

Reminders:

- ☞ Sunday school begins at 9:10 upstairs in the education wing. Bring your singing voices and friends!
- ☞ Sunday school offering is being collected for the Family Christian Care center in Rock Island, IL. Please remember to attach your label to an envelope and place in the Sunday school offering basket.
- ☞ Your Sunday school children have HOMEWORK! Ask them about their memory work. If they have not memorized the following bible basics please help them in doing so.

Pre-K	Lord's Prayer
Kindergarten	Apostle's Creed
1 st	10 Commandments
2 nd -3 rd	Books of the Bible
4 th -5 th	Bible Verses

Upcoming Events:
 February 14: Valentine's Day
 February 15: President's Day
 February 17: Ash Wednesday

"Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and falls between February 4th and March 11th, 6 1/2 weeks before Easter. Early in Christian history the length of Lent varied, but in the 7th century it was fixed at 40 days (not counting Sundays) as a reminder of the 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert. Early penitents (someone sorry for their sins) were sprinkled with ashes, wore sackcloth, and were required to remain apart from the rest of the community until they were reconciled on Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter. The most obvious mark of celebrating Ash Wednesday is the blessing and application of ashes to the foreheads of those who participate as a sign of penance. By the 11th century this custom had largely disappeared and was replaced with the imposition of ashes during the services and their imposition on the foreheads of all members of a congregation. Traditionally this is accompanied by "From dust you are, to dust you shall return."

Craft Corner

Heart Garland



- ♥ Draw and cut out a heart shaped template on a piece of stiff paper.
- ♥ Fold a piece of paper like an accordion, or a fan, making each fold the same width as your heart template.
- ♥ Place the folded paper on the table, and set the heart template on top of it. Place it on the paper so that a small section near the top overlaps a little past the left side of the paper.
- ♥ Trace around the heart shape, then carefully cut it out. Maybe your garland isn't as long as you would like it to be. Make another one in the same way then use a little transparent tape to join the two garlands together.
- ♥ Keep adding sections of folded hearts until your garland is the desired length.