

CRUMY NEWS

Leading students to connect Christian faith with everyday life.

FEBRUARY B-SQUAD AT A GLANCE:

March 2

Ash Wednesday Planning
(others going to CLC)

March 9

Youth-led Ash Wednesday Service

March 16

St. Patty's night

March 23

MOVIE NIGHT!!!

March 30

B-SQUAD as usual

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belong - believe - become

B-SQUAD is our regular youth group meeting which features modern worship music, exciting discussion, messages and media, opportunities to serve our community, and time for snacks and just hanging out. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to Join us any Wednesday night from 7- 8:30pm for worship, discussion groups, service opportunities, and munchies.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mar. 9

YOUTH-LED ASH WED. SERVICE

Mar. 26-27

SOLID ROCK HOME CONCERT &
SPAGHETTI DINNER

**For more info on these or other
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WHAT'S ASH WEDNESDAY?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of Lent, and one of the most solemn days of the church year. Christians of every kind from all over the world reflect on the gravity of the debt we owe to God and the depth of God's love. This year, our church has entrusted the leadership of this sacred night to us!

Invite everyone to come worship with us on March 9 at 7pm.

Ashes, Ashes, We All Fall Down

Did you sing "Ring Around the Rosie" when you were little? I still can't figure out why we teach preschoolers such a morbid song. In case you haven't heard, the song originated around the time of the Black Plague was running wild in England. This song tells of many of the superstitions and rituals surrounding the disease. The closing line, however, is the darkest of all. The casualties of the Plague were cremated to prevent further spread of the disease. At the same time, when we sing "we all fall down," we are reminded that even if we escape dying of this sickness, the reality of our mortality is clear.

This year, the youth of our church will be leading Ash Wednesday worship at 7pm on March 9th. One of the purposes of this day in the church year is for us to take stock of our lowly place in the universe, and our relatively short time here. We're looking forward to a unique night of worship where we can express that though these thoughts are somber, we don't need to be sad or afraid. Christ give meaning and beauty to our deaths as well as our lives. Jesus redeems us in this world and the next.

Movie Night!

Bring your friends to see the movie "Upside" on March 23. We had such a great time watching "To Save a Life" in September that we had to try another Movie! Youth group will begin at 6:30pm to allow enough time to finish by 8:30. We'll have free popcorn and drinks for everyone.



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