



Lessons: 1 Peter 3:18-22; Psalm 51:1-12; Mark 1:9-15

What is Lent? The word Lent comes from the Old English '*lencten*', meaning spring, and refers to our 40-day Holy season before Easter. That being said, in Canada we may not feel spring is around the corner when Lent begins. However, the 40 days is significant as Jesus himself fasted for 40 days in the wilderness before beginning his earthly ministry. Since the 7th century after Christ's resurrection, we've set apart the 40 days before Easter as days of special penitential prayer and fasting.

Note, the Sundays in that time frame are not counted as days to fast. Lent now is observed as a time of abstinence from festivities, by almsgiving and by devoting time to more prayer and Bible study.

Connect Youth. Carrie Onstein comes to speak at two services next Sunday, Feb. 18, 9:30 at St. John and 11:30 at St. James. Their mandate is to support homeless youth in the region and you'll be very interested to hear about their work based out of the South Grenville District High School. Friends are very welcome!

Mayfield Service. Are you free on Tuesdays? Think about joining Judy and Rev. Tracey at the Mayfield Communion service, this Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Come and share in this ministry. Greet the seniors, show your care for them, help them find pages in their hymn book and lend your voice to our praises!

Bible study begins. Just a reminder for those who signed up, our Bible study begins Saturday, Feb. 17, 10:30 at St. Paul's hall.

St. Paul Community Potluck. For those connected with the groups of St. Paul church, we have a celebration potluck on Saturday, Feb. 17, 5 p.m., in the hall.

Paint Nights. Why not explore your artistic side and support a terrific cause, the Morningstar Mission. Come to Paint Night Wednesday, Feb. 21, or Wednesday, March 7, at St. John hall. Cost is \$40 for instruction, paint and your own canvas to take home with a winter scene in Limerick Forest. Call Gail to book in, 925.3671.

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1st Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2018

Services: 9:30 am at St. Paul and
St. John, 11 am at St. James

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LAST AFTER EPIPHANY TRANSFIGURATION – FEBRUARY 11 – CON'T

St. James annual frozen berry sale deadline for orders **February 19**. You may order bags of frozen wild blueberries, cranberries and raspberries online at <http://www.grenvilleanglicans.com/>. Just click on Fundraising and you will see complete instructions. Phone orders: 348.3657, 865.7144, 246.2986.

Pre-authorized giving. This New Year you will have an opportunity for you to learn about pre-authorized giving in support of your church. You might like to speak to one of the wardens or our treasurers at church about this safe and very easy way to have your offerings go straight from your account to ours. Rev. Tracey notes: It saves paper, plus envelopes AND eliminates the frustration of forgetting our cheques or envelopes at home on a Sunday...which we've all experienced from time to time.

And if you are not comfortable with using pre-authorized giving there is another option. You might like to give post-dated cheques which we can safely store and use accordingly.

Thanks for your understanding, and please don't hesitate to ask us any questions.

At St. Paul:

Saturday, Feb. 17, 10:30 a.m. Bible study begins.

Saturday, Feb. 17, 5 p.m., community potluck.

At St. John:

Sunday, Feb. 18, Carrie Onstein of Connect Youth speaks at 9:30 service.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, first Paint Night. Phone 925.3617 to register.

At St. James

Sunday, Feb. 18, Carrie Onstein of Connect Youth speaks at 11 a.m. service. Lunch follows.

A couple of important phone numbers: Contact for Revs. Tracey and David is **613.925.0043**. Illana Dobson is parish nurse and her phone number is 613.246.2986. Feel free to phone Illana with health questions or to request a visit. Parish email: dsmith195@cogeco.ca.