

## ELEVATOR REPAIR WORK UNDERWAY!

Good news! Our elevator repair work started on January 29. When we signed the contract with MEI, they planned to begin work at the end of February. With this new timeline, we might be able to start Lent in the Sanctuary as long as there are no unexpected issues, and we pass the state inspection. As a reminder, the elevator repair has been made possible by a generous, anonymous gift of \$32,000 which funded the initial down payment and 2024 costs of loan payments. Please see *page 15* for more information and stay tuned!



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## LISTENING SESSIONS REGARDING BUDGET AND POSSIBLE REDUCED MINISTERIAL SERVICES

Our church is facing challenging financial difficulties. Church Council encourages all members and friends to attend their upcoming Listening Sessions:

- Sunday, February 4, at 9:00 a.m. (at church)
- Sunday, February 11, at 11:00 a.m. (at church)
- Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

There is an opportunity to submit questions and feedback for those who are not able to be at the Listening Sessions. You may drop a note in the wooden box outside of Fellowship Hall or email Church Council. Please see *page 5* for more information.

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## ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE BEGINNING OF LENT

The Season of Lent begins on Valentine's Day this year, February 14. You are invited to begin the season at our Ash Wednesday evening worship service at 7:00. Ash Wednesday worship is a simple, yet profound, service of scripture, song, prayers, and the imposition of ashes as a sign of our frail humanity. It is a worship service in which we acknowledge our faults and failings so that we might truly experience God's acceptance and overflowing love. Together we can set out on our forty-day journey toward Easter with a moving and meaningful service.

## WORSHIP WITH US

We celebrate two Sunday morning worship services at 8:00 and 10:00. Nursery care is available at the 10:00 service.

## HOLY COMMUNION

The first Sunday morning of each month we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is open to all who seek to follow in the way of Christ, both children and adults.

## LINKED UP

Be on the lookout for orange text - it's linked up to documents and web pages that you might find helpful or interesting.

## SUBMIT INFO TO THE NEWSLETTER

If you have a celebration, prayer request, or other contribution for the newsletter, please email us 7-10 days before the first day of the month.