the spiritual realm. These spiritual disciplines, faithfully practised under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, can open the door to spiritual growth, maturity of faith, and transformation—drawing us closer to God and deeper into His love.

During the six Sundays in Lent, we will be offering a speaker series, entitled "**Practicing the Spiritual Disciplines.**" As part of your Lenten discipline, I encourage you to commit to joining us every Sunday morning at **9:00 AM** to hear members of our congregation speak on each of these classic disciplines of our faith. Topics will include:

Confession, Fasting, Prayer, Scripture Reading & Meditation, Serving & Almsgiving, and Worship.



Lenten Sermon Series

In the gospel of Mark we read; "With many such parables he spoke the word to them—he did not speak to them except in parables." The word parable means to "come along side." It's a story or illustration with a deeper, hidden meaning within it. Jesus seemed to delight in using common, everyday things—like seeds, a pearl, a coin, a fig tree—to teach spiritual truths.

These stories not only show that Jesus was familiar with everyday life—they also reveal something of God's heart. You want to know how God feels about His children, read the Prodigal Son; you want to know how God feels about obedience, read the story of the houses built on rock and sand; you want to know how God feels about money, read the parable of the talents.

Jesus was a master story-teller and through parables and stories, He reveals to us the mysteries of the Kingdom, and how we are to live our lives. The parables can be challenging—they force us to reflect on our everyday attitudes and actions; to step outside of our traditional understanding and ways of being; and call us to a higher level of obedience and commitment. Because of this, they're perfect for study during Lent—a season that calls us to inner reflection, transformation, and growth. By looking at these earthly stories with heavenly meanings this 6 week series will challenge us to look at our life, faith and relationships—our own earthly stories—from a heavenly perspective.



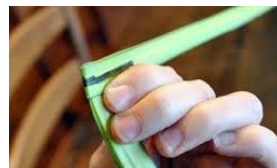
Palm Cross Folding

Saturday, April 8, 2017

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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The cross of Jesus is the centre of our faith—in it all the promises of God find their fulfilment and by it, we are given eternal life. Every year, palm crosses are distributed on Palm Sunday as a reminder of what was accomplished for us through Jesus' death on the cross. Join us as we fold our own crosses from palm fronds. This can be a very spiritual experience, as we reflect on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and His sacrificial death on our behalf. **Refreshments will be provided.**



LIVING WATERS ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP

From Repentance to Restoration

An Invitation to Lent 2017



"For this son of mine was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

(Luke 15:24)

“A Father had two sons...” With these words, Jesus begins one of his most recognized stories—the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The story of a family and the power of unconditional love, the **Parable of the Prodigal Son** can be a metaphor for the spiritual life. Through Christ, we have been adopted as children into God’s family, and are heirs to His Kingdom. Unfortunately, many people live their lives unaware of God’s unconditional love for them and their identity in Christ. Instead, like the younger son in the story, they choose to leave the safety and protection of the Father’s house and go their own way. When this happens, we live not out of love, but fear. Lent presents us with the perfect opportunity to come home to God—to experience His unconditional love in a fresh new way; to find safety and protection in His house; and to recommit ourselves to His plans for our lives.

However, like the younger son, our homecoming needs to begin with a spirit of repentance, that involves more than just saying “I’m sorry.” True repentance is an interior attitude in which we’re willing to let go of everything that prevents us from fully loving, forgiving, and growing into spiritual maturity. This process begins, as the Psalmist suggests, by asking God to **“create in us a clean heart and to renew a right spirit within us”** (Psalm 51:10). Repentance always begins with the heart—with our inviting the Holy Spirit into our lives to do the work that needs to be done. A work that promises to bring healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, and wholeness of life. Through this process, our hearts are transformed from hearts of stone into hearts of flesh.

Lent is a gentle, but demanding time. A time marked by repentance—with sack cloth and ashes. A time of solitude and community; a time of listening to the voice of God within us; and a time of paying attention to the needs of those around us. All this happens, not out of a sense of guilt or duty, but out of a deep hunger for God and a genuine desire to return home to Him.

May Jesus bless us on our Journey, as we return home to our heavenly Father’s house and move from repentance to restoration. And may we proclaim Jesus’ resurrection this Easter with boldness and joy!

Ash Wednesday



“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return”

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season—a season that begins with dust and ashes—an ancient tradition, symbolizing our humility before God. The Ash Wednesday liturgy calls us to see ourselves as we truly are; to reflect on our attitudes, actions, and priorities; and to return to God through penitence and prayer. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of a 40 day journey—a journey from brokenness to restoration; from darkness to light; from fear to love; from mourning to celebration; and from ashes to joy.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

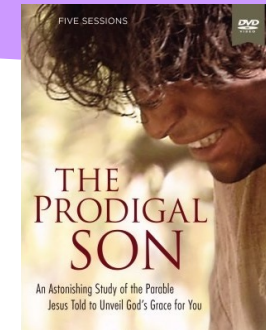
Kingston Senior’s Association



Loonies for Lent

Almsgiving is a common practice during Lent. Moved by the sacrifice of Jesus, many Christians respond to the needs around them by intentionally giving their time, talent, and treasures to others. Film canisters will be available at the Welcome Table—please take them home and fill them with your loonies (or toonies or bills!) And return them Easter Sunday.

All donations will go to support the work of our Missions Committee.



The Prodigal Son DVD Study

Thursday evenings in Lent, beginning

Thursday, March 9, 2017

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Kingston House of Prayer

**UNCOVER NEW INSIGHTS IN ONE OF JESUS’
GREATEST PARABLES!**

Two thousand years ago, Jesus told a simple story about a father and his two sons. This tale stands out because it is a story about each of us and our struggles with sin. Whether we identify with the rebellion of the younger son or the self-righteousness of the older brother, we are all in need of our Father’s grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

This 5-week video-based Bible study provides fascinating new insights into this parable and takes participants step-by-step through each part of the tale. We will explore not only the shocking actions of the younger son in his rebellion, but also the cold-hearted attitude of the older brother toward his family. We will find a reflection of ourselves in each of these two sons--and come to understand, in a fresh new way, what God does to find us where we are and bring us back home. This DVD study includes video teaching and discussion, Bible exploration, and personal study and reflection materials for in-between sessions. Topics include:

Parables: Unveiling God’s Truth Through Stories

Repentance: Facing the Agony of Being Lost

Forgiveness: Experiencing our Father’s Love

Pretence: Looking Good isn’t Good Enough

Grace: Receiving Our Most Amazing Gift

