



# First Reports



## Mark your Calendar

- **Wednesdays Mar 8-April 5**
- 5:00pm - Adult Bible Study
- 6:00pm - Lenten Soup Supper
- **7:00pm - Lenten Worship**
- **9:30am - Mar 11<sup>th</sup> - Council Retreat**
- 9:00am - Mar 18<sup>th</sup> - Spring Cleaning
- 7:00pm - Mar 20 - Church Council

## Looking Ahead...

**April 13 - Maundy Thursday**  
**7:00pm Worship**

**April 14 - Good Friday**  
**12:00 & 7:00pm - Worship Service**

**5:00pm - April 15 Easter Eve Worship**  
**10:30am - April 16 - Easter Worship**

## Housecleaning

*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away, see everything has become new". Romans 5:17*

Lent has traditionally been a time of cleaning house; in fact the practice of "Spring Cleaning" may be related to the religious practice of clearing the kitchen of fat on Mardi Gras, or Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is meant to be only the beginning of a time of taking stock in every part of our lives. In Lent we are called to consider not only the excesses of our material existence that need to be purged, but also anything in our spirits or minds that needs reassessment and clearing out. Instead of understanding Lent as a grim and joyless period, we might remember Paul's encouragement to see Lent as a time of becoming new. As a person who has moved a few times from one house to another in my life, I know that before you enter a new house, you need to clean out the old one, decide what is to be kept and what is to be discarded, and discern what new items you might need to acquire for a new situation in life.

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