

**More information about our ministries,
where ALL are welcome:**

**Compton Heights Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) –
an Open & Affirming Congregation**

The Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn L. Foster, pastor

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Classes for All Ages: 9:45 a.m.

2149 S. Grand Blvd. @ Flora Place, 63104

314-771-5071

www.comptonheights.com

jleigh55@att.net

**Isaiah 58 Ministries – ecumenical social service agency
(food pantry, thrift store, etc.)**

The Rev. Brenda Booth, Executive Director

Open Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

2149 S. Grand Blvd. @ Flora Place, 63104

314-776-1410

www.i58ministries.org

brendabooth@i58ministries.org

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

The Rev. Christopher Davis, pastor

Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for Adults & Children: 10:00 a.m.

4111 Connecticut St @ Oak Hill, 63116

314-664-5525

www.oakhillpcusa.org

office@oakhillpcusa.org

**St. John's Episcopal Church – a Proud Parish Partner
of Integrity USA (Open & Affirming)**

The Rev. Teresa K. M. Danielew, rector

Sunday Worship:

10:00 a.m. Communion Service

5:00 p.m. Communion Service

7:00 p.m. Episcopal Campus Ministry at SLU

Christian Formation for Children & Adults on Sun. & Wed.

3664 Arsenal St. - a half block west of Grand Blvd., 63116

St. John's, continued:

314-772-3970

www.towergrovechurch.org

info@towergrovechurch.org

"St. John's, Tower Grove" on Facebook

The Peace Meal Project: A FREE meal for ALL

EVERY Saturday, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship

The Rev. Samuel Voth Schrag, pastor

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.

3752 Giles Ave. @ Chippewa, 63116

314-772-1155

www.slmf.org

SLMennoniteF@aol.com

St. Paul United Church of Christ

The Rev. Tom Ressler, pastor

Sunday Worship: 10:15 a.m.

Adult Education: 9:00 a.m.

3510 Giles Ave. @ Potomac, 63116

314-772-4772

ibdrev@hotmail.com

**Tyler Place Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) –
a More Light Congregation (Open & Affirming)**

The Rev. Robert Hagel, pastor

9:00 a.m. *Sunday Worship for the Whole Family of God*

10:00 a.m. *Fellowship*

10:30 a.m. *Traditional Sunday Worship*

2109 S Spring Ave, 63110

(314) 772-1317

tylerplace@sbcglobal.net

ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2010
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
@ the corner of Grand & Arsenal



Why offer "Ashes to Go"?

The clergy of
*Compton Heights Christian Church,
Isaiah 58 Ministries
Oak Hill Presbyterian Church,
St. John's Episcopal Church,
St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship
St. Paul United Church of Christ,
& Tyler Place Presbyterian Church*

offer you this unique opportunity to pause,
to mark our mortality,
and celebrate the blessings of this life –
even in the midst of a busy work day.

*Thanks to MoKaBe's Coffeeshouse
for providing us with coffee and tables!!!*

An Invitation to a Holy Lent

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a Holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

(from the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 264-265)

A BRIEF ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Minister God be with you.

People And also with you.

Minister Let us pray. God of all mercy, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create in us new hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our need, may obtain of you perfect forgiveness of our sins. **Amen.**

A brief word about Ash Wednesday

Minister

Prayer over the Ashes

Minister Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The ashes are imposed with the following words

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Psalm 51

(51:1-3, 7-11,13,15)

All say together:

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Deliver me from death, O God,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.

Then the Minister says

Almighty God, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their sin and live, has given power and commandment to all ministers to declare to God's people, being penitent, the forgiveness of their sins. God pardons all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe the holy Gospel.

Therefore we ask you, God: Grant us true repentance and your Holy Spirit, that what we do this day may please you, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord,

...and enjoy a cup of coffee together!