

Spring Forward

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I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:19

Springing forward with our clocks is definitely a sign of spring, however there are more significant things going on. Lent starts in the winter and for many is the dreary time of the year and a long drawn out period. For some it is a time of sacrificing and reflection on their relationship with God.

We at FUMC of Wayne/Westland also use it as a time of fellowship and enrichment with our Wednesday night Lenten Programs and as a time for sharing with our community through our fish fries. Both of these programs are beneficial to us as individuals, to the community, and to the Church.

Another way we might look at Lent is a time of “spring cleaning”. A time when we look at ourselves deeply and honestly, in this work, we first find ourselves alone and exposed not only to our vices, but also to the good works in our lives. We must open our hearts and minds to our entire self both good and bad, remembering that we are not alone in this work.

God goes with us, moving gently and compassionately guiding and nurturing our Lenten journey as we “Spring Forward.”

Holy week provides more springing forward. The story goes from the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, to the horrible events of Good Friday. Then with a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last and says “it is finished.” Jesus is not finished, but rather the work he came to do is finished.

Then comes Easter! Many have tried to destroy the gospel for centuries, but no one can keep Jesus’ body in the grave. His resurrection power lives on and is spreading across the earth. The rest of the story is ours. What do we do with Easter?

Christ is Risen!

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philip. 1:4