



Westover Reflections April 2024

Greetings Westover Family,

As we move forward in the Easter season, it is a good practice to reflect on the nature of sacrifice. I know many of you gave up activities, food, or other treasures for Lent. I want to celebrate your discipline and suggest this is not only something we should do for Lent. Instead we should make it a part of our year long fellowship with God.

Why this matters

One of the best ways to build a strong relationship with God is to make sacrifices for God and to God. It is evident throughout the pages of scripture, where early Israelites make sacrifices of burnt offerings, prophets and disciples sacrifice their lifestyles to follow God, and even Cain and Abel make efforts to give their best to God. The challenge is to figure out what it means for you to give God your best.

What we should do

This Easter season we should remember the sacrifice Christ made for us. Consider what it means to live in the wake of that sacrifice. We should live each day as if our lives are not earned by our merit but purchased for us by God's sacrifice. Then, ask yourself, have you given God all you can?

Final Thoughts

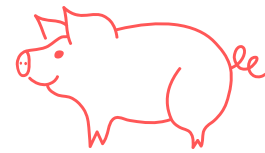
God wants you to succeed and to thrive. God wants you to experience the joys of creation, but God also wants you to be disciplined. God wants you to prioritize God. Some folks only get to church on Easter; that is their sacrifice. I don't intend to judge them for that but is that really all they have to give? I hope we all consider daily, whether or not we are doing enough for God. I realize that God asks me to do something every day. Some days, I don't feel like it. Some days, I don't want to. Some days, I just don't get to it. Nevertheless, God keeps coming through for me. God keeps showing up. For this reason, I am committed to God's service and my prayer for you is that you are too. I don't always have something to give, but when I do, I should be willing to give it joyfully because God deserves my best, and if you think about it, God deserves your best, too.

Blessings,

Pastor Damian Quaye



Opportunities for fellowship and service



Yard Sale

Westover will be hosting a yard sale on Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 AM to noon. Please bring items you would like to donate to the room beside the church office. We'll also need help the day of the yard sale. Questions or need help getting your items to church? Please contact Jennifer Proffitt at 919-675-4624.

BBQ coming soon!

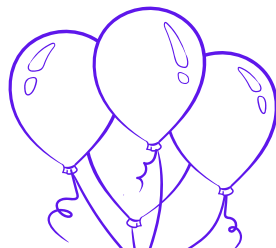
The United Methodist men are hosting a BBQ fundraiser on Friday, May 3 and would love your help! Donations of pork shoulders or butts, desserts such as pound cake, brownies, etc. and funds to purchase needed items are needed and greatly appreciated. Questions? Please contact Les Watkins.

Adult Sunday School Class Studying the Gospel of John

Join us as we start back after Easter break. April 7 we'll do a brief study of the book of Jude. April 14 will begin our study of the Gospel of John. Hope you'll join us for these times of Bible study and fellowship. We meet each Sunday morning at 10:00 in the Builder's Classroom in the Education Building.

Happy April birthdays to:

3 Liza Medlin
3 Marley Medlin
5 Tom Overby
7 Davis Poole
9 Meg Sargent
11 Wade Troutman
13 Clara Worsley
13 Seyi Adebisi
15 John Carter IV
16 Alice Batts
19 Callie Barefield Carter
23 Vicki Carter
24 Nettie Shafer
29 David Price



Happy Birthday

Craft Circle's Making Blankets Again On April 6!

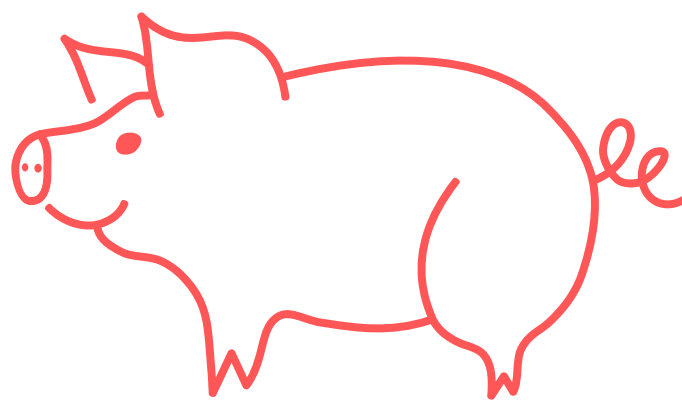
This is "last call" to make knotted fleece blankets to be sent to Peru for women who have been in abusive situations. Join us at 10:00 in Wesley Hall to make the blankets - as always there will be coffee, pastries, door prize and FUN AND FELLOWSHIP! Not sure about helping to make a blanket? That's o.k. - just come for the fun, food and fellowship! We promise a good time!

Movie night

This month's movie is on April 19 at 7:00 PM. The movie is "Annie." Come and enjoy a heartwarming musical that is a favorite of all ages. As always, we will be in the fellowship hall and snacks are provided. You may even win a door prize!

Please join us to celebrate Tom Overby's 80th birthday. Saturday, April 6, 5-7:00 PM. We will have dinner and birthday festivities in the Fellowship Hall.

BBQ



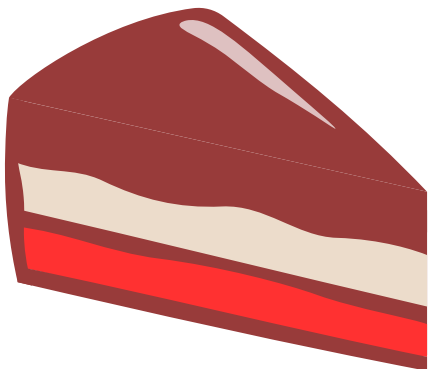
**Westover United
Methodist Church
300 Powell Drive
Raleigh NC**

Friday, May 3, 2024

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

and

4:00 - 7:00 PM



**\$12.00 per plate for pork
bbq , slaw, potato salad,
hushpuppies and dessert**

Hosted by Westover United Methodist Men