

Grace Presbyterian News

March 2017

Ash Wednesday – March 1 – Services at 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday; this year on March 1. These forty days invite us to introspection, confession, repentance, and amendment of life. It all begins with that solemn word, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” Many of us have no shortage of reminders that life is uncertain and brief. What do we make of this fact? Getting right with God and with neighbor would be a good response. The Scriptures and prayers and the imposition of ashes and Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper help mark a fitting and meaningful start to our Lenten journey. We also meet Tuesdays, beginning March 14, at 5:30 for our Lenten devotional series Tuesday at the Cross.

Tuesdays at the Cross – March 14, March 21, March 28, at 5:30 p.m.

The Ringing Collection for Local Mission

The session has approved a proposal from the Mission and Outreach Committee to begin a “Ringing Collection.” This means that all loose coins placed in the offering plates during the offertory in worship will be used for local mission work. The ringing collection is an opportunity for each and every member of the congregation, adult and child, to contribute their coins for local mission programs. As the coins are dropped into the collection plates they will ring out our support for local mission. Each quarter of the year the Mission and Outreach Committee will select a local mission as recipient of this money. We will highlight the work of that organization. So, please begin to cultivate a habit of bringing some coins to put into the offering regularly in support of this outreach.

Dinner and Info Session on the Clean Water Project

Friday, March 17, at 6:00 p.m.

On Friday night, March 17, come celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with a barbecue dinner and a chance to learn about the wonderful program The Clean Water Project, which supplies clean drinking water to villages in Mexico. Andy Combs will join us that night. Bring side dishes to complement the barbecue.

March Youth Event – Sunday, March 19

Youth St. Patrick's Day Party - Sunday, March 19th, following worship.

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a party! We'll eat green food, play Irish games, and have a lesson about St. Patrick's Day. Bring a green food to share and wear green!

Weekly Events at Grace Presbyterian Church

Sunday Prayer and Praise begins at 9:30 p.m.

We sing and pray by name for those on the prayer list.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 p.m.

Sunday Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.

Bell choir rehearsal is held most Sundays after worship at about 12:00 noon.

Chapel for the Extended Care is held on Mondays at 4:15 p.m (March 20 and 27).

Tuesday at the Cross is held on Tuesdays, beginning March 14, at 5:30 p.m.

Choir rehearsal is held in the sanctuary Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

GrandPals read to children in the preschool on Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Mustard Seed (our program for children in the extended care) meets Fridays at 4:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings in March

The Night Circle meets Monday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

The Day Circle meets Tuesday, March 14, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Game Night – Friday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m.

Visitors in Worship who signed the register in February 2017

Bill Britton, Millington; TC Campbell, Memphis; Gabriel Davenport, Bartlett; Greg Elmore, Bartlett; Nadiyah Gibbs, Memphis; Roseann and Dan Mayo, Bartlett, Shawn McGoldrick, Memphis; Don and LindaJo McKim, Germantown; Hollie Price, Memphis; Martha Starnes, Hapeville GA; Anna Tate, Bartlett; Linda Young, Bartlett.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>12 noon Ash Wednesday worship</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Patsy Krech</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>11:00 am GrandPals read to pre-schoolers</p> <p>4:00p.m. Mustard Seed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Presbytery Meeting at Farmington</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Lent 1 Bell Choir rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Casey Kehrl Linda Young</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>11:00 am GrandPals read to pre-schoolers</p> <p>4:00p.m. Mustard Seed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time begins</p> <p>9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Lent 2/LindaJo McKim Bell Choir rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>7:00 pm PW Night Circle</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>10:00 a.m. PW Day Circle</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Cross</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>No GrandPals</p> <p>4:00p.m. Mustard Seed</p> <p>6:00 p.m. BBQ meal Clean Water Project</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Lent 3 Youth Lunch Bell Choir rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>4:15p Chapel for Extended Care</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Session Mtg.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Suzanne Wood</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Cross</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Bob Gammon</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>11:00 am GrandPals read to pre-schoolers</p> <p>4:00p.m. Mustard Seed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jean Vancil</i></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Lent 4 Bell Choir rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>4:15p Chapel for Extended Care</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Cross</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tony Benassi</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>11:00 am GrandPals</p> <p>4:00p.m. Mustard Seed</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Game Night <i>Ken Hathaway</i></p>	

Elders Serving Communion

March 1 (Ash Wednesday):

**Paula Bishop, John Gordon,
Rosemary Gordon, Ken Hathaway**

March 19:

**Bob Harrold, Frances Kitterman,
Sara Lawson, Emily Mayne, Linda Tolley**

Usher Schedule

March 1 (Ash Wednesday):

Hugh Bishop, Ken Hathaway

March 5: Bob Harrold, Frances Kitterman

March 12 & 19: Brooks Keiser, John Price

March 26: Jim Pickren, Susan Pickren

Closing Elder

March 5: Paula Bishop

March 12: Ruth Ellen Cox

March 19: Sara Lawson

March 26: Bob Harrold

Scripture Readings for Worship:

March 1 (Ash Wednesday):

**Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51;
2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21**

**March 5: Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11**

**March 12: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;
Romans 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17**

**March 19: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42**

**March 26 : 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41**

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Gracious God, out of your love you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we may reach with confidence for your mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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