

## Worship at Birchwood

We invite you to join with us this morning in a time set aside to focus our attention on the God who has created us and restores us as a people of faith, hope and love. It is our prayer that we might all know God's joy in our lives and begin this new week refreshed and rejuvenated in our walks of faith.

February 19, 2012

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Worship in Song:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #8  
"Praise to the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" #9  
"That's Why We Praise Him"  
"Revelation Song"

#### Children's Moment

#### Prayers of the People

#### Offertory:

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

#### Scripture Reading:

Mark 1:21-22      Pew Bible Page 990

#### Message:

"What Difference Does It Make?"

#### Song of Response:

"With All I Am"

#### Blessing

#### Please Note:

- ◆ Children, through 5th grade, are dismissed after the Children's Moment for Activity Hour.
- ◆ You are invited to stand during the opening songs, but please feel free to sit down at anytime if needed.
- ◆ Printed texts of the songs to be sung are listed in the large print bulletins which are available from the ushers upon request.
- ◆ If you would like to pray with someone after the service, a prayer team will be available up front.

# ASH WEDNESDAY

## Ash Wednesday Service

February 22

7:00 pm

Worship Center

Purpose: To start the forty-day period of Lent, which is traditionally a season for personal and corporate remembrance of what the Lord did for us through the cross and his resurrection. It is a time for repentance/renewal; a period of dying to self and rebirth in Christ. It is a period of time to prepare our hearts and minds to fully appreciate the joy of the resurrection that we will celebrate on Easter Sunday.

During the Ash Wednesday service, we will come together as the body of Christ, to remember that Jesus suffered, died and was resurrected so that each of us can be redeemed if we invite him to be our Lord and Savior.

During the worship service, if you elect to, you will have the opportunity to have ashes imposed on your forehead in the shape of the cross as a sign of your mourning and repentance before God for your sins. One of the key scriptures of Ash Wednesday is Mark 1:15 which says *Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.* This worship service can be a much needed reminder for all of us that we are called to lead changed lives. Please save the date and plan to attend the Ash Wednesday service with the rest of your church family.



Hope. Community. Acceptance. Purpose.

**Celebration of Worship**  
**February 19, 2012**  
**10:15 am**



*"Success is not a biblical concept."  
Eugene Peterson*

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**We offer Hope, Community,  
Acceptance and Purpose  
in a broken world.**

**Welcome!**

## What's Happening at Birchwood:

**New Directories Are Here!** Pick up a new BPC Directory today in the Foyer!

**Please Join the Family of Lucy Fredrickson** to celebrate her 90th birthday **TODAY** at The Bellingham Senior Activity Center. Reception from 12:00-4:00 pm. No Gifts Please.

**The Seasonaires**, a fellowship group for those 55 and over, will have their February dinner and program on Tuesday, **February 21** at 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center. The program will feature Noemi Ban, who will give her personal account of surviving the Holocaust. Our special music will be Bob Hiorns. Dinner will be Chicken Kiev prepared by the Coffingers. If you have not been called, make a reservation by calling the office.

**Lenten Hymn Sing:** On Sunday, **February 26**, during the 10:15 am Worship Service, Birchwood will have a Lenten Hymn Sing. Our music that morning will be hymns that help us to reflect on the beautiful season of Lent.

**The Operation Baby Bottle Campaign** is used to fund WCPC programs that help women in unplanned pregnancies, educate young parents, and teach abstinence education in public and private schools and youth groups. Please return your filled bottles on Sunday, **February 26**. For more information please contact Matahna Erickson.

**A Jam Session for Singers and Musicians:** On Sunday, **February 26**, from noon to 2:30 pm, all singers and musicians are invited to join the BPC Worship Team Jam session. We'll be looking at new songs to introduce to the congregation and enjoying a pizza lunch too. RSVP to Mary Walsh at mary@bpchurch.org or 733-8860 ext. 109.

**MomSpot!** MomSpot is a ministry for moms with young children. Moms meet in the Palm Room on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 9:45 am to 11:45 am. Childcare is available for infants - Kindergarten. Cost is \$5 per meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday, **February 28**.

**Cancer Support Group:** Birchwood's cancer support group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Noon in the Library. This group is open to all cancer patients in treatment or remission and for support people. The next meeting will be Tuesday, **February 28**.

**30 Hour Famine:** All ages are invited to join with our youth groups as they participate in the World Vision 30 Hour Famine. The famine will begin on Saturday, **March 10** at 7:00 am and conclude on Sunday, March 11 at 1:00 pm. There will be lots of ways to get involved. Watch your bulletin for more information!

**Young Life Annual Dinner and Auction** will be held on Saturday, **March 10** to benefit Young Life in Whatcom County. We will begin at 5:30 pm at the Bellwether Ballroom with appetizers and three silent auctions; dinner and dessert with a live auction to follow. Tickets are \$55 per person or \$500 for a table. To make a reservation please call the Young Life office at 354-4807 or email at northwhatcomyl@gmail.com

**Birchwood 101 in March:** This is an information class for newcomers to Birchwood and those considering church membership. It will be offered at the 9:00 am Education Hour on Sundays, **March 11, 18 and 25**, and will meet in the Cedar Room. Contact Bud Lee if you are interested or want more details.



## Education Hour Classes:

Sundays at 9:00 am

### For Children Kindergarten - 5th Grade:

with Mary Becker, Gail Northey, Janice Bethman  
"The Life of Jesus"

### For Middle School & High School Students:

Middle School with Julia Paxton:  
a study of "The Life of Jesus"

High School with Nate Knudson:  
a study of Romans 12  
Youth Rooms

### For Adults:

"The Book of Amos"  
with Pastor Bruce Becker  
Palm Room

### "Romans 12"

with Pamela Cushing  
Almond Room

### "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality"

with Peter Becker  
Chapel

## Office and Staff News:

Pastor Bruce Becker will be back in the office on Tuesday, February 21. Worship and Music Director, Mary Walsh, will be out of the office beginning Monday, February 27 returning on Friday, March 2.



In need of  
prayer

## "Prayer & Care" Board this Week:

Sue Moore  
Ted Muzzy

Marta Fuller  
Audrey Muzzy

Nathan Knudson  
Ozella Willis



## Are You New to Birchwood?

If you are new or visiting Birchwood today, stop by our Visitor Station. We would love to welcome you and introduce you to what is happening at BPC. We're excited that you're here! Please stop by!

## This Week at Birchwood!



### Today

9:00 am  
10:15 am

Education Hour for All Ages  
Worship Service, Worship Center

### Monday

6:55 pm

No Birchwood Christian Kindergarten & Preschool  
Office Open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Bible Study Fellowship

### Tuesday

6:30 am  
9/9:30 am  
10:00 am  
1:00 pm  
5:30 pm  
7:00 pm

Early Birds Women's Bible Study, Almond Room  
Birchwood Christian Kindergarten & Preschool  
Women's Bible Study, Cedar Room  
Staff Meeting, Cedar Room  
Seasonaires, Family Life Center  
Guatemala Team Meeting, Cedar Room

### Wednesday

9/9:30 am  
6:30 pm  
7:00 pm  
7:45 pm

Birchwood Christian Kindergarten & Preschool  
Youth Group for MS & HS  
Ash Wednesday Service, Worship Center  
Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

### Thursday

9/9:30 am  
9:30 am  
5:00 pm

Birchwood Christian Kindergarten & Preschool  
Congregational Prayer, Library  
Rebound Ministries

### Friday

9/9:30 am  
6:30 pm

Birchwood Christian Kindergarten & Preschool  
Family Fun Movie Night, Family Life Center