

## 2019 Lenten Series

# ABIDE: Blessed in the Mess

**Life is messy** ... messy families, messy faith, messy communities, messy church. Unpack it all with us during Lent.

### **MESSY EVENTS:**

#### **Ash Wednesday – March 6**

5:00 Family Friendly Worship

6:00 Ash Wednesday Dinner

7:30 Ecumenical Taizé Worship

Have dinner (ribs and mashed potatoes) after the Family Friendly service or before the Taizé service. Reserve your spot online or in the Church Office. Cost is \$9/person with reservations made by March 4, or \$10/person at the door.

#### **“Bless this Mess: Our Real Lives” Photo Challenge March 1 through April 10**

Take a photo and share your mess, whatever it might be, with your First Pres family. God knows our messes and loves us anyway! Send photos to [photos@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:photos@firstpresbyterian.org) and watch as our mess, with God, transforms into beauty throughout Lent.

#### **Messy Living Art Workshop – Messy Food, Messy Art, Messy Life!**

**Friday, March 8, 5:00-7:30 p.m., in the Social Hall**

Join us as we discover Christ in the mess. This will be a hands-on, intergenerational evening of messy food, messy art, and messy life as we create together in fellowship. A dinner of hot dogs, fruit, and chips will be offered for \$4/person, or \$12/family. For questions, volunteer opportunities and information, contact Beca Torres-Davenport at 662-4466, ext. 342 or [btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org).

#### **Lenten Adult Education Series**

*ABIDE: Blessed in the Mess* will dive into deep, thoughtful conversations, and robust discussions about the complicated nature of the world, while recognizing God's presence in the midst of the chaos. We believe that Jesus abides with us, and blesses us, even in the messiest moments of our lives. Join the conversation on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

March 10 - Jesus

March 17 - The Bible

March 24 - Faith

March 31 - Community

April 7 - Family

April 14 - Moments

## **Wednesday Lenten Contemplation**

All are welcome to meet in Monteith Hall Wednesday mornings during Lent, from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. for a time of guided contemplation. This time will be followed by a silent walking meditation on the way to a restaurant for breakfast for those who have the time/interest. This weekly centering time will be led by Kate Drinkwater or Kathy Wirstrom. Find focus and fellowship during Lent.

## **Lenten Small Groups**

### ***Living with Contradictions: Benedictine Spirituality***

**Tuesdays, March 12 – April 9, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in the Lewis Room**

Rev. Annette Fraser leads this Lenten group based on the book *Living with Contradictions: Benedictine Spirituality* by Esther Wahl. Bring a journal or notebook.

Experience a 24-Hour Silent Retreat Friday, March 8 – Saturday March 9, at St. Augustine's House. Contact Rev. Annette (nnttfraser@gmail.com) for more details or to register.

### ***Final Words from the Cross***

Small groups are forming to explore *Final Words from the Cross* by Adam Hamilton. In life, in death, and even in the mess, Jesus' words were powerful and meaningful. Sign up on our website or in the Church Office. More information is available there. Books (\$15) may be purchased in the Church Office.

## **Messy Movie Nights**

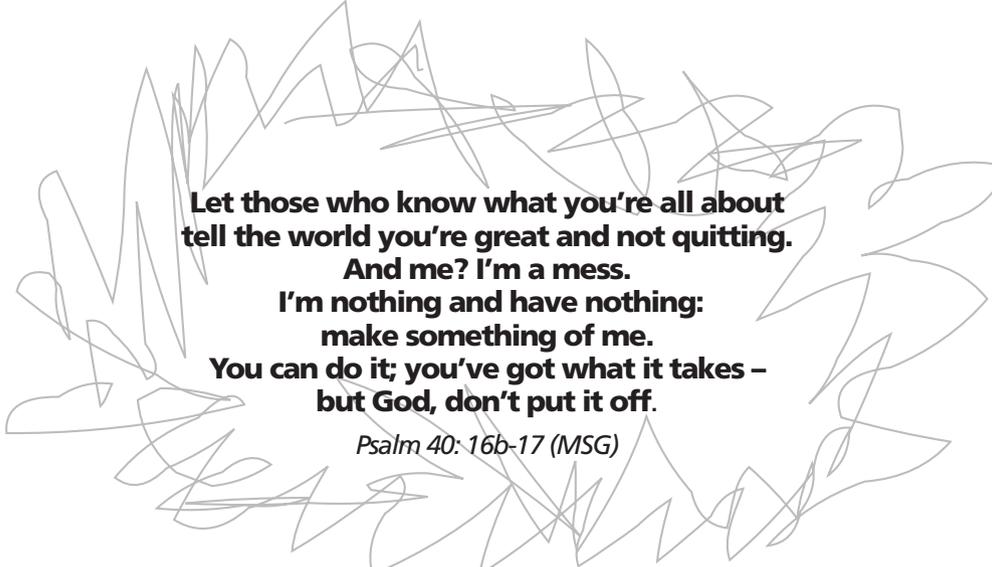
**Wednesdays, March 20, April 3, and April 10, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Explore faith with family and friends as we eat, watch a movie, and discuss how Christ is present in mess. Dinner is \$5 per person. Watch for more information. Contact Beca (btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org) or Essie (essie@firstpresbyterian.org) with questions or to volunteer. Please sign up online or in the Church Office. Join us for one or join us for all!

## **Peeps and Pizza Fair**

**Saturday, April 13, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Social Hall**

Team up with family and friends, enjoy a pizza lunch together (\$5/person) and create your own Bible story shoe box diorama using Peeps! We'll supply the Peeps, shoe boxes, construction paper, scissors, and glue. Bring extra things for decorating if you wish. The dioramas will be displayed on Sunday morning, April 14. RSVP for the pizza lunch online or contact Beca (btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org).



**Let those who know what you're all about  
tell the world you're great and not quitting.  
And me? I'm a mess.  
I'm nothing and have nothing:  
make something of me.  
You can do it; you've got what it takes –  
but God, don't put it off.**

*Psalm 40: 16b-17 (MSG)*