

2023

# March

**Agape Potluck Meal—the first Sunday of each month.**

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**March ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Bible study** – We are examining the Farewell Discourse in John through Lent **6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays** on Zoom! See you there!

**Sundays - Percolate** – our Sunday morning adult faith formation will commence discussion of THE POLITICS OF JESUS by Obery Hendricks, Jr; Sunday mornings at **8:30 a.m.**

**March 5 - Agape Brunch** – following the worship service; Executive Meeting following.

**March 8 - Men's Breakfast** Wednesday; 8 a.m.; Urban Egg at Powers and Dublin.

**March 10 at 10 a.m.** – Executive Council Retreat.

**March 11 at 10 a.m.** – Sandwich making for Sandwiches and Smiles.

**March 19**—Executive Council Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**March 26**—Community Conversation Circle at 1 p.m.

**TOWN HALL meetings have a NEW name and Date; COMMUNITY CONVERSATION CIRCLE THESE MEETINGS WILL NOW BE ON THE 4TH SUNDAY AT 1 P.M. VIA ZOOM.**

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**Executive Council Meetings are now on the 1st Sunday of the month at 12 Noon and the 3rd Sunday at 11:30 a.m.**



**Continuing—Bible Study Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.**

Mallory is leading a Bible study on the Farewell Discourse in John. Join in by Zoom.

*The Season of Lent*

The season of Lent, traditionally thought of as the 40 days Jesus wandered in the desert, is underway. Though some traditions see it as a time focused on guilt and shame, it is a rich time of "wandering" which gives us space for wonder, contemplation, and soul searching. As always at VG, though, we don't do it alone and this year we are trying something new! Small groups have been organized.

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**As Spring approaches, it's time to think about preparing the church yard for planting.**

First needs: time to clean up trash that has blown in over the fall and winter. The first yard day will be Saturday March 25; 9—1 p.m. Read the weekly e-blasts for updates.

**Palm Sunday/Easter**

Read your weekly e-blast for more information

**Palm Sunday—April 2**

Agape Lunch

There will be a center set up for the children to decorate eggs.

**Easter Sunday—April 9**

## **2023 Executive Council**

**Newly Elected:** Moderator—Dave Lee; Treasurer—Matt Spencer

**Continuing Positions:** Assistant Moderator—David Nath; Financial Secretary—Jerima King;  
Recording Clerk— Erika Forshee; Members-at-Large— Linda Allen and Carol Burbank

### ***Vista Grande's Vision Statement – adopted April 13, 2020***

***"We covenant together to imagine and live into a world where God's Kin-dom vision of human and planetary flourishing comes to pass through the work of love, justice, peace, equality, and extravagant hospitality. We envision nothing less than a world restored to wholeness, wellness, joy, and gratitude for all of God's Creation."***

### **Our core values as discerned by the executive council:**

- Connecting with the Divine
- Engaging in community
- Fostering diversity
- Embodying our values
- Leading with care