

FREELAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 18th, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

Ash Wednesday

Music by First United Methodist Church

“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

- Hebrews 13:2

PRELUDE

Bryan Latimer

WELCOME

Rev. Ernesto Mariona

HYMN FWS #2152

Change My Heart, O God (twice)

*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me – this is what I pray.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Amy Terhune

We have left many important pursuits to gather here.
In these moments, worship is of first importance.

**Together, we begin a season of self-examination.
We begin a humble walk with God through Lent.**

This is a time for building spiritual disciplines.
Those disciplined by Christ become disciples.

**We seek to follow in the steps of Jesus.
We want to walk in the paths where Christ leads.
May God empower us here with genuine righteousness.
Let patience, kindness, and truthful speech prevail.
We seek knowledge and the will to live by it.
We seek community and the capacity to share it.**

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INVOCATION

Rev. Ernesto Mariona

Do you sense changes happening deep inside you? Can you feel new life surging among us? God's forgiveness is real. God is gracious and merciful, restoring us to the joy of salvation. The one who created us sees our brokenness and helps us put the pieces back together. God works with us on new designs for living. We are free to become new people. Praise God!

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Ashes" by Tom Conry

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 51:1-6, Matthew 6:7-14

Rev. Kenny Walkup

HYMN FWS #2128

Come and Find the Quiet Center (vs. 1)

*Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter; find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.*

A MOMENT OF GRATEFULNESS

Rev. Ernesto Mariona

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

HYMN FWS #2128

Come and Find the Quiet Center (vs. 2)

*Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace;
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.*

SERMON

Rev. Kenny Walkup

HYMN FWS #2128

Come and Find the Quiet Center (vs. 3)

*In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!*

INVITATION to the OBSERVANCE of LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Rev. Amy Terhune

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES**THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

BENEDICTION

"Go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere you may go. Amen."

BENEDICTION HYMN UMH #666

Shalom to You

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends,
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

**Please stand if you are able.*

No offering will be made during these special services.

Hearing devices are available at the sound booth.

PARTICIPANTS IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Rev. Kenny Walkup, Four Points U.M.C.

Rev. Amy Terhune, Saginaw First U.M.C.

Rev. Ernesto Mariona, Freeland U.M.C.

MISSION STATEMENT

***Freeland UMC is a Christ-centered and mission-minded
community called to serve all people through
God's love.***

Announcements February 18th, 2026

Granny crafts are all of the fun and traditional activities our grandmothers used to do, but we don't make time for. Or don't know how. Or can't. This day beats all of that! Call or email the office to sign up! Some mini projects include embroidery; creating a mini journal; baking; weaving; candles; tin stamping; water paint and MORE! All supplies for the mini projects are included, as well as a pasta bar lunch, soft drinks and dessert. Each person gets a section of table where they can work on their own crafts (bring your scrapbooking, knitting, crochet, paper crafts) and instruction and supplies for mini crafts for \$50.

Space is limited, high school ages and above. Reserve your space below and pay at the door or drop a check/cash to the church office during office hours, M - F, 9am to noon. If you have a craft or mini lesson you'd like to share, send me a message! tinamarie48604@gmail.com

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TOGETHER IN WORSHIP

A United Methodist Tri-Church Worship Series

Three churches • Three pastors • One shared journey

✨*All are welcome to attend any or all services*✨

Holy Thursday
April 2, 2026, at 7:00 PM
Four Points Church (Swan Valley)
9265 Geddes Road, Saginaw
Preaching: Rev. Amy Terhune

Good Friday
April 3, 2026, at 7:00 PM
First United Methodist Church of Saginaw
4790 Gratiot Road, Saginaw
Preaching: Rev. Ernesto Mariona

Choir practice at 6:00 PM prior to each service.
Come lend your voice and sing with us. All are welcome.