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February 2023 Newsletter

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February-March Calendar

Wednesday, February 22 ... Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 23 ... Lent Madness 2023 begins

Sunday, February 26 ... Annual meeting following worship service

Sunday, March 12 ... Daylight Saving Time begins

Annual Meeting

The Little Brown Church will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, Feb. 26, immediately following the worship service. At this time, we will review the budget and make plans for the following year. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate – members and non-members alike – as we reach consensus on our activities for 2023.

Refreshments will be served.

Ash Wednesday service

Niles Discovery Church in Fremont will hold a multi-church worship service on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

There are two ways to attend: in person and via Zoom.

If you plan to attend this service in person, please register at bit.ly/inpersonsignup. This service will also be streamed to a special Zoom “meeting,” for which you can register at bit.ly/AshWed2023Reg. People worshipping at home via Zoom are encouraged to have a dish with a little bit of dirt that they can use as ashes when, during the service, the imposition of ashes is offered.

The prayer time will include a time for individual reflection. In-person worshipers will be provided with paper and pens (and possibly crayons) for this reflection. People worshipping via the live stream are encouraged to have some paper and a pen/pencil ready to use at that time.

Lent Madness

Lent is the most reflective season of the church year. But that doesn't mean it can't include some fun!

Many of you have heard about Lent Madness, a devotional program that combines spirituality and screen time throughout the season of Lent. Each year, some LBC members participate in this combination of competition, learning, and humor. Everybody who participates learns about the saintly individuals who battle to win the coveted Golden Halo while choosing their favorites in a system loosely based on the NCAA basketball tournament with a similar name.

To sign up, go to <https://www.lentmadness.org/>. Download the bracket form and begin voting for your favorites. (Your newsletter editor is raring to go, having noticed that one of her favorite authors is among the 32 starters.)

Lent events in April

The pastors of United Church of Christ, Fremont, and Niles Discovery Church are already making plans for multi-church services on Maundy Thursday (April 6) and Good Friday (April 7). While the planning for these services is still in the early stages, Pastor Charlene (of United Church of Christ, Fremont) says, "We know the Maundy Thursday service will include dinner!" Keep an eye out for more information.

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