



The Voice of Westminster

We are a servant church, nurturing each other's spiritual journey and personal gifts. All are welcome!

March 2022

Join Us On The Journey

Growing up I don't remember much about Lent, perhaps since I did not grow up Presbyterian. We observed Maundy Thursday, and occasionally participated in a community Good Friday service, but I don't remember participating in an Ash Wednesday service until I was leading one as a pastor. It has only been as I have grown older, that I have come to appreciate it more and more.

I always find it interesting to delve into the historical roots of seasons and holidays. The word "Lent" has Germanic roots referring to the "lengthening" of days, or springtime. But facts about the early origin of the religious observance are not as well known.

In the Gospels, Jesus spends 40 days in the wilderness to fast and pray. This event was one of the factors that inspired this season, along with the final length of Lent (becoming more common in the 4th century.. This was also reason fasting became an integral part of this season. Early Christian practices in the Roman Empire varied from area to area. Candidates for baptism, as well as the clergy, would fast before the rite, which often took place at Easter.

The idea was to avoid self-indulgence at this time of repentance for one's sins. Marriage, a joyous ritual, was also prohibited during the Lenten season.

In addition, they also engage in the practice of "giving up something" during Lent. Often this is a favorite food or drink, or another pleasurable activity, like smoking or watching television. Other activities are also suggested, in keeping with the idea of Lent as a time for spiritual renewal as well as self-discipline. These include making amends with estranged family and friends, reading of the Bible or other spiritual writers, and community service.

Though some practices may have changed, Lent in the 21st century remains essentially the same as in centuries past: a time of quiet reflection and spiritual discipline.

Our season begins with Ash Wednesday services at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Don't miss this journey to Easter!

Blessings,
Pastor Roger

February Session Notes

Pastor Roger opened the Feb. 15 meeting with prayer. Devotions included breaking into small groups and discussing what the church mission statement means.

Onto business, Session:

- Examined new Deacons and Elders, including: Sara Tyler, Gary Teig, Glenn Lane (by phone), Pam Feerer, Jan Kosowski and Jim Patterson.
- Approved an affiliate membership for VLC, currently a student at Mount Mercy University, originally from India (see below).
- Approved a special Session meeting on Sunday, March 6 at 11 :30 in the Family Life Center, to discuss goals for the church.
- After discussion, agreed to hold a Maundy Thursday service, but no Good Friday service this year. The Maundy Thursday service will be April 14.
- Discussed various property issues, but made no decisions.



Mount Mercy Student from India Gains Affiliate Membership at WPC

The Mount Mercy grad student from Indian, know as VLC, became an affiliate member of Westminster on Sunday, Feb. 20. Session approved his membership at its meeting on Feb. 15.

VLC is considering serving as a pastor at a Mizo-language church. That is VLC's first language. VLC came to Westminster after enrolling at Mount Mercy University. Congratulations VLC! We wish you the best no matter where your path leads.

World War II Memorial Gets New Home

An unfortunate mishap turned out to be a blessing in disguise when Westminster's World War II Honor Roll toppled from its easel in February and splintered into pieces. Jan and Ed Kosowski came to the rescue. Ed repaired and rebuilt parts of the wooden tribute and then mounted on the wall in the Large Parlor-no more easel. It looks really great. Next step will be to add more names to the honor roll.



You might recall, the WWII Honor Roll was rededicated in 2018 with a service in the Small Parlor. At that time, Ted Kahler and Luman Colton, both World War II veterans were on hand to talk with the media. Both have since passed.

Many Hands Make Light Work Many Hands Make Big Impact

It's been said that many hands make light work. But, many hands also make big impact. Case in point: Westminster's "Bed and Bath Extravaganza." "Basic items such as bed sheets, comforters and towels have become too pricey for many of our L&F clients," said L&F Director Jan Kosowski.

The idea behind the bed and bath collection was simply to clean out your closets and bring what you no longer use or need. Westminster members responded generously. But, the best part was watching the inter-generational activity.

When Val Neubauer had the Sunday School children make tie-blankets for the cause. Others just walked into the Old Dining Room and helped the kids with their project. What a great experience for all. The Sunday School students are learning about love during the month of February. What better way to learn?

Our confirmation class helped sort all the items as part of a service project.

Items collected during February will be distributed at L&F in March.





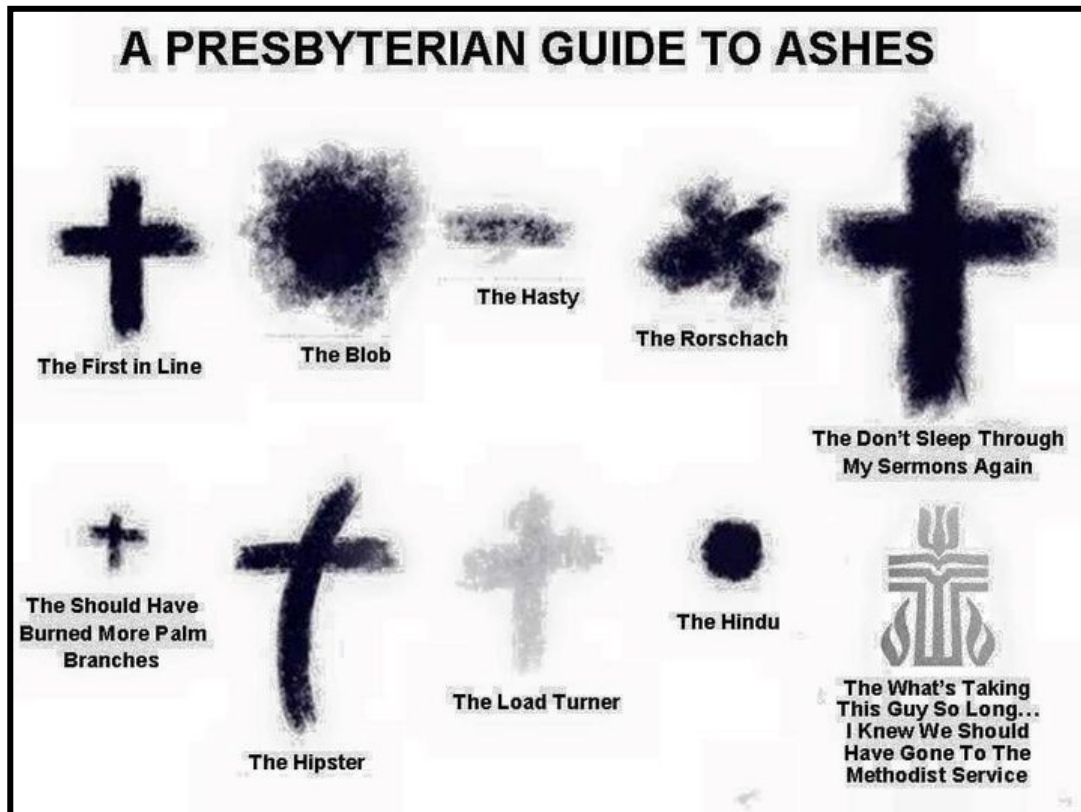
Landen and Logan Engel get a helping hand tying their blankets.

Westminster Kids show off their blankets during the Children's Message.

Confirmation Class students fold comforters and help sort donated items.



Meme of the Month...
Ash Wednesday Edition



March Birthdays

Glenn Lane	2
Ed Mumford	6
Julie Schlader	6
Linda Cosgrove	11
Jane Heck	17
Lindsay Meade	17
Bill Moss	23

The Month of March
Thank You Volunteers!

Liturgists

March 6—Jan Kosowski

March 13—Ben Fashimpaur

March 20—Pam Richardson

March 27—Warren Feerer

Greeters (at Front Door)

March 6—Jim Fine

March 13—Bob Moore

March 20—Brian Read

March 27—Terry Perkins

If you are unable to cover your Sunday, please make arrangements with a substitute. Thank you!

WPC Calendar | March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2:30-5 pm – Loaves & Fishes 6 pm- Beacon of Light	2 7:30 am – Men's Breakfast Group 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry 5 pm – Confirmation Class 6:30 pm – Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 pm – Choir Practice	3 6 pm – Beacon of Light	4 Church Closed	5 Church Closed
6 Communion Sunday 8 am – Breakfast 9 am – Christian Ed 10 am – Worship 11:30 am-Session goal meeting 4 pm – Choral Midwest	7 11 am-Better Bridge 7 pm-AA	8 2:30-5 pm – Loaves & Fishes 6 pm- Beacon of Light 7 pm-Wellington Heights	9 7:30 am – Men's Breakfast Group 5 pm – Confirmation Class 7 pm – Choir Practice	10 9:30 am-Kindred Sisters? 1 pm-Personnel 6 pm-Beacon of Light	11 Church Closed	12 Church Closed
13 Communion Sunday 8 am – Breakfast Spring Break-No Adult Ed or Sunday School 10 am – Worship 4 pm – Choral Midwest	14 11 am-Better Bridge 1 pm-Property 4:30 pm-Finance 6:30 pm-Mission 7 pm-AA	15 2:30-5 pm – Loaves & Fishes 6 pm- Beacon of Light 6:30 pm-Session	16 Newsletter Deadline 7:30 am – Men's Breakfast Group 9:30 am-Prayer Shawl 5 pm – Confirmation Class 7 pm – Choir Practice	17 6 pm-Beacon of Light	18 Church Closed	19 Church Closed
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10 a.m.—Sanctuary

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