

THE KIRK KONNECTION

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And, just like that, green and white gave way to purple.

The 40 day season of Lent, which represents the 40 days that Jesus spent tempted in the wilderness, begins on Ash Wednesday (shameless church plug: Ash Wednesday service is at 6 PM on March 1st in the sanctuary).

In recent years I've heard many folks, especially outside of church, wonder aloud about the meaning of the ashes. And, apart from the actual significance of the ashes, one common assumption when someone notices the black cross on our foreheads is, "Oh, you're Catholic" (I'm considering putting "Ash Wednesday: Not just for Catholics anymore!" up on the marquee).

So, what *is* the significance of the ashes? Well, ashes are dust, and they're dirty, just like we are, just like from whence we came, and just as we will be when all is said and done. The ashes remind us that we will not be here forever, and they're a sign of our human emptiness. From dust we were formed, and to dust we shall return.

But in the imposition of ashes we also celebrate our baptism. We celebrate God's love, that we are sealed to Jesus forever. When we're baptized, we're buried as Christ was. The ashes symbolize death, but they are made in the sign of the cross, which symbolizes resurrection and LIFE. The ashes represent the death of our old selves, and the rebirth of our *new* selves, who will live with Christ in glory. This is why we refer to funerals as services of witness to the Resurrection. We celebrate the resurrection of Christ and we celebrate the fact that our earthly selves, which have turned to dust, have given way to new selves that can now join the Lord in paradise.

The ashes on our foreheads say, "We are mortal and unworthy. We have sinned and need forgiveness. But we know that in Christ we find that forgiveness, and tonight we celebrate our union with our Savior and we solemnly promise to fulfill our baptismal vows as we live out our lives as sacrifices for Christ." In Christ we are revived, in Christ we are renewed, and the ashes on our heads are not just a pious display for others to see. They're a reminder to ourselves and to one another that we need and long for regeneration, and that in Christ we are given that regeneration in the form of a clean heart and a renewed spirit.

It's this transformed heart and renewed spirit that will enable us to reveal God's love and share Christ with the world. So, dear friends, don't let the ashes be an empty display. Go out with that clean heart and love, and go out with that renewed spirit and minister. While it's true that we came from ashes and will return to ashes, it's just as true that with God's help we Christians can do much in the days between.

Pastor Mike

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday 6pm Service	2	3 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	4 9:45am-Noon Choir
5 Communion Deacons	6 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	7 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	8 6pm Lenten Bible Study	9 7pm-WCCP Maintenance	10 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	11 9:45am-Noon Choir
12 Session Meeting	13 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group 6:30-8:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	14 9am-Noon WCCP Fellow- ship/Kitchen 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	15 6pm Lenten Bible Study	16	17 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	18 9:45am-Noon Choir
19 2-7pm- Private Rental of Fellowship Hall	20 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	21 6-9pm WCCP Maintenance 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	22 6pm Lenten Bible Study	23	24 7:45-9:30pm Alanon 7-10pm CARD NIGHT	25 9:45am-Noon Choir 9am WCCP Maintenance 9am PRESBY MEETING
26 Deacon Meeting	27 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group 6:30-8:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	28 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	29 11:30 Classy Lassies and Grazers Lunch 6pm Lenten Bible Study	30	31 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	

March 2017 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jonah 3:1–4:11
Heb. 12:1–14
Luke 18:9–14

Thursday, March 2

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Deut. 7:6–11
Titus 1:1–16
John 1:29–34

Friday, March 3

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Deut. 7:12–16
Titus 2:1–15
John 1:35–42

Saturday, March 4

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Deut. 7:17–26
Titus 3:1–15
John 1:43–51

Sunday, March 5

1st Sunday in Lent

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Jer. 9:23–24
1 Cor. 1:18–31
Mark 2:18–22

Monday, March 6

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Deut. 8:1–20
Heb. 2:11–18
John 2:1–12

Tuesday, March 7

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Deut. 9:(1–3) 4–12
Heb. 3:1–11
John 2:13–22

Wednesday, March 8

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Deut. 9:13–21
Heb. 3:12–19
John 2:23–3:15

Thursday, March 9

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Deut. 9:23–10:5
Heb. 4:1–10
John 3:16–21

Friday, March 10

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Deut. 10:12–22
Heb. 4:11–16
John 3:22–36

Saturday, March 11

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Deut. 11:18–28
Heb. 5:1–10
John 4:1–26

Sunday, March 12

2nd Sunday in Lent

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Jer. 1:1–10
1 Cor. 3:11–23
Mark 3:31–4:9

Monday, March 13

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Jer. 1:11–19
Rom. 1:1–15
John 4:27–42

Tuesday, March 14

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Jer. 2:1–13, 29–32
Rom. 1:16–25
John 4:43–54

Wednesday, March 15

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jer. 3:6–18
Rom. 1:(26–27) 28–2:11
John 5:1–18

Thursday, March 16

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Jer. 4:9–10, 19–28
Rom. 2:12–24
John 5:19–29

Friday, March 17

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Jer. 5:1–9
Rom. 2:25–3:18
John 5:30–47

Saturday, March 18

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Jer. 5:20–31
Rom. 3:19–31
John 7:1–13

Sunday, March 19
3rd Sunday in Lent
Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Jer. 6:9–15
1 Cor. 6:12–20
Mark 5:1–20

Monday, March 20
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Jer. 7:1–15
Rom. 4:1–12
John 7:14–36

Tuesday, March 21
Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Jer. 7:21–34
Rom. 4:13–25
John 7:37–52

Wednesday, March 22
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jer. 8:4–7, 18–9:6
Rom. 5:1–11
John 8:12–20

Thursday, March 23
Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Jer. 10:11–24
Rom. 5:12–21
John 8:21–32

Friday, March 24
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Jer. 11:1–8, 14–17
Rom. 6:1–11
John 8:33–47

Saturday, March 25
Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Jer. 13:1–11
Rom. 6:12–23
John 8:47–59

Sunday, March 26
4th Sunday in Lent
Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Jer. 14:1–9 (10–16) 17–22
Gal. 4:21–5:1
Mark 8:11–21

Monday, March 27
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Jer. 16:(1–9) 10–21
Rom. 7:1–12
John 6:1–15

Tuesday, March 28
Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Jer. 17:19–27
Rom. 7:13–25
John 6:16–27

Wednesday, March 29
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jer. 18:1–11
Rom. 8:1–11
John 6:27–40

Thursday, March 30
Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Jer. 22:13–23
Rom. 8:12–27
John 6:41–51

Friday, March 31
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Jer. 23:1–8
Rom. 8:28–39
John 6:52–59

KONNECTING with....

Mieke Beckman

I live in Saline

I love the sound of laughter.

I've been a member of the KIRK since October.

There are relatives far back on my mom's side who have variations on my name, but I wasn't named after anyone in particular. I have a traditional Dutch name and am second generation.

One thing I love about the Kirk is the support and love shown between members.

If my life was a book, the title would be "It All Worked Out in the End" – God has always been faithful in times of struggle, and I've continually had to learn to rely on God's timing!

One of my favorite quotes: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not upon your

What ways have I tried to serve God, the church and others?

My job is 100% about serving others, and I'm so thankful that it is! In church, I love being a part of the chime choir, participating in fellowship activities, and contributing toward outreach efforts.



I started coming to the KIRK because well, my husband happens to be the pastor. But beyond that, the Kirk congregation felt like family immediately. I love this group and am so enriched by the worship and fellowship at our church!



Three things on my bucket list:

1. Visit Los Angeles (my former home) and London at least once more
2. Make a significant and positive impact on each of my patients
3. Be the wife, daughter, mother, and friend I want to be

My hobbies and interests are watching TV and movies with my hubby, working on our house, keeping up with current events, rooting for Michigan football, and traveling.

I find a lot of joy in simple pleasures, things that make me laugh, and the beauty of creation.

My favorite season is everything but winter



What story does your family always tell about you? There are many, but recurring themes include my love of animals and my ridiculous obsession with grades in school.



MARCH

8 Daniel Donner
 11 Mieke Beckman
 17 Jen Otte
 18 Cindy Handford
 18 Jenny Root
 24 John Jennings
 24 Marjorie Grubbs



CARD NIGHT!

Friday, March 24

7-10pm

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 13	Maundy Thursday	6:00pm
April 14	Good Friday	6:00pm
April 16	Easter Breakfast	8-10:00am
April 16	Easter Sunday	10:30am



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The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.

It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God's love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in this vision.

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