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CHURCH



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Dear Church Family,

This month we enter into another season of Lent. On February 14th at 7pm, we will gather with our missional network at Cedar Falls UMC (1119 Loflin Pond Road-Asheboro, NC) to receive ashes on our foreheads in the shape of a cross.

This service has always had a profound impact on my life and ministry. As we come forward to receive an ashen cross, we hear words such as “Repent and believe the gospel” or “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” These words can be tough to share (*and* receive) --but they are true. We cannot save ourselves. We will all die, and we are all in need of a Savior. Yet, thanks be to God, God does God’s best work with dust.

Throughout our Scriptural story, we see how God can take something so small or meaningless and transform it into something amazing. This is part of the message of Ash Wednesday.

If you have ever wondered why we put ash on our foreheads, here are some reasons why:

+ To remind us of all those around the world who are mourning and suffering (maybe even us).

Suffering is definitely present, but God is with us in the suffering. While we may question or wonder why suffering takes place, God is big enough to hear our cries and questions. After all, Jesus shows us that God is near to all who are hurting.

+ To remind us that we all have sinned, we all need repentance, and we all must cling to the promises and love of Christ.

We stand in need of grace. However, God’s grace is not cheap—God’s grace is costly. Every day is an opportunity for us to ask God (and others) for forgiveness.

+ To remind us of Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection.

Jesus’ life is cross shaped. We wear the mark of the cross to align our lives with God’s life. Jesus’ life is filled with suffering, death, *and* resurrection. We, too, must journey with Jesus as a cross-shaped people who love God and neighbor as ourselves.

This Lent, we will be exploring the theme of suffering in our world today. Pastor Taylor and I will be preaching a sermon series entitled, “Rehab”. Our hope is that we can have honest conversations about the hurt and pain we experience in our own lives and in this world. We will do this all while looking to God in Jesus Christ as the One who enters into our suffering to show us how to love well and live differently.

Grace and peace + josh

Please send mail and pray for our Homebound

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Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Arlie Culp
Ed & Nancy Bunch
Bobby Burgess & Denise Lowe
Jerry Blackwelder
Anne Cox

In Memory of Beverly Stout
Bobby Burgess & Denise Lowe
Ernest Stout Family
Michelle Blake
Anne Cox

In Memory of Harvey Burgess
Bobby Burgess & Denise Lowe
Mont Gilmore

In Memory of Doris Smith
William L. Smith

In Memory of Clara Pugh
Bobby Burgess & Denise Lowe
Perry & Lou Stout
Mont Gilmore

In Memory of Sarah Gilmore
Mont Gilmore

In Memory of Tony Leonard
Betty S. Leonard

In Honor of Toni Marley
Bobby Burgess & Denise Lowe

In Honor of Celeste Byrnes
Anne Cox

In Honor of Emily Johnson
Bobby Burgess & Denise Lowe

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Anne Cox

In Honor of Joanne Luck
Mont Gilmore

In Honor of Malvin & Ann Robinson
Mont Gilmore

Small Group Opportunities

Bibles and Biscuits @ Bojangles'

Attention all youth! Join Pastor **Josh** every Sunday morning at 9:45am for 'Bibles and Biscuits' at the Ramseur Bojangles. Meet at the church at 9:40am to ride together in the van or at meet us at Bojangles at 9:45am.



Jordan Youth

Feb. 4: Super Bowl Party
6pm-Halftime

February 18th-5pm at the
Kurtz's

February 24th—WinterJam

Family Gathering

On Sunday, February 11th immediately following the 11am worship service, we will have lunch and games for all kids and families. This is a partnership with McCrary Chapel UMC.

Thursdays on Main Street

Thursdays on Main Street small group will meet the following Thursdays in February at 7pm at the House on Main Street:

Feb. 1, Feb. 15, Feb. 22

Young Adult Small Group

The Young Adult Small Group will meet on Wednesday, February 21st at 6pm at the Kurtz's house.

Community Garden

Anyone interested in helping at the Ramseur community garden is invited to go out to the plot of land to investigate possible gardening location on Wednesday, February 14th at 10am.

Bluegrass Sunday

Bluegrass Sunday practice will be Thursday February 1st at 3:30pm.

Join us for Blue Grass Sunday, where we have a variety of musically talented people playing church hymns. Blue Grass Sunday date is February 4th.

IMPACT: RAMSEUR

IMPACT:Ramseur completed 13th wheelchair ramp this month! We partnered with the Dunn family to make sure Mrs. Martha Dunn would have access in and out of her house.

Please continue to pray for the Dunn family and for IMPACT:Ramseur!

Tai Chi Chuan Classes are held on Saturday morning at 9am in the fellowship hall. Feb classes are 3, 10, 17.

Jordan Kids

The next Jordan Kids Sunday worship experience is Sunday, February 25th during the 11am service.

AA Group

Jordan Memorial is hosting an open discussion **AA Group** on Monday evenings at 6:30pm at the House on Main Street (1513 Main Street Ramseur). Please be in prayer for this important ministry. If you have questions, contact Joy Collins at 336-622-3839.

Journey Group

The Journey Group will meet Tuesday Feb, 6 and Feb, 20 at 7pm at the House on Main Street. This is a small group centered on leading all people towards healing and wholeness.

In Appreciation / Announcements

Thank you for taking the time to rebuild my ramp. I appreciate it more than words can say.

I have enclosed a check for the Boy Scouts as a small token of my appreciation.

May God Bless you for all you do.
George Reynolds

UMW News

The United Methodist Women met on Sunday, January 28th to plan the years events.

Meetings are scheduled on Sunday, March 4th, Sunday, August 5th & Sunday, November 4th.

On Saturday, March 24th there is a Mission Study at Central in Monroe from 10am—2pm. If you are interested in attending, let Celeste know by March 18th.

New church hours: Monday & Thursday 9am—1pm.

Betty Jo Armfield and Pastor Josh Honored

Jordan Memorial United Methodist Women honored Betty Jo Armfield with a special mission recognition award on Sunday, January 28, 2018. Betty Jo served as district secretary for both the High Point and the Uwharrie District. She is currently serving as parliamentarian for the Uwharrie District. She is secretary of the Circle of Grace and Jordan Memorial United Methodist Women. Betty Jo directs Children's Church for our young people. Betty Jo was honored in 1997 with a gold mission recognition pin. For special circumstances, a second pin may be awarded to someone who has previously received recognition. The second pin is differentiated with an emerald, sapphire, pearl or diamond. UMW President Celeste Byrnes presented the pearl pin and a certificate.

The United Methodist Women also recognized Pastor Josh Kurtz with a gift to mission in his honor.



Lenten Worship Series:




Worship Times

Sunday School
9:45am
Worship Service
11am



Scout Sunday
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

11AM
JORDAN MEMORIAL UMC
1511 MAIN STREET-RAMSEUR



A COVERED DISH LUNCHEON WILL FOLLOW THE 11AM SERVICE AS WE CELEBRATE OUR SCOUTS!

FEB 20

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

6pm


JORDAN MEMORIAL UMC
1511 MAIN STREET
RAMSEUR

FAMILY FUN DAY

FLAG FOOTBALL, SAND ART, COLORING AND FOOD!

**SUNDAY, FEB 11
12PM-2PM**

1511 Main Street
Ramseur NC



A S H
W E D N E S D A Y

North Randolph Missional Network
Ash Wednesday Service + 7pm Wednesday, February 14th
Cedar Falls UMC
1119 Loflin Pond Rd
Asheboro, NC



Here is the latest IMPACT: Ramseur ramp. Please be in prayer for the Dunn Family.



Ann & Wayne Hutchins just returned from Costa Rica, where they helped build a parsonage for a local pastor and family. Thanks to Jordan Memorial contributing monies and prayers towards this project!



Saturday

**WORSHIP
EXPERIENCE**

Saturday, Feb. 17th

Dinner @ 5:30pm
Worship @ 6pm

1511 Main Street
Ramseur

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			JAN 31st Blue Grass Practice @ 3:30pm	1 Thurs on Main 7pm	2	3 Tai Chi 9am
4 Youth Bibles & Biscuit @ Bojangles 9:45am Scout Sunday Blue Grass Sunday Youth Super Bowl Party 6pm—Halftime	5 Prayer 8am AA Group 6:30pm	6 Journey Grp 7pm Jordan Closet Open 5-7pm	7	8	9	10 Tai Chi 9am
11 Youth Bibles & Biscuit @ Bojangles 9:45am Family Gathering lunch / games @ 12am @ McCrary Chapel UMC	12 Prayer 8am AA Group 6:30pm	13 Jordan Closet Open 5-7pm	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day Community Garden 10am	15 Thurs on Main 7pm	16	17 Tai Chi 9am Sat Worship Experience Dinner 5:30 Worship 6pm
18 Youth Bibles & Biscuit @ Bojangles 9:45am Youth meet @ Kurtz 5pm	19 Prayer 8am AA Group 6:30pm	20 Community Meal 6pm / Journey Grp 7pm Jordan Closet Open 5-7pm	21 Young Adult 6pm @ Kurtz's	22 Thurs on Main 7pm	23	24
25 Youth Bibles & Biscuit @ Bojangles 9:45am Kids' Worship 11am	26 Prayer 8am AA Group 6:30pm	27 Jordan Closet Open 5-7pm	28			

February Birthdays

01-Grey Graham
03-Jack Embree, III
04-Brady Armfield
04-Karen Burgess McPherson
06-Richard Gilliland
09-Doug Collins
09-Jane H. Anderson
09-Jimmy McPherson
11-Beth Lankford
11-Kelly W. Painter
12-Greg Chaffin
14-Jane Embree
14-Scott Leonard
15-Jason Leonard
15-Matthew Leonard
15-Kevin Ihme
20-Beth Ann Leonard

Ramseur Food Pantry: Powdered & Canned milk, Macaroni & Cheese.

Always a need: sugar, flour, cooking oil, frozen items, personal hygiene items, infant formula (with or without iron) baby food, diapers.

ACOLYTE

2/4—Hunter Shackelford
2/11—Izzy Benbow
2/18—Gianna Rodriguez
2/25—Mason Gaines

USHERS

Bruce Ihme, Joe Hardin,

GREETERS: Mark & Pam Trexler

CUSTODIAN: Jerry Boyd

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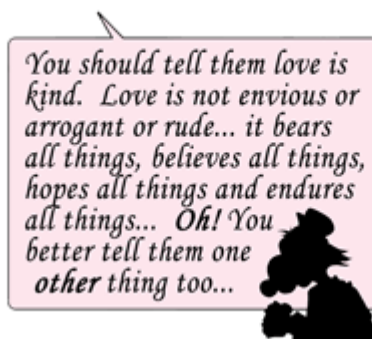
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