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AND SO LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the **Lenten Season**. 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. Our service focuses on both themes, helping us realize that both have been triumphed over through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent is the 40 days leading up to Easter.

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 17, and as you can imagine, it will look different this year than it has in the past. For one thing, I cannot put ashes on your head if you are home watching the service live-stream, and for another thing, I cannot put ashes on your forehead and maintain social distancing, so I am going to prepare ashes ahead of time (in a small container, while wearing gloves) and have them available for pick up outside the Fellowship Hall door for those of you who will worship with us from home and in the sanctuary for those of you who will worship with us live.

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be at 7 pm, both in person and live-stream on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel.

NEW ADDRESS FOR OLD FRIENDS

Our old friends, Howard and Madelyn Rohrer, have moved and they'd like to share their new address:

6206 Blossom Ridge Circle
Ontario, New York 14519

MONTHLY MISSION—JAMA FOOD PANTRY

This COVID 19 virus certainly has affected many people in many different ways. One of the places that has seen significant change is JAMA Food Pantry. The longer this goes on, the more people that need to turn to JAMA for help. For example, the day before Thanksgiving, JAMA helped a record-setting 99 families! It was nearly the same the third week in December when 95 families were served. Each week we are seeing an increase in need.

Your love, support and prayers mean so much to everyone who works at the food pantry, and to those that receive food from us. You would be amazed how many "thank you's" we get when people receive the boxes of food.

To support this mission, please make your donation to the church, with a note in the memo for JAMA Food Pantry. Thank you in advance for your help.

SCRIPTURE VERSE

Colossians 3:12-15 ESV

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, **13** bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. **14** And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **15** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Children's Ministry Program

Check out these pictures for some of our recent children's activities. In January, they started a study of "Fruit of the Spirit." Lessons, Bible stories and crafts have been done each week in January. After this study, the lesson will be about Psalm 23. They have been busy making Valentine cards that I will be sending out to church members unable to attend church.

We're already working on some special activities for Easter! If you have egg cartons to spare, we could use them. Please leave them in the Fellowship Hall and mark for children's program.

A big "Thank You!" to Angie, Jewel and Erin for their dedication to the children in Sunday school and Children's Church! Currently, activities are open to children from age 5 to 6th grade.

All our children have been in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult times. Hugs to everybody!!

Love,
Miss Jackie



JAMA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I am in need of more JAMA volunteers! The Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 9 am to 12 noon and we need more people to work just about every week. We will train you and we promise you will have lots of fun while working hard and serving our Community.



It is truly a blessing to be a part of this ministry. Workers arrive at 8:30 am to get everything ready for our clients. If you'd like to be a volunteer and help out with this wonderful ministry, please call or text Pastor Karen at 540-239-9179.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Saturday, February 13, and Sunday, February 14, the Jonesborough Repertory Theater (JRT) will be having Outdoor Concerts to celebrate Valentine's Day. They will be collecting food for the JAMA Food Pantry during the concerts.

We need different volunteers to stand (or sit) at the table while the program is going on, to say thank you to anyone who brings food, and then put the food in your car and bring it to the pantry (we will designate a time). Here are the dates and times we'll need volunteers.

Please call or text Pastor Karen at 540-239-9179 if you are willing to help.

Saturday 2/13 at 3 pm

Saturday 2/13 at 5 pm

Saturday 2/13 at 7 pm

Sunday 2/14 at 3 pm

Sunday 2/14 at 5 pm

THANK YOU FROM . . .

Willow Springs UMC is a Holston Conference Sister Church in Alaska where our friends, Joe-d and Christina Dowling-Soka (who used to lead Buffalo Mountain camp) are pastors. The Willow Springs Food Pantry serves 200 families each month with food boxes as well as holiday meal fixings. Below is a thank you note from them:

Dear Jonesborough UMC friends,

We want to send our deepest thanks to one and all for your wonderful support of us and our ministries here in Alaska and for the \$1000 gift for our food pantry. What a blessing! Thank you for partnering with us to keep so many folks fed and warm during this time when the needs are so great.

We hope all of you are safe and well. Much love to you in this New Year.

Christina and Joe-d

The Lane family would like to say thank you to all of you for your love and support, prayers and kindness while we had Covid. You brought food, went grocery shopping for us, called us, texted us and checked on us.

We felt so loved. We are truly blessed to be a part of this JUMC family! Thank you!



Our thanks and prayers go out to all our military veterans and their families. Your service and sacrifice are greatly appreciated.



Barnard Davis (US Army) - Susan Miller's nephew

Caleb Wade (US Army) - Rupe & Ella Billions' grandson

Cody Hallberg (US Air Force) - Lee & Nancy Hallberg's grandson

Todd White - (US Army) - Doug & Donna Barnes Bennett's son-in-law

Mickey Teasner (US Navy)

Lauren Bennett (US Army Reserve)

Jake DeMatteo (US Army)

Steven David Hunt (US Army Reserve)

Brian Ehlschlager (US Army)

Shawn Allison (US Marines)

Eric Bull (US Air Force Reserve) - Don & Barbara Bull's grandson

Cheyenne Pandar (US Marines)

Johnathon Daffron (US Marines)

Jon Cochran (US Ranger) - Billy & Gail Lewis' cousin

Michael Fritz (US Army) - Mary Ann Clark's son-in-law

Connor Lancaster (US Army) - grandson of Kenneth & Terry McMasters



Recycling

We have asked in the past that you bring your cans for recycling. There is a change to this request.



Soda cans are permissible.

Soup and vegetable cans are not.



Please do not bring steel can to us any longer. Thank you.

**JAMA Item for
FEBRUARY
Rice & Beans**



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