



# *The* Happenings

*Newsletter*

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<u>Outreach/Welcoming</u>	Mary Lee Swickert



# November



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS





I was straightening up some things in my office this week and in one corner of my office (behind the cabinet for my robes) I found a large garbage bag with a “pillar of cloud” and a “pillar of fire”. These were two props I had rigged up for a sermon I did several years ago entitled, “Moses and the Whiners”. I got to thinking about that sermon and about Moses’ response to the whining and complaining of his people. If you don’t remember the sermon, I’ll give you a quick summary.

The people of Israel are living as slaves in Egypt. They are abused and oppressed. They cry out to God, who hears their cry and calls Moses to go to Egypt and free the Israelites. With some help from God and few plagues, Moses gets them freed and leads the people out of Egypt. And God travels with them, in a Pillar of Cloud by day, and a Pillar of Fire by night.

But the Egyptians wake up to the fact that their cheap labor force is gone, and they pursue the Israelites. As the Israelites stand on the shores of the Reed (or Red if you prefer) Sea, Pharaoh and his army closes in. The Israelites, with the Pillar of Cloud before them, whine to Moses, “Moses, was it because there were not enough graves in Egypt that you brought us out here to die? Better we should have stayed as slaves in Egypt than to come out here to die.”

So, Moses turns to God, and with God’s help, Moses delivers the people from the hands of Pharaoh. The Bible tells us that the “the people feared the Lord, and believed in the Lord and his servant Moses” (Ex. 14: 29-31).

Well, the people of Israel were traveling through the wilderness - which was mostly desert - and there were a lot of them, so they needed lots of food and water. They came to a place called Marah, where there was water, but they couldn’t drink it because it was bad, or as the Bible says, “bitter”. So the people complained, whining to Moses, “Moses, you brought us out here into the desert, and the water here stinks. What are we supposed to drink? We need water, Moses!” And again, Moses turns to God, and the Bible tells us that God showed Moses a piece of wood that he threw into the water, and it made the water drinkable. And the people were happy.

Well, as the Israelites traveled on, they began to run out of food. And the people were hungry. Again, they all complained to Moses. AGAIN! They whined, “Moses, we’re hungry! We need to get some food right now, Moses. If only God would have just killed us in Egypt, when we sat around and had our fill of bread and meat. But Nooooo, you had to bring us out here in the wilderness so that our whole nation could starve to death.” And once again, Moses turns to God asking for help, and God sent manna, or bread from heaven. It appeared each morning on the ground, and the people had food to eat.

The Israelites were still in the wilderness, and they were thirsty again. And their thirst was a desperate thirst. And the whining and complaining started again. And Moses was the target for their complaining because he was their leader. Again, Moses turned to God, and leaned on God for help and guidance.

As I think about the Exodus story, I’m struck by the way Moses leaned so faithfully on God throughout the journey and throughout his responsibility of leadership. Nobody else seems to know what to do. The people complain over and over again and direct all their whining at Moses. And every time, Moses turns to God in prayer, asking for help, guidance, and wisdom. Why? Because Moses trusted God to be there, to give him what he needed for the circumstances he faced.

It's a good reminder, isn't it? To keep turning, and turning again, to God for direction in our complicated lives. How often do you turn to God when life becomes hard? When other people, your family, your co-workers, your fellow church members are complaining and whining about the circumstances? How often do you ask those who are doing the complaining to stop and pray with you, so together you can ask God for what you all might need?

Blessings and peace,

*Pastor Mark*

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. - Proverbs 3:5 (NRSV)*



**A Stephen Minister will care, listen and encourage you.**

**Christ caring for people through people**

Contact Pastor Mark, Becky Jerabek or Lou Ann Hoffman



## ALTAR GUILD

For the month of October, Altar Guild has been operating with “fill in” volunteers Pam and Andy Hamblin. Our list of volunteers has a real need to not only fill October but to fill in a couple of other months.

Can you give approximately two hours any day of the week for four weeks to check the pews for the necessary envelopes, announcement pads and other forms that are used each week? Also hang the banners that so enhance our sanctuary. Very little training is needed - just some time and guidance and you will come away with a sense of having been a vital part of our worship service.

See Pam or Andy Hamblin or myself and we will gladly give you the times we need help. Oh and you will get the biggest smiles you have every seen!!



We received the Best News ever that Fred is now in remission. No more Chemo just regular follow up visits every three months. We want to share this fabulous news with our church family and thank you for all the cards and well wishes and prayers that were sent to us both these past six months. Keeping in touch with the outside world is very important when you

must stay isolated in your home. The weeding of our flower garden, the wonderful delicious foods and western books to read all helped make the days go by. Fred really appreciated receiving cards. The best part of the day is when the mail is delivered or receiving a message on his phone. Thank you all for your generous support and prayers.

Mary Ellen & Fred Anderson



Be the “someone”

Once you attend a few Shepherds Leadership Team (SLT) meetings you start to appreciate how many people it takes to make our church what it is.

Someone to prepare the service- the prayers, the sermon, the music.

Someone to practice the anthems.

Someone to buy the grape juice and fill the cups for Communion.

Someone to buy or bake the bread and cut it up.

Someone to prepare the slides for the screens each Sunday.

Someone to make sure the computer is set up and run the program.

Someone to prepare the materials for the stewardship pledge drive each fall.

Someone to order the envelopes for our contributions and someone to keep track of contributions for tax purposes.

Someone to organize the bi-annual rummage sales – sorting, pricing & selling.

Someone to hang the banners and decorate the altar in keeping with the liturgical season.

Someone to find the Sunday School curriculum, recruit teachers, sets up projects and teach the children. And someone to do the same for Vacation Bible School.

Someone to ensure the lawn gets mowed and the parking lot plowed.

Someone to make sure the furnaces are in order, rooms are painted and the roof isn't leaking.

Someone to make sure bills get paid and the lights stay on.

Someone to conduct reviews of employees. Someone to pay the employees.

Someone to volunteer to be here so our church can be a PADS site each Monday, sheltering and feeding the homeless.

Soup Sundays? Someone plans them. Someone brings the soup. Fourth of July parade?

Someone built the float, someone brought the candy, someone walked with the float, someone manned the booth in the park, someone made the popcorn. Someone plans the special programs, someone selects the speaker or leader.

Some of these things are done by paid employees, most are done by volunteers.

Volunteers are just like you- except they've decided to be the someone who does the job that needs doing. Our church could use a few more “someones” to step up.

A very small group of men on the Building and Grounds Committee take care of our church building. They would welcome more help. With the growing enrollment in Sunday School- something we have long prayed for- there is sometimes a need for an additional helper with a special project or activity. You could be that helper.

Our Christian Education Director, Barb Thurlby, would like to provide more activities for the children here on Wednesday nights while their parents are in choir practice- more of a nursery ministry. You could help get that started.

It would be nice to plan more outreach activities to make the community aware of our church, and more fellowship activities for our members. That would take someone's help.

If you're not sure what help is needed, or where to offer help, come and see the members of the SLT at Coffee with the SLT on the first Sunday of each month, right after worship.

We would love to help you become that “someone.”

By Kathy Farren  
SLT chair

During my short time here at Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ I have been amazed at the encouragement, support and outpouring of generosity from members and friends of the church. Mother Teresa once said, "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into the giving". I believe this special quote depicts the giving donors of this church.

It is not a surprise that churches today are struggling. They are struggling with membership, tithing, support, volunteers and donations. That cannot all be said of the Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ, at least around support, encouragement, giving and donations! I have been moved by the outpouring and generosity of support to the Christian Education program. Donors have dropped off monies, supplies, gift cards, items for special events, food, drinks, books, paper goods, art supplies, and an endless list too long to mention.

This church is special; I hope each person reading this article knows that. I feel blessed to be a part of such a giving and caring church community and our children are lucky to call this church their family church. On behalf of the CE team and the very energetic, smiling, and amazing kids of YCC, thank you! Your generosity, support and encouragement is so greatly appreciated.



# Christian Education Fall Missions

Our Sunday School students continue to support missions throughout the busy fall season. In October, the children are once again taking part in "Trick or Treat for UNICEF". Each student received a UNICEF trick or treat box and will be collecting money until Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. All the money collected will go to help children and families in need, with a focus in areas of medicine, nutrition, clean water, and education. This simple, fun mission is a great way to educate our children on critical children's issues around the world and allows them to follow the leading of Christ in helping others.



In November, our students will participate in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Birthday Party in a Bag" mission. Each family will be given a gift bag along with birthday party item suggestions (i.e. cake mix, balloons, frosting, etc.) which will be donated to the Kendall County Food Pantry. The idea for the gift bags is to help those less fortunate celebrate the simple idea of a birthday. This project is great for our children because they learn to understand and love the idea of birthday celebrations; and it also allows them to help other children and families from our community have a wonderful celebration too. Bags will be handed out on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and should be returned by Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your continued support for our missions and for encouraging our very youngest churchgoers to be a part of helping others. Please contact Barb at [ced@yorkvilleucc.org](mailto:ced@yorkvilleucc.org) with questions.





“How many loaves of bread do you have?” Jesus asked the disciples one day as five thousand and more hungry people stood before them. “Go and see,” he told them. And they came up with five loaves and two fish. If I had been one of those disciples, I would have felt the desperation of not coming up with enough. Scarcity when you desire to meet a need or win someone’s approval or appear to be in control can be a terrifying thing.

On this Sunday afternoon in September, as I went to my cupboard, I felt like those disciples. It had been a challenging week and a busy weekend. That morning had already been long with an outdoor service and baptism at my church. And I returned home to rows of colorful papel picado banners stretching across the street, children running up and down and into bounce houses, and neighbors putting up tables in their front yards and filling them with Mexican food. What did I have to put out in my front yard? I came up with a few chocolate chips and M&M’s. And so, I made cookies. And I looked outside and families were gathering around their tables in their front yards to sit down and eat. In a moment of self-pity, I thought to myself, “I don’t have a family. I don’t have any food. Jesus, all I have are these chocolate chip cookies.” A kind friend who had brought back my mixer that she had borrowed pointed out that I could take those cookies next door to my neighbor and give them to her and most likely she would invite me to her table. And sure enough, that’s exactly what happened.

#### For Prayer:

This weekend 110 staff and local leaders will be in Cincinnati for the first ever I-58 Navs National Laborers Gathering. Pray for safety for all who will be traveling. I will be driving a van from Chicago with five others – one is Niwana, the woman that I study the Bible with from Wilson-Windsor in Uptown. Please pray for all to feel a sense of encouragement, belonging and momentum in the mission and that the vision would be clear. Pray that each person might experience God deeply through the weekend and that He would be glorified in every moment. Thank you so much!

Niwana and I will finish the book of Proverbs soon and since she picked that book to study, she said the next one is mine to choose! Praise God with me for her hunger for “food for her soul” as she calls our time together. I’ll keep you posted about what book of the Bible is next!

Your partnership in this ministry is such an encouragement to me!  
Grateful,  
Nan Maree Miller



**FOUR MEN WITH PAINTBRUSHES**

Serving on the Building and Grounds Committee are Andy Hamblin, Norm Kuhman, Tony Houle and Lee Kinkade. Besides attending monthly meetings, these four men are "men of action". This past month, these four have been painting classroom areas for our Sunday School. They have painted the Alpha Room, which is a double space room, the first/second grade classroom and the adjoining room and two walls in the kindergarten classroom. Then they moved into the Kid Zone (the low ceiling area) and made it pretty for our kids to enjoy every Sunday. Additional help was needed to finish this huge painting project; so, they recruited Pam Hamblin and Pat Dietz. I am so impressed with the dedication these four men have demonstrated to help improve and make our Sunday School classrooms inviting and attractive.

The Pottinger family painted the older kids Sunday School classroom and the nursery and pre-school rooms also got painted.

**THE CREW SWITCHES TO HAMMERS**

Now these same four gentlemen with the additional help of Bob Thurlby, Jim Davis and Pat Dietz, have started the window replacement which was sadly overdue. With donations received from JOY Circle and the Horneck family, we have addressed this capital improvement project. We are replacing six windows this year. Some casement sections can be used to help extend the life of windows still in use. We are replacing the casement windows with fixed windows which are a better price and more efficient. Below are pictures of what was discovered when they started removing the windows. The damage from years of water leaks destroyed the sills and window structure.



November Birthdays			
Krista Yabsley	3	Gabe Keith	16
Caden Langston	5	Doug Pierce	18
Nick Skinner	5	Lynne White	19
JoAnn Mohr	6	Terry Keith	19
Julia Runkle	6	Barry Kimes	21
Ilana Grube	7	Tess Tsusaki	21
Trent Hufstetler	7	Andrea Prochaska	22
Karma Jessen	9	Donna Davidson	23
Audrey Fitzgerald	10	Grant Guenzler	28
Jonathan Lamp	12	Jim Davis	29
Laurie Houle	14	Norm Kuhman	30
Linda Melhouse	15		



### **Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time GREEN**

Josh 3:7-17 \* Ps 107:1-7, 33-37 OR

Mic 3:5-12 \*Ps 43

1 Thess 2:9-13

**Matt 23:1-12**

*Partners in Service*

### **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time GREEN**

Josh 24: 1-3a, 14-25 \*Ps 78:1-7 OR

Wisd of Sol 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24

Wisd of Sol 6:17-20 or PS 70

1 Thess 4:13-18

**Matt 25:1-13**

*Tending God's Light*

### **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time GREEN**

Judg 4:1-7 \*Ps 123 OR

Zeph 1:7, 12-18 \* Ps 90:1-8 (9-11), 12

1 Thess 5:1-11

**Matt 25:14-30**

***Extravagant Opportunity***

### **Reign of Christ**

**GREEN OR WHITE**

Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24 \*Ps 100 OR

Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24 \*Ps 95:1-7a

Eph 1:15-23

**Matt 25:31-46**

***Reigning Compassion***

November Anniversaries		
8	Fred & Marie Wayne	65 years
9	Kris & Eva Schoenfelder	21 years
11	Steve & Julie Gawne	22 years
26	Don & Bev Ament	69 years

Date	Greeters & Jr. Greeters	Acolytes
11/5/17	Gerz Ryerson & Ann Seagrave with Chanel Bravo & Cayla Pottinger	Jenna Anderson
11/12/17	Keith & Terri Frisk with Luke DeFuss & Owen Shatters	Chris Andrus
11/9/17	Christine & Terry Keith with Makayla Duran & Olive Fahzy	Maddy Gawne
11/26/17	Tony & Laurie Houle with Gio Oliveira & Ashlynn McLeod	Alexia Prochaska



**Those Grieving:**

The Skogsberg Family

**Those in Cancer Treatment:**

Dan Duus  
Sue Frahm  
Sandy Lindblom  
Holly Mann

Olivia Mann  
Kathy Pearce  
Mary Ratos  
Cheryl Roberts

Judy Schrand  
Sandy Veselka  
Debbie Vogel  
Bill Wallace

**Health Concerns:**

Bill Andersen  
Fred Anderson  
Myrah Baldwin  
Lynn Belcher  
Michael Franciose

Bob Freeman  
Joe Hudgins  
Dale Keith  
Joanne O'Brien  
Ethel Perkins

John Schneider

**General Concerns:**

Tina Andersen  
Mary Freeman  
Karsjen Family

Dale Perkins  
Michelle Terri  
Marie Wayne

**Homebound/Assisted Living:**

Bob (Doc) Coleman  
Cindy Coleman  
Jim Follmer

Ralph Ginger  
Andrea Prochaska  
Dorothy Sanderson



Capt. Alex Houle, son of Tony & Laurie Houle  
Marine Cpl. Christopher Johnson, son of Chris & Eva Schoenfielder  
Staff Sgt. Ryan Strong, son of Tim & Laurie Strong



## *J.O.Y. CIRCLE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON*

*J.O.Y. Circle cordially invites the women of the church to join us at our Christmas Luncheon. Lunch will be served at Whitetail Ridge Golf Club on Thursday, December 7, 2017 from 12:00 to 3:00pm.*

*Our entrée choices are listed below. The cost of the meal is \$18.00 plus tax and service fee; individual checks will be issued. In order to be served in a timely manner, Whitetail asks that we submit a pre-order for our lunch. Pre-orders need to be received at Whitetail by November 28, 2017. The orders need to be turned in to Mary McCracken by Sunday, November 26, 2017.*

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_*

### *Entrée Choices:*

*\_\_\_\_\_ Honey Apple Glazed Pork; served with herb roasted potatoes*

*\_\_\_\_\_ Pasta Primavera*

*\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Sofrito, baked with tomato, peppers, garlic and Mozzarella cheese; served with Spanish Rice*

### *Choice of Entrée will be served with:*

*Seasonal Vegetables*

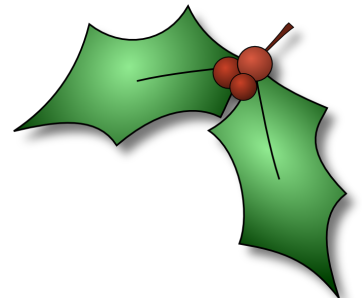
*Whitetail Salad*

*Assorted Cakes*

*Lemonade, iced tea, coffee or water*

*Please contact Mary @ 630-553-7051 (home), 630-408-3724 (cell) or email [marymac68@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marymac68@sbcglobal.net). if you have any questions.*

*It has been our tradition to donate fast food gift cards (McDonalds, Wendy's, Subway, etc.) to the Food Pantry for their teenage clients. We recommend \$5.00 gift cards and as many as you wish to donate.*







# FALL FEST A SUCCESS!



Yorkville Congregational Church held its first Fall Fest on Saturday, October 7th. Despite the threat of rain, wind and cold the weather held out and the fest was a huge success! Church families and guests brought 33 children to enjoy the fun. Festivities included: hayrides, face painting, games, a pumpkin patch, food and delightful visits from our local Police, Fire and Ambulance teams.

Volunteers helped children enjoy the beginning of Fall adventures with encouragement, smiles and stations of fun! The event was delightful and sure to be an annual event at the church. Many people jumped in to make the event memorable, including: Jo Pierce, Mary Ann Doetschman, Norm Kuhman, Ellie Gentile, Bob Thurlby, Robin Campos, Ben Moe, Mary Ellen Anderson, Jenna Anderson, Nancy Kolowski, Sarah Pottinger with Sadie and Cayla, Kristine Keith with Gabe, Rhonda and Jerry Ladson with Alarraah and Alayna, Amy Strausberger, Aiden Donahue, Rick Falato, Pastor Mark and the generous donors of candy treats! Thank you to all our amazing volunteers for making the day so very special. Happy Fall!

Barb Thurlby  
CE Director



# Thank You So Much

I would like to thank all the wonderful men & women of our church family for always being there for me whenever we have a funeral luncheon. Whether it be setting up, bringing in food, serving or the clean up afterward, you are always there when I call. Special thanks to Pam & Andy Hamblin for running the dishwasher and to Mary Ellen Anderson for always making the room look beautiful.

Goldie Behrens  
Funeral Lunch Chairperson



Diane Dillow was honored by the Warrenville Park District on October 7th as the district dedicated a new park named in her honor. The Diane Dillow Directors Challenge Park off Butterfield Road features an obstacle course geared to youth in middle school and older. Diane retired in December after 17 years as the Executive Director of the park district. She is a graduate of Yorkville High School and Illinois State University. Several members of her family, friends and church members attended the dedication where a bench inscribed to Diane was unveiled, along with the engraved rock on which she's sitting. Park District Board members explained that the quote on the rock was one Diane often cited during the park district's growing years.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY					
Quarterly Report for Pastoral Care Ministry					
Reports for dates: 7/01/17 through 9/30/17					
Quarter: 3 Year 2017					
Worship Attendance	Adults	Children	Special Services	Weekly Total	Monthly Total
7/2/2017	100	19		119	
7/9/2017	91	16		107	
7/16/2017	94	17		111	
7/23/2017	93	11		104	
7/30/2017	93	22		115	
<b>Total for July</b>	471	85			<b>556</b>
8/6/2017	108	3		111	
8/13/2017	101	13		114	
8/20/2017	99	17		116	
8/27/2017	103	15		118	
<b>Total for August</b>	411	48			<b>459</b>
9/3/2017	79	10		89	
9/10/2017	122	13		135	
9/17/2017	107			107	
9/24/2017	107	14		121	
<b>Total for September</b>	415	37			<b>452</b>
<b>Quarterly Total</b>				0	<b>1467</b>

Additions: (0)

Confirmation  
Confession of Faith  
Letter of Transfer  
Reaffirmation of Faith

Losses: (0)

Death  
Transfer 9/1/17 Mary Dycus  
Other Removals

Baptisms: (1)

Child (0-12) 7/9/17 - Vivian Leigh Strandall  
Adult (13 & up)

Weddings: (1)

9/23/17 - Diane Lee & Joseph Stablein

Funerals: (0)

Respectfully Submitted:  
Goldie Behrens & Diane Dillow





# Friendship Sunday is NOW

by Ellie Gentile

The Evangelism/Welcoming Ministry is made up of Mary Lee Swickert, Joe Duran, Terri Frisk, Julie Kline and myself.

It's our task to bring in new folks to the church and, of course, make them feel welcome. I try to spot and greet all first time visitors from the Welcome Center as they enter our church on Sunday mornings at which time I give them a little token welcome gift and an info sheet explaining all our ministries. I also encourage them to join us for Coffee Hour. If they have children, I make sure to introduce them to Barb Thurlby. Our Ministry members greet these folks and welcome them as well.

I'm writing this article to appeal to **ALL** our members to take a few minutes to greet new folks, introduce yourselves and maybe even invite them to join your table. I know Coffee Hour is a great time to catch up with your friends in the congregation, but it is also a perfect opportunity to show newcomers we're a welcoming group filled with Christian love. They usually have name tags so you don't even have to ask their names most times. Our little church will not survive if we don't grow and we can't grow if visitors don't feel welcome. So, if you see someone you haven't seen before, don't let them sit alone. Spend a minute or two chatting with them. Make a new friend. Get to know a little about them and/or tell them a little about us. Encourage your children to talk to their children. Remember that old commercial, "She told two friends and they told two friends, and they told two friends, etc. etc.?" Well, not only do we want visitors to come back but we want them to tell all their friends about our great worship service and what a warm congregation we are. Young or old or in between, **YOU** could be the reason they do just that.





YCUCC Yearly Givings/Pledge Campaign started Sunday, October 22nd. Letters were handed out before and after worship services. Our In-Gathering Sunday will take place during worship on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

C.R.O.P. - Community Responding Overcome Poverty is not totally completed. Our church, YCUCC raised \$1,410.00. Will have a grand total next month.

The 5 for 5 Offering of Neighbors In Need (NIN) was a big success.

Upcoming Activities:

Fall Soup Sunday on November 19<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex bulletin board. Proceeds will go to The Special Olympics in Kendall County.

YCUCC will have an A.I.D. Christmas Tree with gift tags to support the Association for Individual Development starting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The annual Christmas Cookie Sale will take place on Saturday morning, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dozens of cookies will be needed. Drop off your tasty treats in the kitchen on Friday, December 1st from 8:30am - 7:00pm. Sign-up sheets can be found in the Narthex.

The Christmas Fund (5 for 5 Offering) for retired ministers will be on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.



Yorkville Congregational Church's  
Annual Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale  
Saturday, December 2, 2017 8:00AM to 11:00AM



## Attention all Christmas Cookie Bakers and Candy Makers!

We are in need of your time, talent and generosity to bake *DOZENS* of your favorite and yummiest Christmas cookies and candies.

Labeled Christmas cookies & candies can be dropped off in the kitchen  
Friday, December 1st between 8:30AM and 7PM.

Share your delicious talents!

Money raised will support Hurricane/Disaster Relief.

Sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex.

Volunteers are also needed to help with sale on Saturday.

For more information please contact

Sue Kimes @ 630-553-6078 or Diane Dillow @ 630-280-7333.

# November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 10:00 am Worship Communion Sunday School— <b>*Communion Class for kids &amp; Parents by Rev Michelle - FH</b> 11:00 am Coffee Time <b>Search &amp; Discovery Class 3</b>	6 6:30 pm PADS	7 12:00 Preschool Screening 5:00 Bible Study 7:00 pm Grief Share 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry	1 Noon Bible Study 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Y Teachers—Sarah Sanctuary 5:15 pm Alpha Group 5:30 & 6 pm Children's Choirs 6-7:15 pm Brownie Troup 162	2 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:15 pm CE Team	3	4 10 am Y Teachers—Sarah (Sanctuary)
12 9:00 am Mission 10:00 am Worship Bible Presentation Sunday School Coffee Time <b>Sunday School Open House</b> <b>Come view their classrooms</b> Outreach & Welcoming Love Your Neighbor—Diane A.I.D. Christmas Gift Tag Tree Up	13 6:30 pm PADS	14 5:00 Bible Study 7:00 pm Grief Share 7:00 pm Stewardship	15 Noon Bible Study 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:15 pm Alpha Group 5:30 -& 6:00 pm Children's Choir 6-7:15 pm Brownie Troup 162 7:00 pm Adult Choir	16	17	18 9:00 am Men's Fellowship 10-Noon Alpha working at the Food Pantry—Barb
19 10:00 am Worship <b>Receive New Members</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am Mission Soup Sunday</b> Worship & Serving	20 Newsletter Submission Deadline <b>Receive New Members</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am Mission Soup Sunday</b> Worship & Serving	21 Church and Office Closed	22 Church and Office closed	23 Thanksgiving Day closed	24	25
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**Our Mission** - To nurture the divine spark within all people so that together we can advance God's peace and justice, serve others and care for creation with open minds, generous hearts and willing hands.

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