

Fairview United Methodist Church

Newsletter

January 2022

Loving God & Loving Others = worship + missions



One short month in 2022 is over already. As I sit here at my desk, I am reviewing how well I am doing at keeping my new year's resolutions. I haven't lost any of the five pounds I vowed to lose. My workouts have been irregular to say the least and I haven't finished cleaning up my office. Oh well, I still have eleven more months in 2022.

Isn't that how we feel sometimes, that there is still plenty of time. I mean the world isn't going to end if I don't lose that five pounds or if my office isn't perfectly clean. Maybe when the weather gets better I will be more motivated. It is true that these things are not going to change my life or change the world but some of the things we should be doing might.

How is your Spiritual life in 2022? Are you having a great walk with your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? Are you working on being as much like Jesus as you can? The things of this earth can wait, but our Spiritual wellbeing cannot. The Bible tells us that we do not know the hour or the day that our Lord and Savior will be back. Getting ready for that will not wait. If that is not a resolution for this year, add it. If it is a resolution for 2022, get it done. Be ready. It takes some work but the reward is awesome.

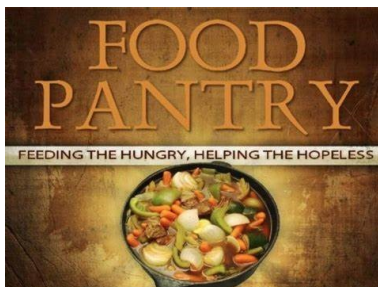
God Bless,

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Pastor Joe Tomich

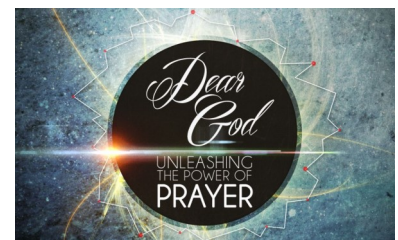
Havana Area Food Pantry

Central Christian Church
215 S. Broadway
Open every Tuesday & Friday
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Must live in
Havana School District
For more information, Call:
309-453-1703



Prayer Concerns

Morris Bell, Eva Blair, Rob Calder,
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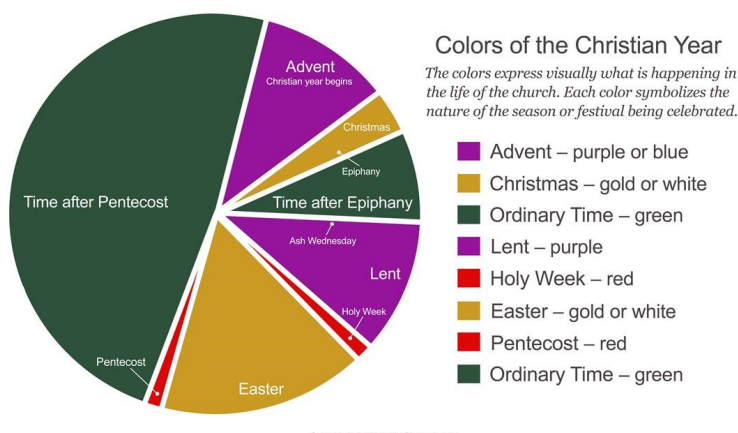
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. It was authorized by the First Council of Nicaea in 325 CE. According to Christian scholars, Ash Wednesday was not considered to be a biblical requirement, but the practice of repenting in dust and ashes accompanied by fasting can be found in Esther 4:1, Job 42:6, Jonah 3:5-6, and Daniel 9:3-4.

One of the primary biblical verses that informs the Christian observation of this Day of Ashes is taken from the Creation story:

Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being (Genesis 2:7 NRSV).

Please join us for Ash Wednesday Service at Virginia UMC on **March 2nd at 7:00 p.m.**

The Christian Year



What is Ordinary Time?

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The Christian year includes two central cycles focused on major events in the life of Christ: the Christmas cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and Easter cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost). Each of these seasons begins with a time of preparation and anticipation followed by a time of celebration. A season designated as Ordinary Time follows each cycle. The word "ordinary" here does not mean "routine" or "not special." Instead, it refers to the "ordinal numbers" (first, second, third, etc.) used to name and count the Sundays (such as the Third Sunday after Epiphany). This term comes from the Latin *ordinalis*, meaning "numbered" or "ordered," and *tempus ordinarium*, "measured time."

The first period of Ordinary Time, called the Season after Epiphany, begins on Epiphany Day and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent). The central theme of this season is the calling of disciples and the early ministry of Jesus.

For some congregations, this will mean a focus on evangelism, as found in the Old Testament and Gospel reading for each week. For others, the focus will be preparing to help others grow in their discipleship. The Epistle reading each week emphasizes this.

The second period of Ordinary Time, the Season after Pentecost, follows the Easter cycle. It begins the day after Pentecost and continues to Advent. The purpose of this season is to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts and callings discerned during the Easter Season and commissioned on the Day of Pentecost.

Every year, Christians experience the contrast between the central seasons of Christmas and Easter, where we see God in the events around the coming of Christ, and the in-between times, where we see, speak about and join God's ongoing work in the world.

We thus experience two regular cycles of preparation, celebration and action in ministry each year, with the Ordinary Times as the primary periods of action.

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WRITE THEM DEEP WITHIN YOUR HEART.
THEN YOU WILL FIND FAVOR WITH BOTH GOD AND PEOPLE,
AND YOU WILL EARN A GOOD REPUTATION.

Proverbs 3:3-4



OUR STAFF AND SERVICES AT A GLANCE

FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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10:00 AM Fairview Sunday School
10:50 AM Fairview Worship Service

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