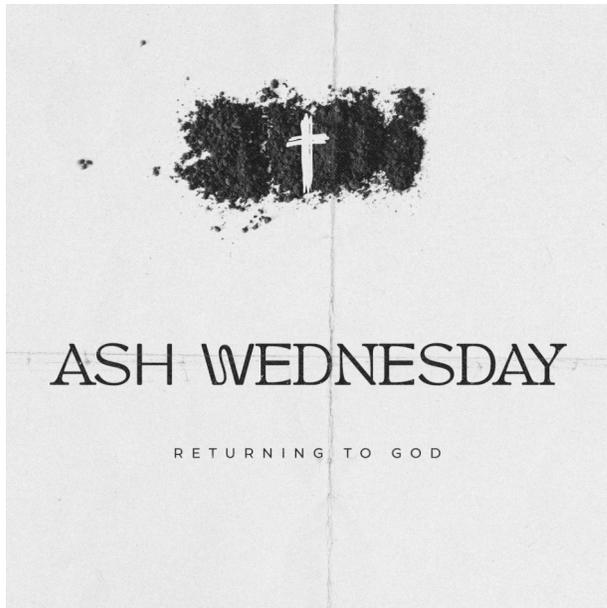


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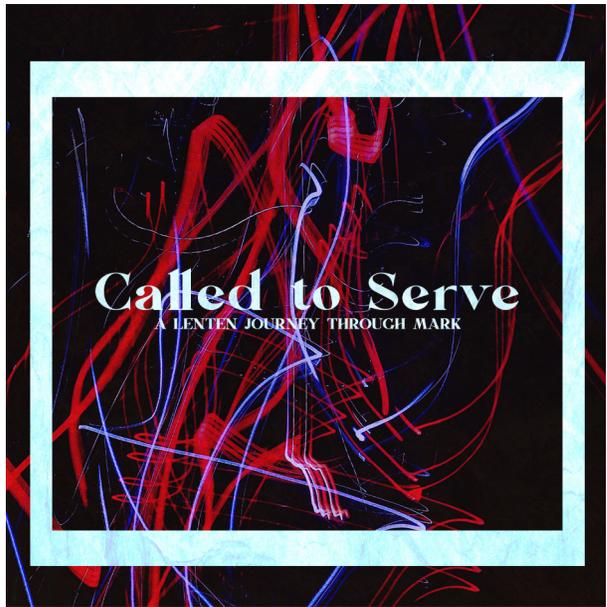


**Interactive Ash Wednesday Gathering.**

Participating in Ash Wednesday's interactive worship is like joining a sacred conversation with the divine. It's not just a ritual; it's a communal embrace of our shared human experience. As we gather, the ashes on our foreheads become a visible symbol of our collective acknowledgment of our imperfections and the shared journey of mortality.

In this interactive space, we don't just witness; we actively engage in prayers, communal confessions, and the marking of ashes. It's a personal and communal expression of contrition, humility, and a shared longing for spiritual renewal. Together, we embark on the Lenten journey, supporting one another through the highs and lows of introspection and repentance.

Ash Wednesday's interactive worship fosters a sense of togetherness, a reminder that we're not alone in our quest for spiritual growth. It's more than a service; it's a shared commitment to embrace our flaws, seek forgiveness, and collectively draw closer to the sacred in the days leading to Easter.



**Our 2024 Lenten Journey**

As we embark on the Lenten journey, the wisdom of Mark's Gospel resonates deeply. It calls us to love God and each other, setting the tone for a season of introspection and selflessness. Mark 12 reminds us that our acts of service toward God and others are the embodiment of the greatest commandment. In this sacred season, we find that true greatness in God's kingdom lies not in power or wealth, but in being servants to all, just as Jesus exemplified for us in Mark 9.

Lent becomes a personal invitation to reflect on our lives and actions. As we engage in acts of service, we emulate the humility of Jesus, who, despite being the greatest in the kingdom, embraced the role of a perfect servant in Mark 10. The Lenten journey prompts us to question the priorities in our lives, urging servant leaders to steward their roles with selflessness rather than self-interest.

In the spirit of Lent, we are encouraged to build our community on the foundation of Jesus, the cornerstone of God's kingdom. This season teaches us that the true temple of God is not a physical structure but resides within our hearts when, through faith, we obey the commandment to love as expressed in Mark 12. May this Lenten journey be a personal and transformative experience, deepening our commitment to selfless service and mirroring the boundless love shown by Christ as we are called to serve.

**Chapel Tuesday**

A reminder: During the season of lent we are practicing the weekly act of centering and contemplative prayer. We will meet in the chapel every Tuesday.

The time spent together is about 30 minutes.

We meet at 11:30a for midday and 5:30p for evening prayer.

Hope to see you there.

- Pastor Chris



**Order of Prayer:**

- Gathering
- Scripture
- Prayer
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- Prayer
- Guided Examen
- Contemplative Prayer
- Individual Concerns/Celebrations
- Go In Peace

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3. Diane Graves
4. Jess Bowen
6. Judy Walker
9. Gordon Frost
13. Robert Crowell
18. Martha Lou Stewart
21. Carlton Wheeler  
Jim Williams  
Becca Little
22. Gretchen Turner
25. Billie H. Carman



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## Our January Presence in Giving & Worship:

Tithe : \$12,472.12  
Designated Gifts: \$822.70  
Worship Avg. 66 - S.S. Avg. 30

♥ HAPPY  
Valentine's  
DAY ♥

## LOOKING AHEAD!!

- Emmaus Group Meeting - Feb. 4th - 11:30am
- N.O.W. Team Meeting - Feb. 7th - 12 Noon
- Humane Society Fundraiser - Feb. 12th - 11am
- Ash Wednesday Service - Feb. 14th - 6pm
- Trustees Meeting - Feb. 19th - 5:30pm
- Methodist Men Pancake Breakfast - Feb. 17th 7-11a
- Church Office Closed - Feb. 19th - President's Day
- Safe Gatherings Training - Feb. 20th - 2 & 6pm
- Chapel Tuesdays during Lent - 11:30am & 5pm
- Methodist Men Meeting - Feb. 26th - 6pm



## UNITED METHODIST MEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Supporting Boy Scouts  
FEB. 17<sup>TH</sup> • 7-11 am  
\$8 • Under 12 \$4 • Under 4 Free

Thank You!

How nice of you to be so thoughtful!  
Thank you for all your support, and encouragement!  
It is my honor to be a part of this great church!  
With love from  
*Thomasine Hill*



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WE EXIST TO ENABLE A COMMUNITY OF LOVE & RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER