

St. Andrew's United Church of Christ Lenten Series



The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22 and is a period of 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday leading up to Easter. Lent is a time of preparation through prayer and self-denial — for the commemoration during Holy Week of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. It is a time of reflection on one's relationship with God.

The Lenten season will begin with a special **Ash Wednesday worship service** will be held on **Wednesday, February 22 at 7 p.m.** with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Then, beginning on February 29 and continuing each Wednesday through March 28, our **Lenten Series** will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This year we are privileged to have **Geoff Zahn** serve as our leader for this Series. Geoff has been a regular attendee at St. Andrew's for the past several months.

Geoff was a 12 year Major League baseball pitcher winning over 100 games! On November 10, 2011 Geoff was inducted into the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame.

From 1995 - 2001 Geoff coached the University of Michigan baseball team. He has been a pitching clinician and instructor for over 25 years and has authored several articles for MLB.com as well as "Collegiate Baseball". He is now a motivational and Christian speaker.

Geoff will have much to share with us each Wednesday. He was a pitcher with determination! He heard from Pro Scouts and his own General Manager that he would NEVER pitch in the Big Leagues! With his Christian Faith and an extreme "Will to Win" he went on to pitch over 11 years in the Major Leagues for the Dodgers, Cubs, Twins, and Angels.

The topics Geoff will focus upon on five Wednesdays in Lent will include the following:

1. Can you trust the Coach's rules and playbook? (Feb. 29)
2. Are we born self-centered, God-centered, or neutral?
What is your world view? (Mar. 7)
3. A beatitude attitude. The result is not very attractive. (Mar. 14)
4. Forgiveness and love: Want peace? Then stop the truce till you can reload. (Mar. 21)
5. Tebow and us. The question is not if God is on our side. (Mar. 28)

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Each Wednesday the Lenten Series will be preceded by a **potluck dinner at 5:45 p.m.** at which the main dish will be provided. If you are able, please bring a side dish or dessert to add to the meal. **If you are unable to attend the dinner please plan to attend the Series from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

The Lenten season will culminate with Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday (April 1), Maundy Thursday (Communion service), Good Friday (Community service at Dexter United Methodist Church) and Easter Sunday (April 8).

You are encouraged to invite friends and family of all ages to come and hear Geoff Zahn as the Lord uses him in our midst!

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You may also find further information about Geoff on his website www.geoffzahn.com

