

Greetings Friends!

In Genesis Chapter 1, verses 26-28 God spoke: “Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth.”

God created human beings; He created them godlike, reflecting God’s nature. He created them male and female. God blessed them: “Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!

Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth.” (Genesis 1:26-28, The Message)

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, with ashes imposed on our foreheads and the words, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”.

In a conversation about Ash Wednesday, a friend said recently, “I may be dust, but I know that I’m beloved dust.”

We are earthy, earthly, creatures who are made in God’s image, and who are beloved by God. We are loved so much, that God sent His Holy Spirit to reside in our very hearts, to search our hearts, even to utter prayer for us to God when we don’t know what to pray. (Romans 8:26-28). God breathed His Holy Spirit into us, so that we might have, not only life, but faith, love, and the courage to be Christ’s body on earth. As children of God, we are called to love one another, and, into the healing of relationships and creation, through God’s loving grace.

As we enter the season of Lent, we are challenged to pray, fast, repent, and spend time in intentional mindfulness that we might focus more on God and God’s calling on our lives, and less time worrying about ourselves and our own plans. We have been through lots of trials in recent months, both personally and collectively beloved. Please remember that while you may be dust, you aren’t just any old dust, you are dust made in the image of God, beloved by God, and called to witness and testify to the presence of God’s amazing grace and love in your life and in the world.

Your Sibling in Christ,

Pastor Deb

2021 FLOWERS AND BULLETIN SPONSOR CHARTS
ARE AVAILABLE

Please call the church office (570-788-1572) to sponsor flowers or bulletins for the coming year. Once the church is open, the charts will be on the bulletin board in the narthex.



PLEASE NOTE:

Individual communion cups are ready for pick up for you to use at home. They are inside the front door of the parlor and may be picked up during office hours. Please help yourself. If you cannot come to the church during the hours posted, please call the church office (570-788-1572) to make other arrangements. You may also commune with what you have handy at home; bread, crackers, juice, wine, etc.

WORSHIP HELPERS – FEBRUARY 2021

February

9:30am service

Asst. Minister	Marty Kellow
Reader	Cindy Derr

February 14

9:30am service

Asst. Minister	Fred Jaxheimer
Reader	Marian Jaxheimer

February 17 -Ash Wednesday

Asst. Minister	Tom Toth
Reader	Shirley Ikeda

February 21

9:30am service

Asst. Minister	Jean Frye
Reader	Donna Broadt

February 28

9:30am service

Asst. Minister	Cindy Thorne
Reader	Bonnie Floryshak

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 Michael Heeman, Jr.
Jennifer Welch
- 2/2 Steven Boyer
Kathryn Hunsinger
Mark Moran
- 2/4 Susan Licurgo
- 2/5 Bette Berger
Christopher Heeman
- 2/6 Mary Catherine Wolfe
- 2/7 Jan Dillman
- 2/8 Bob Belusko
- 2/9 Erica Boyle
Reed Floryshak
Owen Pollock
- 2/10 Victoria Bernstein
Catherine Sachs
- 2/13 Kyra Antolick
- 2/16 Misty Keck
- 2/17 Jordan Pick
- 2/17 Scott Stefanick
Tom Toth
- 2/18 Miranda Matz
Dawn Smith
- 2/20 Beth Henderson
Lucinda Jordan
Rowan St. Clair
- 2/21 Donna Broadt
- 2/23 Jim Rodechko
- 2/25 Grace Skalla
- 2/28 Ron Burger
Levi Kurtz
- 2/29 Ryan Hare

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/4 Patt & Cindy Derr
- 2/9 Blake & Beth Brown

