

We need you

NEED 64. 64 with refrain

1. I need you ev - ry hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2. I need you so this hour, to show me how to be
 3. We need you here to - day, to lead us in your way;
 4. We need you in this hour, to touch our hearts a - new;

you know my sins in - deed and still your love's out - poured.
 your kind - ly child in this: my faith com - un - i - ty.
 we want to know your will lest we might go a - stray.
 help us sur - rend - er all and show our love for you.

Refrain

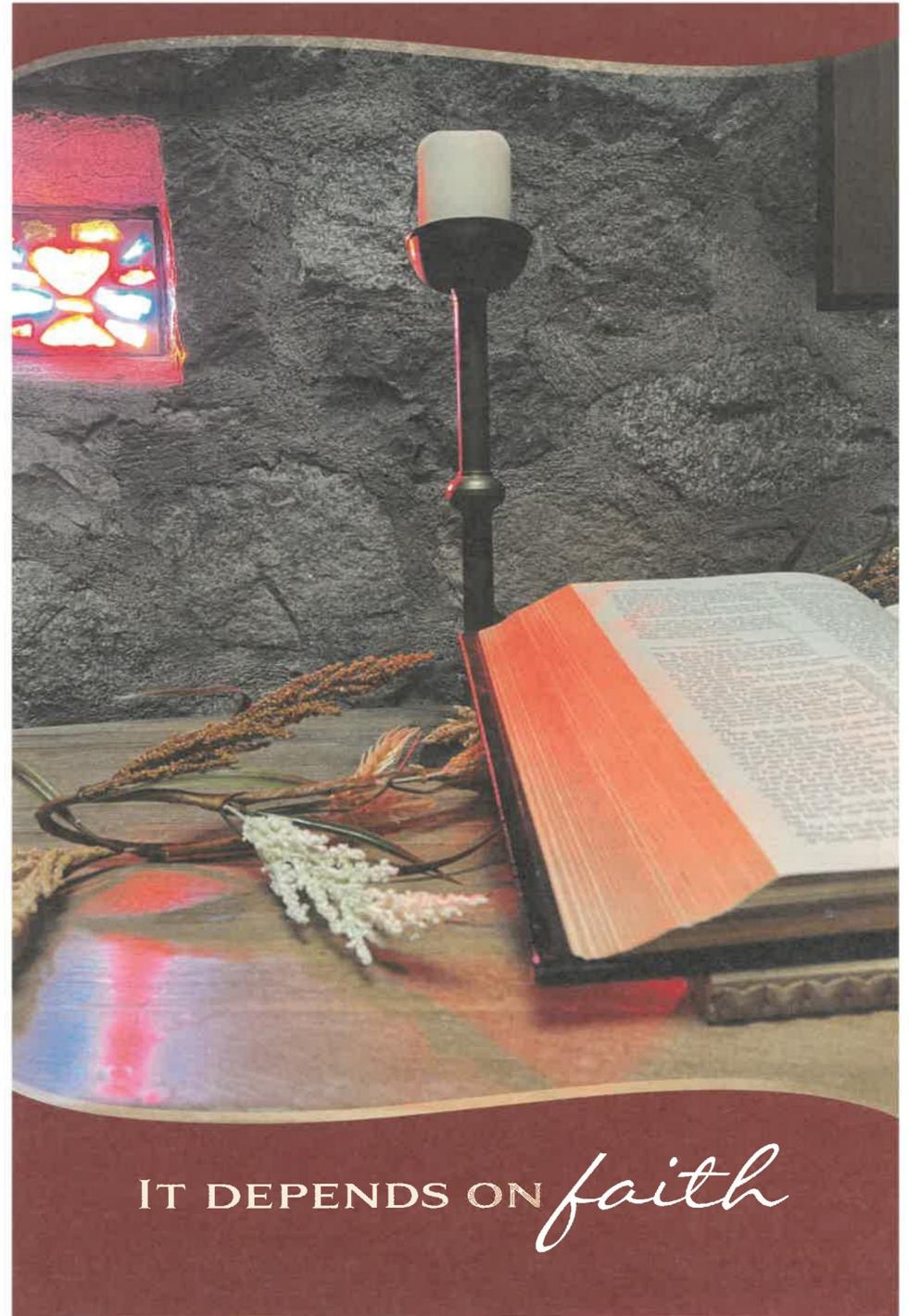
I need you! Oh I need you. Ev - ery hour I need you;
 We need you! Oh we need you. Ev - ery hour we need you;

O give the will to serve you and sho - w your love.

Text: Inspired by the words of Annie S. Hawks' hymn *I need thee every hour*,
 adapted by John David Bowman, 2012
 Music: Robert Lowry, 1872, *Royal Diadem for the Sunday School*, 1873

“For this reason *it depends on faith*, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,” (Romans 4:16, NRSV). **Today's Bible readings from the lectionary:** Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17; Matthew 17:1-9.

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IT DEPENDS ON *faith*

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE “For Me to Live Is Jesus” (Pachelbel)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Julie Herman, Worship Leader

One: We come this day hoping to encounter Christ.

All: We come with burdens and questions that only He can answer.

One: May we open our hearts to Him.

All: May our lives be healed and strengthened for service.

***HYMN #102** “To God be the glory”

[Verse 1]

*To God be the glory, great things he hath done, so loved he the world that he gave us
his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all
may go in.*

[Refrain]

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise
the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give
him the glory, great things he hath done.*

[Verse 2]

*Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to ev'ry believer the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

[Refrain]

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise
the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give
him the glory, great things he hath done.*

[Verse 3]

*Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son, but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our
transport, when Jesus we see.*

[Refrain]

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the
Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give him
the glory, great things he hath done.*

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious and glorious Lord, we come, as did Nicodemus, with questions on our hearts and in our lives. We come hoping someone can help us find answers and healing. But we are also hardened with doubts about self, others, and even you. Grant us healing and openness to your spirit that we may be better servants of your Word, your Will, and your Way. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

Through this invitation to share our gifts, we acknowledge that God has blessed us abundantly, and that we are to be a blessing to the world. In the very act of giving, in every act of bestowing blessings on another, we find that we are blessed yet again. I encourage you now to enter fully into this amazing cycle of blessing.

As we pass the offering plate here in the sanctuary, we also pass a virtual offering plate to those worshiping with us on YouTube Live. We invite you to give by mailing your offering to the church or dropping it off at the church during the week, or by going to the Hagerstowncob website.

Offertory “God Cares For Me” (Powell)

***Doxology #119** “Praise God from whom”

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Generous God, you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all, your own Son, Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving and praise, we offer you our time, our money, our very selves. In these actions, we proclaim our intention to be a blessing in your world. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND HOPES

Please remember our worship is also on YouTube and our website.

Please do not share any personal information you do not want to be made public.

An usher will hold the microphone for you while you share.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we are such stubborn people. We want to know all the answers. We find it hard to place our trust even in your Son. When Jesus proclaims that we can have a new life, we want to know how this is possible. How can we get rid of the old burdens and difficulties and start over again? Wouldn't it be just like climbing back into the womb to make a fresh start? How we have misunderstood what Jesus has said. New life is possible. We can place our trust in God's healing care. Forgive us, and help us, gracious Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN #356

"Breathe on me breath of God"

[Verse 1]

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

[Verse 2]

*Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

[Verse 3]

*Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*

[Verse 4]

*Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17

NT 93

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The

wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

TEMPLE CHOIR ANTHEM "Take Up Your Cross" (Hopson)

MESSAGE "Got any Questions?" Pastor Twyla Rowe

***HYMN #332** "Blessed Assurance"

[Verse 1]

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of
salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

[Refrain]

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

[Verse 2]

*Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

[Refrain]

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

[Verse 3]

*Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd, watching
and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.*

[Refrain]

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

***BENEDICTION**

After the Benediction, you may be seated.

Please continue in a spirit of worship as we listen to the Postlude music.

POSTLUDE

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

(Smith)

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*Please rise — in body or spirit — as an act of worship

Thank you for joining us in worship today.

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Second Sunday in Lent

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Office: Tuesday—Friday
Flexible hours
(appointments welcome/
call ahead)

Morning Praise Worship
at 8:30 AM
Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Worship and YouTube Live at
10:45 AM

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Twyla Rowe
Pastor

Allyson McPeak
Administrative Assistant

Burton Young
Director of
Music Ministries

Don Rowe
Interior Esthetics
Technician

*We welcome you to our church and
Rejoice in your participation with us in
worship. It is our prayer that you will
experience the presence of God's Spirit and
that it will equip you for service and ministry
in the week ahead. Our Pastor, Deacons, and
Cluster Leaders are available after worship
and during the week to listen and assist you in
your Christian pilgrimage.*

THE ANNOUNCER March 1, 2026

If you placed someone on the prayer list and they are now celebrating a recovery and would like their name taken off the list, please contact the church office.

If you or a loved one has surgery scheduled, is hospitalized, or would like a visit from the pastor, please notify the church.

“Take A Moment” Let this be our daily Take a Moment Prayer beginning March 1 - I come to you in these moments of prayer with a spirit filled with praise for you, O God. I offer to you also my heart-felt thanksgiving for your care and unconditional love. I am humbled, knowing that you loved the world so very much that you gave your only Son as the ultimate sacrifice for our sin...for my sin. And so, I seek to be faithful. I want to be close to you and I want to please you. I confess that sometimes questions stir from within me because I don't understand all of your ways. Maybe that's because many of the ways and thoughts of the world are contrary to the teachings we find in the Bible. At those times when questions arise and my faith is challenged, I will bring them to you; knowing that some questions may be answered clearly and others may remain a mystery. When, for whatever reason, the answers remain a mystery, send your Spirit to give me inner peace, and to help strengthen my faith. Guide me on my journey today. May knowing of your great love for me be all that I really need to know, to keep me on the path that leads to you. Amen.

Attendance. Please sign the attendance rosters found at the end of your pew, or possibly in the hymnal rack, and pass it down the row so everyone can sign.

Our thanks to Julie Herman for being our worship leader today and to the Temple Choir for our morning anthem.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of David (Sonny) Valentine, March 1, 1946, to March 5, 2024, by Janet Goller.

March Tidings are now available. If you did not receive an electronic copy please notify the Church office and you will be added to the emailing list. Printed copies can be found on the credenza in the wing of the sanctuary or in the fellowship hall.

- Lenten Services will be held on March 4, 11, 18, & 25
- Our guest speakers are as follows:
- March 4—Chris Stockslager—Special Music by Elaine Smith
 - March 11—John Miller
 - March 18—Brenda Shane & Becky Jackson
 - March 25—Dennis Browne

Cookies are also needed for our Lenten services. Sign-up sheets can be found in the west entrance or fellowship hall closer to March.



Friends in Faith (Widows & Widowers)—Tuesday, March 10th at 12pm we will be having a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and please bring a photo of yourself as a child. A sign-up sheet will be in the west entrance and fellowship hall. Any questions, please contact Nancy Gingrich, Robin Davies, Suzie Wolfe, Ann Platou, or Mary Means.

Our service week at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter is March 8-15, 2026. The volunteer response has been exceptional this year! Thanks to so many of you, almost all volunteer tasks have been filled! What a blessing! We will be collecting items for REACH from February 15 through March 8. A box is located in the west entrance for you to place your donations. A list of REACH needs is in the bulletin. Please note, individual personal care items are preferred. Thank you to much for your support of the REACH Cold Weather Shelter!

The Service & Outreach Team will be collecting the large tissue boxes (9"x4 1/2"x3") for the residents of Fahrney Keedy. We ask that you wrap the tissue boxes in spring colors (no bows or ribbons needed). We ask that the boxes be placed in the designated box in the west entrance by March 22nd.

The Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Response Auction will be held this year on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the Carroll County Ag. Center in Westminster, MD and will start at 9:00 am. The Response Dinner will be held Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Bush Creek Church of the Brethren.

Volunteers Needed—The Flower and Altar committee is looking for a volunteer for the month of **January and October**. If you're interested, please contact Cinnamon Shay.

2026 Altar Flowers—Only One Opening Left!—If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory, celebration, or honor of a loved one, the Flower and Altar Committee has the following Sunday available in 2026: **August 30**. If you are interested, please contact Cinnamon Shay at 301-730-8499 or email cinnamongirl@myactv.net

Cash for Causes/Martin's Gift Card Program. Purchase Martin's gift cards to take to the store to pay for your groceries or gas, and 5% of the face value of the gift card is a donation to the church and goes toward your yearly charitable contribution. To purchase a card, please contact Donnie Maas (240-866-1077). We can make arrangements to leave cards in your church mailbox or mail them to you.

Please remember to keep the administrative assistant updated on when and where meetings/events are being held. Please email or call the Administrative Assistant with information that needs added to the church calendar. **301-733-3565 or secretaryhcob@gmail.com**. Thank you!

Church mailboxes. Everyone is welcome to use the mailboxes. If you would like to be added or taken off the list, please contact Mary Means. If you have a mailbox, we ask that you be willing to monitor it. Any mail that is left in the mailboxes after a three-month period will be disposed of. The mailboxes are located in the hallway of the church office.

Offering drop-off box is located in the west entrance by the double doors. This box can be used to drop off your offering or order forms. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Offering envelopes are located in the pew racks and at other convenient locations around the church. To assist our financial secretary, we ask that you use an envelope and please put your name and envelope number on the outside. Here's a tip - take a few envelopes home and stick one of those return address labels we all get on the outside. Then all you need to add is your number. Having your name and number on the outside of the envelope is a huge help to our offering counters. Thank you!

Our services are streaming through YouTube! If you have not done so already, subscribe to HCOB's YouTube Channel and share it with others. You can do so by going to: www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob

Deadline for bulletins and newsletters. Announcements for the weekly bulletin need to be given to the administrative assistant before noon on Wednesday. Announcements for the monthly newsletters need to be given to the administrative assistant before the 15th of each month. Let's help her out by meeting deadlines, and also by not asking for special exceptions. Announcements should continue to be emailed to secretaryhcob@gmail.com. Thank you!

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1

Food Pantry Sunday

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms

10:20 am Fellowship Time/Mullendore Room

10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube (www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)

Monday, March 2

Church office closed

1:00 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, March 3

7:00 pm Worship Meeting/Mullendore Room

Wednesday, March 4

Admin. Assistant/Work from home

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

7:00 pm Lenten Service/Fellowship Hall_Special music from Elaine Smith

Thursday, March 5

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room

7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 6

8:00 am Bulletin prep/Church office

1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, March 7

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, March 8

Junior Church/REACH Week/Daylight Savings Time Starts

8:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Spiritual Nurture Meeting/Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms

10:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings

10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube (www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)

Remember our weekday schedule is subject to rapid change.

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you can make a secure offering
donation on our website using
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We grieve many things in life, but the loss of a loved one is probably the most devastating. As a result, the grief journey is a painful and lonely one. GriefShare is an international faith-based ministry that provides valuable tools to anyone who has lost a spouse, parent, child, sibling or other family member or friend, even if that loss is not recent. Our HCOB team offers a safe, welcoming space where people understand the heavy emotions of grief and where participants can find support in the company of others also on their grief journeys. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, please share this information and consider attending. We encourage you to bring a family member or friend so they can better understand your loss and become an even greater support for you.

Our spring session of GriefShare began on Monday, Feb. 16, and continue each Monday afternoon through May 11, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Mullendore Room. Cost of the session is free, but we gladly will accept a \$10 donation toward materials. You may join the group at any time during the 13 weeks, but we ask that you commit to attending at least 3 consecutive weeks. GriefShare recommends repeating the 13-week course a second time to absorb even more of the content, so if you have participated in GriefShare before and wish to attend again, we welcome you.

Register at www.griefshare.org. If you have any questions about the program, see Pastor Twyla or Debbie Nycum.

The Novel Bunch presents...

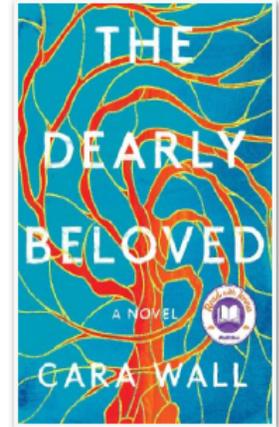
The Dearly Beloved

by Cara Wall

"This gentle, gorgeously written book may be one of my favorites ever."
—Jenna Bush Hager (A Today Show "Read with Jenna" Book Club Selection)

"The best book about faith in recent memory."
—Entertainment Weekly

This book is a character study about friendship, family, and faith. Charles and Lily & James and Nan meet in Greenwich Village in 1963 when Charles and James are jointly hired to manage the historic Third Presbyterian Church through turbulent times. However, their personal differences threaten to tear them apart. Charles is destined to follow his father as an esteemed history professor at Harvard until an unorthodox lecture about faith leads him to ministry. So, how can he fall in love with intellectual Lily after she tells him that she never will believe in God? And yet, how can he not believe?



James, the youngest son in a hardscrabble Chicago family, spent much of his youth angry at his alcoholic father and avoiding his nervous mother. James's escape from his desperate circumstances leads him to Nan, the devout and beloved daughter of a Mississippi minister and debutante. Despite James's guarded optimism, Nan's gentle, constant faith changes the course of his life. *The Dearly Beloved* follows these two couples through decades of love, friendship, jealousy, forgiveness, and commitment. Against the backdrop of conflict and change facing the city and the church's congregation, these four forge improbable paths through their evolving relationships as each struggles with uncertainty, heartbreak, and joy. This book is a moving reflection on faith and reason, and the ways we find meaning in our lives.

Date: Saturday, April 25

Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall

*This is a book for men and women alike, so we encourage the men of the congregation to attend and offer their perspectives.

Light refreshments to follow.

NOTE: If you have any questions or need assistance acquiring the book, call Jenny Ferguson at 301-964-1779. Please return the section below if you plan to attend.

NAME _____ I plan to attend _____ YES

Preferred contact information: Phone _____ OR Email _____

Book Club Team: *Jenny Ferguson, Kristal Bricker, Debbie Nycum, Judy Williams, Jan Young

2026 Reach's Cold Weather Shelter Needs List

Personal Care

- ◆ Razors
- ◆ Lotion
- ◆ Tampons

Cleaning Supplies

- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Laundry Pods

Food & Drink

- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Coffee, Regular or Decaf
- ◆ Non-dairy Creamer
- ◆ Paper Plates of any size

Thank you for your support!