

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ The [FREE Community Breakfast](#) will be served this Saturday, February 17 from 8:30-10 am. The breakfast is served in Fellowship Hall or is available as a takeout. To help out, contact Sandy Bareford @ 717.341.5931/sandybareford@gmail.com.
- ◆ The [Fellowship Breakfast](#) will be held on Thursday, February 29 @ 8:30 am @ The Kountry Kitchen Restaurant. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Joan Hess at 717.665.7505 by Monday, February 26.



From Pastor Bill Long:

If you have questions about anything you've heard today, please feel free to contact us. We'd love to talk with you and get to know you! Pastor Bill Long's office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 am-1 pm. For other times, call the church office at 717.665.2447.

If you need Pastoral Care: If you are hospitalized or in crisis, please notify the church office at 717.665.2447 during weekday hours, or for *emergency* weekends, please call the church and leave a message – messages are monitored daily and your call will be returned shortly.

Church Calendar

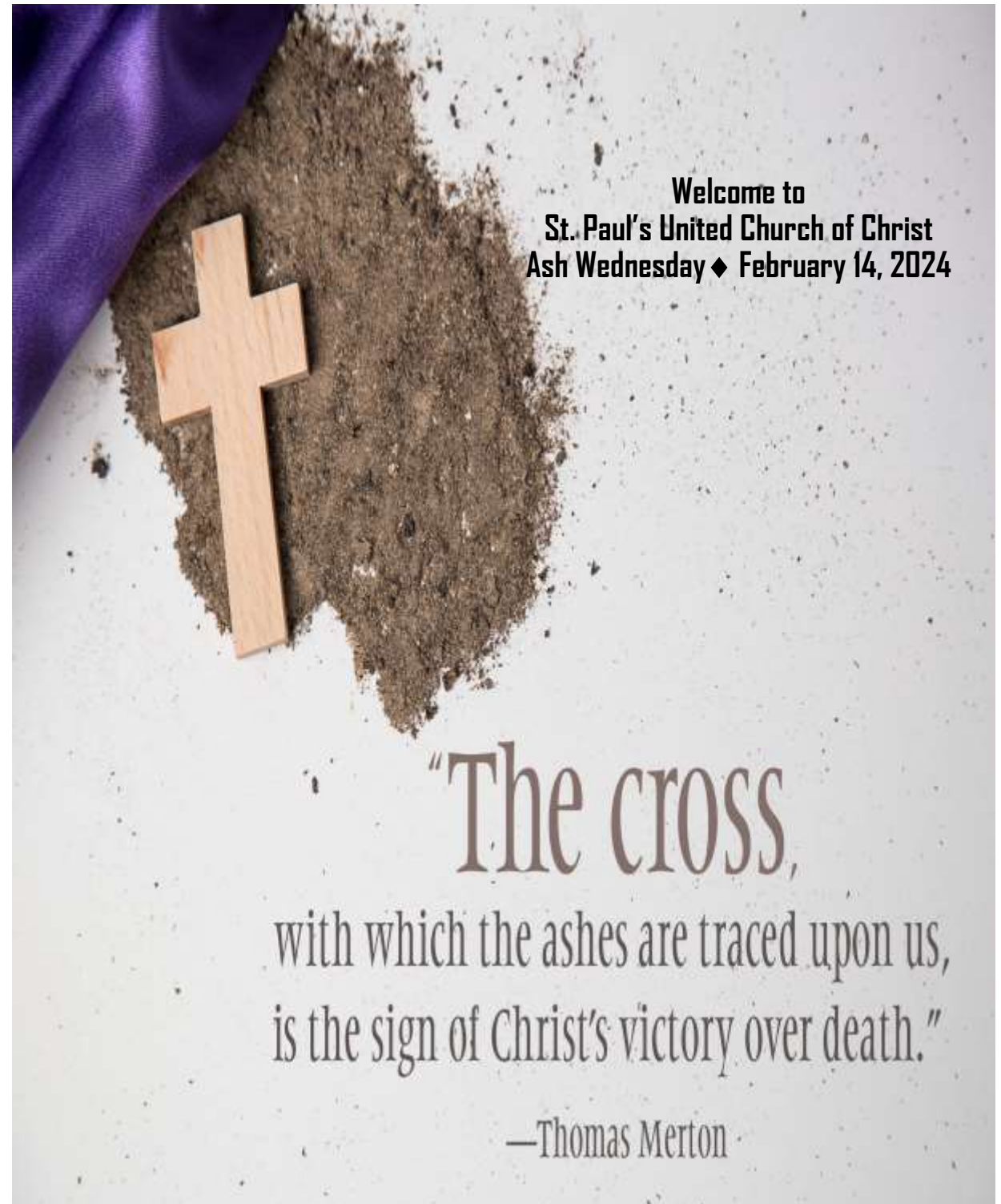
Today: 7:00 pm [Ash Wednesday Worship Service](#)
Thursday: 5:30 pm Simply Yoga
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm AA Meeting @ Zion Lutheran Church
Saturday: 8:30-10 am [FREE Community Breakfast](#)
Sunday: 9 am Prayer
9:30 am One Worship in the Sanctuary
or Listen Live in our Parking Lot
10:30 am Coffee Hour
Monday: Presidents' Day – Office Closed

St Paul's United Church of Christ

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Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Ash Wednesday ♦ February 14, 2024



"The cross,
with which the ashes are traced upon us,
is the sign of Christ's victory over death."

—Thomas Merton

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WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

Making a Difference through the Love of Christ to
Know God ♦ Love God ♦ Serve God

Prelude

♦ Hymn #489

♦ The Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself any idols.
You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy.
Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal. You shall not lie. You shall not covet.

Hear What Our Lord Jesus Christ Said:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and great commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments rest all the law and the prophets.

♦ The Prayer of Confession

L: God of depths, searcher of hearts,

P: Lead us into this holy time of Lent so we can let go of that which pulls us from your path. Give us the courage to persist in prayer, excel in kindness and walk gently on the earth. Heal the wounds we carry, forgive the errors we commit and lead us to new life. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy and forgive us. Amen.

The Imposition of Ashes

♦ Hymn #488

Prayers of Intercession

Reading of Scripture (Celebrate Insert)

Sermon

♦ The Confessional Questions

♦ Hymn #539

♦ Benediction

♦ Postlude/Offering

"Lenten Meditation"

["Pass Me Not"](#)

- Denton

["Just As I Am"](#)

(Celebrate Insert)

[Joel 2:1-2, 12-17](#)/[2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10](#)/[St. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21](#)

["Hearts"](#)

- Pastor Bill Long

["My Faith Looks Up to Thee"](#)

"To God All Glory Given"

- Sawyer

♦ All who are able may stand

Announcements

Welcome Back! It's so great to worship with you!

Worship Assistants:

Music Provided by Steve Smith

The Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God.

Offering Options: Your offering is a part of worshipping God. St. Paul's offers several ways to give your offering:

- ♦ Drop your envelope in the offering plate as you leave church today.
- ♦ Mail your offering to the church.
- ♦ If you use online banking, use the Bill Pay option.
- ♦ Or set up direct withdrawals – contact the church office at 717.665.2447 for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry here @ St. Paul's UCC!

[Lenten Meals & Worship](#)

A light Lenten meal followed by Worship will be held on Wednesdays, February 21-March 20 beginning @ 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. The focus for worship which begins @ 6:30 pm is 'Between Job and Jesus.'

Mission of the Month

The February Mission of the Month is St. Paul's Shepherd's Fund, which helps those that are struggling financially in our own congregation. Please use your February special envelope to support this mission.

Inclement Weather?

In case of inclement weather, be sure to call the church office at 717.665.2447 after 8 am on Sundays for service or event changes or cancellations. Postings can also be found on WGAL, WGAL.com and on our website. Sermons and bulletins will always be available online on our website: www.stpaulsuccmanheim.org.

Prayers of the People



Today's Prayer: You care for all people, loving God. Heal any who are scarred by violence, addiction, or trauma of any kind. Comfort those who grieve and bring relief to any in pain. Amen.

Renew this congregation, O God. During these forty days of Lent, confirm our sense of mission and expand our imagination for ministry. Deepen our faith, increase our love, and draw us into your unfolding work of healing and restoration.