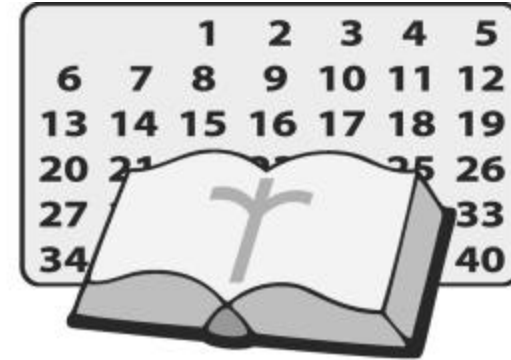


and hope beyond." The group will meet on Sunday mornings after worship at 11:30 a.m. beginning Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> through March 16<sup>th</sup>.

3. **Forgiveness** - Join **Dick Burlingame and Mary Griffith** for a discussion of the healing power of forgiveness. Beginning with a showing of the DVD, "The Power of Forgiveness" on Wednesday evening, February 13<sup>th</sup>, after the mid-week worship service, this film challenges viewers to think about how to forgive grave atrocities such as those committed at Ground Zero and in an Amish countryside. This group will meet weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:45 p.m. through March 19<sup>th</sup> to study the story of the Prodigal Son and other Biblical stories for a deeper understanding of forgiveness. Several books will be used to stimulate discussion including "Forgive and Forget" by Lewis B. Smedes and "Forgiving the Unforgivable" by David Stoop, Ph.D.
4. **Getting a Grip: Finding Balance in Your Daily Life** - Join **Amy Campbell and Gail and Mark Ritchey** for a discussion of the book, *Getting a Grip: Finding Balance in Your Daily Life*, by Bill Hybels. This group will meet in the Kindergarten room in Oakridge immediately following Children's Choir practice (approximately 11:30). Through scripture, this book will help us to 'get a grip' on our schedules, or finances, our relationships and more.

### OUR LENTEN DEVOTIONALS ARE VERY SPECIAL THIS YEAR

They are being written for us - by us! Members of our church family are being asked to write a few words - or a few paragraphs - for one specific day during Lent. They will be compiled into weekly devotionals and, each Sunday when you come to worship, the following week's devotions will be available to you from our ushers. Remaining copies will be in the Fireside Room or on the table at the back of our Sanctuary along with blank Intention Cards, envelopes for Intention Cards, and Lenten calendars. You may also download your devotions from our website each week, [www.eacc.net](http://www.eacc.net). Please make reading these devotions a part of your Lenten intentions.



## Learning How to Be Human: 40 days of Intentions

LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

### *What are your intentions?*

Reading and studying together in a small group, attending mid-week worship, writing a devotional, participating with **Pastor Kris** in her personal prayer discipline, are a few of the opportunities you have to go deeper into your faith and involvement in your church.

We hope you've been considering how you'll complete your **Intentions Card** because it's time to make that personal commitment. Your first opportunity will be Ash Wednesday's worship - **bring your completed card with you to worship that evening**. We'll have a specially designed place for them. If you've never attended an Ash Wednesday service, we hope you'll make this your first step into going deeper this Lent.

If you do not yet have an Intentions Card, you may get one in the Fireside Room or from the table in the back of our Sanctuary. Blank envelopes in which to place your cards, as well as copies of our Lenten Calendar, are also available in those places.

### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

*A service of commitment, communion, and ashes*

*Pastor Kris' meditation: Intentions*

### MID-WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT:

- † **Every Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – Refocus, Refresh, Renew** – A calm, quiet 40 minutes of worship, closing with communion. Time to reflect and renew our intentions for the week ahead.
- † **Childcare provided for all services.**

### PASTOR'S CLASS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Beginning **Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**, **Pastor Kris** will lead a Pastor's Class for students 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up during Second Hour following worship. We will meet in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade room in Oakridge. This class is in preparation for professions of faith, baptism, and full membership in the church.

If you are an adult who is considering a first time profession of faith, baptism, or placing your membership at EACC, contact **Pastor Kris** for further conversation about the process.

### ADULT EDUCATION IN OUR CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS

11:30 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. DURING LENT

- † **February 10<sup>th</sup>** - "Tis Better to Give Than to Receive" by Stephen Post, Ph.D., Professor of Bioethics, Philosophy and Religion in the School of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University.
- † **February 17<sup>th</sup>** - "Ten Ways of Expressing Agape Love" by Stephen Post, Ph.D. (see above)
- † **February 24<sup>th</sup>** - "Learning How to Pray" by George Matejka, Ph.D., Professor of Ethics and Religion, Ursuline College

- † **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** - "Learning How to Be Humble" by Alison Benders, Ph.D., Dean of Graduate Studies, Ursuline College
- † **March 9<sup>th</sup>** - Presentation about Justice by Rev. Dr. Howard Ratcliff
- † **March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Presentation about Mercy by Rev. Dr. Howard Ratcliff

### LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

Through Sunday, you may sign up to participate in a Lenten Study Group. Visit the table in Fellowship Hall to learn more about the classes and to see the study materials. We're hoping you will make a commitment to grow deeper in your faith during this time of personal reflection.

1. **Book Study with Pastor Kris** - Join **Pastor Kris and David** on Sunday afternoons during Lent for a discussion of the book, *The Phoenix Affirmations: A New Vision for the Future of Christianity*, by Eric Elnes. Beginning February 10<sup>th</sup> and ending March 16<sup>th</sup>, this group will meet Sunday afternoons from 4:30 p.m. to not later than 6:00 p.m. (you'll be finished in time for dinner!), at the Eggert's home at 1876 Langerdale Road in South Euclid. This book provides wonderful discussion starter statements for beginning and long-time Christians alike. *"Built on the three great loves that the Bible reveals, love of God, love of neighbor, and love of self, these twelve affirmations reflect commitments to environmental stewardship, social justice, and artistic expression as well as openness to other faiths. These principles allow believers and seekers alike to affirm their Christian faith in a fresh way."* It's an engaging, easily read book with a clearly articulated Christian message. It's not expected that you'll agree with everything you read, but in this comfortable setting, you'll find encouragement to delve more deeply into what you believe and to find ways to express those beliefs to others.
2. **Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy** - Join **Hugh Burkons, Leslie Smith and Pat McNeilly** for a study of the Bible and Brahms' Requiem using the Kerygma Program *Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy*. This class *"follows the famous 'German Requiem' on a tour of Biblical prompts about death, grief, the brevity of life, and faith for here and the hereafter. Through music and Scripture, we move from graveside to grieving, from the challenges of self-reflection to new perspectives*