

Main Street United Methodist Church

*February 26, 2020*

*Ash Wednesday*

*6:00 pm*

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Music

Orville Bame, Pianist

\*Call to Worship

*Lent*

UMH 268

\*Hymn

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

UMH 269

\*Unison Prayer

**God of dust and ash, you fashioned us from the dust of the earth, and to dust we shall return. May the ashes placed upon our foreheads this day remind us of who we are, and whose we are. Draw us back to you, O God, for you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Heal the hardness of our hearts, that we may be faithful disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, the one who makes all things new. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

*Joel 2:1-2, 12-18*

Silent Prayer

Scripture Reading

*2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2*

\*Scripture Reading

*Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18*

\*Hymn

*The Lord's Prayer*

UMH 271

Homily

*Blessing the Dust*

Rev. Linda Kusse-Wolfe

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Imposition of the Ashes

*The congregation is invited to come forward to receive ashes.*

Unison Prayer of Confession (based on *Psalms 51*)

**Holy God, wash us thoroughly of our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. For our transgressions are ever before us, and we have done what is evil in your sight. You desire truth in our inward being; yet we turn our back on the wisdom you would impart to our hearts. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. Forgive our sins, and lead us in your path of righteousness, that we might teach transgressors your ways and lead sinners to return to you. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

\*Hymn

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

No. 292

*The chancel rail is available for prayer*

\*Words of Assurance

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Passing of the Peace

*Offer one another signs of grace, peace and love.*

***\*Please stand as you are able.***



Main Street participates in the Lenten lunches offered by several churches, which begin on March 4th. Lunch begins at noon each Wednesday and consists of soup, sandwiches, cookies and beverages provided by the host church. The cost of the lunch is \$3 per person. The lunch is followed by a short worship time (12:35 – 12:50 pm) led by one of the pastors.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
March 4	St. John's Evag. Catholic	Rev. Linda Kusse-Wolfe Main St. UMC
March 11	Westminster Presbyterian	Pastor Barrett Owen First Baptist Church
March 18	First Presbyterian/ Glen Kirk	Pastor April Cranford Westminster Pres. Church
March 25	First Baptist	Father Rolo Castillo St. John's Evag. Catholic
April 1	Main Street UMC	TBD First Presbyterian/Glen Kirk



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*Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.*

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