# pastor's perspective



Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

- Matthew 5:6 (NIV)

Can you believe that March is just around the corner? It feels like we were just celebrating the New Year, and now

we see trees budding and flowers beginning to bloom—time is moving so quickly! The arrival of spring brings a renewed sense of hope, growth, and transformation, not only in the world around us but within our own hearts as well.

March also marks a significant moment in our spiritual journey as we enter the Lenten season. This sacred time of reflection, repentance, and deepening our relationship with Christ prepares us for the joy of Easter. Our theme this year, Hunger + Thirst, centers on seeking God as our true source of fulfillment amidst the chaos of life. Walking through Lent together has always been deeply meaningful, as it is a season of intentional pursuit—seeking God wholeheartedly and making His presence known in our lives and communities. I encourage you to commit to drawing closer to Him in this season.

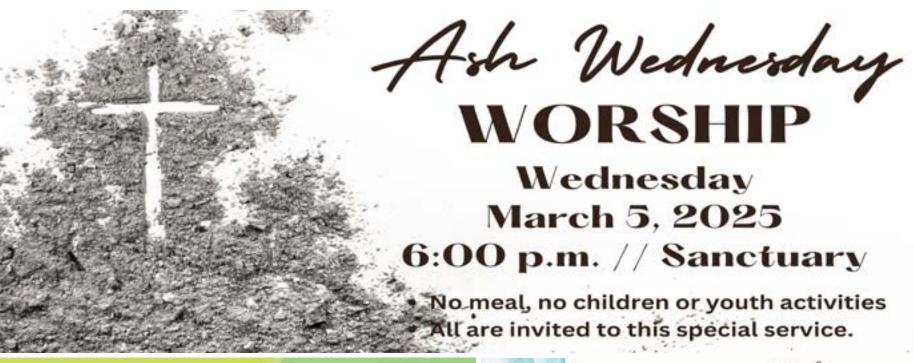
As a church, we are offering several opportunities to support your spiritual journey during Lent. It all begins with our Ash Wednesday Service, where we will reflect on what it means to hunger and thirst for God and have the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes. Additionally, our Lenten display in the Great Hall will explore different themes of the season, providing space for reflection and renewal. We are also introducing a new Lenten Devotional Guide, designed to encourage, challenge, and strengthen your relationship with both God and one another over the course of 40 days.

My sincere prayer is that this season will lead you to a deeper understanding of what it means to hunger and thirst for God—the only one who can truly satisfy. I look forward to worshipping, growing, and serving alongside you in the coming weeks.

Walker of William

#### Deacons for the month of March

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Cookie Ross in the loss of her husband, Larry.

The family of Elizabeth Biles.

The family of Norma Braden.

Marty and Lacey Cummings in the loss of his father, Mike Cummings.

#### **Church Office Hours**

M - Th: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed during the lunch hour (12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.) Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

#### **Financial Report** Year to Date

**Budget Needs** \$243,069.05 \$231,081.19 **Budget Receipts** \$21,595.00 **Building Fund** Other Designations \$11,340.00 Other Receipts \$19,732.43

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