

Kanapaha Times

Monthly Newsletter of Kanapaha Presbyterian Church
March 2025



Join Us...

Sunday Morning Worship 10am in Sanctuary
Bible Study Tuesday March 4,11,18 @ 11am
Ash Wednesday Service 7pm in Sanctuary

Note from Pastor...

I can't believe Ash Wednesday is less than 5 days away!

“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” — Genesis 3:19

Simple words calling everything and everyone into an accounting. This marking of ashes on the foreheads of those who come is heavy with meaning. It reminds us of the fact that our time on earth is limited. It also reminds us that no matter how important we think we are, how much we accomplish, or do not accomplish, our end is the same. We will all return to the dust of the earth from whence we came. None will escape.

As a pastor, the ashes remind me that everyone I minister to will die and return to dust as well. Applying ashes to the forehead of a friend or family member really brings this home. Most of us can handle thinking of our own end but it's hard to think of someone with whom we've grown or perhaps our own siblings or children will also return to dust. Only God knows when and how. It is the end of all that is human. This fact alone should wake us up to how quickly we can step into eternity. The ashes call us to repent, to turn away from any evil, from any distraction that would keep us from being faithful to our God. This moment is an intimate reminder to both pastor and recipient that our life here on earth is not the forever we seek. We share this journey through life together at least for a time.

As somber and uninviting as this memorial in ashes may seem to be, Ash Wednesday is a gift. It is a perfect beginning to Lent, this reminder that we are mortal, that we and all we know will one day come to an end. It should prompt us to return to God and godly living, to place value on this life as getting ready for the next - the eternal life- we seek with God.

Looking forward to Easter and resurrection.

The Book of Common Worship includes an “Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent” in its Ash Wednesday liturgy. Reflect on this sacred invitation today, as you prepare yourself for this journey with Christ:

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marks the penitence of this community. I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by meditating on God's word.

Worship and Nurture

- HELP-Need liturgists for April and May and beyond.
If you are willing to be the reader for one Sunday or more,
Please let Janet Phipps know.
- Next Potluck will be on 3-30-25 after worship
- We continue to be thankful for all who bless KPC with their talents during worship
(Tom, James, Grace, liturgists, greeters, ushers, singers, pray-ers and worship-ers).
- Thanks to all who nurture our church family via prayers, calls, and texts when there are concerns and joys shared



Christian Education and Training

Lenten Study started with introduction to "Because of This I Rejoice," on 2-25-25 at 11. Not too late to attend the next session on 3-11-25 at 11 and then for the following Tuesdays until Easter. We hope to see you there in Memorial Hall!

Chicken Scratch NY

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

CLOVER

GREEN

GOLD

IRISH

MARCH



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Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. When he was 16 years old, Irish raiders tore him from the villa of his father, Calpurnius, a deacon and minor local official, and carried Patrick into slavery in Ireland. He spent six bleak years there as a herdsman, during which time he turned with fervor to his faith. Upon dreaming that the ship in which he was to escape was ready, he fled his enslaver and found passage to Britain. There he came near to starvation and suffered a second brief captivity before he was reunited with his family. Thereafter he may have paid a short visit to the Continent.

BIRTHDAYS FOR March 2025



Amy Rosenberg	March 03
Michael Wood	March 04
Linda Goshorn	March 07
Karen Kirkman	March 18

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 5	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday supper 6pm Soup & Bread Services 7pm
March 11	Tuesday	Bible Study @ 11M
March 17	Monday	St. Patrick's Day
March 18	Tuesday	Session Meeting @ 6 pm
March 23	Sunday	Magic Penny
March 24	Monday	Newsletter Deadline

