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Pastor's Ponderings -- What Is Ash Wednesday

Many churches use this service to prepare church members to better appreciate the death and resurrection of Christ through self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, and self-denial. Ashes from the burned palms of the preceding year's Palm Sunday are blessed. With these ashes, the Pastor marks a cross on the foreheads of worshipers, saying, "Remember, man, that dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return" (Genesis 3:19 KJV). Besides showing sorrow for their sins, those who honor Ash Wednesday add an additional meaning; the need to prepare for a holy death.



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Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, March 6th from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, there will be a personal Ash Wednesday meditative service available for all at MCC's Worship Center.



Birthdays

Mary Millington, 1st
Conner Warner, 3rd
Pat Baker, 4th
Roberta Brostrom, 6th
Jaxon Cutkomp, 6th
Keira Caldwell, 23rd
Charlene Dreon, 26th
Mary Anders, 31st



Anniversaries

David & Bobbi Clevenger, 10th

Upcoming Events

Tuesday Gathering (Weather Permitting)
Every Tuesday @ 9:30 am

Crusaders' Potluck
Saturday, March 2nd @ 6:00 pm

Council Meeting
Monday, March 11th at 6:30 pm

Elders' Meeting
Saturday, March 16th at 9:00 am

Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, March 17th after worship

Unity Circle
Wednesday, March 20th at 1:00 pm

MiGS Serving
at the Men's Shelter, Saturday, March 23rd @ 5:30 pm



See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. (1 John 3:1-3, NIV)



MCC's Prayer List

Breanna Allen, Pat Baker, Lynette Cameron, Evelyn Day, Earl & Charlene Dreon, Bev & Jim Ducey, Bob Engelman, Kathy Johnson, MaryLou Johnson, Darry Kannenberg, Don & Donna Long, Dillon McDonald, Rodney Millington, Earnie Pannabaker, Julie Rind, Linda Roller, Bob Runge, Matt & Ava & Andy Simmons, Jerry & Barb Stinocher, Ella Williams, Charles York, and to all of those that are not on our Prayer List that are in need of our prayers.

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our Prayer List or those who would like a "Home Visit," please contact the Church Office.