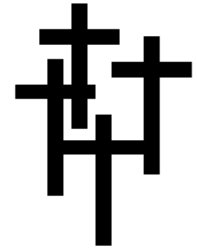


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From the Pastor

Ash Wednesday falls this year on March 9, and once again we will have a service in which we impose ashes on one another. We will look each other in the eyes, dip our fingers into the ashes, and make the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads, saying as we do, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The service lasts for about 45 minutes, and I encourage you to come if you can. Bring your children if you have them, and let them hear those words be spoken. When they ask you why we do this, you'll have to find a way to talk to them about death, dying, and the Christian faith in God. If you have the sacred duty of imposing ashes on your children, as I have done, you will never forget it.

I will never forget imposing ashes on my own parents. I'm pretty sure they'd never been to an Ash Wednesday service, but they came when they visited us. I remember the wrinkles in my Dad's forehead as he lifted his eyes to hear me say, "Remember ..."

If you have a friend or neighbor who is not able to get out at night, invite them to come and offer them a ride. You will remember something about your friend, you may have forgotten. If you are someone who can't drive at night, consider calling someone in the church to ask for a ride.

If you're really overworked, and you just don't have the time to do this, or if you're so tired when you get home that you don't frequently have the energy to get out at night, this could be especially important for you. It is a reminder that life has an end.

Christians believe that our end is God. We believe we were created to enjoy God's triune love forever. Of course, most of us get pretty busy rushing toward some other end, or we try to fool ourselves into believing that there is no end to life.

So, let's gather at this unusual hour to speak a truthful sentence in Christian hope.

Grace and Peace,
Stan

Reading of Matthew

David Miller's reading of the Gospel of Matthew was put on ice last Sunday night. Postponed due to bad weather, we will look forward to hearing from him on Sunday evening, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. On Transfiguration Sunday, just before Lent, we will pause to hear the entire gospel of Matthew read aloud.

Senior Adult Luncheon

The Senior Adult Fellowship will meet March 8, at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch and a program led by a local representative from Home Instead Care.

From the Missions Committee

During the remainder of February and March the Missions Committee is collecting laundry detergent for the Opportunity Center. This is a day shelter in Jackson that provides homeless people facilities for showers, washers and dryers for their clothing, computer resources and a personal mailing address. Please place the items in the designated container in the foyer of the church in the coming weeks.

Explanation of Mission Budget

This is the fourth item of the mission budget to be explained. The Missions Committee wants the church family to be informed about the items in the budget and why they are included.

Missionary Support

Major Treadway served as an intern at Northside several years ago. He and his wife, Karen, accepted a call to a three year appointment in Indonesia by the Mennonite Central Committee. Northside agreed to a three year commitment to assist in the support of Major and Karen with our prayers and encouragement but also with financial support. We shall complete the first year of this support at the end of this budget year. \$1800 is budgeted for this ministry.

Children Show Neighborly Love

In response to an invitation to share love "Neighbor to Neighbor" as part of the National WMU Children's Ministry Day, our children will have an opportunity to say "Thank You" to the metro sanitation workers on Saturday, March 5 at 6 am. The night before we plan to have a lock-in for boys and girls to make cookies and assemble the happy bags. If you would like to donate drinks for the workers (65 in all), homemade cookies or the ingredients, that would be most appreciated.

Ebenezer Project

Volunteers can participate March 19, in helping rebuild Ebenezer Baptist Church. We will meet at Northside at 7 a.m. to caravan there.

Faith in Action

Would you like to learn about mission work for Northside Baptist Church? There will be a meeting at the church with Richard Brogan, March 6, 5:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

Extended Session Volunteers

Feb 27

Infants	Martha Stringer
Toddlers	Mary Ann Greene
Preschool	Ellen Brewer

Mar 6

Infants	Frances Chisolm
Toddlers	Michael Williamson
Preschool	Trey Jones

Sunday School Workers for Babies

Feb 27	Debra Fry
Mar 6	Daphne Myers

Caregiving Concerns

Geri Bowie, Thelma Basley's sister
Jim Bowie, Thelma Basley's brother-in-law
Evelyn Brewer, mother of David Parks
Howard Cohen at home, dialysis
Callie Cole, neurologic rehab therapy
Mattie Cooper, Room 222 at Trinity
Amy Dickinson
Charles Gearhart, Greg Gearhart's father
Marjorie Gore
Lee Hackett, Carrie Chester's sister
Nancy Hancock
Becky Harrison, aunt of Beth Dickinson
Clarissa Hickman, friend of Edith Kennedy
Carolyn Hisaw, wife of Tony Hisaw
Mrs. Abby Jones, at The Orchard in Ridgeland Lake Jones, in Gig Harbor, WA
Ed Livingston, recovering from foot surgery
Reilly Montgomery, 9, stage 3 cancer, friend of Beth

Dickinson's family
Mary Sue Nations, at home
Ruth Parker, daughter-in-law of Lynda Cook
Clayton Powers
Richard Ritchie, at Ridgeland Pointe
Bernice Rook, charter member, leukemia
Anna Rosenthal, recovering from heart surgery
Carolyn Snell, Linda McComb's mother
Linda Stark, sister-in-law of Bill Stark
Bill Strum, recovering from eye surgery
Sue Thayer
Merle Thomas
Cliff Tucker, back injury
Freddie Weeks, cancer, friend of Graham Carner
Johney Williams, mother of Roxie Parks
Roy and Gladys Williams, grandparents of
Graham Carner
Margie White
Judy Yates, recovering at home

Members at Home

Wilma Cooper
Clyde Hemphill
Mrs. Margaret Hensley
Chrys Ray

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Brent and Lindsey Cobb on the birth of their son, Cannon Sutton Cobb, born on December 2, 2010. Grandparents are Trina and David Cobb and Great Grandmother is Trina Ferguson.

Congratulations to Casey and Chelsea Brannon on the birth of their daughter, Layne Key Brannon, born on January 13, 2011. Grandparents are Gordie and Susan Harkins and Great Grandparents are Elvin and Freddie Keys.

Birthdays

If your birthday is not posted on the Calendar, please call the office so we can put it in our computer system and have it for next year! The list for the month of March is:

Bonnie Wright	Dorothy Palmer
David Miller	Amy Williamson
Evan Jones	Barrett Cobb
Jim Jenkins	Wilbur Carpenter
Frances Chisolm	Sue Popper
Jerrell Hutson	Ruth Houston
Nancy Leigh Strum	Dale Chisolm

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