

Ash Wednesday

Did you know that the date of Easter Day is usually the *first Sunday after the first Full Moon occurring on or after the March equinox*? In 2018 the spring equinox is March 20, the first full moon on or after is March 31 (the second in the month...another "blue" moon!) making the first Sunday after it April 01, Easter Day! All other observations of religious events are 'backed up' from that date. This year Ash Wednesday will fall on **February 14** and we all know what other holiday that is! A day of atonement (at-one-ment) for Christians and the first of forty days of spiritual fasting we call Lent, our service will be marked by the imposition or receiving of ashes. This worship, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, will include a time of silent reflection, heartfelt confession and joyful reconciliation. The Choir and Joy Bells will be joined by the Solid Brass Quartet and David Schack, organist. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will also be celebrated. The first weekend of Lent is **February 17/18** and continues through Palm Weekend, March 24/25.