

## ALL-CHURCH PICNIC June 3, following worship

Come one, come all! Brats, Hot Dogs, and beverages will be provided. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and a dish to pass!

## ERASING RACISM Series Restarts 6/3

Our year-long focus on White Privilege and Racial Justice restarts on 6/3, following worship and the summer picnic.

See p. 7 for more information.

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION Sunday, June 10

If you are graduating or know of someone in our church who is, please let us in the church office know. We would like to celebrate with you and give thanks for you, as we wish you well on the next steps of your journey!

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

See p. 2 for more information.

## ONA / PRIDE SUNDAY Sunday, June 24

Come and celebrate the wholeness of our being as we join with the LGBTQA and Supporting community in the annual Open and Affirming (ONA) / Pride Sunday.

See p. 4 for more information.

## BEGINNINGS, MIDDLES, ENDS

This time of year, we hear a bunch of fun words flying around: *Matriculation, Commencement, Baccalaureate, Convocation, Graduation.*

Each in its own way tells us that time is passing, that something is beginning for some, transitioning for others, and ending all at the same time.

In order to *Matriculate*, you have to prove that you are worthy of entering the next level. It's a test of sorts, demonstrating that one is ready for the next part of life's journey.

*Commencement* is an odd word. Etymologically, it means "beginning." Yet it is the ceremony of handing out the notes that mean, "You have finished."

Like matriculation, the *Baccalaureate* is a test, marking preparedness. Its use has also taken on the meaning of a religious service of blessing (maybe listening to the sermon is the test?) Ha!

At *Convocations*, we are called together to speak together. Yet, we often sit and listen rather than talk and share our ideas.

And finally, *Graduation*. In science, this is the action of dividing things into divisions or degrees. A strange word to use for people, as we do divide those who have completed their level of study from those who will transition behind them. Yet, we also add these scholars to the next group, blending them with their new peers in education or trade.

Psalm 139: 13-14 reminds us that God "... created our inmost being" and "knit us together in my mother's womb." The author sings, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. In whatever way our life transitions, this is still true. God knows us, and made us to be the person we are to work as agents of peace with justice in God's realm.

So to all the graduates, as you matriculate: Always remember to get together and talk with your Creator. You might have just finished, yet you are also beginning something wonderful! Rejoice today, that you have come this far on life's journey, and know that you will be equally blessed on the next!

Pastor Hank



# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

### Deadline for Applications

Sunday, July 15

St John UCC is blessed with the generosity of many of our members and friends who have given toward a college scholarship fund: the Kampmeier Endowment Fund. Through memorials and gifts designated for college scholarships, persons who are active members (as defined by the church constitution) are invited to apply. While we cannot specify the exact amount of the awards until all applications are received, applicants should anticipate some assistance with books and supplies, rather than a substantial grant.

Persons wishing to apply should pick up an application from the church office. Completed applications should be returned to the church office in an envelope marked "College Scholarship." Applicants will also need to submit an acceptance letter or fall schedule from the school they intend to attend. Questions? Call the church office.



## SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

We will begin our Summer Special Music in June. Thank you to our musical guests in June:

- 6/3 Sounds of the Spirit
- 6/10 Chancel Choir (Last Sunday until Fall)
- 6/17 St. John Winds
- 6/24 Carl & Dianna Cole, Jeff & Nancy Lehman

**The deadline for submitting  
articles for the July  
Newsletter is June 12.**



## SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Sign up for your week today!

Each week, an altar arrangement can be dedicated in honor or memory of your chosen designee. The church has partnered with Deininger's Floral Shop, who will work with you to make your arrangement. A schedule of dedications can be found on the Narthex bulletin board. Cost is \$30, made payable to the St. John UCC. Pick your week to celebrate!

Your financial support of the Flower Fund is tax deductible, and will be reported on your annual giving statement.

## STAFF NEWS

On May 21, we welcomed Rachel Bicksler to our staff. Rachel will serve as our Summer Office Assistant, offering her extravagant welcome and organizational skills. She will be working with us until late August, when she will return to NIU to resume her studies. Welcome, Rachel!

## APRIL FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledged Contributions	\$22,917	\$21,142	(\$1,775)
Other Income/ Support	\$7,733	\$6,281	(\$1,452)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$30,650</b>	<b>\$27,423</b>	<b>(\$3,227)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$31,857</b>	<b>\$21,231</b>	<b>\$9,980</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$1,207</b>	<b>\$6,192</b>	<b>\$7,399</b>

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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## RENEWING THE COVENANT:

### Our progress towards Governance Renewal

The Church Council and Leadership Teams have started the process of reviewing the governing rules of the church.

The reason for changing and updating the constitution and by laws is to allow the church to function more efficiently. By establishing guidelines and setting limits, each team or committee will function more independently from the church council as long as they stay within these boundaries.

By eliminating the need for approval of the church council for day to day operations it will enable the committee to start projects sooner and fulfill any commitments to other councils or the congregation in a timely manner. Any large decisions that exceed the guidelines will still have to be presented to the council for approval.

With the start of the newly elected board and committee members it's time to get a solid start on this project. Starting this month we will be introducing the book "Governance and Ministry", by Dan Hotchkiss, and reviewing the core principles that will be used to accomplish this.

We will also attend the scheduled leadership team and committee meetings to discuss any possible changes and ideas. A study and development group will be formed when all the information is gathered. They will discuss how God is guiding us to structure our governance and ministry.

Starting in July we will be scheduling small group meetings and present the final draft at the October Congregational meeting. If all goes well the final proposal will be voted on at the January Congregational Meeting. If you have any questions or would like to be involved you can meet me at church, or send me an email at: [dale.priewe0706@gmail.com](mailto:dale.priewe0706@gmail.com)

## GOVERNANCE AND MINISTRY: a book report

In *Governance and Ministry*, Alban Institute senior consultant Dan Hotchkiss offers congregational leaders a roadmap and tools for changing the way boards and clergy work together to lead congregations. Hotchkiss demonstrates that the right governance model is the one that best enables a congregation to fulfill its mission--to achieve both the outward results and the inward quality of life to which it is called.

Resources on governance for the nonprofit sector have burgeoned over the past decade, and this book translates some of what is most helpful from that world for clergy and lay leaders. It also recognizes that in some ways congregations are unique and need governance structures and processes different from those that work in other organizations. Leaders must continually balance the conserving function of an institution with the expectation of disruptive, change-inducing creativity that comes when individuals peek past the temple veil and catch fresh visions of the Holy.

Governance in congregations is not the science of achieving optimal results through organizational re-engineering. Governance is an expressive art, like preaching. The forms of our congregations must reflect the values and perceptions of the sacred at their heart. Congregations need skills and methods for negotiating "our way" of governance and for passing the torch effectively to new leaders.

*Copies of the book are available in the Church Library.  
Check one out today, and join in finding "our way!"*

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## ONA / PRIDE SUNDAY

Sunday, June 24

Throughout the month of June, in cities across the United States and around the world, the LGBTQA and Supporting community comes together to celebrate pride in sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.



As an Open and Affirming (ONA) congregation, St. John UCC joins in the celebration, honoring the full personhood and civil rights of everyone, no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey.

The last weekend in June marks the anniversary of the first Pride Marches—a protest for justice following the arrests and “Riots” at the Stonewall Inn in 1969.

On that Sunday, our congregation joins with the community of churches across the denominations that celebrate the LGBTQA community by celebrating Pride Sunday. Come, join in worship, wearing rainbow-colored and clad clothing. Add your voice in witness that every person is welcomed at St. John UCC, just as God created them to be.



## TAKEOUTCHURCH Summer Fun with your Family

Traveling this summer? Going to be away from Freeport on the weekend? Have we got a deal for you!

*Try “Take Out Church!”*

“Take Out Church” is a fun way for your family to celebrate your faith at home or while traveling. Each piece inside the *pizza box* helps households deepen spirituality and practice their faith. The kits will be available on Sunday, June 3!

The materials are also a reminder that even when families are outside the walls of the church, they are still members of the family of God. Inside this box you will find opportunities for laughter and fellowship, to praise God, pray, learn God's word, give thanks, and serve. Through it all, we want you to remember to take Flat Jesus with you.

Wherever you go this summer, take him with you! Snap a photo, and post it to Instagram or Facebook with the *#takeoutchurch* hashtag. You can also tag our church, so we know where you've been with Christ!

For those of you without kids in your home, no worries! We've got you covered, too! Pick up your “Flat Jesus” from the bouquet next to the boxes!

# OUR WIDER MISSION & OUTREACH

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES MONTHLY PRAYER PARTNERS

### JUNE– SOUTH AFRICA

Inanda Seminary is a school of Global Ministries partner, the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA). The vision of Inanda includes the empowerment of students to play a role in the development of the nation and become future leaders.



Inada Seminary believes in developing the whole child—intellectually, socially, physically, and spiritually—and upholds six core values of honesty, respect/self-respect, responsibility, loyalty, self-discipline and sociability. Many of the girls studying at Inanda come from challenging situations and receive scholarships from Inanda with support, in part, from Global Ministries.

As a part of its outreach efforts, Inanda Seminary shares in a project called “Khanyisa” (meaning “light”). Every Saturday, students from local public schools attend additional classes in mathematics and science at Inanda. In partnership with Global Ministries, Inanda Seminary hopes to build a multi-purpose center that will be designated solely for the use of the Khanyisa community project as it grows.

*Global Ministries is a partnership ministry between the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). For more information, please visit:  
[www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org).*



**In June, we will be collecting cans of soup for FACC Food Bank. Please drop your gifts in the baskets in the church entryway.**

## THE HEIFER PROJECT

*A letter from Pierre U. Ferrari,  
President and CEO, Heifer International:*

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous gift to Heifer International. Your desire to help others will build hope for future generations.

Families in countries where we work like Bangladesh, Guatemala and Malawi, who once struggled with hunger and poverty, now have the livestock and training they need to improve their farms. With your commitment and their hard work, they are on their way to building lives of self-reliance and dignity, uplifting entire communities in the process.

Thank you for choosing Heifer International and helping us make a better world, one family at a time.



*Thank you again for your support of our Lenten Mission Project with Heifer International!*

# SUMMER FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

## SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL



Feeling the pull of the warm sun? Ready to be embraced by the winds across grassy fields? Are your swim things in your bag, ready to hit Reed Park Pool?

Yes! The signs of Summer are showing up!

### And one of those signs is the Summer Church School Sign-up!

Pick your week to share the warmth of your love with the youth of St. John UCC. Choose a day each month to embrace the Gospel by teaching our youngest the Way of Christ. Swim into the deep discussions, wading through the thoughtful questions of forming faith.

Godly Play and Kids' Worship will both be on summer break. Summer Church School will begin on 6/3.

We will be enjoying the storytelling of *Seasons of the Spirit*, a lectionary-based multi-age resource for faith formation. You can find out more about the resource at this web address: [www.seasonsonline.ca](http://www.seasonsonline.ca)

Two adult leaders are needed each week to provide a safe experience for the youth.

Here's the dates!

When can you help share the stories?

6/3	7/1	8/5
6/10	7/8	8/12
6/17	7/15	8/19
6/24	7/22	8/26
	7/29	

Questions? Contact Kelly Priewe or Pastor Hank!



### COME TO SUMMER CAMP with Illinois Conference Outdoor Ministries

Spend some time with new friends, new faces, and new images of God with the youth of the Illinois Conference. The 2018 Summer Camp Season begins at the two Camps operated by our Conference. There are programs and sessions for

- Grandparents and Grandchildren (ages 4+)
- Grades K-2 and K-3
- Grades 3-10 and 4-11
- And for Women and Adults in Autumn

A full listing of the events can be found at:

[www.il-outdoorministries.org/outdoor-ministries.html](http://www.il-outdoorministries.org/outdoor-ministries.html)

Pilgrim Park is located in Princeton, IL (about 90 minutes from Freeport). Tower Hill Camp is located in Sawyer, MI (about 3 hours from Freeport). Both facilities are supported through Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM).

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SUMMER CAMP

Thanks to the generosity of the *Change for Change* offering, scholarships will be available to the children and youth of members and friends of St. John UCC. The funds will be distributed according to need and equity among those children and youth attending a summer program (up to 1/3 of the program fees).

The Illinois Conference also offers scholarships, believing "that no participant should be excluded from attending" any of the Outdoor Ministries programs. This assistance also provides 1/3 of the fees, alongside of local church assistance.

# COMMUNITY AND FELLOWSHIP

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## LEARNING OUR FAITH (LOF)

Sunday Mornings, 10:15 am

The class is discussing Marcus Borg's book, *Convictions*.

## ADULT FORUM

Sunday Mornings, 10:15 am

Come discuss the week's topics, current events, and how our faith guides us in action and witness

## WHITE PRIVILEGE let's talk

This summer, our congregation will share in a five-session engagement with *White Privilege: let's talk*, a webinar/discussion series from the United Church of Christ. The sessions will be facilitated by Rev. Hank Fairman, Pastor Emeritus Donnley Dutcher, and a group of community leaders from Freeport and our wider church in Illinois and beyond.

The five sessions will take place on Sundays from 6/3 to 7/1, beginning at 10:30 am. Please mark your calendars now, and send an email to

[joinus@stjohnuccfreeport.org](mailto:joinus@stjohnuccfreeport.org)

to save a place at the discussion table.

You can preview the materials, videos, and discussion topics at the *White Privilege: let's talk* webpage:

[privilege.uccpages.org](http://privilege.uccpages.org)



Wednesday Mornings, 9:00 am

Enjoy a mid-week break with an incredible group of thoughtful Christians.



First Saturday of the Month, 8:00 am



Third Mondays, 6:30 pm

PRISM is a support group for LGBTQ youth, adults, and those who love and support them.

This is a facilitated group, providing a safe space and confidential community for people to share particular concerns or issues they want the group to think about with them, for a healthier outcome.

## Widening our LGBTQ Welcome

This fall, PRISM will expand its circle of care and support. We have heard from the wider community that there is a greater need for support for the LGBTQ community in Northwest Illinois. Beginning in September, PRISM will host meetings on the first and third Mondays.

For more information on PRISM, our outreach to the LGBTQ community, please visit our webpage:

[stjohnuccfreeport.org/open-affirming/prism](http://stjohnuccfreeport.org/open-affirming/prism)

# THANKS AND CELEBRATIONS

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Thomas Priewe	6/17 Zael Klapp
6/2 Andrew Fruth	Jeanne Koch
	Steve Schubert
6/3 Lorraine McMurray	6/18 Marsha Boll
William Wagner	
6/4 Dwight Peterson	6/19 June Nagel
6/5 Owen Queckboerner	6/20 Donald Clock
Maggie Schrock	6/22 Jane Lehman
	Tara Boddie
6/6 Kya Eckert	6/23 Diane Peterson
6/8 Donna Klapp	6/25 Averie NewKirk
6/9 Jackie Watson	6/28 Gwen Drew
6/11 Paula Rawleigh	Edith Rosenstiel
Steve Monte	Tryston Layton
Shaun Rice	
6/12 Melinda Ferguson	6/30 Mavis Clark
	Mary Spencer

## OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The following is a list of our friends who cannot leave their residence and may love a visit or a card from those thinking of them.

**Liberty Estates:** Dorothy Ness

**Parkview:** Claire Bieseimer

**Stephenson Nursing Center:**

June Nagel, Betty Remmers, Lois Walz

**Heritage Woods:** Betty Carpenter

**Provena:** Jackie & Jerry Watson

**Pearl Pavilion:** Zael Klapp

**In their homes:** Shirley Durrstein, Karen Salter, Audrey Gianquinto, Joyce Bloyer, David Spencer, Shirley Fritzenmeier, Velda Wichman, Arlene Kreeger

**Please Pray For: The families of Deloris Burkhalter who passed away on 5/7/2018, and Laura Spencer on 5/17/2018.**

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/02 Jim & Sharon Summers
6/04 Ben & Lucille Lee
6/05 Ryan & Anna Yarzak
6/07 Jack & Marjorie Criddle, Lyle & Jane Krug
6/10 Jack & Diana Fox
6/11 Greg & Anita Bicksler
6/12 Donnley & Sandy Dutcher
6/17 Zael & Donna Klapp
6/18 Tom & Dianne Mathews
6/19 Don & Norma Valkema
6/22 Ray & Dorothy Ditsworth
6/24 Kevin & Kirsten Eckert
6/25 Dave & Mary Spencer
6/27 Dwight & Diane Peterson, Stan & Sylvia Bomgarden
6/30 Larry & Marsha Boll

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

01-Acts 20:17-38	16-Acts 28:16-31
02-Acts 21:1-16	17-Hebrews 8:1-13
03-Acts 21:17-26	18-Hebrews 9:1-22
04- Acts 21:27-22:5	19-Hebrews 9:23-10:18
05-Acts 22:6-29	20- Hebrews 10:19-39
06- Acts 22:30-23:11	21-Daniel 1:1-22
07- Acts 23:12-35	22- Haggai 1:1-15
08- Acts 24: 1-27	23- Haggai 2:1-23
09-Acts 25:1-12	24- Zechariah 1:1-17
10-Acts 25:13-27	25- Zechariah 1:18-2:13
11-Acts 26:1-18	26- Zechariah 3:1-10
12- Acts 26:19-32	27- Zechariah 8:1-23
13- Acts 27:1-12	28- Zechariah 9:1-17
14-Acts 27:13-38	29- Zechariah 10:1-12
15-Acts 27:39-28:15	30- Zechariah 12:1-14

# SERVING IN JUNE

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## USHERS

- 06/03 Tim Ebbers, Jim Drew, Shan MacAdam,  
Dale Priewe
- 06/10 Phil & Barb Copus, Ulan Price,  
Tom Campbell-Outcault
- 06/17 Ray & Jeri Nieman, Brett & Michele  
Piefer, Jeanne Koch
- 06/24 Jack & Diana Fox, Dan King & Robert  
Mayfield

## GREETERS

- 06/03 Marjorie Criddle & Jane Lehman
- 06/10 Donnley & Sandy Dutcher
- 06/17 Carl & Ellen Roderick
- 06/24 Dee Agnew & Jackie Neebel

## WELCOMERS

- 06/03 Bonnie Gennusa & Dorothy Ditsworth
- 06/10 Mary Frazee & Jane Lehman
- 06/17 Ulan & Cindy Price
- 06/24 Stan & Carol Smith

## INFANT AND TODDLER ROOM

- 06/03 Tara Boddie
- 06/10 Carla Meyer
- 06/17 Pam Wessel
- 06/24 Jill Kuntz

## COMMUNION SERVERS

- 06/03 Shirley Ifert, Shawn Killingbeck,  
Jacob & Tommy Priewe,  
Jack & Jill Gastel, Sally Wagner,  
Karen Ewing

## JUNE COFFEE HOUR

On Sunday mornings, we gather for coffee and treats in the Narthex area and Fellowship Hall to socialize. If you would like to find a place to sit and talk, there is plenty of room in the Chapel Hearth.

If your name is on the list below for this month, please bring in a treat to share. Also, please plan to help share in clearing the hospitality station at the end of the hour.

To ensure everyone has an opportunity to share, dates are assigned alphabetically from the members and friends directory.

Some ideas are: cookies, treat bars, mini muffins, bagels, etc. or please consider bringing fruit to share. If you are not able to help at this time, please contact the office.

6/03 Please proceed directly to picnic area today

6/10 Deb Scott, Sybil Scovill, Olivia Shaffer,  
Sharon Simler, Ron & Beth Slade,  
Mike Smith, Stan & Carol Smith

6/17 Mary Spencer, Vicki Spyrison,  
Michael Stingley & Kevin Sounders,  
Roger & Deb Swanlund,  
Dana Underhill, Marilyn Underwood,  
Don & Norma Valkema

6/24 Jeff & Sally Wagner, Greg Ware &  
Melinda Fruth, Patty Weik, Pam Wessel,  
Carol Ahrens, Terry & Deleana Atz

# ST JOHN UCC COUNCIL MINUTES FOR

May 14, 2018

Present: Deb Scott-President, Lisa Schubert-Clerk, Vanessa Hughes-Treasurer, Shirley Ifert-Care & Community, Judy Garkey-Mission & Outreach, Dale Priewe, Mike Smith-member at large and Pastor Hank Fairman. Absent: Jack Fox

Hank opened the meeting with prayer.

**Financial-** A review of the April Budget Performance indicated that the month was up over all. The transfer of funds from the Endowment Board (to make expenses) will show up on the May statement.

We began a discussion of the Governance book and handouts as we look to “Renewing the Covenant”. The goal of this project is to develop and implement a renewed governance and ministry structure through scripture study and governance model discernment, with congregational feedback and ownership. This will be an on-going study, with a new governance plan in place for a Congregational Meeting in Jan. 2019. This plan includes a detailed development of job descriptions for **all** positions.

**Pastor’s Report**– It is time to update the signature cards on our financial accounts. Vanessa made a motion for the following people to have a signature card on file at the State Bank: Mary Deb Scott, Vanessa Hughes, Ulan Price, Roger Swanlund, Pam Wessel and for the residential property only, Don valkema. July 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Staff Changes:** Heather is staying on as bookkeeper for a total of 10 hours a week. A search for the front office position will include a look at what that position will be and how many hours need to be filled. A sign has been posted noting the office hours with a change of making Tues. & Thurs. by appointment only. Two funerals and one baptism took place this past month.

Looking ahead for summer; we will be reviewing the needs of upper-elementary program staffing and ministry will be. HELIX will be addressing the concerns raised with schools adjusting the Middle School grades . Matt will continue with HELIX for the remainder of this school year, help with summer preparations, and return in the fall.

**Care & Community** – A publicity sign will be placed on the fence at the FHS Baseball field on South West Street. It is in the process of being made. Watch for it to appear. The monthly meetings at Liberty Village have been set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. Eight people attended the CPR training with Vicki MacAdam. A potluck dinner will be held on the lawn on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be “Take-Out Church Boxes” available for the summer. Take one along as you travel.

**Mission & Outreach** – Organization of the Crop Walk needs to be firmed up and what St Johns role will be being unsure at this time, the date may be Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. More information to come. Prism group is meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, again more info to come. Items are being collected to fill bags for people in the hospital and other wise in need. Plans are to fill emergency buckets again in July or August. The goal is 25 buckets.

**Worship & Education-** Sunday morning teachers are wanted for the summer, all are encouraged to participated. The curriculum is well suited for anyone to teach. There continue to be a need for a class or program for the children in grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> this fall.

**Admin & Resources-** The building and grounds ministry has been working hard putting together a list of needs and wants, i.e. mechanicals and updating video usage, in preparation of the capital campaign to, raise funds for these projects. The Green team continues to work on building improvements, to replacing light bulbs to LEDs, monitoring thermals, etc.

Adjourned at 8:40. Respectfully submitted, Lisa Schubert.

# JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> Birthday Bank <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>9:20 AM</b> Kid's Worship <b>10:15 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:15 AM</b> Learning Our Faith	<b>28</b> Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	<b>29</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ping Pong <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts #839	<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bible Study - CH <b>9:00 AM</b> TOPS - FH <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting - Pastor's Off. <b>7:00 PM</b> Indivisible Meeting	<b>31</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Resource Group - CH <b>5:30 PM</b> Sounds of the Spirit Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Camera Club - CH <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts #4 - FH <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Men's Group - CH
<b>3</b> FACC RED CAN <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>9:20 AM</b> Kid's Worship <b>10:15 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:15 AM</b> Learning Our Faith	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ping Pong <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts #839 <b>6:30 PM</b> Care & Community - CH	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bible Study - CH <b>9:00 AM</b> TOPS - FH <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting - Pastor's Off. <b>6:30 PM</b> Indivisible Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Resource Group - CH <b>5:30 PM</b> Sounds of the Spirit Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Camera Club - CH <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>6:45 PM</b> Children Hands On Museum (CHOM) Board Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts #4 - FH <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>9:20 AM</b> Kid's Worship <b>10:15 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:15 AM</b> Learning Our Faith	<b>18</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Prism <b>6:45 PM</b> Choral Society - Sanc	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ping Pong <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts #839	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bible Study - CH <b>9:00 AM</b> TOPS - FH <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting - Pastor's Off. <b>6:30 PM</b> Indivisible Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Resource Group - CH <b>6:00 PM</b> Camera Club - CH <b>6:45 PM</b> Children Hands On Museum (CHOM) Board Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts #4 - FH	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Birthday Bank <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>9:20 AM</b> Kid's Worship <b>10:15 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:15 AM</b> Learning Our Faith	<b>25</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Mission & Outreach - Lib <b>6:45 PM</b> Choral Society - Sanc	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ping Pong <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts #839	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bible Study - CH <b>9:00 AM</b> TOPS - FH <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting - Pastor's Off.	<b>28</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Resource Group - CH <b>6:00 PM</b> Camera Club - CH <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts #4 - FH	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



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