



Pastor's e-Note

Morristown United Methodist Church (2/14/2018)

Dear Friends,

Ash Wednesday this week marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is traditionally understood as the season to deepen our relationship with God through penitence, repentance, and prayer.

This evening at 7:30 p.m. we are going to have our Ash Wednesday worship service in the sanctuary. Through our worship, we hope to reconnect with God, who is our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Hope you will come and worship with your church family and friends.

During Lent we get back to the basics of our faith and spiritual discipline. In a way, it is a good time to focus on "being fully present with God" more intentionally while "doing God's work" each day. When I was a young pastor, a close colleague and friend of mine said to me: "The busyness of our daily ministry does not replace our need to connect with God." My friend was right.

One of my favorite hymns "Take Time to Be Holy" has these words: "Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his word. . . Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.

By looking to Jesus, like him you shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall be.”

During this Lenten season, these forty-days of prayer and preparation for Easter, I am going to seek ways to walk closer with Jesus and learn to be more like him. And, I invite you to do the same and spend some quality time with Jesus each day.

Our concert on Saturday, February 17th at 7:30 p.m. will feature “The London Trio,” featuring Carla Auld on flute, Gabriel Schaff on violin and Lanny Paykin on cello. Please plan to come out and support the concert series and enjoy an evening of special music.

Annual Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, March 3rd. Please invite your friends and neighbors to donate reusable items in good condition to our church.

This coming Sunday, the First Sunday in Lent, I will begin a new sermon series on “Seven Essential Questions.” My sermon title will be “Who Is Jesus?” Come and join us and be blessed.

May the peace and joy of Christ be with you and energize your spirits. See you in Church.

Blessings,

Pastor Brandon