

Ash Wednesday Service

Join us in the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm on **Wednesday, February 14**. Ash Wednesday emphasizes two things: we confront our own mortality (death) and confess our sin before God within the community of the church. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. The imposition of ashes is a powerful yet silent way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation.

The ashes remind us that we were created from the dust of the earth and will, someday, return to the earth. Only God, who formed us from the dust, can breath life into our mortal bodies and then call that same dust back to life in resurrection. It is right that we should gather and be reminded of our absolute need for a loving Savior who suffered and died to save us from our sins. Ash Wednesday starts the season of Lent.

The ashes on our foreheads remind us that death is at hand and we need the Lord.

Serving This Morning

Pastor Adam Love
 Choir Director Kristen Marian
 Pianist Glenda Gray
 Organist Ray Johnson
 Lay Lector Matt Slaughter
 Ushers Jason Robinette and Jessica Slaughter
 Communion Servers Mitch & Jill Davenport and Jim & Trish Downs
 Kids' Moments Lauren Summar
 Tech Booth Carol Stout
 Sunday School Nursery Piper Benton and Bobbi Love
 Worship Hour Nursery Piper Benton and Amanda Flanary
 No Kids' Church - Communion
 Receiving Treasurers Amanda Hobbs and Deb Gardner

Interested in serving in one of these ministries? See Ray or Pastor Adam

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Sunday, February 4, 2024 · 11:00am
When the Truth Is Too Much

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship	Matt Slaughter
Prelude "Break Thou the Bread of Life"	Ray Johnson, organ
* Responsive Psalter Reading	Psalm 122
* Gloria Patri	"Glory Be to the Father" UMH 70
* Hymn	"Table of Plenty"
Offertory Anthem "Holy Manna"	Chancel Choir
* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94	
* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication	Adam Love
Kids' Moments	Lauren Summar
Song for Illumination	"Open Our Eyes" TFWS 2086
* Gospel Reading	Mark 6:1-29
Sermon	Adam Love
Special Music "Change My Heart, O God"	Glenda Gray, piano
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon	Adam Love
The Great Thanksgiving	
Lord's Prayer	
Giving the Bread and Cup	
Prayer after Communion	
* Hymn	"Where He Leads Me" UMH 338
* Benediction	
* Postlude "The Call of the Christ"	Glenda Gray, piano Ray Johnson, organ

Mafair's Church Leadership Council has voted to implement the Stephen Ministry system of lay caregiving that's being used in over 13,000 congregations worldwide.



To get this ministry up and running, we need congregation members who are willing to answer Jesus' call to be trained as lay caregivers, called **Stephen Ministers**. This distinctively Christian training includes a variety of topics such as listening, assertiveness, maintaining boundaries in caregiving, and grief, focusing on how to provide care while God cures.

When our new Stephen Ministers have completed their training, they will be commissioned and ready to begin their ministry. Working under supervision, these Stephen Ministers will be available to meet weekly with people experiencing grief, illness, job loss, divorce, relocation, and other life difficulties.

Stephen Ministers commit to at least two years for training, service, and regular supervision. Many of them enjoy their ministry so much that they choose to serve beyond the two years.

Being a Stephen Minister may be one of the most fulfilling and transformative ministries you will ever be a part of. You will grow spiritually and gain skills to use not only in your caring ministry but also in your everyday relationships with family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

Our next training class begins April 11 and runs through August 29, so I invite you to think and pray about this opportunity. If you're interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, contact me, and we can talk about how you can get started.

I am excited to see what God will do in the lives of those who join this ministry and those who will receive much-needed care.

Paul McRoy
Stephen Leader

Welcome to Mafair!

Parents with children, we have a nursery downstairs (infants to age 3 in Room B03) and some creative items are located at the entrance to the sanctuary for those kids who remain in the worship service.

During Kids' Moments, all children are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a special message. After Kids' Moments on Sundays when Kids' Church is offered, kids ages 3-7 years may go with our leaders to Kids' Church (Lower Elementary classroom B07 downstairs) for Bible lessons. Parents may pick up their children at the end of the service.

This Week at Mafair

B— Basement **1**— First Floor **2**— Second Floor **FH** Fellowship Hall **TPC** The Prospect Center

Sunday

9:00am Staff Devotions · Sanctuary
9:45am Sunday School
10:40am Chancel Choir warmup · B05
11:00am Worship · Sanctuary
2:00pm AA · TPC
7:00pm AA · TPC

Monday

8:00am Men's Breakfast · Perkins
2:00pm AA · TPC
6:00pm Cub Scouts · FH

Tuesday

8:00am Morning Hope Breakfast · TPC
2:00pm AA · TPC
2:30pm Worship Planning · 201
6:00pm CLC · FH
7:00pm NA · TPC

Wednesday

2:00pm AA · TPC
5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner · FH

5:30pm Youth Ensemble · Sanctuary
6:00pm Kids' Choir · B05
6:15pm Youth · 205
6:30pm Women's AA · TPC
6:30pm Bible Study · FH
6:45pm Kids SPLASH · B08
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal · Sanctuary

Thursday

12:00pm NA · TPC
2:00pm AA · TPC
6:00pm Girl Scout Svc Unit Mtg · FH

Friday

Office Closed
2:00pm AA · TPC
8:30pm DAA · TPC

Saturday

2:00pm AA · TPC
5:30pm Emmaus Gathering · FH and Sanctuary
7:00pm NA · TPC

Wednesday Night Dinner

Pastor Adam's Taco Bar

Adults/Teens: \$8 each, Kids: \$6 each, Family maximum: \$22.
Make your reservation: mafairumc.org/wnd, call 423-378-9620, or scan the QR code. Reservation deadline is Tuesday at noon.



Prayer Concerns

Chris Probst; Linda DeBord; Ruby Dishner; Doris Cox; Warren Larson; Lari Beasley (Lorla Boswell's daughter); Gloria Carlisle; Winston Rawlston; Jay and Sage Turner (Ken & Doris Alfrey's son-in-law and grandson); Nat Ellis (Susie Weatherall's stepfather); Susie Weatherall's neighbor Roger; Ann Keith; Dan & Salena Robinette (Jason Robinette's uncle and aunt).