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*"For we are God's
 fellow workers;
 you are God's
 field, God's
 building."
 1 Corinthians 3:9*

Lent



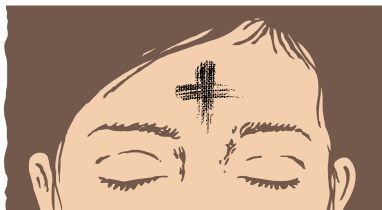
What is **Lent**? **Lent** is the **40-Day Period** (Sundays are not included in the count) when many Christians prepare for **Easter** by observing a period of **fasting**, **repentance**, **moderation** and **spiritual discipline**. **Lent** begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the

Easter Service. The last week of Lent is called "**Holy Week**" and it commemorates Christ's last week of life on earth. It's the final, most important part of **Lent**. By observing **Lent**, you can experience the **FULL JOY** of Easter!

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." James 1:22

Please join us as we begin **Lent** on **March 9th** at our Ash Wednesday Service at **6:30 PM**.

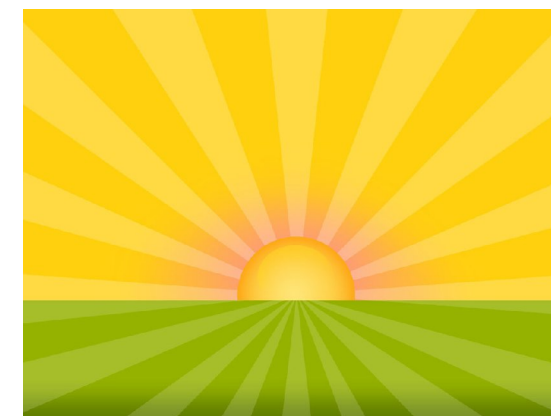
The Bible does not mention Ash Wednesday or the custom of Lent, however, the practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3; and Matthew 11:21.



Ash Wednesday

IN MINISTRY

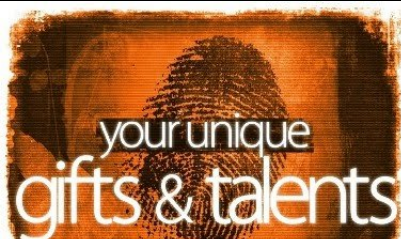
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| Organist | Jamie Bryson |
| Choir Director | Jess Mills |
| Admin. Asst. | Danya Sellers |
| Custodian | Glenda Shook |
| Nursery | Sharon Lutz |
| Nursery | Amy Dayton |
| Ushers | Angela Cathcart |
| | Melanie Hudson |
| | Brenda Rhinehart |
| | Christine Worley |
| Acolyte | Brandi Turner |
| Greeters | Margaret Anson & Betty Wilson |
| | District Superintendent—Dr. John S. Boggs |
| | Resident Bishop—Dr. Larry M. Goodpaster |



FAB Women will be showing the **Women of Faith Conference DVD**

"A Grand New Day" in the Sanctuary on Saturday, March 12th at 9AM.

All ladies are invited. Bring a covered dish brunch item to share with the group.



Serving from the Heart

Sundays from 5-6:30 PM
Beginning March 13th

Serving from the Heart is a study for adults that has helped over 40,000 people find their gifts, purpose, and passion to serve God through the church. When believers find their gifts and God-given passion and give them to the service of the church, ministries thrive.

Serving From the Heart for Youth is a study for young people to learn about spiritual gifts and what they mean for the church, discover their gifts, and find ways to offer their gifts to further God's work through the church.

VOLLEYBALL



Thursday,
MARCH 3rd
5:30 PM

Middle
School Age
thru Adult.

Chrysalis Boys Flight #59

March 25th-27th @ Camp Tekoa
High School Boys ages 15-18 are invited to embark on this life-changing, amazing, spiritual weekend.



Please Keep Caterpillars & helpers in your prayers!

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Beginning on Sunday, March 6th, Children ages 7-9 are invited to learn the meaning behind the Lord's Prayer. Cindy Crook will be teaching this 6-week class during Children's Church Time in the Gym Classroom.



SATURDAY,
March 5th
9AM

We need your help!! Bring your work gloves and lend a helping hand. Please see Robert McCain if you have questions.

Pisgah Villa Worship Service

Sunday,
March 20th 2:30pm



The family of *Jim Harkins*
Beloved Member
of FAUMC since 1963
who passed away on February 24th.

The family of *Hazel McMahan*
Sister of Thelma Hall,
who passed away on February 24th.

The family of *Linda Sprinkle*,
Aunt of Cindy Crook,
who passed away on February 14th.

The family of *Samuel Walden*,
Brother of Karen Moore,
who passed away on February 9th.

The family of *Russell Rand*,
Husband of Gwen Rand,
who passed away on February 5th.

The family of *Evelyn Brown*,
Grandmother of Melanie Hudson,
who passed away on January 30th.

**Our Deepest Sympathy and
Christian Love to All these families.**



Welcome to Grace Lunsford who joined Francis Asbury on Feb. 13th.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT UMC
2011 SPRING CONFERENCE
April 8th 5:30-9:00pm —
April 9th, 8:00am-5:00pm
Mills River UMC
Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)
Register: Call 254-8564
?: kwarren@wnccumc.org



VBS 2011 is
June 12th-16th
with Snow Hill UMC

Our Communion Offering on Sunday, March 6th will go to VBS 2011. Also, FAB Women will be hosting a SPRING FLING to raise \$ for VBS. Donations from other groups in the church would be very appreciated.

Snip-it from Sandy:

I have been listening to a new CD that I got back in December. It's not available in stores either! A long time family friend of my Aunt and Uncle brought me a stack of CDs when we had my Uncle's funeral right after Christmas. Bob had re-recorded a gospel album called "Peace with God" by the "The Anchormen". It was back in the



80's, my Daddy was the lead singer and he actually wrote the title song.

Listening to these old songs and

especially my Daddy's voice, reminded me of my childhood. I cannot remember a time when we didn't go to church. It is amazing, how your actions can affect the actions and attitudes of others. This past Sunday I stood in the pew of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Claremont with my little brother. I always jokingly call him my little brother even though he is over 6 feet tall. He held the hymn book as we sang each song together. My brother is 39 years old and single. We didn't have to go to church. We were not singing anything special or teaching Sunday School. It would have been so easy to sleep in. But, it just seems that I need to start my week off the right way. I know that if my Mom and Dad had not taken such an active role in church, that my life could have gone a different way. I hope that you remember today, that little eyes are watching you and as the old saying goes, "Do as I say, not as I do"...well, I hope you are leading a positive Christ-like life for all the little eyes that are watching you.

Bless you today! :) Sandy

In everything set them an example by doing what is good. ~Titus2:7



Our Last Meeting was held at the home of Shirley White. Thanks Shirley for all the goodies. Brenda shared an awesome devotion by Karen Kingsbury about Heaven's Perfect Timing. *Here's it is....* A girl frequently traveled back and forth from college over a treacherous mountain road.

On her way home one evening a snow storm hit. Amy was trying to get home as quickly as possible when a sudden urge to stop and eat hit her. "I can't", she thought. "I have to get home out of this blizzard." She traveled on. Then again the sudden urge- "Stop & eat Amy!" She listened this time. She ordered a cheeseburger and took 7 minutes to scarf it down. Amy pulled back onto the highway and continued her journey home up the dangerous snow covered mountain road when complete "whiteout" occurred. She couldn't see anything except the tail lights just in front of her. They had stopped. She had to stop. She got out of the car. There had been a terrible accident. She was the 10th car behind a jack-knifed semi. 30 cars had been involved in a bad accident and a dozen people had died. A man told Amy, "A few minutes earlier and we would have been involved in this accident." Today wasn't her day. Amy gasped. She will never forget the day the Lord used a cheeseburger to save her life. We all hear THAT voice from time to time...we need to listen. It's speaking for a reason.

FIRST STEP FARM: Needed: Bottled water, gently used work boots & work clothes. Leave in FAB Room.

Anita Renfro & Mandisa. March 5th at 7:30pm. Lelia Patterson Center. 10 FAB girls are attending.

Extraordinary Women Conference. March 25th & 26th. 12 FAB girls will be attending.

SPRING FLING. Saturday, April 30th. The FAB Women will be having a SPRING FLING. Tables will be \$12 or 2 for \$20. Proceeds will benefit VBS.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, March 8th, 6:30 pm at the home of **Glenda Faye Shook.** Devotion & Snacks by **Glenda Faye.** For more info, call **Glenda Faye** at **667.5860.** **WHITE ELEPHANT SALE!!!**



This weekend Renee and I watched the movie Secretariat. Just in case you don't know who Secretariat was, he was winner of horse racing's Triple Crown in 1973. Before Secretariat was able to win the Triple Crown his owner had to make a difficult decision. Secretariat's owner was faced with over six million dollars in debt and the possibility of losing everything in the face of this unimaginable debt. Then she seemed

to have her answer, she was offered eight million for Secretariat. She could pay off all debt and save the farm. No one in their right mind could turn down such an offer. Yet she did, she said no. She gave up a sure thing because she believed that her horse was worth much more.

As we approach the season of Lent, I find myself thinking about what this woman gave up out of faith in her horse. Lent is the time of year when we reflect and evaluate our lives and how we live. It is a time to take stock of who and what we are and get rid of the things that are of no value. Many of us will symbolically give up something that we enjoy during Lent. This reminds us of what Jesus gave up for us at Calvary. He gave it all, His very life.



During Lent this year, don't just give up something for the season. Give up something forever, give up control and have faith in the one who gave his all for you.

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

Philippians 2:5-8, NKJV

Love, Fred



- 3/1 Carol McLimans
- 3/1 Jim Moore
- 3/7 Mary Conner
- 3/7 Grace Lunsford
- 3/7 Danya Sellers
- 3/8 Sharla Turner
- 3/9 Travis Arrowood
- 3/13 Gracie Rudisill
- 3/14 Frosty Fincher
- 3/17 Jamie Bryson
- 3/19 Burr Fincher
- 3/19 Bryce Shook
- 3/19 Spencer Shook
- 3/19 Christine Worley
- 3/20 Adam Crook
- 3/21 Kathy Cochran
- 3/22 Margaret Anson
- 3/23 Broughton Wallin
- 3/24 Colin Scott
- 3/26 Carmen Redmon
- 3/28 Kathy Warren
- 3/31 Lexi Malloy



- Happy Anniversary to...*
- 3 Ken & Patty Hamlin
 - 11 Ortenzio & Donna Filotei
 - 18 Beth & Travis Arrowood
 - 18 Broughton & Joretta Wallin
 - 20 Tom & Kati Phelps
 - 29 Burr & Frosty Fincher

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