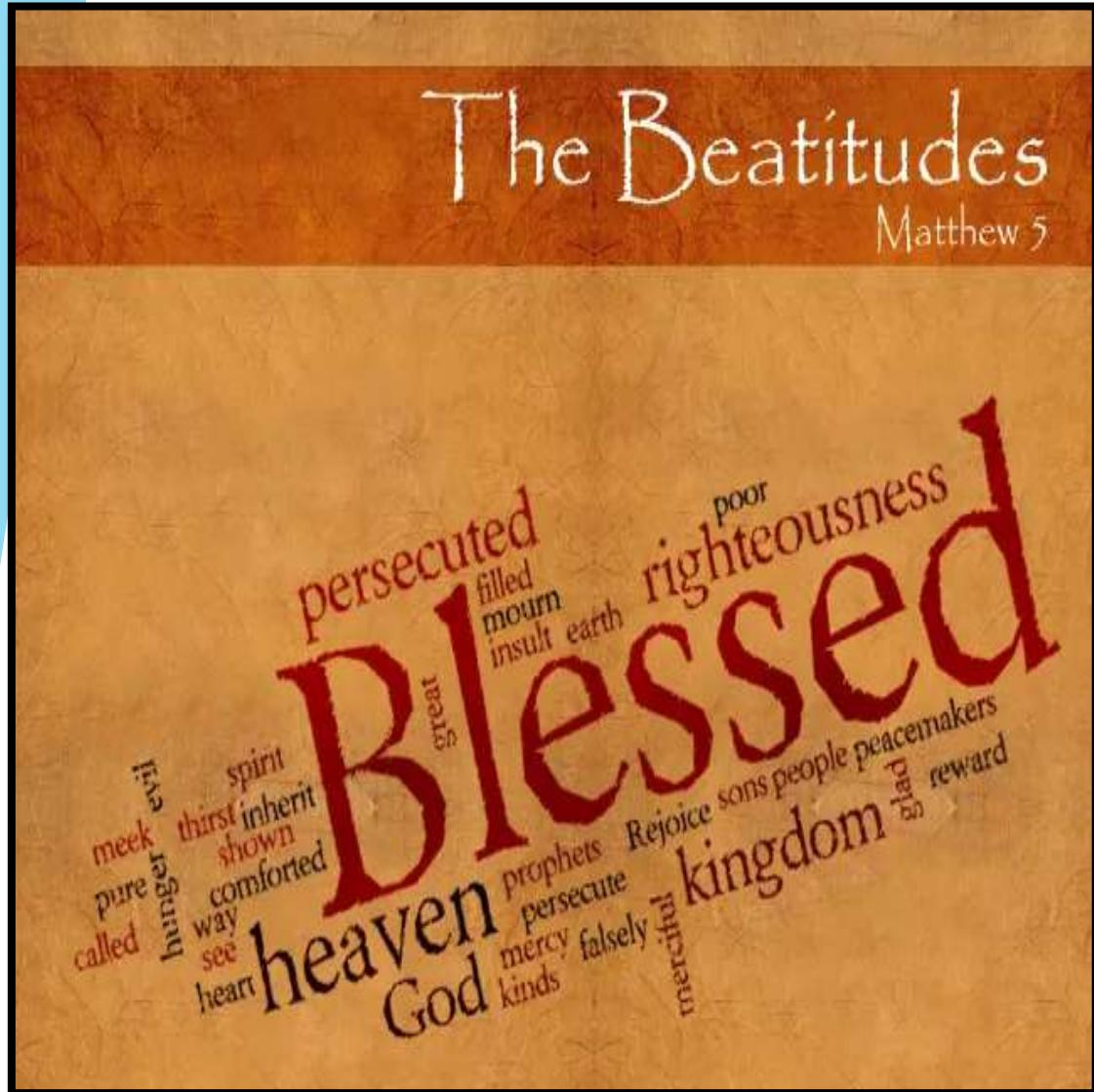


# Crossfield United Church - Announcements - Jan. 30, 2026



“In the main, the Beatitudes use two verbs: ‘are’ and ‘will’. Each Beatitude begins in the present tense - ‘blessed are ...’ - and moves to the future tense - ‘for they will...’. The present tense indicates that the Beatitudes are expressions of what is already true about the Christian community. Of course, not every member of every congregation can claim to be meek, merciful, and pure in heart, but the Beatitudes are addressed, not initially to individuals, but to the whole faith community. Among every authentic Christian congregation can be found persons of meekness, ministers of mercy, and workers for peace. Their presence and activity among us is a sign of God’s blessing and a call to all of us to conform our common life more and more to these kingdom values.”

- M. Eugene Boring, The New Interpreter’s Bible, “Matthew”, 1995.

## What's Happening at CUC this Sunday?

Join us at worship Sunday as we continue in the church season of Epiphany.

Our Scripture theme is from Matthew 5:1-12 (the Beatitudes), the initial, powerful phrases of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5-7). Join us this Sunday at CUC!

Refreshments and fellowship to follow.



“Our culture blesses those who achieve, those who are successful, as our world defines success. Jesus, in his Beatitudes, evokes another culture, another world in which those who are empty, poor, inept, and down are blessed.” – Will Willimon.

## Upcoming Worship Services

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany - Matthew 5:1-12.

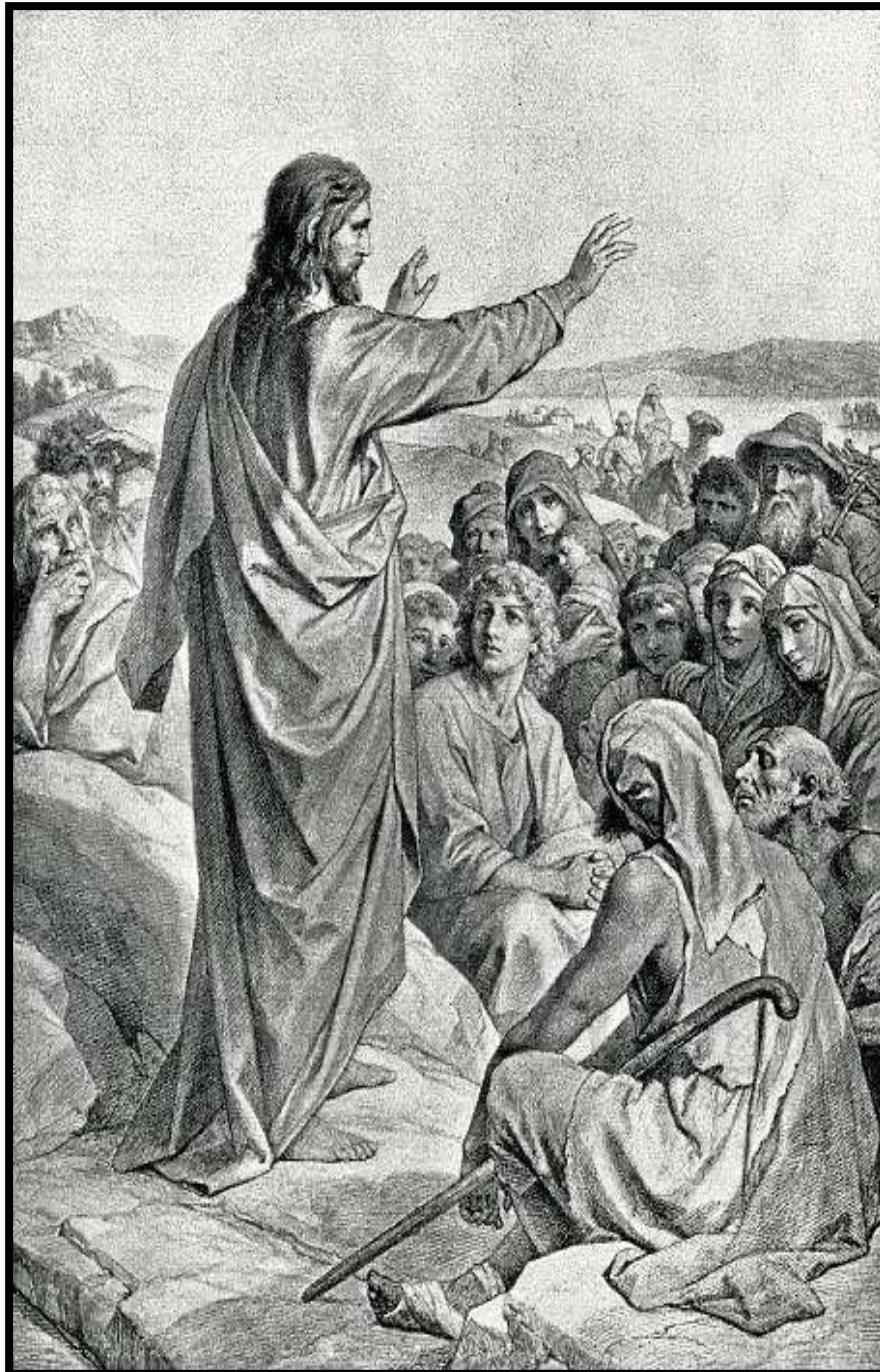
Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany - Matthew 5:13-20.  
*(Annual Mtg at 11:10 a.m.)*

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - Transfiguration Sunday - Matthew 17:1-9.

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday - 10 a.m.

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - First Sunday of Lent - Matthew 4:1-11.

Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday in Lent - John 3:1-17.



## Upcoming Meetings:

Annual Meeting:  
Sunday, February 8,  
11:10 a.m. *(after worship)*

Stewardship Comm:  
Thursday, March 19, 1 p.m.

Worship Comm.:  
Wednesday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.

Church Board:  
Wednesday, April 1, 1 p.m.

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 7 p.m.**

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> this year), but “regular” time in the church calendar goes out with a bang (sort of), spiritually speaking! It’s Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)!

The roots of this special day actually originate in the Christian tradition of confession and absolution, a time of spiritual preparation before Lent begins. Therefore Shrove Tuesday, from an old English word “shrive” (to receive absolution from a priest), is often, but not always, accompanied by a worship service.

Over time the day also became associated with the idea of consuming all the rich foods of one’s home before Lenten fasting began. Eggs, meat, dairy products, etc. were eaten up on Shrove Tuesday. A pancake supper symbolizes that practice of Lenten preparation.

Join us for pancakes, coffee, tea, and a chance to catch up with your neighbours.



## Thursday Afternoon Bible Study/Prayer Group

We meet **Thursdays,**  
**from 3 – 4:15 p.m.**

Scripture readings for Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>:

Isaiah 58:1-12.

Psalm 112:1-10.

1 Corinthians 2:1-16.

Matthew 5:13-20.

*If you'd like to join us  
please speak with Rev.  
Dave.*

