

2009 Registration

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- I am interested in attending a small group at the church or in someone's home.
- I would host a small group in my home.
- I am interested in attending the Passover Seder meal.

Number of people attending _____

Please leave this registration at the church, mail it to the church at the address below, call in to the church office to register, or send an email to the church office to register for the above activities.

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"Live a Life that Matters"

**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER**

The day before Lent begins is February 24th. This day is known in the church as Shrove Tuesday – a day to rid the house of all dairy and oils. One way to do this was to have a feast. Join us for pancakes and more on this night beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at St. James East until 8 p.m. A free will offering will be taken for the Youth Group's Missions.



**"FAT TUESDAY"
MARDI GRAS**

The day before Lent begins is also known outside the church as "Fat Tuesday" – a day to have a party and celebrate. We invite all children to join us at St. James East for fun, games, and more as we create a carnival atmosphere including prizes. We will begin at 5:00 p.m. Bring your family to the pancake supper and then stay for the Mardi Gras. See you there!

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**SELF GUIDED TOUR
OF THE SANCTUARY**

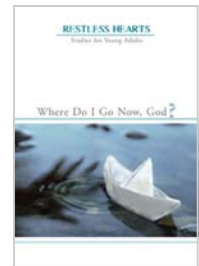
Do you know the meaning behind the symbols in the sanctuary at St. James East? Why is that red light always on by the altar? Why is the sanctuary designed with a center aisle and pews on either side? Stop by the information counter, pick up your tour guide, and take a self guided tour of the sanctuary to find out the answers to these and many more questions. Sanctuary open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Other times may be arranged.

**PRAYER AND
MEDITATION**

Lent has always been a time of fasting and prayer. We invite you to spend some time in our Prayer and Meditation room. Perhaps give up a lunch time and come to pray and meditate or make time in your schedule to come to St. James East and pray. Guidance and resources will be available in the room to assist you in both prayer and meditation. The Prayer and Meditation room is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Other times may be arranged.

**SMALL GROUP
OPPORTUNITY**

Have you ever wondered if what you are doing is God's will for you? Or have you wondered what it is that God wants for you? You are invited to join a small group for great discussions using the book, "Where Do I Go Now, God?" by Alex Joyner. We will meet either in people's homes or at the church at a convenient day and time for everyone in the group. Pick up a book in the church office. Groups will meet during Lent but will be encouraged to continue meeting. Please register for this activity.



**FAMILY AND HOME
ACTIVITIES**

Lent is a time of self reflection. Pick up a Lenten Activity booklet either from the church office or at the information counters at both St. James East and West. In the booklet will be devotions for Lent, family activities, and other great information about Lent and ways you can take part in activities on your own schedule. This booklet would also be a great gift you could give to your friends and family to encourage them to participate in Lenten activities.

PASSOVER SEDER MEAL

What modern Christians celebrate as Holy Communion had its origins in the annual Passover Seder meal and was instituted by Jesus himself. Come and experience for yourself an actual Seder meal led by Pastor Russ in the Fellowship Hall of St. James East on Holy Thursday, April 9th at 6:00 p.m. You will learn the meanings behind the rituals and share in a great meal. This activity is also connected to the Last Supper Re-enactment which is the same night. You are encouraged to experience the Seder and then come upstairs to witness the re-enactment of that first communion. Child care will be provided. Please register for this activity.

LAST SUPPER RE-ENACTMENT

One of the wonderful Lenten traditions at St. James East for more than 18 years is the Last Supper Re-enactment entitled, "Is It I, Lord?". This drama will take place Thursday, April 9th at 7:30 p.m. following the Seder meal. Witness the thoughts and actions of the disciples on the night Jesus washed their feet and instituted communion. It is also the night Jesus announced that one of them would betray him. Who could it be? You don't want to miss this moving Lenten drama.



CROSS WALK

If you were alive at the time of Christ would you have helped him carry the cross down the Via Dolorosa? Join us on Friday, April 10th at noon to walk the path that Jesus walked and carry the cross. Experience first hand what Jesus went through on his way to Calvary. Participants will take turns carrying a small cross and we will stop at various stations to read, pray, sing, and meditate. This activity will last one hour and you should dress appropriately as this is an outside activity. We will meet in the sanctuary at St. James East.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Youth at St. James will be serving an Easter morning breakfast at St. James East on Easter Sunday, April 12th from 7:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Children at St. James East and West are invited to an egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 12th at St. James East at 11:00 a.m. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring in 12 eggs per child with pre-packaged candy inside before day of hunt.



WORSHIP SERVICES IN LENT AND EASTER

During the Sundays in Lent we will be preaching a sermon series called "At the Cross" which will be based on the Gospel of Matthew.

All services are at St. James East unless noted differently.

Ash Wednesday February 25, 6:15 p.m.

This service will feature the imposition of ashes as we start our Lenten journey.

Palm Sunday April 5, all services at East and West.

This service will feature the procession of palms and the start of the Passion Week of Christ.

Good Friday April 10, 7:00 p.m.

This service of shadows focuses on the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus who died for our sins.

Easter Sunrise April 12, 6:00 a.m.

Meet us at 45th and Capehart to welcome the rising sun and the Risen Son. Dress appropriately for outside.

Easter Resurrection April 12, all services at East and West

Celebrate with us the victory by Jesus Christ over sin and death!



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