

February, 2010 Newsletter

January has certainly flown by quickly. It seems as if we just celebrated the birth of Christ, the Feast of Epiphany, and now we prepare for Lent. As we prepare for Lent, I have one question for you: have you found a way to be **BOLD** this past month? As we are coming up on the holiest of seasons, we should be thinking about the BOLDNESS of God. God provided us with His Son for our salvation. This holy season of Lent brings us this ultimate gift and sacrifice.

What do you have planned for this Lenten season? Will you participate in a small group Bible study? Will you perhaps visit other churches and participate in large group Lenten series? Will you consider visiting churches of other faiths to see how they will worship during this time? Or, will you find a quiet place to do your own devotions?

Whatever you choose, our focus should be on God's Gift to us. At Christmas, it was the birth of this Christ child. In Lent, it is the sacrifice of the Lamb. That special, loving Lamb, who gave it All for each one of us. From Ash Wednesday, through the celebration of the Eucharist in the Last Supper, the agony of the crucifixion, and the true reason for the season - the resurrection of Christ that is Easter. Although we usually use the "Reason for the Season" at Christmas, without the Resurrection of Christ at Easter, December 25th would be just another birthday celebration!

May your reflection this Lenten season bring you closer to the love of God in Christ.

Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Nan