

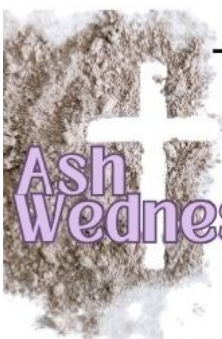
COME
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SEE



This year at Cross & Crown our theme is "Come And See". God is at work, and we want to be a part of God's amazing ministry in the world. God is at work inside the walls at Cross & Crown and outside our walls in our community and homes. With the invitation to come and see, Jesus invites into relationship with our God. Over the next year, together we'll explore Jesus' invitation to **Come And See!**

MULTI-PURPOSE SPACE UPDATE

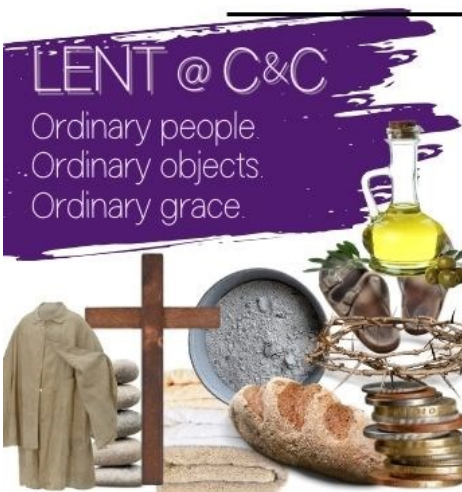
Our multipurpose space was flooded over a year ago. Now, we are blessed because it is ready to be used again. We want to be good stewards of this gift of space that God has provided for us. Therefore, we are setting up the space to be used by multiple groups to use throughout the week. No one group will have dedicated space. If you have need for your ministry to use the space on a one time or consistent bases, please contact LeAnne at office@crossandcrown.org.



Ash Wednesday is the beginning of our Lenten journey where we remember Jesus walk to the cross and resurrection. Join us for worship and imposition of ashes on February 14 at 7pm. Dinner is served at 6pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY FOR FAMILIES & KIDS

We're offering an experiential worship for our children and families at 6:30pm. Come as a family and explore the creation story, burying the alleluias, and what Lent and Ash Wednesday are all about. Dinner is served from 6pm.



LENT @ C&C

Ordinary people.
Ordinary objects.
Ordinary grace.

This is forty days to prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week, the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As ways to prepare we take on Lenten disciplines, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As a congregation we are using a devotional reading each day from the book Lent in Plain Sight by Jill J. Duffield. You can purchase the devotional online or pick one up at church. We're also carrying the themes found in this devotional into our sermon series called Ordinary Objects, Ordinary People, Ordinary Grace.

There is also an adult and children classes offered on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the multipurpose wing. Join us for these forty days to draw closer to our Savior and Lord.

LENT FOR KIDS @ C&C

The Children's Ministry Team has put together several ways for you to share the Lenten experience with your kids. They have created a Sunday school class at 9:15 a.m. (room 201 in the multipurpose space), Lent Kits using the Little Ways Lenten guide, and special learning opportunities during Holy Week designed just for kids!

C&C KIDS LENTEN CLASS Sunday mornings @ 9:15 a.m., room 201

Children's ministry is looking for adults to help lead the children's Sunday school class during the Lenten season.

- You would only need to commit to ONE Sunday between 2/18 and 3/24
- Your role would be simply to guide the children (ages 3-12) through the lesson; Lesson plan details with activities will be provided and materials already prepped
- You will have youth helpers in the classroom

Please contact Brittany @ 704.516.4462

HOMEMADE GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION BREAD

We are now offering homemade gluten free bread at communion! One of our members, Laura Van Landingham, is providing the bread, which is gluten, nut, and dairy free. At the first service let one of the pastors know that you are gluten free and at the 10:15 a.m. service the gluten free bread will be offered in the center of the isles. Thank you to all the members that make the communion bread as ministry to the church!

You are appreciated!



YARD SALE

Miriam Circle will be holding its yard sale on Saturday, August 3rd. Donations can be placed in the Youth Room on the lower level of the Multipurpose Wing (formerly known as Education Wing). There are signs posted to direct you to the correct room.

To allow for stacking, every donation needs to be in a closed box. Exceptions would be larger household items, i.e. lamps, and computer monitors. Please, do not simply toss loose items on the floor. **NO clothing, please.**

Common donations (but not limited to) include:

Books, games, sports equipment, exercise equipment, bicycles, toys, computer equipment, dishes/glassware, rugs, garden tools, linens (e.g., comforters, pillows, towels) small kitchen appliances (e.g., crock pots, coffee makers, mixers, blenders)

(PLEASE do not donate items that are NOT clean.)



SHARE YOUR LOVE FOR ANIMALS

During the month of February, the Community Care Ministry will be collecting supplies for the Humane Society of Charlotte! Any dog or cat beds, food, toys, collars, treats, etc. can be dropped off in the green bins in the gathering area. We also would love the children to bring in quarters, (we encourage them to earn the quarters by showing their love for parents, siblings, neighbors, etc. by doing extra chores or good deeds,) to "feed" the dogs and cat banks. These banks have an electric little dog or cat on top that reaches down and appears to eat the money! Adults can play too! They will be out before and after the 10:15 a.m. Sunday service in February. When the banks have been filled, the money, along with all the pet supplies, will be donated to the Humane Society. **Our last Sunday for collection will be March 3rd.**



ROADSIDE CLEANUP- MARCH 2ND



If you are looking for volunteer opportunities at Cross & Crown, consider helping with our next quarterly Cross & Crown Matthews community Roadside Cleanup event, Saturday, March 2, 2024. Cross & Crown has been a part of the NC DOT program and keeping the community of Matthews clean for over 20 years. We will meet at the church at 8:45 a.m. **Donuts provided.**

We will go over the rules, assign routes, and then begin cleanup activities at 9:00 a.m. Typically most crews are done in 2 hours time. No previous experience or training required. Youth ages 12 and older are welcome to volunteer. Look for an electronic sign up or see Stuart and Julie Moffat (704-517-0272) for more details. Thanks for your support in making a difference for Cross & Crown and our Matthews community.

DAILY BREAD UPDATE

This month's Daily Bread collection brought in 52 pounds of non-perishable food for Common Heart. The need continues for "the least of us" and there are families that are struggling to make it through what are some tough seasons in their lives. Your continued support, no matter how great or small, makes a huge impact for someone without. The most needed items are canned soups, vegetables, canned meats, macaroni and cheese, canned pastas, dry pasta, spaghetti sauce and cereal. Daily Bread bags are available in the hallway outside of the kitchen along with our **NEW** Daily Bread rolling collection bins.

Our next collection date is February 25th.

