



United Methodist Church of Danielson  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 7th                      Ash Wednesday Service @ Westfield Congregational Church @ 7:00pm
- February 12, 19, 26
- March 4, 11, & 18                  Lenten Prayer Circle 11:00pm –12:00pm
- March 5th                              World Day of Prayer 11:30am
- March 6th                              One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday
- March 24th                            Maundy Thursday Service—Moosup UMC 6:30pm
- March 25th  
nerstone                              Procession of the Cross—Starts in Davis Park at 11:30am      ends at Cor-  
Baptist Church for 12:00pm service
- March 27th                            Sunrise Service @6:30am @ Allen Hill Tree Farm

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**Church hours:**  
Sunday Worship Service 10:30am  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Office Hours Monday thru Thurs-  
day 9:00am-12:00pm

## Church and Community News

### February 10th—Ash Wednesday

#### Why ashes on Ash Wednesday?

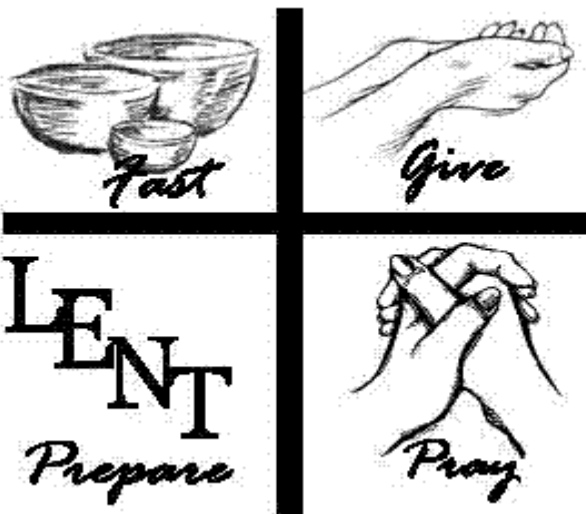
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During some Ash Wednesday services, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshippers. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins.

It is traditional to save the palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday service to burn to produce ashes for this service. Sometimes a small card or piece of paper is distributed on which each person writes a sin or hurtful or unjust characteristic. The cards are then brought to the altar to be burned with the palm branches. The ash cross on the forehead is an outward sign of our sorrow and repentance for sins.

— Adapted from The *United Methodist Book of Worship*



### February is Black History Month

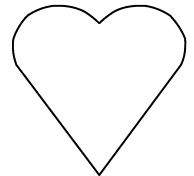
#### Beams of Heaven: Songs of Charles Albert Tindley

Charles Albert Tindley was a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a founding figure in American gospel music. Born in Berlin, Maryland, in 1851, he died as pastor of a 12,500 member congregation in Philadelphia. He also wrote the words and music to dozens of gospel hymns, including five published in the current United Methodist Hymnal and others found in the Songs of Zion songbook.

#### What Are They Doing

I am thinking of friends whom I used to know,  
Who lived and suffered in this world below;  
They've gone up to Heaven: but I want to know  
What are they doing now?

What are they doing in Heaven today?  
Where sin and sorrow are all done away,  
And peace abounds like a river, they say;  
O what are they doing there now?

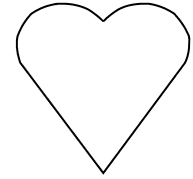


There were some whose hearts were burdened with cares,  
They passed their moments in sighing and tears,  
They clung to the cross with trembling and fears,  
But what are they doing now?

There were some whose bodies were full of disease,  
Medicine nor doctor could give them much ease;  
They suffered till death brought final release,  
But what are they doing now?

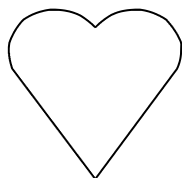
They were some who were poor and often despised;  
They looked to Heaven thro' tear-blinded eyes.  
While people were heedless and deaf to their cries;  
But what are they doing now?

**Please continue to support the ongoing projects of the Outreach Committee:**



- Spam, tuna with oil & peanut butter
- \* children's underwear
- \* old suitcases for Haitian Health Foundation
- \* Can tabs for children at Shriners' hospitals
- \* Campbell labels for educational supplies
- \* Blankets, towels and twin sheets for the homeless shelter
- \* Diapers for the local Diaper Bank
- \* Shoes for Africa

**The local shelter is** looking for shampoo, towels, soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes, coffee cups, soup bowls, silverware, razors, twin sheets and blankets. The sample sizes of personal amenities are welcome too.



We are collecting used neck ties for the Golden Bees in Webster to use in making their sleeping bags.

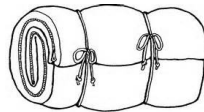
The sleeping bags are distributed through out the Rte. 395 corridor. They also need donations of light blankets, material scraps, and thread.

Each sleeping bag comes with a health kit containing:

Wash cloth, hand towel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, bible or inspirational book, shampoo, hand lotion, small pack tissues, etc.

Each sleeping bag also contains a small pillow, hat, scarf, mittens or gloves and socks.

They are always looking for donations of any of the above items. A collection box will be placed in the back of the Narthex.



**Monday morning breakfasts**

could use any of the following:

Pancake mix, milk and eggs

Hash browns

Eggs

Bacon/Ham/ Sausages

Coffee, and canned or frozen Juice

Paper products, including plates coffee and juice cups

Or a monetary donation to purchase these items and some of the more perishable items we us.

**WE ARE CURRENTLY LOW ON PAPER GOODS.**

**Danielson UMC** – Monday morning breakfast – every Monday morning 7:30 – 11:00am. Food servers and cleanup. We are also looking for a volunteer to introduce crocheting plastic bags for mats for homeless people. Also a volunteer to help write resumes.

**Danielson UMC** – Friday Be Our Guest Dinners – the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Friday's. 4:00 – 8:00pm. Servers and cleanup is needed.

## FEBRUARY UMCD CALENDAR

- Feb 1 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00
- Feb 3 Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- Feb 6 Dough Boys and Girls 9:00am
- Feb 7 Souper Bowl during service
- Feb 7 AD Council Mtg after service
- Feb 8 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00
- Feb 10 Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- Feb 10 Ash Wednesday Service @ Congregational Church 7:00pm
- Feb 12 Lenten Prayer Circle 11am-12pm
- Feb 13 Dough Boys and Girls 9:00am
- Feb 14 Boy Scout Sunday
- Feb 14 Valentines Day
- Feb 15 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00
- Feb 15 Presidents Day
- Feb 19 Lenten Prayer Circle 11-12pm
- Feb 19 Be Our Guest Dinner 5:00pm
- Feb 20 Dough Boys and Girls 9:00am
- Feb 22 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00
- Feb 23 Cancer Support Group @ Oneco UMC 7:00pm
- Feb 24 Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- Feb 26 Lenten Prayer Circle 11-12pm
- Feb 26 Be Our Guest Dinner 5:00pm
- Feb 27 Dough Boys and Girls 9:00am

### **Sunday Nursery Sunday School begins February 7th 2016.**

The gathering will be in the Nursery during worship for all infant to 8 years olds.

. There will be games, crafts, music and some interactive play. The intention is to offer the young families a place where their children can learn and play and they can have an opportunity to have worship.

Please bring your children and your neighbours children!



## February Scripture Readings

### February 7

- Exodus 34:29-35
- Psalm 99 (UMH 819)
- 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
- Luke 9:2-36 (37-43a)

### February 10 - Ash Wednesday

- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
- Psalm 51:1-17 (UMH 785)
- 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
- Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### February 14

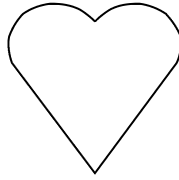
- Deuteronomy 26:1-11
- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (UMH 810)
- Romans 10:8b-13
- Luke 4:1-13

### February 21

- Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
- Psalm 27 (UMH 758)
- Philippians 3:17-4:1
- Luke 13:31-35

### February 28

- Isaiah 55:1-9
- Psalm 63:1-8 (UMH 788)
- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- Luke 13:1-9



### TELLER LIST

- Week 1 Marsha Hardell + Nate Bramlett
  - Week 2 Sue Theroux + Barbara Schreier
  - Week 3 Jennelle Provencher + Mildred Briggs
  - Week 4 Pam Bramlett + Betsy Kneeland
  - Week 5 Del Tomasi + Nancy Wold
- Floaters are:
- Kendra Collins
  - Cathy McNeill
  - Barbara Schreier

### CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

*We are very excited to notify all of you that a Cancer Support Group will begin at our Oneco UMC.*

*7:00-8:30 p.m., and will meet monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.*

*We have facilitators for the Group, but still need a few people just to sit in to listen for specific needs within the group. Please spread the word. Everyone is welcome to attend.*

**Dough Boys and Girls – , 9:00am. Open to everyone. Make bread dough for sale. Some of the proceeds will help support our free meals. Come Play in the Kitchen with us,**

**WE KNEAD YOU!**



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**Pastor meeting available upon request 860.779.2018**



