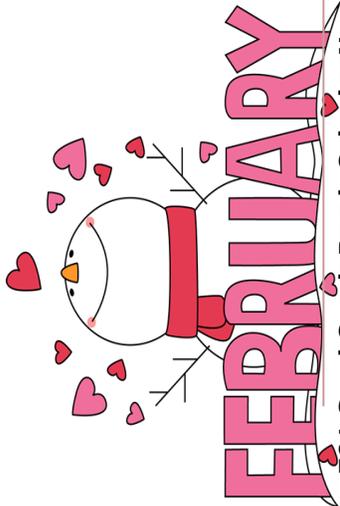


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**Saturday March 2, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

To make an appointment please  
contact Barbara Berberich at

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### Upcoming Events

Blood Drive	March 2
Ash Wednesday Service	March 6 7:30 PM





**March 6**  
**7:30 PM**

***You are dust, and to dust you will return.***

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

Lent is the 40 days (excluding Sundays) that come before the crucifixion of our Lord.

It is a time of penance, reflection, self-examination and spiritual redirection - a time of darkness ending with the rising of the Son.

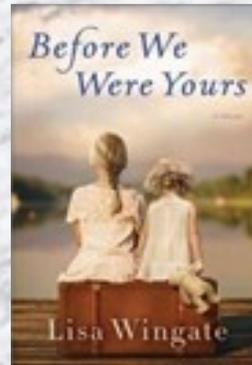
The introspection of Lent allows us to celebrate the full glory of Easter morning.

We begin the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday when our foreheads are marked with a cross of ashes.

This symbolic act is both a solemn reminder and an invitation to renewal.

**All are welcome as we begin together the sacred walk towards Easter.**

## Book Group News



**Before We Were Yours**, a best-selling novel by **Lisa Wingate**, is February's choice for the Book Group.

The book has alternate chapters telling the two stories - one of a woman looking into a mysterious past, and the other of a child looking ahead to an uncertain future. They are interwoven beautifully and create a drama that is both bleak and optimistic. Avery is a woman finding her roots while Rill is a girl afraid of losing hers.

***It is a rarity for an author to create a book with two central stories told side by side and not have one overshadow the other. That is certainly not the case here as Avery's journey is every bit as compelling as Rill's. They take place in two different worlds but the bond between the two women and the characteristics they both share, evolve naturally as the pages accumulate. (Jackie K Cooper, Huffpost)***

The Book Group is open to everyone. This month's meeting is set for **Tuesday, February 26, at 7:00.**, at the home of **Maggie George.**



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### Worship Hours

We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship every Sunday at 10 AM

Outdoor Services are also available in the Summer every Sunday at 8 AM

Holiday and Special Services will be announced on our website and this newsletter

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**“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”**

**Winston Churchill**

### Break Bread, Share Bread

The Community Outreach team has come up with a way to help fill our food pantry basket with items that are in high demand.

#### February's selection is

#### Soups and Oyster Crackers

Please bring your donations with you to Sunday Worship. Thank you in advance for helping those in need.

#### **Community Outreach**



## Winter Weather Cancellations

This winter season, if church must be cancelled due to snow and unsafe driving conditions, an announcement will be posted on the local television and newspaper sites (like the school closings).

An email will also be sent out to all who are on our newsletter distribution list.

Closing on a Sunday morning is rare, but your safety is very important to us all.

## Dinners for the Overflow Shelter

For the past couple of years we have been providing dinner for the guests of the shelter. We would like to continue this ministry. Please look at the following dates and prayerfully find a date that works for you. You may also partner up with someone, its more fun that way.

**Feb. 13th & 27th**

**March 13th & 27th**

**April 10th & 24th**

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