Welcome to the Chaplain’s Corner newsletter. If you have a joy or concern you’d like to share with our staff, send an e-mail or give us a call at Ext. 8348. We only share concerns with the campus community, via newsletter or e-mail, with permission. You can view previous and current issues of our newsletter (in PDF format), on the Spiritual Life page of the Lynchburg College website—www.lynchburg.edu/spirituallife.

Ruler of the Night, Guarantor of the day . . .
This day — a gift from you.
This day — like none other you have ever given, or we have ever received. This Wednesday dazzles us with gift and newness and possibility.
This Wednesday burdens us with the tasks of the day, for we are already halfway home
halfway back to committees and memos,
halfway back to calls and appointments,
halfway on to next Sunday,
halfway back, half frazzled, half expectant,
half turned toward you, half rather not.
This Wednesday is a long way from Ash Wednesday,
but all our Wednesdays are marked by ashes —
we begin this day with that taste of ash in our mouth:
of failed hope and broken promises,
of forgotten children and frightened women,
we ourselves are ashes to ashes, dust to dust;
we can taste our mortality as we roll the ash around on our tongues.

We are able to ponder our ashness with some confidence, only because our every Wednesday of ashes anticipates your Easter victory over that dry, flaky taste of death.

On this Wednesday, we submit our ashen way to you —
you Easter parade of newness.
Before the sun sets, take our Wednesday and Easter us,
Easter us to joy and energy and courage and freedom;
Easter us that we may be fearless for your truth.
Come here and Easter our Wednesday with mercy and justice and peace and generosity.
We pray as we wait for the Risen One who comes soon.
For over thirty years now, Walter Brueggemann (b. 1933) has combined the best of critical scholarship with love for the local church in service to the kingdom of God. Now a professor emeritus of Old Testament studies at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, Brueggemann has authored over seventy books. Taken from his Prayers for a Privileged People (Nashville: Abingdon, 2008), pp. 27-28.

By Stephanie McLemore
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Regularly Scheduled Meetings
For a list of our regularly scheduled meetings during the academic year, go to the Spiritual Life webpage and click on “Spiritual Organizations on Campus.”

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Lenten Devotions begin TODAY (Ash Wednesday)
To subscribe to these daily e-mail meditations, simply send a message to rapp@lynchburg.edu saying “Send prayers.”

Dates to Remember

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<td>Wednesday, February 18 12 noon &amp; 10 p.m. Snidow Chapel</td>
<td>Ash Wednesday Services</td>
<td>Join us to begin your Lenten journey by receiving ashes</td>
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<td>Friday, February 20 6:30 to 9 p.m. Hopwood Auditorium</td>
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Reflection
Marked by Ashes By Walter Brueggemann

Anderson Leadership Conference
Thinking Outside of the Box About Leadership
Saturday, February 28 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Co-hosted by OSA and the School of Business and Economics
Turn in application to Summer Spicer by February 19, 2015

Campus Worship Opportunities
Sunday
• Quaker Meeting—10:30 a.m., Center for Spiritual Life.
• InFaith [IF] — Campus Protestant Worship, 3 p.m., Sydnor Performance Hall. This week’s preacher is Dr. James E. Coleman, Jr.
• Roman Catholic Mass—4:30 p.m., Snidow Chapel.

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