

February 2018



Why ashes on Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During some Ash Wednesday services, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshipers. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins.

It is traditional to save the palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday service to burn to produce ashes for this service. Sometimes a small card or piece of paper is distributed on which each person writes a sin or hurtful or unjust characteristic. The cards are then brought to the altar to be burned with the palm branches. The ash cross on the forehead is an outward sign of our sorrow and repentance for sins.

— Adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship

Our Lenten theme this year is "Love Story" based on the Max Lucado book and study "He Chose Nails". This will include a Sunday morning Sermon series and Wednesday evening study.



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Our ministry partner "The Neighboring Movement", SoCe Life shares the following "Good Neighboring Tip for the month of February: Bake your favorite goodie and deliver them to your local police or fire station. It can be anything from cookies, banana bread, or even your special family recipe snack mix! Delivering snacks to these personnel make a great neighboring experiment for a few reasons:

- It makes public servants feel appreciated. The job of a policeman or a firefighter is not an easy job. Depending on the size of the community in which you live, your local firefighters may even be volunteers! Taking them goodies is a great way to show that you're thinking of them and appreciate their service.
- It builds community relationships. The primary job of both law enforcement and firefighters is to keep citizens safe. Delivering homemade goodies to these individuals gives you the opportunity to meet them, share questions or concerns, and build a personal connection that could prove beneficial in the future. Share the Love...Share the message!

BLESSING BOXES

Winter is here so it is time to focus on homeless needs for enduring the cold . We continue to serve the needs of the neighborhood and community with our Blessing Bags and Blessing Box which could be refilled daily the need is so great. Thank you for your support of these ministries.

hand/foot warmers, socks, scarves, hats, gloves
Individually wrapped items ie.

breakfast bars, crackers, beef jerky, soups
Small canned items - Vienna sausage,
beanie wienies

Non perishable food items,
canned goods - meats, veggies, soups
pasta, cereals and oatmeal, peanut butter
toilet paper and toiletries - wet wipes
small packages of laundry soap

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Every Sunday

Sunday School - 9:30 AM
Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

Every Monday

All Scouts - 7 PM

Every Tuesday

Bible Study - 10 AM

Every Wednesday

3D Dinner & Discipleship Class - 5:30 PM
(no 3D on Feb 14 due to Ash Wednesday service)
Choir - 7 PM

Special Worship

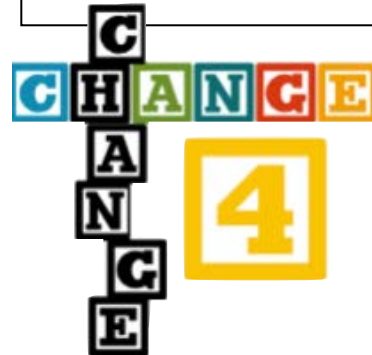
February 11 - Boy Scout Sunday
February 14 - Ash Wednesday 6:30 PM

Other Events & Meetings

February 4 - Worship Committee (after worship)
February 16 - Adults Night Out @ 7 PM
February 17 - Pancake Breakfast 8 - 10 AM
February 20 - Finance @ 6:30 PM,
February 20 - Church Council @ 7 PM

"Faith In Action" is the course of study for the adult Sunday School Class. We meet in the conference room at 9:30 AM every Sunday. We have very in-depth, relevant and lively discussions of the weekly lessons.

You are welcome to join us anytime, grab a cup of coffee or juice and a donut in Fellowship Hall and come study with us.



The Change for Change collected in February will go to help with Family Promise.



"But if a wicked person turns away from all the sins they have committed and keeps all my decrees and does what is just and right, that person will surely live; they will not die. Ezekiel 18:21



Scout Sunday
February 11th



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
QUIVIRA COUNCIL



ANGEL TREE

Cold weather has arrived and we'd like to do our best to reach out to our neighbors in need. Please bring hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, and warm socks and place them on the tree in Findley Hall. Also non perishable food items may be placed under the tree. Items will be distributed through our neighborhood Blessing Box and or Blessing Bags.



Change Your Life

But there's also this, it's not too late—

God's personal Message! —

“Come back to me and really mean it!

Come fasting and weeping, sorry for your sins!”

Change your life, not just your clothes.

Come back to God, *your* God.

And here's why: God is kind and merciful.

He takes a deep breath, puts up with a lot,

This most patient God, extravagant in love,
always ready to cancel catastrophe.

Who knows? Maybe he'll do it now,

maybe he'll turn around and show pity.

Maybe, when all's said and done,

there'll be blessings full and robust for your God!

Joel 2:12-14

**Pancake
Breakfast**



February 17th 8-10 AM

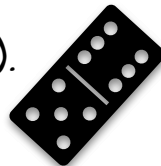


Feb. 16th starting @ 7 PM



Cards, games, dominos, snacks.

Fun for all ... (adults).



Dawson U.M.C., I want to thank you for the hard work you did in increasing your Apportionment Payment from 10.46% to 36.83%. Your contributions allow us to do life changing ministries both locally and beyond. Thanks again for your continued faithfulness!

In Christ, Mitch Reece, Wichita West DS

*Thank
you*





If I speak in the
tongues of men or
of angels, but
have not love, I
am only a
resounding gong
or a clanging
cymbal.
1 Corinthians 13:1

Love
Never
Fails.

1 Corinthians 13:8