



# The United Methodist Church of Naugatuck, Connecticut

*A community of God seeking, serving, and growing in Christ  
with open hearts, open minds, and open doors.  
"A church where everybody is somebody."*

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Dear

February , 2018

We are looking forward to the upcoming Lenten Season, which is a time for us to grow closer to our Lord. It is a time of fasting and praying more intently as we are reminded of the journey to the Cross. It is a time of focusing on the important areas of our lives that we continually offer to God, so that we are free to do the work that our salvation calls us to.

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 begins our journey. We remember our creator and that we were formed from the dust by the work of His hands, according to Genesis 2:7. When Abraham felt the need to acknowledge the difference between him, a human being, and the infinite God, he referred to himself as dust and ashes, Genesis 18:27. It is so amazing to see the work that God has been able to do with our lives. Looking forward to the cross is a reminder that God thought that we were worth saving, and he proved it to us. There is no greater love than this.

In ancient times, people wore sackcloth and ashes as a way of expressing their repentance for their sins, and though we express how sorry we are for our sins on a regular basis, the beginning of Lent is a time that we come together as a family to mark the fact that we are walking this journey together.

Enclosed is the Lenten brochure that we would ask you to pray over and give some thought to how you would be able to give an offering. This could be as a result of something that you give up, i.e. a trip to Dunkin donuts, Starbucks, or your favorite breakfast meal. As indicated on the brochure, if you were to sacrifice \$2.00 per day, your offering could be \$80.00. Please know that whatever you give will be greatly appreciated, and more importantly, you will have given cheerfully unto the Lord's work.

Please return the brochure with your offering on Easter Sunday or feel free to mail it in ahead of time or use the online tool at [numcct.org](http://numcct.org). It is secure and convenient. **\*To Donate online**

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Important Dates to Remember:

**Ash Wednesday Service**      **February 14, 2018, 7 pm**

**Lenten Soup Suppers**      **February 21, 28, March 7, 14, & 21 from 6:30-8:00 pm**

During our Soup Suppers, we will be having a study that will help us to grow in our faith. Growth is achieved when we practice Holy Habits. Let's take this time out for fellowship with each other and with our Lord. Please keep these dates in mind. Invite your family and friends to join us for these services.

**Palm Sunday**      **March 25, 2018, 10:15 am**

**Maundy Thursday**      **March 29, 2018 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday Service**      **March 30, 2018 7:00 pm**

**Easter Sunrise Service**      **April 1, 2018 6:30 am**

**(on the Green-Ecumenical)**

**Easter Sunday**      **April 1, 2018 10:15 am**

Don't forget - Please invite your entire family to join us for these services.

Blessings,

Chair, Finance Committee

If you have any questions please contact me.