

## Lenten Sundays

The 40-day season of Lent is time to “go to the core” – to work on some of our basic, shared understandings of what it means to be followers of Jesus. So for five Sundays we will be thinking together about five core aspects of Christian faith.

- February 18: God’s Love Will Not Let You Go
- February 25: God Gives Us Hope that Lasts
- March 4: Faith Goes Beyond Do’s and Don’t’s
- March 11: Where Healing Begins
- March 18: New Life from Under Ground

## Lenten Study

Two study groups will be meeting in the Lounge on four consecutive Wednesdays, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m., beginning February 21. Discussions will focus on Rowan Williams’ book, “Being Christian”, which deals with four common Christian practices: baptism, reading the Bible, receiving the Lord’s Supper, and prayer. Noontime participants may bring a brownbag lunch. Because we are discussing a book, please contact the office by Friday, February 9, so that we can order a copy for you (\$10). You do not need to commit to all sessions or to coming the same time each week.



New! We are forming a seven-session small group, scheduled to meet on Tuesdays in April, May, and June. We will focus on living the “new creation” reality that Easter creates. Each gathering will include time for fellowship, Bible teaching, discussion, and prayer. Please call the church office if you are interested.

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Stop by our welcome tent  
during Somerville’s  
St. Patrick’s Day Parade  
for a chance to win a  
Shop Rite gift card!  
Sunday, March 11 at 1:30 p.m.



## Lent Spring 2018



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## The Lenten Season

### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14

6:00 p.m.

We begin the Lenten season with a potluck supper, followed by an informal service, which will include the imposition of ashes. All are welcome to join us. Please bring a main dish or salad. RSVP to the church office at (908) 725-4545 by February 12.



### Palm Sunday A Celebration

Sunday, March 25

10:00 a.m.

We will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry, waving palms and singing joyful songs, as we prepare for the coming gift of salvation.



### Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion

Thursday, March 29

6:00 p.m.

We will gather in Fellowship Hall for a potluck dinner, hosted by our Parish Life Committee. We will then re-enact the Lord's Supper, as Jesus and the disciples ate and drank together on the night he was betrayed. Please bring a special cup from home for communion. RSVP to the church office at (908) 725-4545 by March 26.

### Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Friday, March 30

7:30 p.m.

The church gathers for a solemn service at the foot of the cross, remembering the depth of God's Love for us in scripture, song and prayer.

## Easter Sunday - April 1



### Easter Community Service

8:30 a.m.

We will gather with other local congregations at the Lord Fountain (corner of Grove and Main Streets) for a brief celebration led by several pastors of congregations from Somerville.

### Easter Sunday Celebration

10:00 a.m.

The church gathers to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. The service will include a message guaranteed to lift your spirits in praise to God for a new life.

### SHIP's Community Holiday Meal

12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP) will serve a **free**, traditional holiday meal to those in need. Meals can also be taken to go! To date, SHIP has served more than 12,000 holiday meals from United's Fellowship Hall. St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center will also be onsite to provide free pet services to needy pet owners.



## Other Happenings

### Bunco!

Friday, February 23

6:30 p.m.

Come for some fun, fellowship and Bunco, a simple dice game, which lends itself to socializing and meeting new people. There will be cash and other prizes! Cost is \$5 per person. Light refreshments will be served. Please call the church office at (908) 725-4545 to reserve your spot at a table.



### Boy Scouts Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 9

5:30 p.m.

United has been the charter organization for Boy Scout Troop 83 since 1938. Join us in supporting their fish and chips fundraiser. The menu includes fresh cod fish, "chips", coleslaw, beverage and a dessert. Tickets available at the church office: Adults \$15, Seniors \$14, Children under the age of 6 \$10. For tickets call: (908) 635-8761.



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Virtual Easter Egg Hunt!  
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February 14 through April 1

