

St. Helena's Episcopal Church and School

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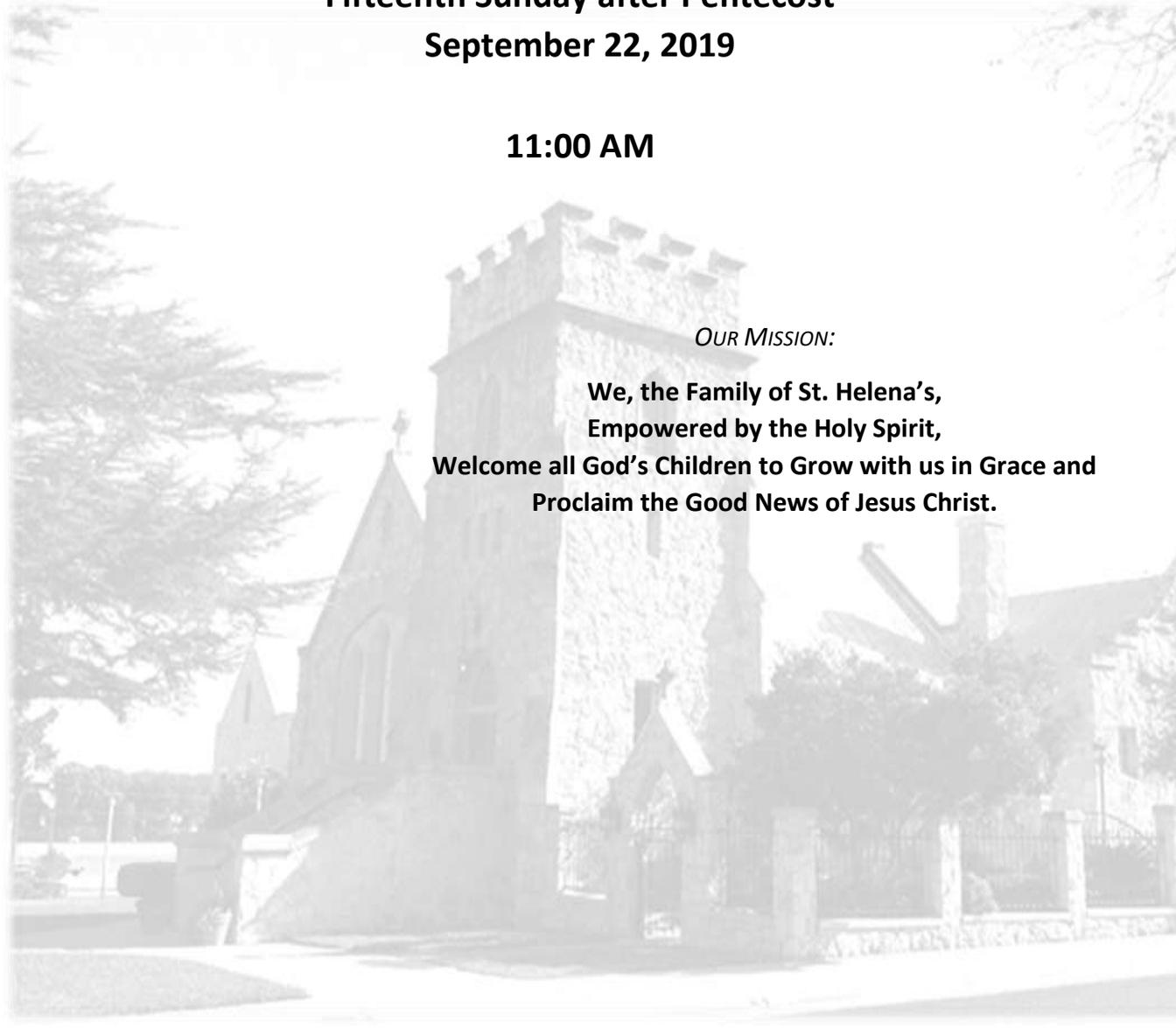
The Rev. David G. Read, *Rector*

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2019**

11:00 AM

OUR MISSION:

**We, the Family of St. Helena's,
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
Welcome all God's Children to Grow with us in Grace and
Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.**



Welcome to St. Helena's Episcopal Church & School

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor with us, we warmly welcome you to this worship service and to the vibrant life of St. Helena's community. We invite you to fill out a Guest Card found in the pew bookrack and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by. We want you to know that all baptized Christians - regardless of your denomination, tradition, age, or background - are invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion during worship. Also, pick up a blue bag as you leave today. It contains our latest newsletter and other information about St. Helena's.

CHILD CARE

Children of all ages are always welcome in our worship services. Children's sermons are part of our worship during 9:00am and 11:00am worship services. Should you desire it, child care for children ages infants through 4 years is available during all worship services and most parish activities. The parish nurseries are located downstairs in the Parish Hall Wing. (Signs are posted)

QUESTIONS?

For more information regarding St. Helena's Early Enrichment Program, Children & Youth Ministries, music, Bible Studies, senior ministries, baptisms, weddings, and more, please feel free to contact our clergy or staff members. More information may be found on our website at www.sthelenas.net.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:45 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10:10 A.M. Sunday School for all ages:
 Adults
 Preschool - 2nd - Room C Wendler Hall
 3rd - 5th Room 2 - Parish Hall Wing
 Middle and High School - Youth House

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Service of Public Healing
 and Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn

We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting

Hymnal 51

Tune: Decatur Place

All standing, the Celebrant says

People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The following is sung, all standing

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

First Reading

All sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in

Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 79:1-9

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Deus, venerunt

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the
birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts
of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side
of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not
known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon
your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

A Reading from Paul's First letter to Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for

kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence

All stand.

Help us, O Lord, to learn

Hymnal 628

Tune: St. Ethelwald

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

All remain standing

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Dawn McLendon

Sermon

The Rev. David G. Read

Nicene Creed*All stand.*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People*All kneel or stand*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, David and Jennifer our Bishops, David our priest and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
 in your compassion forgive us our sins,
 known and unknown,
 things done and left undone;
 and so uphold us by your Spirit
 that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
 to the honor and glory of your Name;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silence

The Priest concludes with an absolution

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Be thou my vision

Lynne Boyers, soprano

Bob Chilcott

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
 Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
 Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
 Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
 Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
 Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
 Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
 O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
 Great heart of my heart, whatever befall,
 Still be thou my vision, my Ruler of all.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available. Please inform the priest as you come forward.

Prayer ministers are positioned in the transept to the left after communion for your personal prayers needs.

Communion Hymn

Commit thou all that grieves thee

Hymnal 669

Tune: Herzlich tut mich verlangen

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.
 Blessing**

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

Hymnal 390

Tune: Lobe den Herren

Dismissal

Celebrant
People

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

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Prayers for our Members
Please pray for our family as you journey through this week.

Joe
Dorla
Gail

Abby
Mark
Shane

David
Richard

John
Gray

What You Want to Know

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2020 Fr. David invites you to an informational meeting on the Holy Land Pilgrimage of 2020. All who are interested should try to attend this meeting today at 5:00PM in the Great Room of Wendler Hall. There are no obligations expected at this time so, come and hear all about this life changing trip with your friends and family. Contact Fr. David if you have questions at rector@sthelenas.net.

Blessings in a Backpack Next Sunday we will collect 16oz Peanut Butter and cans of chicken for those children in our community who struggle to eat in the evenings and over the weekends, in particular. Bring your donations to church on Sunday and they will be distributed to these in need.

Arm yourself for the Flu Season HEB will be offering flu shots on September 25th from 9AM to 11AM in Room 5 of the Parish Hall Wing. Be sure to bring your Medicare card/insurance cards and contact Pat at seniors@sthelenas.net if you have questions.

Fall Adult Sunday School Starting 9-15 at 10:10AM
The New Testament You Never Knew Teacher: Fr. David, Room: Great Room
This is a DVD and teaching series with teachings and interviews with N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird. Discover things you never knew about Jesus' life.
Sunday Coffee Talks / Half Truths Teacher: Stefanie Nitschke Room: Crown Room

We have all heard these phrases but are they really in the Bible? Do you know their true meaning? Come hear for yourself.

Contact Stefanie if you have questions at stefanie@sthelenas.net

Relentless Parenting Teacher: Dawn McLendon Room: Annex West

Many parents feel frustrated and disconnected with their teens. This study will provide insight into loving and leading teens as they transition toward adulthood.

Contact Dawn if you have questions at dawn@sthelenas.net

Week Day Studies Coming This Fall

TUESDAY

Lectionary Bible Study

Teacher/Coordinator: Linda Horton Room: Room 1 When: Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. all year round. Description: This group studies the scripture lessons appointed for the upcoming Sunday worship.

WEDNESDAY

The New Testament You Never Knew Teacher: Fr. David, Room: Parish Hall at 11AM

This is a DVD and teaching series with teachings and interviews with N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird. Discover things you never knew about Jesus' life. Class begins 9-11.

Wednesday Evening Yahweh Sisters

Leader: Ann Shorter Room: Room 1 When: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting Sept. 11th. Description: Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY

The Revelation to John

Teacher: Varies Room: Annex West When: Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. starting Oct. 10th Description: Men's Bible Study

Thursday Noon Yahweh Sisters

Leader: Ann Shorter Room: Room 1 When: Thursdays at noon starting Sept. 19th. Description: *The Faithful; Heroes of the Old Testament* This is a 5 week study.

Mama Bear Apologetics: Empowering Your Kids to Challenge Cultural Lies – Bible Study for Young Family Moms

Teacher: Hillary Short Room: Annex West

When: Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. starting Sept. 12th

Description: Parents are the most important apologists our kids will ever know. Mama Bear Apologetics will help you navigate your kids' questions and prepare them to become committed Christ followers.

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Thank you to Mary Ann Winden. Mary Ann is our Organist for this morning's service.

11:00 Worship Leaders		Vestry Officers	
Acolyte:	Kathryn Chisholm, Maggie Chisholm	Sr. Warden:	Jasen Hart
Altar Guild:	Team 1	Jr. Warden:	Chris Godsey
EM:	Paul Johnson, Mark Littlestar	Secretary:	Erin Barton
Prayer Team:	Linda Horton	Treasurer:	Ron Tribo
Ushers:	Ron Frishmuth, Bob Vincent		
Vestry Host:	Steve Beach, Paul Johnson		

Weekly Calendar

- Sundays: Worship Services: 7:45, 9:00, 10:10 Christian Ed, 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. Narcotics A, 8:00 p.m. AA
- Mondays: 7:45 a.m. Ignite, 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Readings Study, 1:00 p.m. Ukulele practice, 5:00 p.m. Women's AA Big Book, 4:30 p.m. HCYO, 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
- Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Healing Service, 11:00 a.m. *The Story* Bible study, 4-5:30 p.m. Kinder - 2nd Shine, 3rd thru 5th Rock Solid, 4:15-5:30 Mid-School, 5:30 p.m. St Helena's Singers, 6:00 p.m. High School, 6:30 p.m. Worship Band, 6:30 p.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Thursdays: 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Noon Yahweh Sisters 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Paws4Hearts, 6:00 p.m. Young Families Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
- Fridays: 9:30 a.m. AA Big Book
- Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. Women's AA

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