



GETHSEMANE

A Lenten Sermon Series

In May, June, and July we'll enjoy vegetables that were nurtured in March greenhouses and flowers that were planted in early April. Someone will have taken the time to think about how they will best grow, what conditions they'll need, and when the right time to plant them is.

Gardens don't just happen—they take time, care, and intentionality. And just like that, Jesus' journey to Gethsemane didn't come out of the blue. From the dawn of creation and in every encounter of his human life, seeds were being planted for what would unfold in the garden.

In this six-week Lenten series, we'll walk through the events leading to Gethsemane, discovering how each moment was a piece of a larger story—foreshadowing the scene that would take place under the olive trees. From the Garden of Eden, the time of the exile, and to the interactions Jesus had with the disciples, each step was leading to this pivotal moment.

We invite you to reflect on how these key moments in Jesus' life—like seeds planted along the way—foreshadow our own moments of growth. Join us in this season of deepening faith, and be part of our church's journey of worship, service, learning, and community. Let's go to the garden together and see what Spring brings!

MARCH

5 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



12 pm & 6 pm in the Sanctuary

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the season of Lent beckons those of us who follow Christ to a time of introspection and renewal, an opportunity to set aside the burdens that would weigh us down and to make new commitments in faith. Please join us at either noon or 6:00 p.m. as together we begin our Lenten journey with words of faith and the imposition of ashes.

LABYRINTH

Between the services, our labyrinth will be available in Founders Hall from 12:30 pm until 6 pm for those who would like to take a thoughtful, prayerful walk using this ancient tool for prayer and meditation. Finger labyrinths will also be available.

KERYGMA PROGRAM BEGINS

6:30 pm in Room 202/204

Deepen your understanding of the Bible studying "Great Themes of the Bible: God Saves a People".

8 SCOUTS SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

5 pm to 9 pm in Fellowship Hall

Come out and support our scouts! Troop 1029 is hosting a spaghetti dinner and all are welcome! Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$8 per child under 10 years old.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed this evening.



9 WORSHIP: FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

10 am in the Sanctuary

Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1-13; Mark 14:32-34)

Join us for communion and worship as we welcome the Rev. Brad Martin to the pulpit as our guest preacher.

10 FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING

1 pm in Newark

Red Clay volunteers will meet at the Food Bank from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in Newark to help sort & organize food.

11 FRIENDS & FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

12 pm in Founders Hall

All are invited to join us for a catered luncheon in Founders Hall with members, staff, and friends of Red Clay. Advanced registration needed.

CARE CHOIR

Our Care Choir will perform at The Summit senior living community at 2 pm.



UNPLUGGED COFFEEHOUSE

Even Jesus "unplugged" in the Garden of Gethsemane!

MARCH 12 AT 7 PM

Join us as we unplug during Lent. We are hosting three coffeehouses in Fellowship Hall featuring Ben Andrews, Deena Andrews, and Charlie Hannagan as our Red Clay House Band. This concert-style coffeehouse will also have special guests, spoken word, poetry, visual art, and dessert. Our featured musical artist this week is Jeff Knoettner.



16 WORSHIP: SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

10 am in the Sanctuary

The Cup of Wrath

(Jeremiah 25:15-18; Mark 14:35-36)

Join us for worship at 10 am with our Festival Choir and soloist, Ellie Blaier.

COMMUNION FOR KIDS

11:30 am in the Sanctuary

Kids and youth of all ages, along with their families, are invited to learn about the meaning of Communion, followed by lunch and fellowship.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE BEGINS

11:30 am in the Sanctuary

Our annual Lenten Food Drive to benefit the Food Bank of Delaware will run through April 6th. Bring in your donations to Founders Hall and help us fill our barrels.

22 QUILTED FOR FRIENDS



2 pm in Founders Hall

Friendship quilts have existed for more than 180 years. Why were they made and why has the tradition lasted so long? See old and new examples from across the years. You may even see some familiar names on these quilts. Join us for this special tea. Hats & Gloves optional. Reservations required.

23 WORSHIP: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

10 am in the Sanctuary

The Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-8; 14:37-42)

Join us for worship at 10 am as we welcome Rev. Chelsea Spyres back to the pulpit. Special music will include our children's choir, bell choir, and soloist Barbara Vanderkraats.

APRIL

ADULTING 101

11:00 am in Fellowship Hall

How to Dance at a Party

All youth grades 6-12 are invited to learn essential adulting skills from real live adults in our congregation! Sessions will be brief introductions immediately following church until about 11:30 AM.

Learn how to not embarrass yourself at prom! John Helveston, swing dance extraordinaire, will lead the way!

PICKLEBALL

6:30 pm in Founders Hall

26 UNPLUGGED COFFEEHOUSE

7 pm in Fellowship Hall



Our featured musical artist this week is Charlie Hannagan.

30 THEOLOGY 101 WITH PASTOR NATE

8:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Join us for Theology 101: Exploring the Atonement as we dive into the rich and varied ways Christians have understood Christ's saving work. From classic theories like substitution and Christ Victor, to more recent perspectives on atonement as solidarity and healing. Come ready to think deeply and reflect on what it means to say, "Christ died for us."

WORSHIP: FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10 am in the Sanctuary

Judas and the Chief Priests (Mark 14:10-11, 43-46)

Join us for worship at 10 am with guest cellist, Jessie Reagen.

ADULTING 101

11:00 am in the Lower Parking Lot

How to Change a Tire

Our youth learn how to change a tire with the manliest men we know: Mark Cozine and Todd Vordemberge!

NOONDAY CONCERT

11:30 am in the Sanctuary

Cellist Jessie Reagen returns to join violinist Deena Andrews and pianist Jeffrey Miller for a program of solos and ensembles. Also joining us will be tenor Dinyar Vania, and Zimo Liu, our trumpeter in our Easter services. For this concert Zimo will play the piano and will be joined by Jessica Li to play piano duets.

YOUNGER YOUTH EVENT

11:30 am in Room 202/204

Kids in grades 3 - 6 meet for lunch, fellowship, and fun!

6 WORSHIP: FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10 am in the Sanctuary

Jesus Predicts Peters Denial (Mark 14:27-31, 47-49)

Join us for worship at 10 am including a performance by our Orff Ensemble.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

11:00 am in Founders Hall

Join us after worship for our Mission to Maine Fundraiser featuring pancakes, sausage, and more! \$10 per plate, \$5 for children.

NOONDAY CONCERT

12 pm in the Sanctuary (New Time)



Nicole Joseph and Martin Hargrove return for a varied program of songs and duets. The program will include, among other things, excerpts from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess, one of the most beloved of all American operas.

8 FRIENDS & FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

12 pm in Founders Hall

All are welcome. Advanced Registration needed.

CARE CHOIR

Our Care Choir will perform at 2 pm.

UNPLUGGED COFFEEHOUSE

9 7 pm in Fellowship Hall



Our featured musical artist this week is Sharon Sable.

See back page for list of Holy Week services and special events.

22 OPEN GYM

2 pm - 8 pm in Founders Hall

Kids are invited to come play in Founder's Hall as we open the ball closet and have fun with hula hoops, jump ropes, gaga ball, etc. Dinner will be served. An adult must stay.

27 NOONDAY CONCERT

11:30 am in the Sanctuary

Ben Andrews and Henry Eichman (of the US Army Band in Washington, DC) will perform "Introduction to the World of Percussion," an educational and interactive percussion exploration. Come be entertained as you learn about the snare drum, tambourine, triangle, marimba, and more!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 13TH

Worship at 10 am

The Triumphal Entry (Mark 11:1-11; 14:50-52)

Celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem at this 10 am Service of Worship. Special music this year will include a string quartet. All children are invited to meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am for the Palm Processional.

Easter Egg Hunt

11:30 am in the Meadow

Hippity, hoppity, Easter's on its way. Invite your family and friends to join us for our Easter Egg hunt after morning worship. Children of all ages are invited! Meet us in the Lower Meadow.

Youth Shopping Spree

12 noon from Founders Hall

Grades 6-12, join us for our annual Youth Shopping Spree to gather Easter meal bag items, followed by lunch together!

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 17TH

Service Project & Dinner

6 pm in Founders Hall

Help us pack Easter Meals for families in need, and share a meal of Meatball subs together before our Maundy Thursday worship service.

Maundy Thursday Worship

7 pm in Founders Hall

As the cross of Jesus begins to loom increasingly large, we will remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples and his betrayal and arrest in a Service of Worship at 7 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18TH

Easter Meal Handout

9 am - 11 am at the Table of Plenty

Help us hand out special Easter meals to the community through our partner Table of Plenty from 9 am - 11 am. Youth participation encouraged.

Good Friday Service

12 pm in the Sanctuary

We will remember Jesus' crucifixion and death in a meditative Service of Worship and Prayer at 12:00 pm.

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20TH

Resurrection Remembrance with Dove Release

9 am by the Memory Garden

Join us for this 20-minute service of reflection and hope. This special gathering includes the reading of names of those who have died in the past year, acoustic guitar music, and a dove release symbolizing resurrection and peace. To add a name to be read at the service, please contact Julie at office@rccpc.org.



Worship at 10 am

Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus!

Special music will include our children's choir, Festival Choir, Hallelujah Chorus, and feature organ, trumpet, and timpani. Following worship please join us for fellowship time.