$2 / 4$
Acolyte Sophie Grant

Ushers
Group 4
Nursery
C: Bobbie G.
SS: Beth C.
T: Bobbie G.
Altar Guild
Margo Hinsdale

2/11
Acolyte Olivia Garrison
$\frac{\text { Ushers }}{\text { Group } 1}$
Nursery
C: Meaghan M. SS: Meaghan M. T: Lindsay Z.

Altar Guild
Margo Hinsdale

2/18

| Acolyte |
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| Sophie Grant |
| Ushers |
| Group 2 |

Nursery
C: Susan M. SS: Needed T: Constance G.

Altar Guild
Margo Hinsdale
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| Acolyte |
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| Olivia Garrison |
| Ushers |
| Group 3 |
| Nursery |
| C: Wanda M. |
| SS: Needed |
| T: Meaghan M. |
| Altar Guild |
| Margo Hinsdale |

1 Brenda Dodson
1 Mallory Kaye
1 Barbara Rose 4 Katie Miko
4 Sherry Milligan
6 Harry Landreth
8 Jenny Lou Hallums
11 Allison Neal
14 Kirstin Neal
15 Savannah Reed
20 Linda Phillips
22 Mike Phillips

23 Hazel Hamilton 25 Terry Hooper 25 Debbie Johnson 26 Neil Garrison 26 Jessie Harris 28 Frank Snyder 28 Rick Wilson

## A Note from Pastor Dave...

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday which this year is on February 14. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of fasting and penance that culminate in Easter Sunday. In AD 325 at the Council of Nicaea, the Church agreed that Easter should be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox, which means Easter in the Western Church can occur anytime between March 22 and April 25. The Council of Nicaea also settled on a 40-day fast period for Lent because 40 has biblical roots in the story of Noah (Genesis 7:4), Moses (Exodus 24:18), Elijah (1 Kings 19:8), and most importantly Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11). It wasn't until AD 601 that Pope Gregory moved the start of Lent to 46 days before Easter and establish Ash Wednesday as the start date. This allowed for 40 days of fasting with the six Sundays counted as feast days. Ashes are also a biblical symbol of repentance in the stories of Mordecai (Esther 4:1), Job (Job 42:6), and the City of Nineveh in Jonah. Today we impose ashes to remember our own mortality ("Remember that thou art dust and to dust thou shalt return") and to repent of our Sin ("Repent and believe in the Gospel").

For our Ash Wednesday observance we will have a short ( 30 minute) prayer time and imposition of ashes at two times: 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and 5:30 p.m. in the family life center. I hope to see you on Ash Wednesday.

During the season of Lent, I will be preaching a Lenten sermon series called "Altar'd". Lent is the time in which we prepare to encounter the cross. As the Jews presented sacrifices on an altar for the atonement of $\sin$, God offers on our behalf the ultimate sacrifice for all Sin on the altar of the cross. So Lent is a time of altars, but it is also a time to be altered by God. We seek transformation, to be changed when we encounter Christ, to be altered as we move on to sanctification. This sermon series will be about being altered at the altar.

As we are altered by the grace of Christ throughout the fast of Lent, we are prepared to celebrate the feast of Easter. Join us at 7:00 a.m. at Veteran's Park for Easter Sunrise worship followed by breakfast in the Family Life Center.

## Souper Bowl Sunday

This year we are collecting money for Souper Bowl Sunday (February 11). These donations will be given to Our Daily Bread, so that they can provide soup to families in need throughout our community. Please mark all gifts as "Souper Bowl Sunday." Please consider giving to this worthwhile cause that cares for the people of our community.

## Ash Wednesday Services

11:30—Sanctuary
5:30—Family Life Center

## First Dollar Sunday

February's First Dollar Sunday will go to Souper Bowl Sunday. To support this ministry opportunity, leave a dollar on your seat as you leave service on February 4.

## SCM Kids

SCM Kids are enjoying learning how God's Word is "Better than Gold." SCM Kids are K-5th graders who are learning to navigate the Bible and lean into scripture. Anyone in this age group is welcome to join the fun Wednesday nights at 5:00 in the FLC!

## Groups Around the Church

There are many groups around the church in different areas of ministry that you could be a part of. One is the Prayer Gathering. Every Wednesday at 11:30, people meet in the sanctuary to pray. They focus specifically on the prayer list and any other pressing events that are happening. Consider joining them and praying for those in our church family and community.
"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18


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