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CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lenten Study Series: Begins Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 pm: Join us for a joint congregational study throughout the season of lent, entitled "The Mission of Jesus." The study will be held every Thursday evening at Unity Presbyterian Church and led jointly by Pastors Augie Hurst & Jim Moose. Copies of the study guide are available in the front lobby, a \$3 donation is requested per copy.

Music Night at Lebanon: Saturday, March 11 (5:00 – 8:30 p.) Join us here at Lebanon for an evening of gospel music, featuring "Gloryway Quartet." A free dinner will be served in the fellowship hall at 5 pm, with music to follow in the sanctuary at 7 pm. Free will donations accepted.

Evensong at Unity: Sunday, March 19 at 5:30 pm: Each month, Unity Presbyterian Church host a potluck supper, followed by an evening of singing your favorite hymns. Join us for fellowship and the great hymns of our faith.

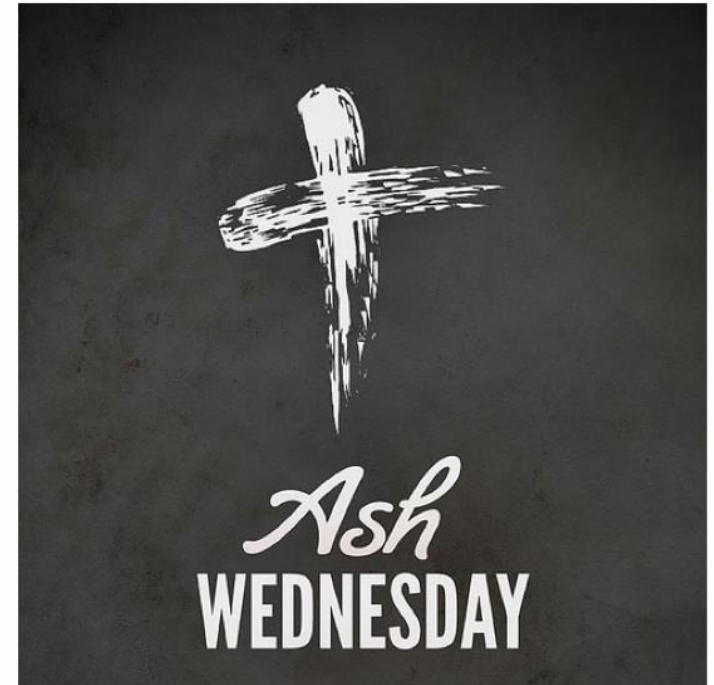
Salad & Soup Benefit Dinner: Sunday, March 26 (5:00 – 7:00 pm): The youth groups and summer mission team will host a dinner here at Lebanon to help raise funds for their travels to McDowell County, WV. All are invited

Easter Sunrise Service: Sunday, April 16 at 7:00 am The West Middlesex Ministerium will host an outdoor sunrise service at Unity Presbyterian Church. A light breakfast will be served indoors following the service.

Ash Wednesday Service

Lebanon Presbyterian Church & Unity Presbyterian Church

March 1, 2017 (7:00 p.m.)



"Is it a Fast?"

"Is this not the fast that I have chosen, to loose the chains of injustice, and untie the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke?"

(Isaiah 58:6)

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:

** Please stand, if able*

Welcome to our Ashe Wednesday service of worship. As you gather this evening in the sanctuary, please feel free to quietly greet those around you and then pause in silence in order to prepare your heart for worship.

Welcome & Announcements:

Call to Worship:

Psalm 139:1-8

- * One: O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- * ALL: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.
- * One: You hem me in – behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
- * ALL: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there, if I make my bed in the depths, you are there?

Gathering Hymn of Praise:

- * "O for a Heart to Praise My God."

Hymnal # 440

Gathering Prayer & Profession of Faith:

- * "The Apostles Creed"

In Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Praise & Congregational Greeting:

- * "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

Hymnal # 2

As a sign of peace and Christian unity, please take a moment to greet those around you; a suggested greeting may include the phrase, "Peace be with you." (Luke 24:36).

Call to Confession & Choral Anthem:

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51)

Hymnal # 703

Assurance of Pardon

by Pastor, Jim Moose

"If I Be Lifted Up"

by Combined Choir

Old Testament Reading & Response:

Isaiah 58:5-7

Pew Bible # 736

One: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading & Response:

Matthew 6:16-18

Pew Bible # 960

One: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks, be to God.

Prayers of the People & Proclamation of God's Word:

One: Let all God's people say...

ALL: Amen

Ash Wednesday: "Is It a Fast?"

by Pastor, Augie Hurst

Hymn of Response & Words of Blessing:

- * "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Hymnal #286

- * Words of Blessing

Thank you for worshipping with us tonight. As you depart, please take a moment to greet those around you with a word of blessing.