

LENT AT RIDEAU PARK 2012

Lent is a sacred season.

It is an opportunity. It is a gift. The word *Lent* is derived from the Anglo Saxon word "lencten" or spring; like spring, Lent is an opportunity for new life, for growth, for making things new again.

Since 2002, our congregation has set aside meetings in the season of Lent in order to create space in our schedules so that we can make more room for God: through labyrinth walking, prayer, midweek worship, studies and fellowship...May this Lent be a time of blessing for you.

Wednesday Evening Services: (February 22 to March 28) 7:15 to 7:45 pm in the Chapel. Lay led with communion. A time of reflection and renewal in the midst of a busy week.

Lenten Book Study: Starting Saturday, February 25

at 9 am, a Lenten Book Study for six Saturdays. The book we will be using this year is Philip Newell's *Christ of the Celts: The Healing of Creation: "Sensing a widespread yearning for peace and a great need to reconnect with the Earth, tapping into the riches of the Celtic Christian tradition, Newell identifies new hope for humanity in the presence of God in everyday life."*

We will meet for a potluck breakfast, followed by our book study, and end at 11 am. If you are interested in lively discussion and the opportunity to grow spiritually in a welcoming community, we would love to see you there! The sign up for the study is on the Sunday School Counter.

Lenten Labyrinth: During Lent our Labyrinth will be made available in Beecroft Hall available on Friday afternoons, starting at noon each week. To walk the labyrinth is to prayerfully walk with God. It is a sacred space where walking the pattern leads one into the centre, deeper into God.

COPTIC CHRISTIANITY: Presentation, Discussion and Supper. Come and hear a presentation by Fr. Shenouda Doss Boutros, Priest of St. Mary Coptic Church of Ottawa and learn about the ancient Egyptian Coptic faith tradition and its history. Hear too the story of the Coptic community in contemporary Egypt amid the "Arab Spring." This event will be held in our Church Parlour on Sunday, February 26, at 4:00 pm. All are welcome. To help plan the supper, please sign up for this event using the sign up sheet on the Sunday School counter.

2011 Spirituality Project: Creation Prayer-A Prayer Resource for Lent 2012

Prayer books with daily prayers for Lent, with a Creation centered theme, are available as of Sunday February 19. We hope to have an online version too. May this guide help us to pray our way through a sacred season.

Movie for Lent: Tuesday, March 27 at 7pm, Title to be announced.



Climate Change

A series of Wednesday night presentations:

February 22

Kathryn Guindon, from Faith & the Common Good:
“What Role Faith Communities have when it comes to Global Warming”.

February 29

Dr. John Stone, Carleton University: “Climate Change”

March 7

Robert Fox, Executive Director, Oxfam Canada: “Climate Change and Food”.

March 14

James Bruce, Soil and Water Conservation Society: “Climate Change and Water”.

March 21

Prayer Stations in the Sanctuary: 6 :30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m:
“An experience of prayer for God’s earth”

March 28

Panel discussion with all of our guest speakers.

At Rideau Park United Church
2203 Alta Vista Dr
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All presentations start at 8pm

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