



Lenten Soup Suppers

This year we will continue the tradition of having a sacrificial meal together each Wednesday during Lent. We will ask various members of the congregation sign up to provide a crockpot of soup, bread, or a salad. There will be no dessert since Lent is typically a time of sacrifice. We would appreciate people bringing their own table service as we are trying to be gentle on the environment but bowls and flatware will be available.

The meal will begin at 6:00 pm and after we have eaten there will be a devotion provided by different members of the congregation. We should be finished shortly after 7:00 pm. There will be no charge for the meal but there will be a basket for donations (we are Methodists, after all.) Any money collected will be used to feed the hungry in our own community. It will be divided between the Living Bread Ministry and a fund to support the holiday baskets our church provides each year. We don't plan for this to be a late evening and we encourage families to bring their children.

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 9. Traditionally there has not been a meal that evening because of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper the night before which will be sponsored by our church this year (do plan to attend)

and because the choir will have a program on that evening. We will begin our Soup Suppers the following Wednesday, March 16, and continue each Wednesday for the remainder of Lent.

Last year our group grew to about fifty by the end of Lent. We hope we can begin with a comparable group and that it will continue to grow during the ensuing weeks.

We will be providing each church family with a small devotional book like the one we used last year. They will be available before the beginning of Lent. We hope everyone will take advantage of this opportunity to prepare ourselves for Easter and all it can mean to us personally and as a church.

We look forward to sharing this time of fellowship with you during Lent.

Mary Netzer and Linda Archibald,
Co-chairmen for Soup Suppers