



LENT

Turning Towards Home

Lent is a time of repentance and renewal.

Repentance can seem like a scary word, but it doesn't have to be. To repent means, quite literally, to *turn around*, to change direction. As one writer shared, "Repent" is part of the poetry of exile, something that the Israelites knew a lot about. Repenting, when in exile, meant going home. *(Rick Morley)*

Lent is a season in which Jesus tells us that we can *go home*, and that God will welcome us back, throwing God's arms around us. That's pretty amazing good news!

Join us Feb. 22—April 7 as we embark on our journey towards home and the great day of Resurrection!

WORSHIP - Beginning on February 22 with Ash Wednesday and continuing through the six Sundays in Lent, we will explore how we can 'repent or turn' towards the life God wants for us. Join us as we follow Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem, from the seaside to Calvary. Discover what new life is possible when we turn everything in our lives towards the love of God.

DEVOTION- We will join in personal and

small group reflection, exploring the book, "Forty Days of Fruitful Living." This book will guide us through daily readings designed to inspire and encourage us, helping us cultivate the essential practices of a life lived in grace - to receive God's love, to love God in return, to grow in Christ, to serve others, and to give back.

GIVING BACK—A portion of our Lenten journey will be shared by the East County United Methodist Mission Area Congregations. On all six Sundays during Lent, we will bring food for our neighbors in need. The food collected the first 3 weeks will be given to the Food Ministry at El Cajon First UMC, and in the second 3 weeks, it will be given to the Santee Food Bank. Imagine how much food we can collect when all the United Methodists in East County reach out together to serve our community.

Join **TOGETHER** on a journey **TURNING TOWARDS HOME**
this **LENT** - Discover the fruitful life God has for you!

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Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Join Us as We Remember the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012

Join us as we participate in a Palm Sunday Procession and remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as he began the last week of his life on earth as we gather in worship at 8:15 and 10 am this day, celebrating Holy Communion.

Holy Thursday April 5, 2012
Last Supper Service
7 pm

Don't miss this important night of worship as we remember Jesus' last night with his followers.

Good Friday April 6, 2012
Tenebrae Service
7 pm

Join us for a powerful worship of light and shadows on this evening as we remember Jesus' crucifixion and death.

Community Pancake Breakfast—Saturday, April 7, 2012
Serve our community neighbors from 8—10 am as we hold our monthly breakfast!

"The Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed!"

EASTER CELEBRATIONS BEGIN

April 8, 2012

6:30 am—Community Sunrise Service—Santee Lakes

8:15 am & 10 am—Resurrection Celebration Services

April 15, 2012

8:30 am — 3 pm - IMPACT SUNDAY

Don't miss this day of worship, service and fellowship as United Methodists across East County reach out to our neighborhoods with helping hands as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ!