

Weekly Message from
Parkrose Community United Church of Christ
March 5, 2009

Good morning. This is Rev. Chuck Currie from Parkrose Community United Church of Christ with an update for March 5, 2009.

The forecast for this weekend is for snow. Pray for rain.

This Sunday will be the second Sunday in the season of Lent. Lent is a time when Christians remember the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert preparing for his ministry.

We first hear about this wilderness experience from Mark in Chapter 1 verse 12:

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

The 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness is meant to remind us of the 40 years the people of Israel spent in the wilderness as they fled Egypt and searched for the Promised Land. Lent provides us with an opportunity to experience a spiritual journey of our own where we ask of ourselves questions about our relationship with God and about how it is we live out God's teachings in this time.

And so on Sunday we will continue our Lenten journey together with prayers, songs, Scripture readings and Holy Communion. For Daily Devotionals and other Lenten resources that you can use outside of church please visit <http://i.ucc.org>.

Also on the schedule for Sunday, March 8th: the Board of Administration of Finance will meet at 5 pm and the Church Council will meet at 6 pm in the Garden Room. Both meetings are open to all members.

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Parkrose Community United Church of Christ." Our worship service begins at 10 am. More information can be found by calling 503-253-5457 or visiting www.parkroseucc.org.