



BASCOMB NEWS

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February 19 — Transfiguration Sunday
"Everybody's Afraid!" Matthew 17:1-9

One of my first memories of going to Mass (raised Catholic) was going up to the priest and having him put something on my forehead during an Ash Wednesday service. I wasn't sure what the grayish-black cross on my forehead meant back then but over the years, I have come to embrace the meaning found in its service through the United Methodist Church.

My UMC Book of Worship says that the use of ashes have been used for centuries in both the Christian and Jewish faiths. Using the ashes during a worship setting can be done as a part of our call to repentance and reconciliation to God during these future 40 days of Lent.

It is my hope and prayer that our church will use this upcoming Lenten season as a way of repenting of our old and sinful ways so that we can be reconciled to God, our Creator and Heavenly Father. Remember that Lent eventually leads us to the empty tomb of Jesus on that very first Easter morning. Thanks to Easter, there will be a time that will come when we will live our eternal lives with God forever.

This coming Wednesday night, February 22, at 7PM, we will be having an Ash Wednesday service in our chapel. Let all who can, gather together as we begin our Lenten journey that evening then.



Do you want to learn more about the Bible and the roots of our Christian faith in a friendly, discussion-based group? If so, please see Lauren Melde or Linda

Donnelly to let us know you are interested as well as your availability (forms available in the narthex). The first book will be *Mysteries of the Messiah* by Rabbi Jason Sobel. It can be purchased online from christianbook.com, amazon.com (including an audible version), or we can provide one if requested.

Finance Meeting

Sunday, February 19, 12:30 pm



Breakfast meeting Sunday, **February 19**, at 7:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. All Bascomb UMC men are invited.

