

**Auburn Presbyterian Church
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Auburn, IN 46706
Rev. David Lawrence**



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2021

FRIENDS' TABLE RECEIVE A SPECIAL DONATION

Auburn Shifters Car Club presented Friends' Table with a \$500 donation to help with our outreach program. Friends continues to offer carryout hot lunches each Monday.

If you would like to donate to Friends' Table we can always use canned fruit and or granola bars.



Pictured above from left to right is Melinda Smith, Michael Darnell of Shifters and Peggy Yoder.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We are on the verge of entering Lent. We are also in the midst of a pandemic. I know some of you have gotten at least the first round of your inoculation and look forward to the second. On the other hand, the vaccine is a ways off for others. Added to the equation are the various mutations that are emerging. As I wrote last month...I'm tired.

We are on the verge of entering Lent. Ash Wednesday is the 17th of this month and we will enter into the increased activity of those 40 days. This Lent will be different than what has gone before. I am used to special worship services and Wednesday night soup and study. Well, it looks like those traditions are going to be a lot more difficult to observe.

In this newsletter is a description of a creative way to observe Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. I'd like to have a drive-by observance of Ash Wednesday and I hope you are all game to try something new. This will be the 17th between 5 and 7. I've included information in the newsletter about how this will work.

Our Wednesday gatherings will be online – bring your own soup. I've looked at a study that comes from the Poet's Gospel, which is produced by a man in England. We will listen to a short reading from the gospel and then talk about a couple questions. I am going to ask you for less than an hour to participate in this study. We'll consider simple questions around history, non-conformity, disciple-making, whom to love, resurrection and Holy Week. I hope you will join me for this Lenten practice.

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are still in the planning stages so I can't give you information about those right now. As I've written, we are in an ever-changing world, so making plans is difficult. What I can tell you is that we are tied together by the love of Christ (Col. 2:2) and that love will carry us through good times and bad.

Shalom, Pastor David

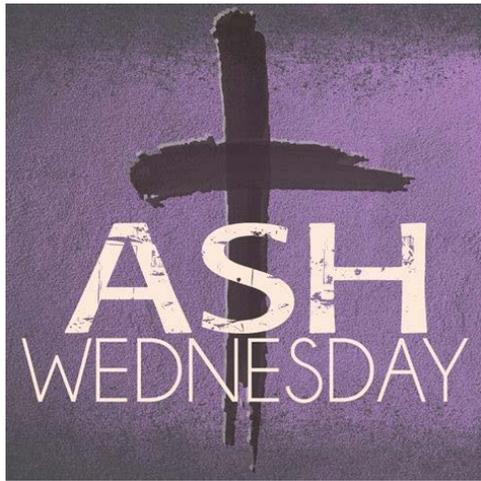


PW WILL MEET IN FEBRUARY!

Presbyterian Women will meet Wednesday, Feb 10th at 10:30 a.m. in the large room downstairs where "The Gathering" meets. Nancy Darrow will be giving the lesson which will be the final lesson from last year's schedule. Don't forget to wear your mask!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATES: Recently the church has experienced some repairs that needed to be taken care of. There was a malfunction with our boiler system which caused the wiring to burn. Luckily it was caught in time due to our new fire alarm system. One boiler was replaced completely and the second boiler was repaired. Also many of you noticed the organ was not working properly and extensive repairs were made to it to improve the sound.

OBSERVANCE OF ASH WEDNESDAY



February 17 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17, will begin the Lenten Season with the celebration of Ash Wednesday.

We are going to do something a little, no, a lot different for Ash Wednesday. We are going to have a “drive-by” observance for Ash Wednesday.

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, I will be at the church from 5 to 7 in the evening. I invite you to drive your car into our parking lot from 12th Street. I’ll meet you and offer you communion (prepackaged), liturgy and prayer, and then I will offer you the option to receive the imposition of ashes on your forehead or I will place them on your car. When we’re done you can leave out of the 13th Street side.

I am going to ask that you remain masked for this time and I will sanitize my hands between cars. By observing these precautions we can protect against transmission of the virus, but still have some contact to observe the start of Lent.

Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are all significant occasions in the practice of our faith. Pandemic or not, it is important that we maintain the practices that nourish our faith.



COMMUNION DATES APPROVED BY SESSION for 2021 and January 2022

Date	Significant Observance
February 14, 2021	Transfiguration of the Lord
February 17, 2021	Ash Wednesday
March 28, 2021	Palm Sunday
April 1, 2021	Maundy Thursday
April 4, 2021	Easter
May 23, 2021	Pentecost
Other 2020 Worship Services	
June 6, 2021	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost
July 11, 2021	None – Week after July 4, 2021 holiday
August 1, 2021	None – First Sunday of the month
September 12, 2021	None – Week after Labor Day Sunday
October 3, 2021	World Communion
November 21, 2021	Reign of Christ/ Christ the King
December 24, 2021	Christmas Eve
January 8, 2022	Baptism of the Lord