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Dear Church,

As this cold and snowy February comes to an end, and we transition to the season of Lent this March, I am thankful for the ways we have collectively and corporately seen God revealing himself to us in the Word (the written word and the World Made Flesh) and in history and our story.

Epiphany is the season in which we contemplate the God who has revealed himself in the Old Testament and the New Testament, in our day and ultimately in the person of Jesus Christ. As we consider how God has revealed himself and what he has revealed about himself, we have been asking the question, "What is being revealed to us?"

As we dwelt on Psalm 136 this past Sunday, we were reminded of the steadfast love of God that endures forever and of the works of God that remind us of this truth. As the Psalmist recalls God's acts on Israel's behalf in Psalm 136, we could easily echo those sentiments by recalling the steadfast love of God on display in the history of First Church of the Resurrection.

Over the past several months, Pastor JR has been working hard with members of the congregation, historians and artists to create a project that we've referred to as the Legacy Wall. This timeline will fill the wall space leading into the sanctuary and tell the story of First Church of the Resurrection as a permanent remembrance of God's work in and through this church through its generations. This has been a labor of love made possible by memorial gifts given over the years to honor past members of the congregation. As you can imagine, it is a challenge to mount a project of this magnitude. We are thankful for the ONE Center of Leadership's enthusiasm for this project and all others who have been helping to make it a reality. As changes and updates continue to happen at the building, we are so glad this section of the building will be a place to tell our story, which is an important part of God's story here in Canton. We are excited to soon announce the date of the installation and hope to plan a celebration for the unveiling.

On the Legacy Wall, the story will be told through the different eras or generations of our history (1st Gen: 1810-1830; 2nd Gen: 1836-1861; 3rd Gen: 1862-1887; 4th Gen: 1888-1913; 5th Gen: 1914-1939; 6th Gen: 1940-1965; 7th Gen: 1966-1991; 8th Gen: 1992-2017; 9th Gen: 2018-present). As I've reflected on God's work in and through First Church of the Resurrection, I am overwhelmed when I consider the political and social changes represented in each of these eras and how the church has continued to adapt, change and recreate itself for the good and blessing of the people of Canton. Throughout seasons of war, peace, recessions, prosperity, technological innovation, cultural shifts, and global pandemics, the steadfast love of God has been evident in His grace towards this church and our commitment to sharing that love in the surrounding community. We again find ourselves in the midst of some major cultural, political and economic shifts that have impacted our church, our community and our world. Our capacity to minister effectively is once again at a crossroads. As we look into an uncertain future, let us remember the steadfast love of God that has been with us in generations past and promises to endure forever. It is our prayer that this Legacy Wall will serve as a reminder of God's steadfast love to future generations and that the stories told of those who have come before will inspire hope and courage in those generations who will come after.

Psalm 136:1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His steadfast love endures forever.

Grace + Peace,
Pastors Amy & JR Rozko

March 2022

Birthdays:

2nd-Helen Wentworth 8th - Jonathan Casto
 9th-Pastor JR Rozko 13th-Barb Ackelson
 17th-Briana Casto 30th-Anna Martin

Anniversaries:

4th-Jim & Sandy Bellamy

Your Friends and Family at First Church of the Resurrection want to wish you all a joyous celebration and many blessings for the year to come!

Please Pray for:

Shirley Jordy Judy Snyder Diane Fair
 Jim Ackelson Donna Blair
 Zella Yohe

In the Military:

Scott Gordon R J Smith Aaron Schlabach
 Josh Porco Kellan Gier Scott Smeltzer
 Brian George Steven Okey Ryan Souers
 Luke Groves Robert Blair

Serving as Mission Partners:

Leonel & Belgica Ortiz - Columbia
 Greg, Megan, Lydia & Theodore Owens - Middle East
 Andrew & Sarah - Middle East

Your Leadership Council at Work February 8, 2022

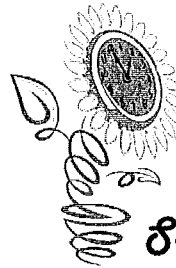
- In person Sunday morning services will begin February 27th
- The Legacy wall will hopefully be completed soon
- The Chapel will be open Ash Wednesday, March 2nd

Servants for God Forever,
 Leadership Council

Pray for the following local churches, their

Pastors and leadership:

Eternal Light Christian Center
 Evangelical Friends
 Faith Cathedral
 Faith Community Church
 Faith Family Church
 Faith Fellowship Church



*Spring Ahead
 Sunday, March 13*

Financial Report For January 2022

Income: \$ 8,578
 Expenses: \$ 13,595
 \$ -5,017



Stop in and grab the
 March/April Upper Room now
 available in the sanctuary.

Usher's Committee Report Sunday Attendance

January 2022

10:00 AM

Date	Adults	Children	Total
Jan 2	17	0	17
Jan 9	24	0	24
Jan 16	21	0	21
Jan 23	21	0	21
Jan 30	24	0	24
Total	107	0	107

Sunday total average = 21.4
 Sunday average of children = 0

Timothy A. Dobbins Sr.

Age 82, of Canton, passed away Tuesday February 1, 2022 in the home that he built. He was born October 16, 1939 in Canton to the late Anthony and Lovisey (Cain) Dobbins. He was a 1958 graduate of the Canton South High School and a member of the Church of Resurrection. He retired from Diebold Inc. after 30 years and Canton Local Schools as a bus driver after 12 years of service. He is preceded in death by two sons, Timothy A. Dobbins Jr. and Troy Dobbins; 12 brothers and sisters. Timothy is survived by his wife, Shirley A. (Hackley) to whom he was married 62 years; two daughters, Tami (Dave) Cain and Terri (Dan) Gozdan; two grandchildren, Sarah Sears and Matthew (Robin) Reed; two step-grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren; one sister, Antonia "Tiny" Pope.

As JR continues to mourn the death of his father and deal with some evolving needs in his extended family, the elders have agreed to grant him a time of bereavement leave from now through the end of the February to grieve and focus on ministry to his family.

He is very thankful for the outpouring of love and support from this community. The cards and messages have been much appreciated. Pastor Amy will continue to work her normal hours and be on-call for any needs. Please reach out to Pastor Amy with any questions.

Ash Wednesday March 2, 2022



Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent, has its roots in the 4th century when this mark of repentance - the ashen cross - was embraced as a sign that we all are sinners, invited to repent and to walk with Jesus on this long Lenten journey.

In Lent, we are invited to enter into death with Jesus - the death of all that is old and dying in us - so that we may also be united with him in his resurrected life.

In keeping with the season of fasting, repentance, and prayer, we are creating a space in the Chapel on Wednesday, March 2 for individuals to spend time in contemplation and confession; inspecting our hearts, speaking truthfully of what we see there.

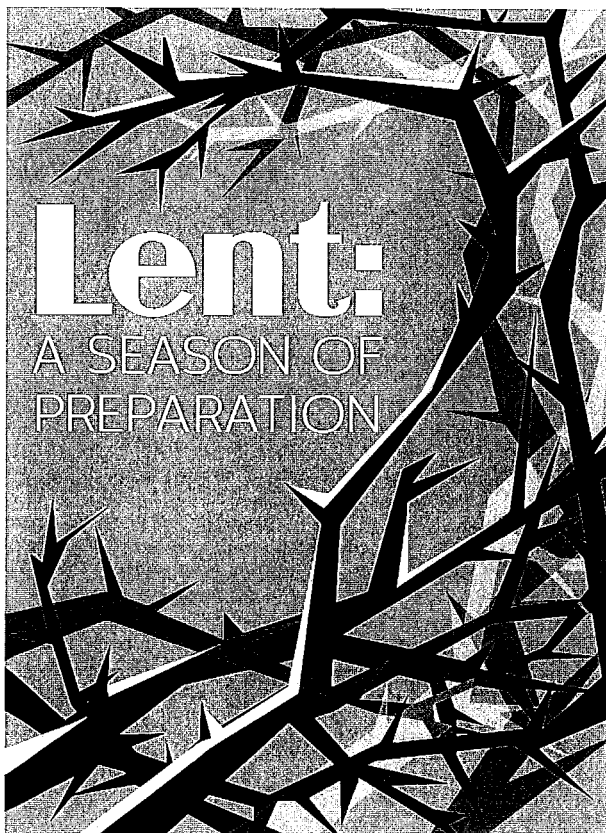
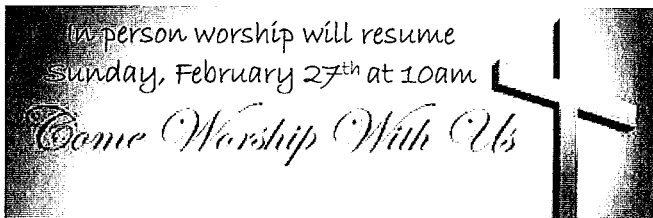
As a sign of our frailty and mortality, we take the sign of the cross upon our foreheads or hands in ashes. But in the ashes, there is also hope. For though we take upon our bodies a sign of our own death, we also remember that it is the cross that promises freedom, healing, and the salvation of new life in Christ.

The Chapel will be open for individuals to participate in a self-guided contemplative experience throughout the day. Instructions on the experience will be by the door.

Pastors JR and Amy Rozko will be present from 8-9am, 12-1pm and 5-6pm for those who wish to receive ashes. Since the experience is self-paced you may come and go at any time.

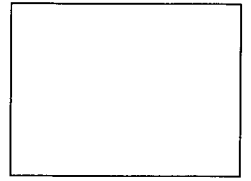


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