

The Herald



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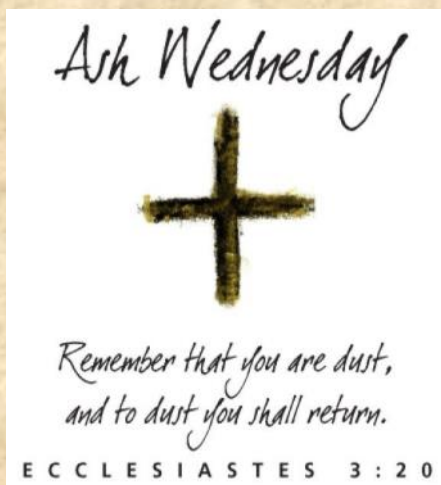
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Ash Wednesday Wednesday, March 2nd



You are invited and encouraged to join us as we prepare for Lent and Easter Season

*7:30 p.m. - Hybrid Worship
(Facebook Live)*

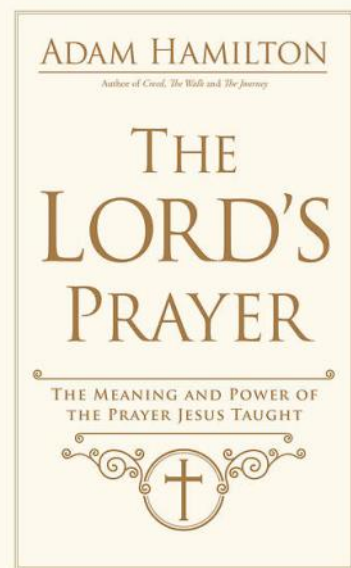
We will worship in the Sanctuary to allow for spacing and streaming.

Hybrid Lenten Study

Pastor Andy will be teaching from Rev. Adam Hamilton's new book, *The Lord's Prayer*, this Lent. We will meet on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel and via Zoom for group discussion. The book is available via Amazon or Cokesbury as a print or e-book version. If you would like a print copy, let the office know as we can order it for \$14.00.

Class begins - March 7

<https://bit.ly/3INEj01>





Sunday, February 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Call of the Disciples

Psalm 138

Luke 5: 1-11

Communion served

Preaching: Rev. Andy Mattick

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

The Beatitudes

Psalm 1

Luke 6: 17-26

Preaching: Rev. Andy Mattick

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Loving Your Enemies

Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40

Luke 6: 27-38

Preaching: Rev. Andy Mattick

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Transfiguration Sunday

Psalm 99

Luke 9: 28-43

Preaching: Rev. Camille Mattick

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday

Sanctuary - 7:30 pm

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

February 13

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me...

Epiphany is a season of “revealing” (the Greek word *epiphainein* means “reveal” and *epiphaneia* means “appearance”). It is transitional season between Christmas and Lent where the church is called to see how Jesus is revealed in the Gospel. February will reveal a Jesus who calls disciples to follow in his day and in ours; a Jesus who offers blessings to vulnerable and woes to the mighty; a Jesus who challenges the faithful to extend a radical love to enemies in response to the radical love that God offers us; and a Jesus whose holiness radiates out in the Transfiguration.

These lightbulb popping revelations stand in contrast to the literal darker themes of Lent. Just as February draws it short month to a close, we step into the Ash Wednesday* story. There we are shown our mortality and need for repentance. This dichotomy is a natural part of the Christian year and of the story of Jesus. He is one who comes revealing both the fullness of God and the fullness of man, being truly both.

Within the language of revelation is a state of unknown or unseen; to have something revealed is to *not* have seen it before. The kingdom work of Jesus is not intended to be secret. But there are those who cannot (or will not) recognize the hope and possibility offered by Jesus. There are likely those who say no to the invitation to “Come and follow me.” There are those for whom the gospel brings woe rather than blessing. There are those who will refuse to see the enemy as a part of the family of God. The challenge to us on this side of history is to strive to be those who see. We can each day offer the prayer of the song above:

*Dear God, Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth
you have for me.*

Join us in worship as we strive to show each other the face and work of Christ.

Blessings!

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*We are moving our 2022 Ash Wednesday service into the Sanctuary to allow all to spread out and feel welcome.

We Support Our Church by Our...

PRAYERS

Prayer requests are submitted in Sunday Worship. You may submit prayer requests by email to svumc@pacbell.net.



Birthdays This Month

- 2/1 Marilyn McFarren
- 2/2 Dan Hoffman
- 2/5 Sondra Adair
- 2/6 Ada Jean Hautzenroeder
- 2/7 Carolyn Hunter
- 2/8 Nancy Interior
- 2/9 Robert Benson, Wes Miller
Barbara Witman
- 2/10 Vicky Laier, Juanita Ward,
Nadel Interior
- 2/11 Brandall Horney
- 2/14 Paula Lightfoot,
Sharon Romano,
Kinsley McAlister
- 2/15 Valerie Bergh, Rikka Tignac
- 2/17 Stella Zinto
- 2/18 Ronda Farr, May Hicks,
Shaila Horney,
Marge Bartholomew
- 2/19 Kayla Sponable,
Maiah Ysabelle Interior
- 2/20 Jackson Mattick, Jacob Paz
- 2/22 Clara Novak, Paul West
- 2/23 David Brennan, Hazel Hird
Olivia Sandoval
- 2/25 Jayden Baltazar, Bonnie Shaw
- 2/26 Mike Pahls, Glenn Hunter
- 2/27 Lili Inoke, Peggy Spellman



2/3 Lauren & Thomas Ortiz



Prayers and Concerns

Marion Cairns, Sheila & Al Millard
Henry & Paula Moyer, Kathy Morelock
Jim & Paula Lightfoot, Jim & Ellie Kokotos
Diane & Stu Thomson, Paul Witman, Helen Beebe

UMW Circles



- Teresa Circle -& Seekers Circle Will not be meeting this month.
- Circle of Joy - Wednesday Feb. 9th @ 12:00 PM at Wood Ranch Park, bring a chair & lunch
- Night Owls Circle - Tuesday Feb. 15th @ 7:00 pm via Zoom.
- Circle of Faith - Wednesday Feb. 16th @ 11:30 AM at the home of Jeanne Corr. (Jeanne will have the devotions and the program)
- UP Coming: UMW Board Meeting Wednesday Feb. 2nd @ 10:00 AM in (GC)**
- Saturday Feb. 19 @ 11:00 AM : This is the date for the Cal-Pac UMW Mid- Winter Event Registration www.calpacumc.org/umw (This is a Virtual event)**
- If you have any questions, contact Lisa Kadowaki 805-236-3370, smidgetslk@gmail.com**

	Worship Attendance	
	In-Person	Online
12/24 4pm	150	22
12/24 7pm	275	30
12/26	40	36
1/2	60	48
1/9	65	51
1/16	63	50
1/23	65	49



Our Gifts

Offering income **Needed** each month in 2020 to fund our current budget \$ 49,921.46
 Offering **Received** in December \$ 74,812.33
 Offering giving **OVER** budget for December 2021 \$ **24,890.87**



With Deepest Sympathy



Prayers for the Corr Family as Paul Corr passed away at home surrounded by Family on December 31, 2021. Service will be held March 26

Stan Ross Passed away on Jan. 20, 2022.

Prayers for the Ross Family.

Colorado (Cody) Daniel Bastian Born: 12/23/21 8 lbs 12 oz to Evan & Amanda Bastian

Proud Grandparents Robert & Bonnie Bastian & Aunt Jessi

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CONFIRMATION IS BEGINNING!

Confirmation is once again about to start-beginning February 1st! Our confirmation class is formed around the idea from the comic book the Green Lantern. The Green Lantern is the story of a corps of individuals from planets across the universe that stand up as a force of good against evil. When an individual is selected to be part of the Green Lantern Corps they make a pledge (which incidentally also powers their lantern and magic ring). The pledge is:

*In brightest day, in blackest night,
No evil shall escape my sight
Let those who worship evil's might,
Beware my power ... Green Lantern's light!*

Confirmation is a chance for youth in 6th - 12th grade to explore what it truly means to be a Christian, a United Methodist, and a Child of God. At the end of Confirmation our youth can choose to make two important decisions - to become a member of this church and join the followers of Christ. In fact, when we confirm our youth, they are asked to affirm that they will:

*Accept the freedom and power God gives them
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves*

If you have a youth who is interested in Confirmation, please join us (including parent/guardian) **for an informational meeting in the Sr High room on February 6th at 11:30am.** (Bring your conflicts for Feb-May).

Another of the great messages of the Green Lantern is that no one is a superhero acting on their own, without any help, companionship, or community. A Green Lantern is not alone. They are part of a larger community with a purpose and identity. The same is true for Confirmation. As our youth stand and pledge to resist evil and to become faithful members of our church family, our church family in return pledges to support and encourage them on their faith journey. They (and we) are not alone.

This means **YOU** have an important and vital role to play in the Confirmation process. Please be in prayer for our confirmands, their families, and mentors. Take seriously your pledge to welcome, support, and encourage the confirmands among us. If you feel called, consider taking a more active role in the confirmation process by becoming a "Friend in Faith" mentor to a confirmand this year. **Friends in Faith** serve as tangible evidence of the church's vow to support and nurture those baptized into our church. They write letters and share reflections on their own faith journeys. They support individual confirmands with prayers, small gifts, and insight. If you would like to know more about becoming a Friend in Faith, please let Pastor Camille know.



Make a joyful noise in February!

With prayerful discernment on the COVID-19 numbers locally, we expect to offer some groups and rehearsals in February:

- **Chancel Choir** : Thursday, Feb. 3
- **Adult/Youth Handbells**: Thurs., Feb 3
- **Sunday School/Youth Group**: Sun. Feb 6
- **Kids Bellz**: Wed. Feb 9
- **Wonderful Wednesdays**: Wed., Feb 9
- **CAYA**: Wednesday, Feb. 9

If you have any questions about your particular group, please contact its leadership, director, or the church office.

Masks will be required at all times while indoors.

No food or drink is to be served at this time.