

Greetings from FCCOE!

We, the Christian Ed Committee, are writing to invite you to join us on a 40-day reading journey to the cross of Jesus during the season of Lent.

Enclosed are 40 readings from the Gospel of Luke that follow Jesus' journey to the cross in Jerusalem. You are invited to read a short scripture passage each day with those in your household. The readings are enclosed in two formats: a large-print list, and a one-page calendar. There are questions on the calendar that you are welcome to use for meditation upon or discussion of the text each day.

Additionally, we hope that you kept your wooden dowel figures from our Advent journey this past December. (If you haven't, no worries, feel free to use other figures, stones, etc., on this Lenten journey.)

During Advent, we journeyed 25 days to the manger, and we used those figures as a physical reminder that each day we read a Scripture, we were one day closer to our celebration of the miracle of Jesus' birth.

During Lent, we will now journey 40 days from the *creche* to the *cross*. You are invited to use those same figures on this journey. You could even go back into your attic or basement, find one of your manger scenes from your Christmas decor, and use the manger as the starting point for your wooden figures. You can then adorn and set up the enclosed cross as your destination.

We hope this activity will help you feel connected to the rest of the church community, as we will all be reading the same verses on the same day.

May the Lord bless you and keep you as you journey with Jesus to the cross. May you be reminded of his great love for you, and of your great need for him, and may that reminder draw your heart close to him in worship and gratitude.

Blessings,
The CE Committee