

Ash Wednesday...Why we as Presbyterians observe this ancient custom

*"Therefore, Job said, I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."
Job 42:6*

Dear Friends,

Wednesday night at 6:30 we will gather in the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday service along with our friends from St. James-Santee Parish Episcopal Church and hopefully with folks from other congregations here in the village.

Why have an Ash Wednesday service?

Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent which lasts for 40 days and culminates with the celebration of Easter (this year, on April 9th). Lent actually ends at sundown on Maundy Thursday. Lent is a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as well as a time for Christians to reflect on Jesus' suffering and sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection.

Why invite other churches?

Whenever Presbyterians say the Apostles Creed, we reaffirm our faith by saying...I believe in the holy spirit, the holy catholic church... and we use a little "c", meaning catholic is defined as universal. We believe in the larger church to which ALL Christians belong.

Wednesday night New Wappetaw has an opportunity to host a worship service for the whole community and then on Maundy Thursday, St James Santee will be the host church.

I hope to see you Wednesday as we begin our Lenten journey together.

Blessings
Mike

Upcoming events in the life of the church:

*Feb. 22.....6:30 Ash Wednesday service

*Feb. 25.....9:30 Presbytery meeting

4:00 Oyster Roast hosted by Andrew and Allen Dupre

*Feb. 26....10:00 worship

11:30 session meeting

*March 1....6:30 Lenten meal and study

*March 5...10:00 worship and communion