



Welcome to Ware!

Worship Times

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum
(September-May)

10:10 a.m. Children's Chapel
(September—May)

10:25 a.m. Sunday School
(September—May)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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On Hearts and Ashes

What started as a way to bring some humor to otherwise dry announcements on Sunday mornings has given way to some profound theological reflection – I'm referring to the fact that this year Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the same day. You may recall how I noted several times that this year on February 14 you'll be reminded that you will return to ashes and the dust from which you were made, but you'll be told that you are loved: at first a bit of humor, with reflection, the truth of the gospel.

Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14 this year) usually catches us off guard. This year, with Easter arriving a bit earlier in the year (April 1), Lent will certainly break upon us with the surprise of an early Spring thunderstorm. For some, Lent is not a favorite season – to put it mildly. However, when we live Lent fully, our experience of Easter will be that much more profound. Lent is the most honest of seasons – we are all mortal; we will not live forever; and we live highly imperfect lives. Then comes Easter and the reminder of the love of God that burst forth from the grave and proclaimed: though you be mortal, yet shall you live eternally with God; though you be imperfect, yet you shall be made perfect by Jesus Christ. In short, though we be ashes, yet shall these ashes live.

When the duality of February 14 (Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday) hits this year, let us ponder our hearts and ashes. What does it mean for us to be ashes loved by God? How does our love of God and neighbor break forth and help Jesus Christ give new life to the ashes of this world? We are all ashes, but these ashes have a lot of living to do.

Faithfully,

T. Grant Ambrose

COMFORT WARE- A new ministry has started in December through Ware Church for women undergoing radiation treatments at Walter Reed Cancer Center, Gloucester. Women with breast or lung cancer will be given a soft handmade robe for their multiple visits for curative radiation. The Walmart in Gloucester has agreed to donate the flannel clothe, notions and thread for ten gowns per month until such time of their choosing. We have five sewers signed up already and our first batch of gowns will be blessed by Rev. Grant in February. Contact Mary Galloway at galloway.marym@gmail.com if you would like to help with sewing a basic pattern (all straight seams). Walter Reed Senior Radiation Therapist, Paula Dunston-Cotte, said her staff feels these robes will be a comfort for these women at this vulnerable time, so we have called them "Comfort Ware".

VESTRY NOTES

- ◆ The first Vestry meeting of 2018 was held on Tuesday, January 16, with new members George Bains, Lee Brown, Ginny Roane, and Kirby Smith welcomed.
- ◆ John Galloway was elected to serve as the Senior Warden of the Vestry until his term expires at the end of 2019.
- ◆ Rick Zima will continue to serve as the Junior Warden of the Vestry until his term expires at the end of 2018.
- ◆ David Teagle will be installed as an honorary Vestry member during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, February 11.
- ◆ To best fit the schedules of all the Vestry members, Vestry meetings will now be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, at 6 PM in the Parish Hall.





Stewardship Pledges - Many thanks to all who have committed a pledge of support for 2018. We are hopeful that others will continue to submit pledges to the Office as we enter the New Year. If you need a pledge card, please contact the Church Office.

Hammer & Nail Guild - Next gathering of the guild is Saturday, February 10th (2nd Saturday of the month). Breakfast will begin at 8:00 am in the Parish Hall, followed by some projects in the church and parish hall. We start early and are finished by 10:00 am. All are welcome to join in...bring an appetite and a smile.

PrimeTimers—The next gathering will be held on Wednesday, February 14th., Valentines' Day. Please come spend Valentines Day with us! We look forward to treating you to a special lunch.

Scout Sunday—Sunday, February 11, is Scouting Sunday. On this Sunday, we will recognize our relationship with Troop 111 and Venture Crew 111 during the 10:30 a.m. service. During coffee hour, we will hear more from our scouting organizations. At 12:30 p.m. we will dedicate the new Stations of the Cross. Please join us for all these events on Sunday, February 11th.

Lenten Retreat— Join Fr. Grant Ambrose on February 24th from 9am to noon for a Lenten themed retreat titled "Rend Your Heart." Grant will lead us in spiritual conversation and lesson. Continental breakfast items will be provided.

WOW Book Club—Join WOW for a bag lunch meeting to review The Storied Life of AJ Firky on March 12th at 11am. We hope to see you there!

St. Tabitha's Guild- Join Martha for St. Tabitha's Guild on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm. We hope to see you on Tuesday, February 20th at 7.



February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple @ 6:30pm	Baroque Concert Kontrabande 7:00 pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	STARTING WITH THE WORD 8:30		Midweek Service & Holy Communion 10 am in Chapel			Hammer & Nails Guild Breakfast & Meet @ 8 am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Scout Sunday Farm to Table 11:30 am	STARTING WITH THE WORD 8:30		Ash Wednesday 10 am in Chapel 7pm in Church Prime Timers Gathering @ noon			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	STARTING WITH THE WORD 8:30	Vestry Meeting 6:00 pm St. Tabitha's Guild 7pm	Midweek Service & Holy Communion 10 am in Chapel	Lenten Supper & Service @ 5:30		Lenten Retreat <i>Rent Your Heart</i> 9—noon
25	26	27	28			
	STARTING WITH THE WORD 8:30		Midweek Service & Holy Communion 10 am in Chapel			