

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." -BCP

This February is going to be filled with some interesting contrasts. We will start the month off with our Kids First Service. This service will be special because it will include an Epiphany Pageant, where the kids will act out three major events that occur during the season of Epiphany. They will start by performing the wise men visiting baby Jesus, then recount Jesus teaching in the temple as a child, and lastly will reenact Jesus being baptized by John in the Jordan river. I'm looking forward to what the children will come up with and would encourage everyone to come to the service on February 4<sup>th</sup> to support our children and enjoy their performances.

The month of February will then quickly take a drastic turn. While many will be enjoying romantic dinners and eating heart-shaped chocolates, we will begin a journey of penitence (contemplating and feeling remorse for our sins) and repentance (turning away from sin and turning toward God). This journey starts on February 14, which is not only Valentine's Day this year, but also Ash Wednesday. If you've never attended an Ash Wednesday service, or if it's been a while, it is a very powerful service in which we begin the work of penitence and repentance. We are reminded that we have only so much time in this life, with crosses of Ashes being imposed on our foreheads with the words "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," recalling God's creation of Adam from the dust of the earth-to which we will all return one day. We will be having two services on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>-one at noon and one at 7pm.

As we draw closer to February, let us both take joy in the adorable fun moments and prepare for the somber ones to come.

Peace,

Megan

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Bert Beebe/Jillian Hendrix
- 8 Peg Cook
- 11 Florence Howells





Sunday, February 4—Sunday School & Children's Church

The children will be doing a play:

"The Early Life of Jesus"



\*\*Wednesday, Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday\*\*

Services are 12 noon and 7:00pm



Tues., Feb. 27—Food Pantry Distribution

Almost 200 families were served this past week.

## Feb. 4

## Sunday School—9:00am

## Children's Church

9:30am

Chalice......D.D. Krawlzik/Stan Stalnaker

Ushers......Ken & Helen Harclerode

Refreshments...Stillman/Moore

Healing.....Barbara Goodling

Counters.....D.D. Krawlzik/Terry McEwen

#### Feb. 11

9:30am

### Feb. 18

## Sunday School—9:00am

9:30am

#### Feb. 25

9:30am

