

Ash Wednesday - February 18, 2026



A delicious Soup Supper consisting of chili and chicken noodle soup was prepared by the Men's Group. A BIG array of desserts along with some salads were provided by the attendees. After the meal was the Ash Wednesday service with Pastor Mark performing the Imposition of Ashes.



Can you Guess Where the Church Mouse Went On Vacation?

Hints:

It is the only national park containing an intact section of Historic Route 66.

The park protects one of the worlds largest collection of petrified wood in the world. Some fossilized logs are over 200 million years old!

Dinosaurs once roamed this area.

It is home to the stunning (where the Church Mouse is posing) Painted Desert.

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March Word Search

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| Basketball | Leprechaun |
| Pot Of Gold | Flowers |
| Clover | Garden |
| Potato | Green |
| Butterfly | |
| Shamrock | Kite |
| Rainbow | Luck |
| Bloom | Rain |
| Windy | |

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Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into his residence, the Praetorium, where they collected the whole company round him. They stripped him and dressed him in a scarlet cloak; and plaiting a crown of thorns they placed it on his head, and a stick in his right hand. Falling on their knees before him they jeered at him: Hail, king of the Jews! They spat on him, and used the stick to beat him about the head. When they had finished mocking him, they stripped off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes. Then they led him away to be crucified. Matthew 27:26-31.

The soldiers had a simple assignment: take Jesus to the hill and kill him. Someone changes the plan. The soldiers wanted to have some fun first. Strong, rested, armed soldiers encircle an exhausted, close to death Jesus and they beat him some more. The scourging was commanded. The crucifixion was ordered. Who would find pleasure in spitting on a half-dead man? Spitting is not intended to hurt, it can't. Spitting is intended to degrade the soul, and it does. What were the soldiers doing? Were they not elevating themselves at the expense of another? They felt big by making Christ look small. Have you ever done that? Maybe you have never spit on someone, but have you ever gossiped? Slandered? Raised a hand in anger or rolled your eyes in arrogance? Ever flipped on the high beams in someone's rearview mirror. Ever made someone feel bad so you could feel good? This is what the soldiers did to Jesus. When we do the same, we do it to Jesus too. "I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" Matthew 25:40. How we treat others is how we treat Jesus. I think I will close for now and pick-up this thought in the next newsletter. Until next time think about and pray about how you treat other people.

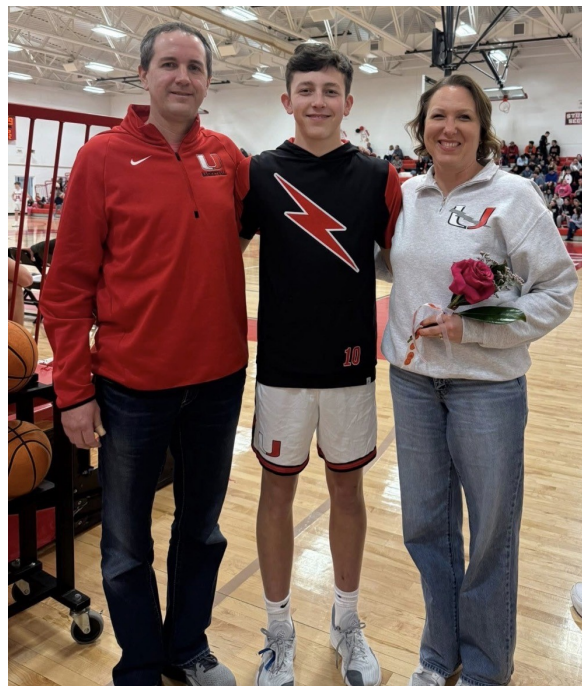
Your fellow servant,

Pastor Mark



Pictures submitted by Jill and Julie.

Senior Night 2026




"Wherever we go,
whatever we do,
we'll remember
this time spent
together".

-Unknown

Congratulations to Nolan Jenks and Aiden Martin for their hard work and dedication to the United High School Boys' Basketball Team over their high school career.

We celebrate you for your teamwork, character, sportsmanship, memories, and efforts you have poured into every one of your practices and games.

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WANTED:

OCC SHOEBOX PROJECT LEADER(S)

Prayerfully consider working with Tina this year as OCC Shoebox project leader.

This could be one or several people. We want to have a succession plan in place.

Fairview Center Church

Church and Pavilion Rental

Are in planning your upcoming spring, summer and/or fall get togethers?

Do you need a nice space to host a graduation open house, birthday or anniversary party, bridal shower, baby shower or family reunion?

If you are interested in reserving the church basement, fellowship hall or pavilion please contact the church office.

We are beginning to get some dates on the calendar, so don't hesitate and miss out, sign up now!