



CHUMites,

It's almost time for Lent to begin! Lent is the church season when we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter Resurrection. It is a time for prayer, self-examination, and reflection about who we are in relationship with ourselves, God, and others. It is a season to ask for forgiveness or to make amends if we have hurt someone and it is a season to search our own hearts.

Lent speaks to deep questions about life and death, hope and despair. Lent lasts 40 days (plus Sundays, which are considered mini-Easters) and begins on Ash Wednesday (February 18). On Ash Wednesday, there are two opportunities to receive an imposition of ashes (Ash 'n Dash on 1st Street at noon or in the sanctuary at 6 pm).

We save the palms from Palm Sunday and dry them all year. Just before Ash Wednesday, we burn them and then grind the ashes into a powder. We mix the ash powder with oil and that creates a paste. We use the ash paste to make the sign of the cross on your forehead or your hand. "Imposition of ashes" is just a theological way to say all of that!

This practice connects to ancient and biblical practices of pouring ashes on one's head.

In Job 2:12, Job's friends approach him and they do not even recognize him because of his loss. They weep and cry out and tear their robes. Then, they throw dust in the air upon their heads as a sign they are joining him in solidarity with lament and grief.

In Jonah 3:6, when the news that the people of the city of Ninevah have repented reaches the King, he gets off his throne, puts on sackcloth and sits in ashes to show that he joins them in the act of repentance.

In 2 Samuel 13:19, after Tamar is not only raped but also cast out by her brother Amnon, Tamar puts ashes on her head, tears her robe, and weeps for the sin that is committed against her.

Ashes are a sign in the Judeo-Christian tradition of joining together in lament and grief, of repentance and turning away from our own sins, and an acknowledgement that our bodies and hearts often bear the scars of the sins committed against us.

In addition, ashes remind us of the dust from which we are made when we read the poetic words from Genesis 2:7 that describe God scooping up the dust of the earth and forming earth creatures (human beings!) out of it! Our United Methodist liturgy for graveside services evokes this image, too, when we say "This body we commit to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." In this sense, ashes remind us of our fragility, of the vulnerable and sacred nature of life, and of our connection to the earth.

During Lent, you are invited to "give something up" and fast from something that separates you from God or to "take something up" and add a spiritual practice that draws you close to God.

Peace, Pastor Jill

CHURCH SERVICES

9:00 am Worship - Traditional
(online & on site)

10:15 am Worship - Contemporary
(online & on site)

Online Services can be found on our Facebook page, Apple TV, Roku, YouTube or on the website at: collegehillumc.org.

Sunday, February 08, 2026

God Is Too Big

Sermon: One of Many:

The Acceptance Model

Rev. Jill Sander-Chali—Preaching

Sunday, February 15, 2026

God Is Too Big

Sermon: In Conclusion: Your Turn

Rev. Jill Sander-Chali—Preaching

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday Service

5:30pm—Dinner

6:00pm—Service

Rev. Bev Baumgartner—Preaching

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Sermon Series: REST

Sermon: Releasing Tension:

Physical and Mental Rest

Rev. Jill Sander-Chali—Preaching

Sunday, March 01, 2026

Sermon Series: REST

Sermon: Prioritizing Soul Food:

Spiritual Rest

Rev. Jill Sander-Chali—Preaching

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A Reconciling Congregation

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 4

6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

February 5

7:00am ROMEO's
10:00am Needle Art's Guild
7:00pm Uptown Neighborhood Association

February 6

Church Office Closed

February 7

Church Office Closed
CCM Gathering

February 8

9:00am Worship-Sanctuary
10:15am Worship-Fellowship Hall
10:15am Sunday School Classes
11:30am Faith Sister's Book Club
11:30am CHUM 101

February 9

1:30pm Reader's Theatre
5:30pm Trustees Meeting
6:00pm Meditation Group
6:15pm Finance Meeting
7:00pm Church Council Meeting

February 10

1:00pm Staff Meeting
6:00pm Marketing Meeting

February 11

5:30pm—Meal
6:00pm Intergenerational Bingo
6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

February 12

7:00am ROMEO's
10:00am Needle Art's Guild

February 13

Church Office Closed

February 14

Church Office Closed
10:00am Elaine Hanna Celebration of Life
Happy Valentine's Day

January 15

9:00am Worship-Sanctuary
10:15am Worship-Fellowship Hall
10:15am Sunday School Classes
1:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee

February 16

Church Office Closed—President's Day

February 17

1:00pm Staff Meeting

February 18

11:45am Ash & Dash
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

February 19

7:00am ROMEO's
10:00am Needle Art's Guild

February 20

Church Office Closed
9:30am Food Pantry Set Up
11:00am Open Door Lunch

February 21

9:00am Food Pantry and Breakfast
1:00pm Youth Volunteer Liberation Place

February 22

9:00am Worship-Sanctuary
10:15am Worship-Fellowship Hall
10:15am Sunday School Classes
Staff Going to Beyond Conference

February 23

Staff at Beyond Conference
1:30pm Reader's Theatre
5:00pm Needle Arts Guild
6:00pm Meditation Group

February 24

Staff at Beyond Conference
6:30pm NAMI Share and Care Group

February 25

5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm Self Care—Yoga
6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

February 26

7:00am ROMEO's
10:00am Needle Art's Guild
6:00pm Mission Committee

February 27

Church Office Closed

February 28

Church Office Closed
8am CHUM Work Day

College Hill helped co-sponsor a prayer vigil in front of the Homeland Security and Immigration Office for the killing of Renee Good.





February 22
Physical and Mental Rest



March 1
Spiritual Rest



March 8
Social and Emotional Rest



March 15
Sensory Rest



March 22
Creative Rest



March 29
Palm Sunday - Cantata/Special Music



April 5
Easter Sunday - Hope and Resurrection



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday Mornings
10:15am on 2nd Floor
No Youth Sunday School the first
Sunday of each month.

All youth, 6th -12th grades, come join us
as we gather together
in our classroom on 2nd floor.
Contact Rev. Bev Baumgartner
with questions.

bev.baumgartner@collegehillumc.org

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
for 3 years old through 5th grade
Sunday Mornings @ 10:15am
No Children's Sunday School the first
Sunday of each month.

CHUM Nursery

The CHUM Nursery is available on
Sunday mornings for children
ages 6 weeks to 5 years.
It is available from 8:45 - 11:15 am.
The nursery is located on
the main floor across from
Fellowship Hall.

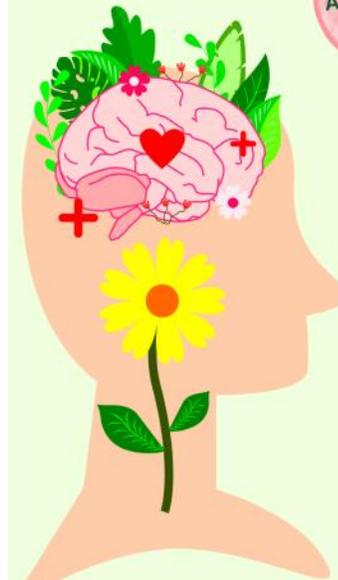
Contact Jodi Rice with questions:
jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org

**SELF
CARE**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT**

Every Wednesday
night listed.
Dinner - 5:30PM
Activity - 6:00PM

JOIN US ON THE WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS LISTED BELOW
FOR SOME SELF CARE.
YOUTH AND CHILDREN WILL
HAVE THEIR OWN
BREAKOUT ACTIVITIES.



FEBRUARY 11, 2026

MEAL - MAKE YOUR OWN SANDWICH
INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY - BINGO

FEBRUARY 18, 2026 - ASH WEDNESDAY

MEAL - SOUP - STAFF
WORSHIP SERVICE

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

MEAL - YOUTH
YOGA

MARCH 4, 2025

MEAL - TBA
SOUND BATH MEDITATION

MARCH 11, 2025

MEAL - TBA
MANDALAS

MARCH 18, 2025

MEAL - TBA
INTERGENERATIONAL
PET SHOW AND TELL

MARCH 25, 2026

MEAL - SLOPPY JOE'S WOMEN'S GROUP
LINE DANCING

APRIL 1, 2026

MEAL - TACO SOUP AGAPE SUNDAY SCHOOL
DRUMMING & PRAYER LABYRINTH

OUR SYMPATHY

Elaine Hanna's , Celebration of Life has
been moved to February 14 @ 10:00am.

Myrne Roe, a long time member at CHUM
is turning 90. There will be a Birthday
party for Myrne on Monday, February 16th
at 2PM in the Tea Room at Larksfeld
Assisted Living. Anyone who wants to
celebrate Myrne is invited

If you were thinking of making a pledge,
but didn't get around to it, we want you to
know it's not too late . Make a commitment
to financially support the 2026 general
operating budget! You can make your
pledge on the front page of the website.

CHUM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit information for the
newsletter is by Noon the Thursday before.
Newsletters are emailed on Monday
morning. Please submit all information to:
brian.sutton@collegehillumc.org

Address Service Requested



Ash Wednesday
FEBRUARY 18, 2025

ASH & DASH
 11:45am-1:15pm
 On 1st Street in front of church.
 2930 E. 1st Street, Wichita, Ks.

Join us for a simple meal of soup and crackers in the fellowship hall, followed by worship in the sanctuary. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and focuses on our mortality, the fragile and sacred nature of life, and drawing close to God as we prepare for Easter. Pastors provide prayer and an imposition of ashes (marking your forehead with the sign of the cross to remember your mortality).

MEAL
 5:30pm - Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP SERVICE
 6:00-6:45pm
 In the Sanctuary.



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CHUM ALL CHURCH WINTER WORK DAY

We have a big, old, building that often needs some repairs. We will be working on light bulbs, tile, painting, general cleaning and more.

JOIN US!

There will be tasks for all ages and skill levels, so bring your family and friends. Together, we can make our church a brighter, cleaner place for everyone!



JOBS FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS

02.28.26
8:00AM - NOON

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

