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Dear Cahaba Springs Family,

I'm excited to introduce you to our worship series for the season of Lent: Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith developed by Sanctified Arts. The authors had this to say about the theme: "The Lenten texts offer us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking: Nicodemus comes to him in the veil of night, he approaches a Samaritan woman at a well, he heals a man born without sight. In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. What unfolds is an exchange filled with questions and exploration. Often, an unveiling occurs—assumptions are disrupted, a new perspective is revealed, mystery grows... And so, we've crafted a Lenten series founded on questions...

Like the characters in our Lenten scriptures, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance. We are seeking our calling, the sacred, and how to live as a disciple. Throughout the turbulence of the past few years, many of us are asking big questions about our lives and our faith. If you are returning to church, you are probably returning with more questions and a critical lens. We hope this series will help us unpack some of those big questions in ways that are honest and faithful. Throughout this season, we hope you will continually ask yourself: what am I seeking? What is God seeking? This Lent, we invite you to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble. We hope you will soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives. We pray that these questions will create a safe space to explore—to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life, into the heart of God." To encourage us to ask questions, we will have a "Wall of Wonder" posted on the wall adjacent to the doors to the sanctuary. You are encouraged to add your questions to the wall - don't be shy, as the Rev. Anna Strickland writes: "Questions are a sign of growth, curiosity, and wonder...questions are an invitation into a deeper faith. This Lent let us seek good questions rather than easy answers." Here is a link to the devotional booklet that accompanies the series: [online.flippingbook.com/view/928029194/](https://online.flippingbook.com/view/928029194/). We will have a few hardcopies available in the church office for those unable to access it online.

I hope you will join me as we seek to deepen our relationship with God through this Lenten journey. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the series further, please reach out to me via email or phone. I look forward to beginning our journey together during our Ash Wednesday service on February 22nd at 6:00 pm.

Peace,

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