

# PEOPLE'S SPEAKS

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PEOPLE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



## Winter pride

FARGO-MOORHEAD

Worship—February 11 @ 10a.m.

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This Sunday we are hosting the Winter Pride Interfaith Service on Sunday, February 11 at 10 a.m. Help us to welcome the wider community by showing our extravagant hospitality.

Worship will be led by Pastor Grace, Omni Rogers-Mueller, Johanna Stately, Vyla Grindberg, Richard Jensen, Katrin Koesterman, Gina Powers, and Tom Thoreson.



Worship @ People's

We will continue worshipping at the Stage at Island Park through April 29.

Be sure to join us and invite your friends, family, and neighbors.

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### Ashes to Go

St. Mark's Lutheran & People's will be offering Ashes to Go this Wednesday, February 14 from 11a.m.—1p.m. We will be at the US Bank parking lot at the corner of Broadway & 4th Ave N.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, a time when we remember our mortality, and reflect on our relationship with God.

Valentine's Day, February 14. This year, it's also Ash Wednesday. Seems a bit of a paradox, right? The day we celebrate love is also the day we reflect on our own mortality.

Or is it? Our reflection on our lives, and that we come from dust, is also a reflection on the one who created every molecule of that dust, our loving God.

Ash Wednesday, and this year's Valentine's Day, is the beginning of a journey to deepen the love we have for our God. Many of us think about Lent as a time of giving things up. There is a call to fast, but it isn't just a matter of giving up chocolate. Rather, it is a time to remove that thing from our lives that is interfering with our relationship with God.

But, I see Lent as a time to take on something new. To engage in a new spiritual practice, or at least, strengthen a current practice. One might be joining us on Saturday mornings to meet as we discuss the very short readings in "Lovers and Fools." This gives us the opportunity to support one another on our journey of faith.

I'm looking forward to our first Lent together as the community called People's UCC.

Shalom,

*Pastor Grace*



## Lovers & Fools

The UCC Still-Speaking Writers have published a new Lenten Devotional: *Lovers & Fools*. We are reminded we spend our days worshipping a God in love with weakness; following a foolish savior, even to

the cross.

Join us on Saturday mornings, February 17—March 31 at 8:30a.m. We will get together in the deli area of Cashwise at 1401 33rd St. S, Fargo, just off 13th Ave S, to reflect on the readings together. It is a great way to deepen your faith, and get to know your friends from People's UCC.

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 13

6pm

Main Library, Downtown Fargo

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