A note from Rev. Willie J. Smith

An Epiphany Reminder a counter to Steven Miller's comments in an interview

with CNN's Jake Tapper: "We live in a world, in the real world, Jake, that is governed by strength, that is governed by force, that is governed by power. These are the iron laws of the world since the beginning of time."

"I imagine Jesus standing here blessing us all because I believe that is our Lord's nature. Because, after all, it was Jesus who had all the powers of the universe at his disposal but did not consider his equality with God something to be exploited. Instead, he came to us in the most vulnerable of ways, as a powerless, flesh-and-blood newborn. As if to say, "You may hate your bodies, but I am blessing all human flesh. You may admire strength and might, but I am blessing all human weakness. You may seek power, but I am blessing all human vulnerability." This Jesus whom we follow cried at the tomb of his friend and turned the other cheek and forgave those who hung him on a cross. Because he was God's Beatitude—God's blessing to the weak in a world that admires only the strong."- Nadia Boltz-Weber

In a month we will enter into the season of Lent, which will coincide with Ramadan this year. Ash Wednesday will be **February 18th**.

This year Ashes will be offered at NJ Transit Morristown Stop times to be announced and also at the Church from **12-4 p.m**.

At **6:30 p.m**. there will be a simple Eucharist which will hybrid. I hope you can attend as you are able.

Ashes are made from the Palms from the palms that were distributed on Palm Sunday.

So, if can contribute the palms you received from last year and bring them/send to Church before **February 15th**; those palms will be burnt and blessed at the end of the Eucharist.