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Dear Friends,

It seems so strange. We have just finished our Christmas celebration commemorating God coming to earth in Jesus Christ.

Now, we are gearing up to focus on the sinful nature of humanity and the painful remembrance of the Son of God's crucifixion. It seems to me there needs to be more time between these two major events in the life of the Church.

It's like having a mountain-top experience of faith and wanting to stay there to bask in its grandeur. But nearly right away, we have to return to the valley and the realities of life.

The realities include dealing with the uncertainties, confusions, and unknowns of life. It is dealing with illnesses during this harsh cold and flu season. It is dealing with the vagueness of an unknown future.

But that's not the whole of it, is it. There is so much more than seeing just the uncertainties, etc. There is a whole lot of joy and happiness that permeates every

avenue of life. There are good things that come our way even through challenges.

I think about a child who fell and broke his arm. Painful, yes. Fearful for the parents. But in a few days the pain is forgotten and the child sports his cast like a badge of honor. He survived the fall and the break. And now has something very few others have - a cast.

I think about a friend whose life for the past 10 years was spent caring for his ill wife. Even with his best efforts she passed away. He felt quite a loss in many ways, not the least of which was feeling quite useless.

But then, he came across an acquaintance that needed help, someone who needed a person to rely on for assistance with some of life's challenges. Once again, my friend had a purpose. He felt useful again, and a sense of life returned.

The joy of Christmas quickly gives way to the somber reflection of Lent and the ultimate reason God chose to come to this earth as one of us... to forgive us for the part

SPECIAL DATES

African-American History Month	14th - Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday
4th - Session (LH)	15th - Jubilee Circle
11th - Transfiguration of Our Lord	18th - First Sunday in Lent
12th - Session (CV)	19th - Presidents Day
13th Men's Dinner	22nd - Lenten Lunch
	25th - Second Sunday in Lent

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WORKING, WORSHIPPING, AND PLAYING



THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet on Tuesday, February 13. Plan to come for a

deliciously grilled steak, a baked potato, a salad, rolls, dessert, a beverage, and great fellowship - all for only \$12. Speak with Louis Becker for details and to reserve your spot. We will meet at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet on Thursday, February, 15 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at

11 a.m. Mark this on your calendar and join us for conversation and study!



Jubilee Circle



SESSION will meet Monday, February 12 at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



PANCAKE DINNER AND ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 14 is Ash Wednesday. This means it is time once again for our annual Pancake Dinner. We will begin our evening at 6:00 p.m. This will be followed by an Ash Wednesday worship service beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Place this on your calendar now, so when you "flip" the page you won't be surprised.



Food Collection

Don't forget to bring your cans to church. Charles Gage does a great job feeding the hungry in our community. He gives out about 40 bags of groceries a month. You can also make a monetary donation if you like. Just mark your check for the "Food Pantry"



Lenten

LENTEN LUNCH HOSTS: In the spirit of Christian unity, several Crestview churches will come together on Thursdays for a weekly observance during Lent. Lunch and devotions together will begin on Thursday, February 22 at New Bethel United Methodist Church.

Each week we will gather between 11:45 and 12:00. The opening prayer will be given at 12:00 p.m. and lunch will be served. Following the meal, a local pastor will provide a short devotional.

It will be our privilege at First Presbyterian to host the gathering on Thursday, March 8 in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the narthex to help prepare and serve.

Lenten Lunch Locations:

February 22	New Bethel UMC
March 1	First UMC Crestview
March 8	First Presbyterian Church
March 15	Mount Zion AME
March 22	Our Lady of Victory

Lunch Schedule:

11:45 AM	– Gathering time
12:00 PM	– Opening prayer from minister of host church
12:05 PM	– Lunch is served
12:30 PM	– Lenten devotional from guest preacher
12:55 PM	– Closing prayer from minister of host church

We'll see YOU there!



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| 3 Jan Crawford | 11 Richard & Pat Thalacker |
| 6 Barbara Moore | 21 Remy & Jo Kublic |
| 8 George Ankelein, Jr. | 21 Randy & Tammie Becker |
| 11 Doug Myers | 28 Steve & Darla Perkins |
| 13 Jamie Machmiller | |
| 17 Michelle Dunn | |
| 18 Chandler Suggs | |
| 20 Dani Hufer | |
| 28 Dianne Love | |

we have played in the crucifixion of our Lord - the forgiveness of sin. So, allow yourself to reflect on how it is that even through the tragedies of life, God still wins!

Sursum Corda,
Mark



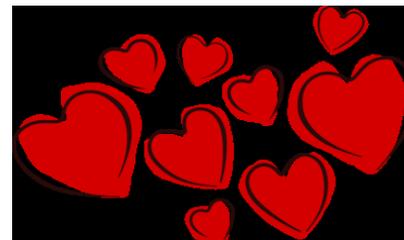
ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER

Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

—Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

10 Biblical Ways To Love

1. Listen without interrupting. “To answer before listening — that is folly and shame” (Proverbs 18:13).
2. Speak without accusing. “Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry” (James 1:19).
3. Give without selfishness. “The righteous give without sparing” (Proverbs 21:26).
4. Pray without ceasing. “We have not stopped praying for you” (Colossians 1:9).
5. Answer without arguing. “Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife” (Proverbs 17:1).
6. Share without pretending. “Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of ... Christ” (Ephesians 4:15).
7. 7. Enjoy without complaining. “Do everything without grumbling or arguing” (Philippians 2:14).
8. 8. Trust without wavering. “[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres” (1 Corinthians 13:7).
9. 9. Forgive without punishing. “Forgive as the Lord forgave you” (Colossians 3:13).
10. Promise without forgetting. “A longing fulfilled is a tree of life” (Proverbs 13:12).





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Bible Study 6:30 pm (FH)	2  Soup Kitchen 11am (FH)	3
4 Session (LH) 8:00 Souper Bowl Game Day 12pm (FH)	5	6	7 Choir 7 pm	8 Bible Study 6:30 pm (FH)	9 Soup Kitchen 11am (FH)	10
11 Transfiguration of the Lord	12 Session 6:30 pm (CR)	13 Men's Dinner 6:30pm (FH)	14 Pancake Dinner 6pm (FH) Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 7pm	15 Jubilee Circle 11am (FH) Bible Study 6:30 pm (FH)	16 Soup Kitchen 11am (FH)	17
18 	19  Church Office Closed	20	21 Choir 7 pm	22 Lenten Lunch 11:45 New Bethel UMC Bible Study 6:30 (FH)	23 Soup Kitchen 11am (FH)	24
25  Fellowship Hour	26	27	28 Choir 7 pm			



WORSHIP LEADERS

LAUREL HILL
 4 Henry Givens
 11 Celia Broadhead
 18 Brian Hughes
 25 Tracy Curenton

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 Greg Myers
 Richard Russell
 Catherine Spears
 Linda Williams

CRESTVIEW HEAD USHER
 Sarah Myers

