



FREE Pancake Dinner

*(donations accepted to benefit the
Carole Umbel Medical Fund)*

Tuesday, March 4th

5 – 7pm

Beaverdam United Methodist Church
19338 Beaver Dam Road

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From the Partlow's

I arrived at seminary in 1986 with a BS in Naval Science with a practical MS in Nuclear Engineering and an MBA. I had a pretty clear understanding of a linear, practical, black and white world and how it worked. Just ask me....I can give you an equation for the rate of heat loss in the room you are in at this moment! And then I ran into the likes of Mircea Eliade, Joseph Campbell, and Paul Tillich. It has been a wonderful wild ride ever since. I look forward to the last act.

Eliade and Campbell introduced me to the concept of “archaic” time systems. Not archaic as obsolete, old school, or superseded. An archaic time continues, revisits, relives sacred events. In the archaic society time is more cyclical than linear. Christianity is both linear and archaic. In a linear way we look forward to the “Return” of Christ and the coming of the kingdom. While in an archaic form we repeat ancient salvific actions liturgically and in so doing find that we are again and again incorporated into those saving acts. The Passover does this for Jews and the Eucharistic does it for Christians. At every Eucharist I feel that I am again incorporated into Christ's resurrection into eternal life.

The linear view often leaves me discouraged. Are we really closer to the kingdom? But the archaic experience sustains me in my discouragement....having the Eucharistic bread pressed into my hand and hearing the words “The body of Christ keep you in everlasting life” sustains me.

Lent is the great annual entering into and experiencing the great life-death cycle of faith. We need to participate in the entire cycle as much as possible. During Lent I encourage to look for the physical circles in the liturgy...chalice patten, host etc.

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Parish News

Lenten Program

Each Wednesday in Lent we will gather at 6:30 for a covered dish dinner. Following the meal we will have time to read and discuss a short passage from Christian Wiman's book

My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Modern Believer.

The passage for the following Wednesday will be published in the Sunday bulletin so that you will have an opportunity to reflect on it prior to Wednesday evening. We are delighted that Don Schubert will be helping facilitate the discussion.

Update on Bob Partlow. Bob is at home and recovering from his spinal surgery. He is making excellent progress. Thank you so much for your cards, thoughts and prayers.

Prayer List: We will be working on a parish prayer list by dividing it into two parts: one will be for people who have immediate/acute need or illness. Those will be included in the Prayers of the People each week. The second list will include those with ongoing needs such as our shut-ins, those no longer able to physically attend church, etc. This will be printed each week in the bulletin so that you may pray for the people on the list.

Parish Directory: Please check the parish directory to make sure your information is correct. It is posted on the bulletin board in the church. We hope you that in addition to your name, address and telephone number(s) you will include your email addresses.

This Week's Parish Calendar

March 5	7 :00 PM	Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Liturgy with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion
March 9	9:00 AM	Adult Class
	10:00 AM	Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Godly Play Sunday School in the Parish House
March 9	5:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting - will rehearse parts for Fork Church Opera

Looking Ahead

March 12	6:30 PM	First Lenten Supper and discussion. Bring a dish to share.
March 13	7:00 PM	Fork Church Opera rehearsal (tentative)
March 15	9:30 AM	Full dress rehearsal
March 15	6:00 PM	Fork Church Opera, Parish Hall
April 27	10:00 AM	Children and Youth Sunday

Youth Group Meeting Schedule

All meetings begin at 5 PM and are held in the Parish Hall.
March 16, 23, April 13, 27, May 4, June 1

We will have a Children's and Youth Sunday on April 27th at the 10:00 am service.

