

# The Weekly Update

## FEBRUARY 6, 2026



## FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> BETWEEN SERVICES

We will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, February 15, between services. All members are encouraged to attend and take part in the conversation.

We will be sharing 2025 year-end financial updates as well as an update from the Implementation Team regarding the painting portion of our This is Home special appeal campaign.



## ROOTED SUNDAYS THIS SUNDAY!

- MUSIC
- BIBLE STORIES
- GAMES
- FOOD

THIS IS AN INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE LED BY ONE OF OUR MEMBERS SHARING THEIR GIFTS WITH THE YOUNGER GENERATION. EACH MONTH OUR CHILDREN WILL EXPERIENCE THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS THROUGH HANDS ON FUN ACTIVITIES.



## Gift Share — What's It All About?



### What is Gift Share?

This is a brand-new ministry at Cross & Crown, led by church member Sabina "Beanie" Bragg—and it's all about sharing gifts, creativity, and care.

### Who is Gift Share For?

Gift Share offers adults with disabilities a welcoming space to build social skills, explore vocational interests, and express themselves through art therapy and gift basket assembly. The handmade gift baskets are then delivered to members of our wider community who could use a little encouragement and a reminder that they are cared for. Gift Share is open to any adult who may benefit from vocational exploration and creative expression!

### Ready to Join in? Here's When & Where Gift Share Meets!

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in Room 105 downstairs

### How Can I Help Make Gift Share Happen?

We would love volunteers with experience in art instruction, vocational training, or other helpful skills.

Donations are also welcome—especially lightly used wicker baskets and extra ribbon.

If you'd like to volunteer or donate materials, please reach out to [bragg.sabina@gmail.com](mailto:bragg.sabina@gmail.com), or just click the button below! We'd love you to be part of this joyful, caring ministry!

### Want to Learn More?

We will be having an information session on Sunday, following the 10:15 am service. We hope you will join us and learn about this amazing opportunity!

## C&C Youth PANCAKE FUNDRAISER

### RSVP BELOW!

Enjoy a delicious stack of pancakes and celebrate with festive Mardi Gras spirit—all while helping our youth make a difference through service and outreach this summer. Join us for a fun and flavorful Mardi Gras—themed Pancake Dinner on February 17 at 6pm to support our youth as they raise funds for their Summer Mission Trip! Bring your family, invite your friends, and come hungry! Your support helps our youth grow in faith, service, and community.

**February 17 6 pm** **Gluten Free & Vegan options will be available!**





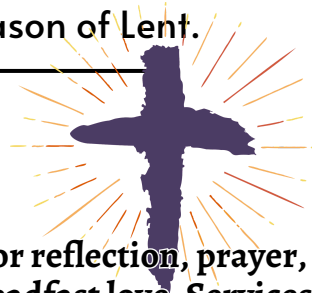
# Children's Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent—but it can be a little tricky for young children to understand. That's why we're offering a hands-on worship experience designed especially for children and their families.

Join us **Tuesday, February 17 at 6:45 pm** for an interactive, welcoming service that helps kids explore what Ash Wednesday means in an age-appropriate way. This service is geared toward preschool through 3rd grade, with parents and caregivers invited to participate alongside their children.

Come learn, wonder, and worship together as we begin the season of Lent.

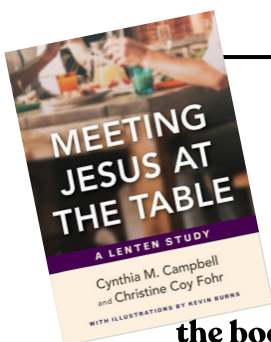
## Ash Wednesday Worship



Ash Wednesday, February 18 marks the beginning of the season of Lent—a time for reflection, prayer, and renewal. Join us for worship as we remember our need for grace and God's steadfast love. Services will include scripture, prayer, music, communion and the imposition of ashes.

**Noon & 7:00 PM Services**

Whether you are beginning Lent intentionally or simply seeking a moment of stillness in a busy world, you are welcome here. All are welcome.



## Congregational Lent Study: Meeting Jesus at the Table

This Lent, we invite you to gather around the table—both literally and spiritually—as we journey together through the season of Lent. Our congregational study will be based on the book *Meeting Jesus at the Table* by Cynthia Campbell and Christine Fohr, which explores the many ways Jesus meets people through meals, hospitality, and shared stories.

Together, we'll reflect on how these table encounters shape our faith and invite us into deeper community, grace, and discipleship. Whether you're new to Bible study or a longtime participant, this study offers meaningful conversation and thoughtful reflection for all. More information to come about all the Lenten offers. Pick up your book today at church (\$10) or buy it on your own.

Come hungry for connection, conversation, and spiritual nourishment as we walk through Lent together.

**Our mid-week Lenten services will begin at 6:45 pm, Wednesdays Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18 & 25.**

## Women's Spiritual Retreat 2026

Step away from the noise of everyday life and join us for a soul-refreshing weekend designed just for women. This retreat is a sacred space to rest, reflect, and reconnect with God and one another as we explore the truth of Psalm 139—that you are known, loved, and wonderfully made by God.

**Scholarships and payment plans are available!**

We don't want finances to be a barrier—please reach out for details.

Through worship, music, teaching, quiet reflection, and meaningful fellowship, you'll be encouraged to embrace your God-given identity and walk away renewed in spirit and purpose.

**Register by March 6, 2026 to reserve your spot. Space is limited, so don't wait!**

**Use the link below!**

**Cost:**

- \$200 per person – shared room
- \$350 per person – single room

## Pinkies Up, Ladies! It's Tea Party Time!

In celebration of International Women's Day, the C&C Women's Ministry will be hosting a special *Women & Wine: Tea Party Edition* with tea, scones, and refreshments! Join us, **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at Cross & Crown in the Fellowship Hall.** We'll enjoy fun trivia, conversation topics and there will be a door prize raffle! Because all the refreshments are provided there is no need for you to bring a dish or beverage to share; instead, we would gratefully accept a \$10 contribution which you can pay in advance or at the event. Please **RSVP** using the link provided so we can get an accurate head count for refreshments and also disclose any dietary needs you may have so we can ensure a proper assortment of goodies is provided.





# PRAYER list

## MEMBERS:

JEANETTE ABBOTT	KATHI & FRANK MACARINE
JENNY BOOTH	LORI MEATH
JUNE BROOKS	TILLER FAMILY
JIM BURNS	JOE & CRISS UCMAN
DENNIS DOWNEY	DAWN WATTS
LINDA FARIES	JD WINFREY

## FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Kenneth Ackerman, Larry Pool’s brother-in-law  
Kristi Alary, Julie Moffat’s sister  
Sidney Ames, Susan Arcuri’s sister  
Scott Anderson, friend of the Ucmans  
John Bailey, Russ Bailey’s father  
Andrew Bernauer, son of Wayne & Rosemary Bernauer  
Jim Carty, Suzy Wlezniak’s brother  
Joann Church, Behzad Vaqar’s mother  
Drude Corbet, Angelina Corbet’s brother  
Ruth Deal  
Rick, Debbie & Jason Eldridge, friends of Vivian Farland  
Reid Evans, friend of Barbara Maillet  
Brad Faries, Barry & Linda Faries’ son  
Owen Farr, Julie Wright’s grandson  
Lily Ferrulli, Joann Ferrulli’s granddaughter  
Dorothy Henke, Lisa Roth’s mother  
Portia Hutchinson, friend of Felicia Eybl  
Will Jacobs, friend of the Macarines being deployed  
Jim Kozlinski, Cathy Kozlinski’s husband  
Jan Knutson, Jerry Putnam’s sister  
Mark & Ellen Kramm, friends of Jill Jurgensen  
Helen Laatz, sister-in-law of Leslie Laatz  
Randy LaMere, Jennifer LaMere’s father  
Madsen family, friends of Joe & Criss Ucmans  
Marylou, friend of Annette Downey  
Jeanne Maylor, Denise Bratschie’s friend  
Ted Meiss, Christine Meiss’ husband  
Alice Louise (Lou) Miller, Criss Ucmans’ cousin  
Gary Mintz, friend of David & Debra Cox & Felicia Eybl  
Matt Moulton, Tom & Janis Dorsey’s nephew  
Fred Olafson, friend of the congregation  
Brian Orton  
Nga Pace, Yen Forsblom’s sister  
Olivia Reardon, daughter of Barry & Linda Faries’ friends  
Sameer Saproo, Teri Strom’s nephew-in-law  
Nancy Scholhammer, friend of Susan Arcuri  
Derek & Smith & family, Roger & Debbie Black’s daughter & son-in-law  
Sherrill & Patricia Tucker, Donna Tucker’s parents  
Joanne Varnum, friend of Joe & Criss Ucmans  
Haley White, Barbara Maillet’s granddaughter  
Lucas White, Barbara Maillet’s grandson

# Happy Birthday

Davoren Kirk	FEB. 6
Jennifer La Mere	FEB. 7
Lori Meath	FEB. 8
Dagny White	FEB. 10
Peggy Downs	FEB. 12
Garry Rudolph	FEB. 12

Oops! Did we miss your birthday?  
Please let us know so we can add you to our list!



## Wednesday Night Happenings

*Good food, good conversation, & community!*

Single \$7  
Kids (ages 4-10) \$3  
Families \$25  
(AGES 0-3) FREE!



## Ham & Swiss Casserole

A hearty, comforting casserole made with savory ham, melted Swiss cheese, and a creamy baked sauce.

Sides: Garden Salad, Rolls & Dessert

February 11



# Operation Sandwich

**February 15th**  
following the late service  
**ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP!**

## Collection for Our Furry Friends

In February, Community Care is collecting pet supplies for the Humane Society of Charlotte! Drop off dog or cat beds, food, toys, collars, treats, and more in the Narthex bins. Kids are invited to bring quarters to “feed” the dog and cat banks (earned through chores or good deeds), and adults can join the fun too! The banks will be out after the 10:15 a.m. service throughout February. All supplies and donations will be given to the Humane Society.



**Our last collection Sunday is March 1st.**

Anyone else ready for Spring?



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:30 am - 2 pm  
Tuesday: 8:30 am - 2 pm  
Thursday: 8:30 am - 2 pm  
Friday: 8:30 am - 2 pm  
Wednesday: Church Office closed, phone lines & office email is open & replied to between 8:30 am - 5 pm.

## 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Felicia Eybl- President	Todd Atwood
Chris Frisina- Vice President	Katie Goode
Jason Roberge- Secretary	Jerry Putnam
	Ann Whitener

## Coming up this week...

Monday, Feb. 9. - 7:30 pm- Women’s Bible Study  
Tuesday, Feb. 10- 9 am- Squares of Love Quilting  
12 pm- Staff Meeting  
6:30 pm- Table Talk  
Wednesday, Feb. 11- 6 pm- Wednesday Night Happenings Dinner  
6:45 pm- Handbells  
7:30 pm- Choir  
Thursday, Feb. 12- 7:45 am- Men’s Bible Study  
7 pm- Miriam Circle  
Friday, Feb. 13- 4:25 pm- Walking Club