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Getting the Word Out - - - - from Pastor Bob

THE JOURNEY OF LENT STUDY SERIES began at Noon, last Wednesday, February 28th in Fellowship Hall with the Pastor's wife, The Reverend Jane Wallace leading the study. The format is in the form of a book review. Bring a sack lunch. Soft drinks, iced tea and hot coffee are provided. A sign-up sheet is on the table in Fellowship Hall. Please let Jane know you will be present for this hour of Lenten spiritual renewal and preparation..

WHAT IS LENT? Lent is one of Christianity's oldest observances meant to symbolize the 40-day fast of Jesus in the desert. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Good Friday. It originally began as a two to three day period of penitence and reflection and was extended to 40 days in 325 A.D. to prepare adult Christians for baptism. As infant baptism became more prevalent, the practice of fasting was extended to all Christians. In the 16th century during the Protestant reformation, many Christians ceased fasting. To give up something for Lent is a personal decision. Some say that giving up something helps them prepare for Easter and remind them that it is coming. In short, Lent is a time of Easter preparation.

It's on my heart

Sometimes saying "Thank you" doesn't seem like enough. Last Sunday is a good example of what I mean. The lovely plaque, generous check and outstanding luncheon complete with a cake, was overwhelming to me as well as Jane. What you did for "Pastor Appreciation Sunday" was more than we ever anticipated or expected. This is the first event of this type we have ever been a part of, and it was truly unforgettable. You are truly a wonderful congregation. There is so much love and fellowship here that it is contagious. The first Sunday Jane and I were here was almost a year ago and you greeted both of us with open arms as soon as we walked in the door. Your arms have continued to enfold us and we have tried to do the same for all of you. We are truly blessed to be a part of this ministry and look forward to being with you a long time. God bless!

REMEMBER OUR LENTEN SCHEDULE

SUN APR 1—Palm Sunday Worship. THURS APR 5 Maunday Thursday Communion Service 7 PM. The altar will be stripped after Communion. FRIDAY APR 6 Good Friday Worship Service 7 PM
SUNDAY APRIL 8th Community Easter Sunrise Service on the water at Everglades National Park, followed by Worship at 11 AM. Each of these days are important in the Christian Calendar.

ATTEND WED. LENTEN STUDIES THROUGH APRIL 4th.