

**Northminster Presbyterian Church**

“Caring for all with

God’s love and grace.”

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**Daylight  
Saving  
Time  
Begins!!**

**Sunday, March 9, 2:00 am  
Set your clocks ahead one hour!!**

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Dear friends,

March 5 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, when we prepare ourselves for the Resurrection of our Lord that we celebrate on Easter (April 20 this year). Some people mark this season with a time of fasting, and some get ashes placed on their foreheads as a sign of their repentance.

We will be marking the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service on March 5 at 6:30pm in the Geneva Room. This quiet service will include scripture readings, songs, a sermon by Pastor Bill, and communion with the optional imposition of ashes.

Some people fast during Lent by not eating meat on Fridays. I understand that you can get a pretty good fish-fry on Fridays at Madonna del Sasso church on Fridays during Lent! Some people fast during Lent by “giving something up,” maybe chocolate or smoking or cursing. By the way, did you know that the chocolate-and-candy-filled Easter basket comes from this tradition of fasting from chocolate during Lent: on Easter morning, now that the fast is over, you stuff your face with chocolate eggs and bunnies!

(Continued inside.)

# CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

## Weekly Events

### Sundays

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Room 11
- 10:00 am Worship Service - Sanctuary/Onlin
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship - Ministry Center
- 5:30 pm Youth Connection - Room 24

### Mondays

- 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm

### Tuesdays

- 7:00 pm Women's Online Bible Study - Zoom

### Wednesdays

- 3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K. - Ministry Center
- 4:30 pm Children/Youth Handbells - Bell Rm

### Thursdays

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast - First Awakenings
- 10:00 am Knitting Club - Library

## Other Events

### March

- 5 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service
- 9 2:00 am Daylight Saving Time - Forward 1 Hour!
- 9 11:00 am Session Meeting (New date/time)
- 9 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 16 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
- 23 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.



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- 3 Gavin Abbott
- 3 Susan West
- 5 Carly Emerson
- 12 Tom Folliard
- 15 Adam Noggle
- 17 Grayson Abbott
- 23 Felisa Hoogendyk
- 24 Terry Heffington
- 28 Doris Wason



### April Early Birds

- 3 Norton Strand
- 4 Pat Tunstall

## Anniversaries



### March

- 16 Eric & Kim Petty . . . . . 26<sup>th</sup>

### April Early Birds

No early birds this month!  
 See the full list next month!

\* If your name is missing from this list and you would like to add it, please contact the church office.

## Our Homebound Friends



- Emma Price - Brookdale
- Ted Selvester - Texas
- Norton Strand - Katherine



# Ash Wednesday SERVICE

March 5, 6:30 pm  
Geneva Room

## Serving Christ-in the Homeless

Northminster partners with the SHARE (Salinas Housing Advancement Resources Education) Center to meet the needs of the homeless by providing and serving dinner for our brothers and sisters on the **second and fourth Sundays, March 9 and 23**. You can help by providing gifts of food for the meal and/or by helping to serve it. **Please bring items to the church by 5:00 pm or by 6:00 pm if bringing to/serving at the Center, 845 E. Laurel Drive.**

## Fellowship Potluck



On Sunday, March 16, join us after worship (11:00 ish) for a Fellowship Potluck!!! Bring your favorite dish to share as we fellowship around a meal – just like Jesus did!

If you are not able to bring an item, don't let that stop you from joining us!

## Church Staff / Participants

- Pastor . . . . . Andy Rausch
- Organist/Choir Accompanist . . . . . Claire Vincent
- Parish Associate . . . . . Bill Lane
- Daycare . . . . . Jerrianna, Sue, Ruby, Ale, Emely, Elizabeth, Cecilia, Berenice, Yesenia
- Executive Assistant . . . . . Jackie Gash
- Treasurer . . . . . Sue Brockett
- Preschool . . . . . Amanda Robles
- Custodian . . . . . Jesse Perez
- Set Up Techs. . . . . Tom Folliard, Bob Hynes
- Grounds. . . . . Bob Hynes, Terry Heffington
- Church Secretary. . . . . Micki Brown

## From the Pastor continued

But instead of “giving something up for Lent,” how about doing something new for Lent? A practice that can help you grow in your Christian walk?

Here are some examples:

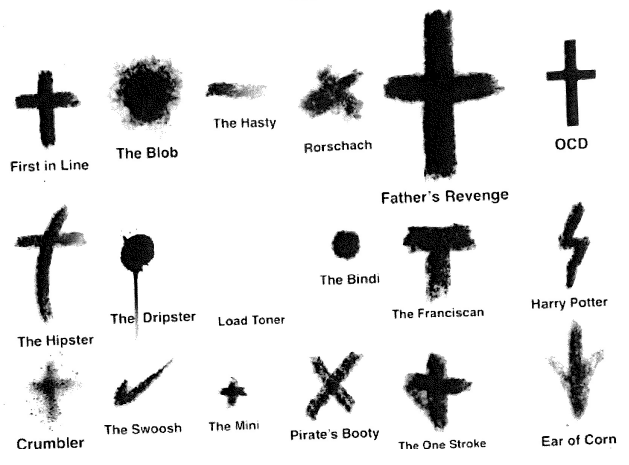
- Prayer: Practice daily prayer, or perhaps *lection divina*\*
- Reading: Read Scripture daily, or a Christian book
- Service: Find a place for service, whether at the Share Center or some place else
- Gratitude: Keep a gratitude journal
- Self-discipline: Perhaps giving up a bad habit, or starting a new habit like eating better or exercising more

As we journey together toward Easter, I hope that one discipline you'll start or maintain is regular attendance at worship, in person if you can. We are Christians in community and this is best practiced when we are together!

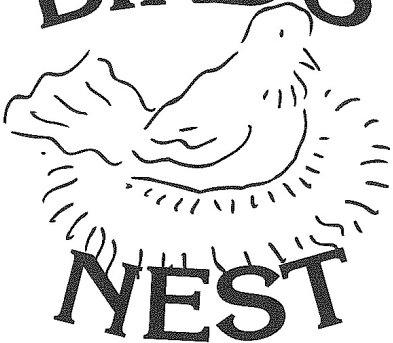
See you in church!

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## What Style Will YOUR Ashes Be on Ash Wednesday...?



# BUILD A BIRD'S NEST



## You will need:

- 🍪 1 container of chocolate ready-to-spread frosting
- 🍪 1 large can of chow mein noodles
- 🍪 some jelly beans
- 🍪 wax paper
- 🍪 bowl and spoon

Remove the lid and foil or plastic from the frosting.

Place in microwave. Soften until almost liquid.

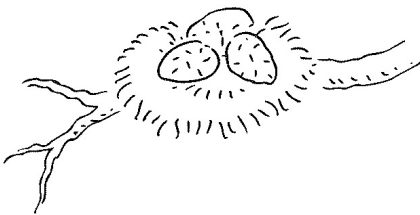
Pour into a large bowl.


Stir in chow mein noodles.

Drop by spoonfuls on wax paper to form nest shape. Make a place in the center of each to hold eggs.

Let them set until firm.

Place jelly bean eggs in nests.

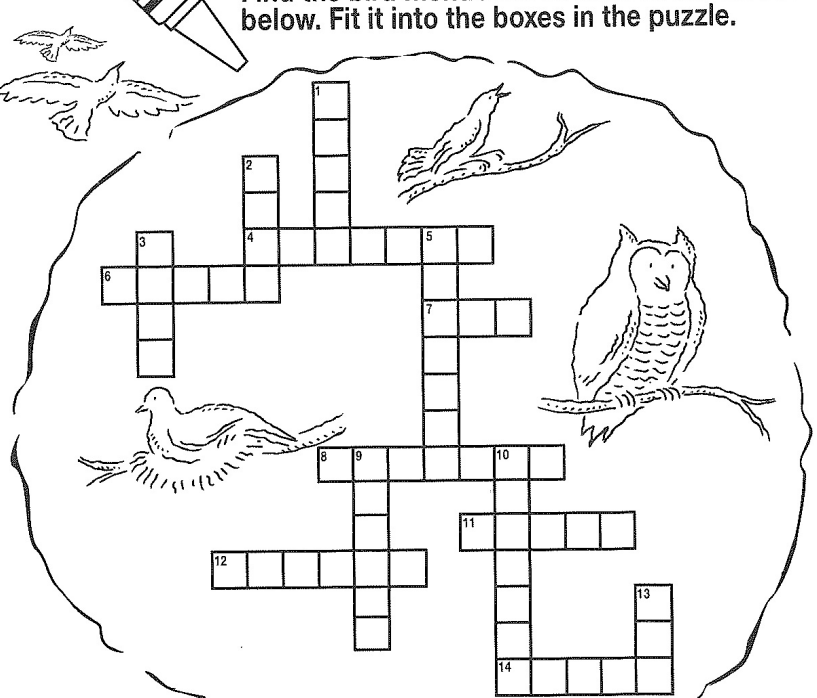




# Just for KIDS

*"And God said, ...let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." Genesis 1:20*

Find the bird mentioned in each of the verses below. Fit it into the boxes in the puzzle.



<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Numbers 11:31, 32</li> <li>2. Genesis 8:8</li> <li>3. Job 39:26</li> <li>4. Leviticus 11:13</li> <li>5. Mark 14:30</li> <li>6. Job 39:27</li> <li>7. Leviticus 11:16</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Matthew 10:29-31</li> <li>9. Leviticus 12:6</li> <li>10. Job 39:13</li> <li>11. Psalm 104:17</li> <li>12. Leviticus 11:18</li> <li>13. Matthew 23:37</li> <li>14. Leviticus 11:19</li> </ol>
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14. Heron  
8. Sparrow 9. Pigeon 10. Ostrich 11. Stork 12. Osprey 13. Hen  
1. Quail 2. Dove 3. Hawk 4. Vulture 5. Rooster 6. Eagle 7. Owl