

# TIDINGS



September 2018

*A Monthly Sharing of our Mission and Ministry*

## LABOR DAY HYMN SING

**Sunday, September 2th, 9:00 am**

Come join in our annual hymn sing on Labor Day weekend! Find your favorite hymns, and mark down the numbers!

*Come ready to sing God our praises!*

## “WELCOME HOME” CELEBRATION

**Sunday, September 9, 10:00 am**

Come share in our extravagant welcome as we return from summer’s days of fun!

Join in worship, sharing stories of God’s blessings for us all. Stay for the potluck brunch in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to bring a dessert, please write it next to your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



*Beginning on Rally Day Sunday, 9/9,  
our worship and faith formation  
will return to 10:00 am.*

## PAINT THE PORT

**Friday, September 21, 4:00-8:00 pm**

Come make your mark on the streets of Freeport! Add your artistic spirit to our community! *See p. 3 for more information.*

## NEW MEMBERS INFORMATION SESSIONS

**September 30 & October 7, 11:30 am**

All visitors and friends are invited to come and share in this fall’s New Member Information Sessions, immediately following morning worship. *See p. 4 for more information.*

## WELCOME HOME!

When we step away from our daily lives, we discover much about ourselves and what we feel matters most.

Just days ago, our children began their next year of studies. Some of them returned to an old, familiar place, teachers, and friends. Some of them began at a new school, with new teachers and new classmates. All of them walked through the doors to a new adventure.

Just days ago, our young adults started the next part of their life’s journey. Some of them started or returned to college. Some of them began apprenticing their trade. Some of them began their careers. All of them found their feet on a new path in their lives.

Just days ago, adults, and parents, and grandparents, and retirees started the day anew, saluting the warmth of the sun. Some of them started a new enterprise. Some of them constructively stepped away from a long-term commitment. All of them stepped forward on a new path, discovering new things about themselves and their place in God’s world.

Just days ago... Well, frankly every day, we all start anew.

We leave our places of rest and embrace the roads that begin at our door. As J.R.R. Tolkein penned, our roads “go ever on and on...until it joins some larger way where many paths and errands meet. And whither then? I cannot say.”

No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome at St. John UCC—always. We’re here as a faith community to hear the stories of your journey. And we understand that our journeys are forever-linked and knitted together, in the vast tapestry of God’s realm of hope, peace, and justice.

I hope your summer was amazing! And I hope that you’ll follow the road that brings you to church this week to sing with God of the joy that comes from life’s many adventures!

Welcome home! And see you in Church,

*Pastor Hank*



# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



## MUSIC MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN UCC

### HERE'S A 'NOTE' FOR EVERYONE

Does your heart sing with the Psalms? Does your Spirit soar with the songs? Is there joy in your heart when you sing the hymns and praise songs?

Come share in our ministry of music!

Thursday night is our main meeting day:

5:30 pm - Sounds of the Spirit

6:30 pm - Bell Choir

7:15 pm - Chancel Choir

*Parents and Grandparents:* Our Children's Pop-Up Choir and St. John Winds will begin for the fall very soon! Keep an eye on your emails and the weekly bulletin.

*There is a place for all, regardless of age, experience, or ability!*

*Come make a joyful noise to God!*

### SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

A big Thank You to Summer Soloists and Musicians:

Don Franz; the Chancel Choir; St John Winds - Jacob, Sarah, Hallie, Colin, Heath, Tom, Graham, Bryce, with Hugh and Patty; Jeff Lehman and Nancy Lehman; Tim Campbell-Outcault; Deb Nordgren; Michele Stubbe; Thompson Brandt; Galen Bertram; Carl and Dianna Cole, and *Sounds of the Spirit* whenever needed—from Sunday mornings to the Ice Cream Social!

Thank you for offering, preparing and sharing your talents. What a special three months of music we experienced. I appreciate all of you so much.

Gina Bertram



## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

### The News that we can share!

Can you keep a secret? *So can we!*

With the Local Church Profile submitted to the Illinois Conference UCC, our search for our Pastor for Faith Formation is happening!

While the Search Committee is committed to keeping you all in the know, we have entered a period of silent reflection as we receive Ministerial Profiles from prospective candidates. We are all reading diligently, and asking the right questions in discerning who God is sending to minister with us.

We know that we have your support and trust. But we can't talk about the specifics outside of the committee. That's part of the rules. Until we have a candidate to present, *Mum's the word!*

One big thing: pray for us, continually. Being part of a Search Committee is an honor, but it is hard work.

Thank you for your prayers, hopes, and dreams!

### JULY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledged Contributions	\$22,917	\$19,984	(2,933)
Other Income/Support	\$7,733	\$3,648	(\$4,085)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$30,650</b>	<b>\$23,632</b>	<b>(\$7,018)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$31,857</b>	<b>\$19,168</b>	<b>\$12,689</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$1,207)</b>	<b>\$4,464</b>	<b>\$5,671</b>

The deadline for submitting articles for the October *TIDINGS* Newsletter is Tuesday, September 11.

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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*Paint the Port* is a family-friendly community beautification event held over the “Destination Freeport” weekend every September. A stretch of Chicago Avenue from West Douglas Street to West Spring Street will be closed and marked into 4-foot-by-4-foot sections that become creative canvases for local street art.

Members of the Freeport and Stephenson County community will have the opportunity to turn their dreams into amazing works of art!

All supplies (chalk, brushes, washable tempera paints, and “palettes”) are provided thanks to the generosity of community sponsors, along with extra goodies. And the best part is that proceeds from the event go to a matching grant to help downtown business owners improve the façade of their business. *Strands Hair Salon* at 6 East Stephenson Street was last year’s beneficiary.

St. John UCC is excited to announce it is a sponsor of this year’s second annual Paint the Port event in downtown Freeport. Sponsors help provide supplies and funds to support the event, as well as scholarships for canvases. They’ll also be featured on *Paint the Port’s* Facebook page, so if you’re on Facebook, watch for St. John to make an appearance there!

With our sponsorship, St. John has received 25 complimentary canvases—and t-shirts, on which our logo will be featured!—so our members can come and join in the fun. This year’s Paint the Port takes place on Friday, September 21 from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

You don’t have to be there the whole time, so you can show up any time and create as large and abstract or as fine and detailed a painting as you’d like. And you can sign up for a canvas as an individual or a group.

## **SIGN UP DETAILS:**

- Email Christina Fairman at [cmairman@gmail.com](mailto:cmairman@gmail.com) by **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**, with your **FIRST AND LAST NAME** (or the first and last name of one of your group members, if you’re signing up as a group) and the **NUMBER OF CANVASES** you are reserving.
- Include the size of t-shirt you would like. Your options are:  
YOUTH size small, medium, large, or extra-large; or  
ADULT size small, medium, large, extra-large, 2XL, or 3XL.
- If you would like more than one t-shirt per canvas, extra shirts can be ordered for \$12 each. Include the number of shirts and their sizes. Checks may be made payable to St. John UCC and dropped off in the church office.

Paint the Port takes place the same weekend as *Tour de Freeport*, *Pretzel City Brewfest*, and *Paddle the Pec*. Check out the [Destination Weekend](#) tab at [PaintThePort.com](http://PaintThePort.com) for more details on how you can make the most of Freeport on this amazing September weekend.

We can’t wait to see you out spending time

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



## “WELCOME HOME” CELEBRATION Sunday, September 9

Come share in our extravagant welcome as we return from summer’s days of sun and fun!

Join in worship, sharing stories of God’s blessings for us all. Check out the *Godly Play* Room, the Youth Ministry rooms, and the renewed *Kids’ Church* space.

Stay for the potluck brunch in Fellowship Hall.

Keep an eye out in our weekly e-blasts and Sunday bulletins for more details!



## NEW MEMBERS INFORMATION SESSIONS September 30 & October 7, 11:30 am

Each year at this time, we reach out to those who have visited our church in worship, gatherings, and programs. We hope that you have found our congregation a place of extravagant welcome, and a place that you want to make your own!

All are invited to come and learn more about our ministry. These gatherings will take place on Sunday afternoons, immediately following morning worship. A light meal will be provided. Childcare will be arranged as requests are made. We will welcome those who wish to join as members during worship on October 28, 2018.

You can RSVP to the sessions by email to:

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



## Special Funds Drive Update

As part of this year’s Annual Giving Campaign, the Stewardship Committee intended to create a special drive, our *Future-Building Fund*, to teach the congregation about how the *Building and Ground Fund* supports our ministry, and seek donations to add to the reserved value.

To date, we have received over \$7,000 towards the goal of \$25,000 before the end of the year (with a stretch goal of \$75,000). Thank you to all who have contributed your prayerful and financial gifts. If you have not had a chance to support this fund, there’s plenty of time before the end of the year!



## 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN’S RETREAT Friday 9/28-Saturday 9/29

All women of the church are invited to the Illinois Conference 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Women’s Retreat from 9/28-9/29 at Pilgrim Park Camp and Conference Center.

The theme of this year’s retreat is “*Biblical Women of Power, Persistence, and Perseverance.*” Participants will share Bible insights and enjoy activities, free time, good food, and laughter while relaxing in the beautiful Pilgrim Park accommodations of the Upper Conference Center and its surroundings.

For more information,, please visit:

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

# OUR WIDER MISSION & OUTREACH

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES MONTHLY PRAYER PARTNERS SEPTEMBER—JORDAN

Throughout the country of Jordan over the past century, there has been an influx of Syrian, Iraqi, and Palestinian refugees, most recently since war began in Syria in 2011. An estimated 1.5 million have found their way to Jordan, with over 80 percent of Syrian refugees living outside of established refugee camps.

To provide assistance to those not in camps, Global Ministries' partner, the Orthodox Initiative of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, is two-fold: providing emergency assistance and long-term projects that focus on education and community building.



The Orthodox Initiative is constructing a youth center and nursery in Karak to provide safety and security for all members of the community, refugees, and locals. The center will enable community members to gather for social events, youth activities, education, and worships to build local capacity and empowerment.

The local community in Karak supports this project and the municipality and religious leadership are committed to its success. The local university is looking at having graduate students be involved in camps and teaching projects. Through Global Ministries' special giving to this project, the Orthodox Initiative continues progress on the development of the new youth and community center.

For more information please visit:

[www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)

## FREEPORT AREA CHURCH COOPERATIVE



In September we will be collecting **Canned Tuna** for FACC Food Bank.

FACC is also in desperate need of **personal items**, if you can help, please drop your gifts in the baskets in the church entryway. Thank you!



## 2018 STEPHENSON COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK

Saturday, October 13

Register 8:00 am • Walk 9:00 am

The CROP Hunger Walk is a national effort sponsored by Church World Service. Local churches and individuals walk to raise money to help end hunger. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised stay local, supporting community services in Freeport and Stephenson County.

This year's route will begin downtown, and take us through 6-, 2-, and 1-mile tours of Freeport.

Walker envelopes will be available at church beginning September 9.

# FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

## CHILDREN'S FORMATION MINISTRIES

Resume on Rally Sunday, 9/11



**Godly Play** begins its second year, sharing God's word with our Pre School through 2nd Grade youth. Our certified teaching team shares the building-block stories of faith using Montessori-style and models.

Drop in and meet our inspiring teaching team:

*Kelly Priewe, Olivia Shaffer*

*Marla Kreeger, Sylvia Bomgarden, Andrea Schrock*

Each week the youth will be invited on a wonderful journey into the bible. Each session will include time for a story and a time for the kids to engage that story through play.



**Kids' Worship** gathers our 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade youth as they begin to creatively reflect on what God's still-speaking word is sharing in their lives.

Their journey is aided by *Connect*, a curriculum designed to meet the youth at a fun, age-appropriate place. It was selected by our Faith Formation Team to help youth relate their faith to everyday life..

We are excited to welcome a new teaching team, which is getting ready for the first day of class!

Each week, the group will encounter a new way to understand how God guides our lives, and how we are called to respond to life's decisions with faith and hope.



Weekly Meetings Resume 9/4 and 9/6!

*Please note the updated start days!*

Are you ready for it?!? The 2018-2019 HELIX year will begin one week after school starts in Freeport.

We're working with FSD 145 to get all Sandburg Middle (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Freeport Middle (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade) youth to our meetings!

We are developing our plan to help youth with their social and emotional learning, and to make positive decisions by reflecting on their core beliefs and principles. And of course, we're going to have A LOT OF AMAZING FUN!!

For questions, or to register a youth for this year's meetings, send an email to:

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



**Third Sundays, 11:30 am—1:00 pm**

Mark your calendars for the next meeting of Sunday Morning Youth. This ministry will meet on every third Sunday of each month following worship for fellowship, activities, lunch, and discussion.

SMY is designed by and for 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade youth. Each gathering will begin at 11:30 and last until 1:00.

# COMMUNITY AND FELLOWSHIP



## LEARNING OUR FAITH (LOF)

**Sunday Mornings, 11:15 am**

LOF returns this month, with amazing studies, video discussions, and other experiences. This is a chance to broaden and deepen your faith by delving into ideas and hearing others express their thoughts. We are all in the learning stage; you would NOT be joining a group of "experts"!!

## ADULT FORUM

**Sunday Mornings, 11:15 am**

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



**Wednesday Mornings, 9:00 am**

Enjoy a mid-week break with an incredible group of thoughtful Christians. This month, we will begin reading and discussing Melannie Svoboda's book, *When the Rain Speaks*.



## RESOURCE GROUP-Thursdays, 9am

Coffee, treats, friendship, and more!

We will assemble the October *TIDINGS* on 9/27.



**PING Pong – Tuesdays, 9am ,  
Room S 6B.**



**First Saturday of the Month, 8:00 am**

Come join the next gathering of the Men's Ministry. Join the lively group in the Chapel Hearth Room as we share a few jokes and cover any number of topics in the spirit of good fellowship. Coffee and donuts are provided.



**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 October, 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

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/02	Claire Biese-meier, Mike Queck-boerner, Lisa Schu- bert	9/17	Kayleigh NewKirk
		9/19	Deb Scott
		9/20	Arnold Eder
		9/22	Roger Bingner
9/03	Roger Swanlund, Marilyn Under- wood	9/23	Elliot Fairman Barbara Luedeke Jeri Nieman
9/04	William Condie	9/24	Kalel Eckert
9/05	Michael Deboer	9/26	Maxen Hughes
9/08	Carol Ahrens	9/28	Tim Ebbers, Velda Wichman
9/11	Heath Atz, Michael Weaver	9/29	Carter Young
9/14	Galen Bertram, Olivia Shaffer	9/30	Drew Dawson, Don Franz
9/15	Bryce Bicksler, Alexandria Schrock		

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9/02	Denny & Judy Garkey
9/03	Jack & Jill Gastel
9/08	John & Paula Rawleigh
9/09	Steve & Lisa Schubert
9/10	Jerald & Jacqueline Watson
9/16	Tom & Sharon Hull
9/16	Eric & Krista Lantz
9/18	Alex & Nicole Bertram
9/19	Donald & Victoria Franz
9/23	Terry & DeLeana Atz
9/24	Tim & Lisa Ebbers
9/25	Steve & Kathleen Monte
9/25	Floyd & Vivian Schlickman

## 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.

**Bounce Back Liberty Village :** Arlene Kreeger

**Manor Court:** Dorothy Ness

**Parkview:** Claire Biese-meier

**Stephenson Nursing Center:**  
June Nagel, Betty Remmers

**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

**Please Pray For:** Paula Rawleigh, Cody

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

1-Mark 2:18-28	16-Proverbs 18:1-24
2-Mark 4:1-20	17-Proverbs 22:1-29
3-Mark 4:21-34	18-Proverbs 23:1-35
4-Mark 7:1-23	19-Proverbs 24:1-34
5-Psalm 1	20-Ecclesiastes 1:1-18
6-Psalm 2	21-Ecclesiastes 2:1-26
7-Psalm 19	22-Ecclesiastes 3:1-22
8-Psalm 25	23-Ecclesiastes 5:1-20
9-Proverbs 1:1-33	24-Ecclesiastes 7:1-25
10-Proverbs 3:1-35	25-Ecclesiastes 8:1-17
11-Proverbs 4:1-27	26-Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20
12-Proverbs 14:1-35	27-Ecclesiastes 12:1-14
13-Proverbs 15:1-33	28-2 Kings 22:1-20
14-Proverbs 16:1-33	29-2 Kings 23:21-30
15-Proverbs 17:1-28	30-Job 28:1-28

# SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

## USHERS

- 09/02 Tim Ebbers, Jim Drew, Shan MacAdam,  
Dale Prieue  
09/09 Phil & Barb Copus, Ulan Price,  
Tom Campbell-Outcault  
09/16 Ray & Jeri Nieman, Brett & Michele  
Piefer, Jeanne Koch  
09/23 Jack & Diana Fox, Dan King & Robert  
Mayfield  
09/30 Shirley Ifert, Mary Frazee, Tara Boddie,  
Sharon Simler

## GREETERS

- 09/02 Sandy DeBoer & Sharon Simler  
09/09 Jack & Diana Fox  
09/16 Tim & Tom Campbell-Outcault  
09/23 Donna Klapp & Sybill Scovill  
09/30 Ron & Beth Slade

## WELCOMERS

- 09/02 Connie Orde & Marsha Boll  
09/09 Carol Ahrens & Dorothy Ditsworth  
09/16 Cindy & Ulan Price  
09/23 Betty Pruitt & Linda Heidenreich  
09/30 Shan & Vicki MacAdam

## INFANT AND TODDLER ROOM

- 09/02 Jill Kuntz  
09/09 Tara Boddie  
09/16 Carla Meyer  
09/23 Volunteer Needed  
09/30 Pam Wessel

## COMMUNION SERVERS

- 09/02 Anita & Bryce Bicksler, Thompson  
Brandt, Tom Outcault-Campbell, Lisa Eb-  
bers, Phil & Barb Copus, Sarah Prieue

## SEPTEMBER 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: 3 dozen cookies, treat bars, mini muffins, fruit, etc. to share. If you are not able to help at this time, please contact the office.

09/02 Ray & Jeri Nieman, Ruth Olson, Ed & Connie Orde, Leland & Nancy Otte, Diane Peterson, Brett & Michele Piefer, Janet Piefer

09/09 Ulan & Cindy Price, Dale & Kelly Prieue, Betty Pruitt, Mike & Michele Queckboerner, Dave & Deb Rockey, Carl & Ellen Roderick Edith Rosenstiel

9/16 Marilyn Ruthe, Floyd & Vivian Schlickman, Ken & Andrea Schrock, Steve & Lisa Schubert, Deb Scott, Sybil Scovill, Olivia & Dave Shaffer

9/23 Sharon Simler, Ron & Beth Slade, Mike Smith, Stan & Carol Smith, Mary Spencer, Vicki Spyrisson, Mike Stingley & Kevin Sounders

9/30 Roger & Deb Swanlund, Dana Underhill, Glenn & Marilyn Underwood, Don & Norma Valkema, Jeff & Sally Wagner, Greg Ware & Melinda Fruth, Patty Weik

## ST JOHN UCC COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 8/14/2018

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

Rev. Hank opened the meeting with prayer.

**Financial:** General income was up in July due to an increase in pledged contributions and the completion of the compensation of the youth director position. Currently the budget looks good.

Due to the timing of getting financial reports and other ministry meeting times it was agreed to move Council meetings to the fourth Monday of the month. Church Council will next meet on Sept. 24th.

**Human Relations:** The Search Team has completed the Local Church Profile and will submit the document to Kathy Lawes who will review it and post it for likely candidates. The ideal would be to have a candidate to present by Jan. 1st, 2019.

Rev. Hank is also accepting resumés for the front office position and hopes to have some one by Sept. 1st. Many thanks to Rachel Bicksler for her wonderful help in the office this summer.

CareerTEC has requested that St John co-sponsor a grant requesting money for building safety (cameras and locks). Shirley made a motion that Council send a letter of support to CareerTEC, agreeing to co-sponsor the grant. Mike, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. There will be no cost to St John for the installation, and it is understood that any equipment installed will remain the property of the congregation.

The annual Congregational meeting to present the 2019 budget has been set for October 21, 2018. The stewardship campaign is being assembled prior to the September meeting of Church Council.

As we change the governance of St John we discussed how the Council will be more transparent in its decision making (as well as the other ministry teams) and explain what decisions will come before the Congregation for a vote.

### Reports:

**Pastoral:**– Hank thanked us for his time away to spend time with his family and rest for the upcoming seasons. Thanks also to the three guest preachers, Rev. Diane Jochum, Rev. Becky Hebert, and Rev. Kathy Lawes. Rev. Hank officiated at the marriage of Kristy DeHahn & Geoff Williams.

**Care & Community:** The total profit of the annual Ice cream social was \$1,100, the pie auction netted about \$400. The outreach service at Liberty Village has met three times and has had good turnouts.

**Mission & Outreach:** Crop walk packets will be available soon, the walk will wander on a 6, 2 and 1-mile route, through town passing by St John we plan to provide a bathroom stop and water. PRISM is involved with the planning & set up.

**Worship & Education:** HELIX is organizing to start the week after school starts. With the moving of 6th & 7th grades, to the Junior High building transportation is a concern being worked on at this time. The Music team is already planning the holiday season special music.

**Admin & Resources:** No Report

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

## SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</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>27</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Mission & Outreach - Lib	<b>28</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ping Pong <b>11:00 AM</b> Crop Walk Assembly <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts #839	<b>29</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>1:00 PM</b> CareerTEC: HOYA Class <b>4:00 PM</b> Crop Walk Rally	<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Resource Group - CH <b>5:30 PM</b> S.O.S. Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Handbells Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts #4 - FH <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Men's Group - CH
<b>2</b> FACC RED CAN <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:15 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:15 AM</b> Learning Our Faith	<b>3</b> Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ping Pong <b>3:00 PM</b> HELIX Youth Outreach, 5th-6th Grades <b>6:00 PM</b> Audubon - FH <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts #839 <b>6:30 PM</b> Care & Community - CH	<b>5</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>1:00 PM</b> CareerTEC: HOYA Class <b>6:30 PM</b> Indivisible Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Resource Group - CH <b>3:00 PM</b> HELIX Youth Outreach, 7th-8th Grades <b>5:30 PM</b> S.O.S. Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Handbells Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts #4 - FH <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:20 AM</b> Godly Play & Kids' Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> "Welcome Home" Potluck <b>11:15 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>11:15 AM</b> Learning Our Faith (LOF)	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Retired Clergy Group <b>5:00 PM</b> Highland CC Lifelong Learning--Culinary Class	<b>11</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ping Pong <b>2:00 PM</b> CROP Walk Team Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> HELIX Youth Outreach, 5th-6th Grades <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts #839 <b>6:30 PM</b> Camera Club - CH <b>6:45 PM</b> Audubon Board Meeting - CH	<b>12</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>1:00 PM</b> CareerTEC: HOYA Class <b>1:00 PM</b> Parent Enrichment <b>1:30 PM</b> Liberty Viliage Worship <b>5:00 PM</b> Property Management <b>6:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Leaders - S4	<b>13</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Resource Group - CH <b>3:00 PM</b> HELIX Youth Outreach, 7th-8th Grades <b>5:30 PM</b> S.O.S. Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Handbells Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts #4 - FH <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:20 AM</b> Godly Play & Kids' Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>11:15 AM</b> Learning Our Faith (LOF)	<b>17</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Highland CC Lifelong Learning--Culinary Class <b>6:30 PM</b> Prism	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ping Pong <b>2:00 PM</b> Election Judge Training <b>3:00 PM</b> HELIX Youth Outreach, 5th-6th Grades <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts #839 <b>6:00 PM</b> Election Judge Training <b>6:30 PM</b> Worship & Education - Lib	<b>19</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>1:00 PM</b> CareerTEC: HOYA Class	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Resource Group - CH <b>3:00 PM</b> HELIX Youth Outreach, 7th-8th Grades <b>5:30 PM</b> S.O.S. Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Handbells Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts #4 - FH <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Lifeline Screening <b>4:00 PM</b> Paint the Port	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Birthday Bank <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:20 AM</b> Godly Play & Kids' Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>11:15 AM</b> Learning Our Faith (LOF)	<b>24</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Highland CC Lifelong Learning--Culinary Class <b>5:00 PM</b> Mission & Outreach - Lib <b>6:00 PM</b> Choral Society <b>6:30 PM</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ping Pong <b>3:00 PM</b> HELIX Youth Outreach, 5th-6th Grades <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts #839	<b>26</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>1:00 PM</b> CareerTEC: HOYA Class	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Resource Group - CH <b>3:00 PM</b> HELIX Youth Outreach, 7th-8th Grades <b>5:30 PM</b> S.O.S. Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Handbells Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts #4 - FH <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:20 AM</b> Godly Play & Kids' Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>11:15 AM</b> Learning Our Faith (LOF) <b>11:30 AM</b> New Member Information Session	<b>1</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Highland CC Lifelong Learning--Culinary Class <b>6:00 PM</b> Choral Society	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ping Pong <b>3:00 PM</b> HELIX Youth Outreach, 5th-6th Grades <b>6:00 PM</b> Audubon - FH <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts #839 <b>6:30 PM</b> Care & Community - CH	<b>3</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>1:00 PM</b> CareerTEC: HOYA Class <b>6:30 PM</b> Indivisible Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Resource Group - CH <b>3:00 PM</b> HELIX Youth Outreach, 7th-8th Grades <b>5:30 PM</b> S.O.S. Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Handbells Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts #4 - FH <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Men's Group - CH



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