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*How do we
begin again?*

March 3, 2023

Dear Oaklands,

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Lent, and there are all sorts of resources below for you to engage with, both for Lent in general as well as this week specifically. This Sunday's scripture is about Nicodemus approaching Jesus under the cover of night, and being told that he was to be born again - or born anew.

As I ponder this passage alongside of the work of Oaklands, I am excited by the work that the Session and other Oaklands Leaders are doing right now. They mentioned the work of shifting toward a more "co-op mindset" at the Annual Meeting, and more details and opportunities for involvement will be forthcoming. But in the meantime, I thought you might appreciate learning about our approach to this new/old way of being church.

We are organizing our work around 3 different teams:

- **Operations Team** - Personnel, Admin, Finance
- **Worship Team** - All things worship and Sunday morning related
- **Engagement Team** - Attentive to all of the ways people inside and outside the church engage with the community

Each of these teams have been meeting over this month, and at our March Session Meeting, we will share what each team is doing to structure our work together, and we will then be inviting all of Oaklands to join in our work, or to continue with your existing work, but with the support of a larger gathering of folks.

What does it mean to begin again? It means drawing from the best of what has gone before, letting go of what is no longer serving our calling, and investing in what we believe we are to be about for the sake of the whole.

I am excited by the work of the Oaklands Leadership, and I am hopeful of the future we are building together.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor LeAnn

Scripture for this Week:

Oaklands' Music Playlist for this Sunday:

[Lent Playlist Week 2](#)

Devotional Book

To print your own Devotional:

[Print Order Devotional](#)

(Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to print it so that it comes out oriented correctly for a booklet.)

Online Devotional:

Our friends at A Sanctified Art have provided a special e-reader version of this year's Lenten devotional, which you can access on your computer and mobile devices. Click [HERE](#) to access it. (NOTE: In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media.)

Devotional Cards

This file will allow you to print double sided, 4 cards for each page. Each card has a question on one side and a short prayer on the other side. I am using these as a daily prompt to my morning prayer time, and a question to carry with me through the day. Someone else said they are using these at meal time as a way to enter into conversation, and then offering the prayer together with their partner.

Link to the Daily Devotional Cards [HERE](#).



Our next luncheon will be on **March 26th** following worship! A sign-up sheet will be available starting **March 5th**. If you are interested in helping please contact **Sara**

A sign-up sheet for the Oaklands Fellowship Hosts. It features a tree logo at the top with the text "OAKLANDS HAS DEEP ROOTS OF RADICAL HOSPITALITY". Below the logo is the text "Thank you to our Oaklands Fellowship Hosts!". The sheet is a table with two columns: "Hosting Sunday" and "Hosts". The table lists dates from February 26 to May 28, with corresponding host names. The "Spaghetti lunch" entry for March 26 is highlighted in yellow. The "Easter" entry for April 9 is highlighted in purple. The name "Tari Gregory" is handwritten in the "Hosts" column for May 28. At the bottom, it says "To sign up to be a host, see Pam Lloyd!"

Hosting Sunday	Hosts
February 26	Linda & Cal Kirby
March 5	Peggy & Cal Benedict
March 12	
March 19	Paul Collman
March 26	Spaghetti lunch (Separate sign up sheet)
April 2	
April 9	Easter
April 16	
April 23	
April 30	
May 7	
May 14	
May 21	
May 28	Tari Gregory

If you are interested in becoming a Fellowship host (a small snack to share following worship) please contact **Elder Pam Lloyd!** (click Pam's name to email her)

The sign--up schedule is

Debt Free in '23" Campaign

We started this year with a mortgage pay off of March 10, 2024. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we have raised over \$13,121 and have moved the pay off to the middle of December. Each week we are getting closer and closer.

Please consider a donation to help Oaklands through this year to our goal of paying off the mortgage by September, if not sooner! Doing so could pull us out of the red and into a surplus!

For every extra dollar given, and designated as Debt Free '23, we will be able to tick time off of our Mortgage Countdown Calendar! <https://oaklandspres.org/give>, note "Debt Free in '23" in the note before submitting.

\$150 is one day gone!
\$1000 is one week gone!
\$4300 is one month gone!



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Worship Leadership Sunday, 03/5/23 COMMUNION SUNDAY

Liturgist - Genifer Jackson
Preacher- Rev. LeAnn Hodges
Music Ministry - Karen McLaren
Tech Ministry - Jesy Littlejohn
Fellowship Host(s)- Peggy and Cal Benedict

Please see the links below in order to join in for our worship services.
To call in from any phone (sound only, no video), call 1-301-715-8592
Type in the following Meeting ID when prompted: 865 6235 7110

If you are not able to log on for any reason and need help accessing the recording, please email Elder **Jesy Littlejohn**. jesy@oaklandspres.org or **TEXT** them at

Weekly Worship Links

Reminder: The links for worship are ALWAYS on the Oaklands Presbyterian Church *website!*

Meeting ID 865 6235 7110
Passcode 14301

Zoom Worship

YouTube Worship

Offering

And even though we are worshipping remotely, we still have financial obligations that don't stop when we aren't in the building. Please continue to give to the mission and ministry of Oaklands. Below are the different ways to give your offering.

Make a Donation

Ways to Send your Pledges and Freewill Offerings



CashApp: [\\$OaklandsPres](#)



Paypal; See the giving link on the OPC Website under "Give"



Check via USPS.



Automatic Draft. You can set it up through your bank account to have money automatically withdrawn and sent to OPC

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