



Circuit Rider

September 2023

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Thank God for Corinth

Pastor Jerry

When Rebecca and I lived in Kentucky, our state education system was, um, not great. In national educational rankings, Kentucky generally came in at forty-eighth or forty-ninth out of fifty, and when those rankings came out each year, the usual comment was "Thank God for Mississippi."

(By the way, that wouldn't work anymore. Mississippi has improved in the national school rankings by nearly every measure – literacy, test scores, graduation percentages. It has apparently done this by a combination of traditional conservative solutions, like back-to-the-basics teaching of things like phonics, and traditional liberal solutions, like dedicated social workers working with families to find ways to keep kids in school.)

Anyway, there's a church equivalent to "Thank God for Mississippi." When church feels quarrelsome, frustrating, troubled, and generally *not* a great reflection of Jesus Christ, at least we can say, "Thank God for Corinth." That's right. Most of the problems that we struggle with in the church today were already problems for one of the first churches ever started, the one in the Greek city of Corinth. Paul began this church during his second missionary journey, and within five or ten years he must have been wondering what he'd been thinking, because anything that *could* go wrong went wrong in Corinth.

Paul ended up writing multiple letters to the Corinthian church – two of which are in our New Testament. Now, of course, Paul wrote letters to a lot of churches, but the ones he wrote to Corinth feel a little different. In most of his letters, Paul would begin with warm greetings, then move right into a teaching time, explaining theologically who Christ was and why we worship him. Only after that would he move to dealing with practical matters. But the first Corinthian letter is basically *all* practical stuff. Paul didn't write these letters primarily to help people grow in faith; he wrote them to put out fires. Here is the basic outline of the letter 1 Corinthians: "So here's what I hear you're doing now . . . what are you thinking? And I also hear that you're . . . what's wrong with you people?" And so on.

It's weird that this book is even in the Bible. I mean, if the goal for putting the New Testament together was to convince people to become followers of Christ, then 1 Corinthians definitely should have been left out. The book is not a character witness for Christians. But if the purpose of the Bible is to give comfort and guidance to real people, with all the least-desirable traits of humanity, in their stumbling efforts to follow God, then it's a pretty good book.



Greek ruins at Corinth

**"CHRIST
FOLLOWERS
LIVING GOD'S
LOVE"**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**9:00 AM
WORSHIP**
IN-PERSON,
BY RADIO (WMEQ
92.1), AND ON
FACEBOOK AND
YOUTUBE

STAY CONNECTED
THROUGH OUR
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Wednesday
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

A COMMUNITY OF WORSHIP

We seek to be a community of expectant, God-centered worship, through word and sacrament and God's gift of music – offering together our utmost for God's highest.

Everything Old Is New Again: The Problem Church of Corinth

Saturday-Sunday, September 2-3*

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street
Facebook page

Traditional worship with Communion*: 9:00am. Radio 92.1 FM,
Livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Message: "Church Divisions"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:10-14; 3:1-9

Saturday-Sunday, September 9-10

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street
Facebook page

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Radio 92.1 FM, Livestreamed on
Facebook and YouTube.

Sermon: "The Wisdom of This World"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Saturday-Sunday, September 16-17

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street
Facebook page

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Radio 92.1 FM, Livestreamed on
Facebook and YouTube.

Sermon: "Competing Moral Systems"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Saturday-Sunday, September 23-24; Disability Awareness Sunday: Caring for Seniors

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street
Facebook page

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Radio 92.1 FM, Livestreamed on
Facebook and YouTube.

Sermon from Rev. Bill Beaton, Visitation Pastor

Scriptures: TBA

*Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month. United Methodists serve Open Communion, welcoming all to join Christ's table, because that's what he did, too.

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At any rate, in this era, where the church's reputation in the larger world is not, shall we say, stellar, it's a book that holds out some comfort and guidance for us. Over the next several weeks of sermons, I'm going to be looking at Paul's advice for the church in Corinth on such matters as divisions within the church, conflicting moral systems, internal power struggles and matters like that. Just in case things like that should ever be relevant again.

On the one hand, it might be sort of depressing to find out that the problems besetting us have been around from the beginning and still haven't been solved. But for me, it's mostly encouraging. 1 Corinthians says: Yeah, this stuff has been around from the beginning. Here's some advice for how to deal with it next time it shows up, which it will. But God didn't give up on the church in Corinth, and God hasn't given up on us. This month, let's remember that and say together, "Thank God for Corinth."

CHOIRS RESUMING IN SEPTEMBER

As we head into the Fall, it is time to stretch our voices again. Our choirs and ensembles resume rehearsals this month, most of them beginning on Wednesday, September 6. The schedule for each group is as follows:

Wednesdays:

6:00pm	Handbell Choir (Lounge)
6:15	Ellesi (Fellowship Hall - first rehearsal, Sept 27)
7:00	Chancel Choir (Fellowship Hall)
8:00	The Ensemble (Fellowship Hall)

Sundays:

10:15am	Celebration (Sanctuary—beginning Sept. 10)
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If you have thought about joining a choir but never gotten around to it, there is no time like the Fall to take the plunge. You do not need to be a professional, or trained, or experienced musician. You just need to enjoy music.

RADIO SERVICE SUPPORT

\$165/week

- ☐ September 10
☐ September 24

- ☐ September 17
☐ October 8

- ☐ October 1
☐ October 15

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Recognition of: _____

HAVE YOU FOUND US ONLINE?

Our website www.lakestreetumc.org always has the most up to date calendar, news, online giving and more. Visit it often for past sermon recordings, past Circuit Riders, and a direct link to our Facebook page.



ADDRESS CHANGES

If you have had an address change within the past four months and are receiving the **Circuit Rider** newsletter electronically, please send your new address to the church office: adminsec@lakestreetumc.org.

Because your issue does not go to the post office, there is no Address Service Requested changes that come back to the church. We appreciate your help to keep our database up to date.

September Circuit Rider

Deadline is
Wednesday, Sept. 20 for
Thursday, Sept 28
mailing

Be sure to send your news
to Ellen Prellwitz at
Adminsec
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A COMMUNITY OF INCLUSIVE WELCOME

We embrace all of God's children as persons of sacred worth regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, national origin, culture, tradition, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other difference real or perceived, and welcome all people into the life of this congregation.

Coffee Fellowships This Fall

Coffee Fellowship is one of the constant parts of our welcome ministry, as well as a constant responsibility. (And on this subject, a huge thank you to Winnie Doxsie, who bears the week-by-week responsibility of recruiting hosts and making sure that each week is covered.)

This fall, though, we are attaching a rider to the weekly fellowship. Fall is also the season when we recruit new leaders to serve on our teams and committees. Starting **September 10**, each Sunday will highlight a different committee, as someone from that group introduces their purpose during worship, and then the group hosts the Coffee Fellowship. Each week there will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for volunteers for next year, or even just for more information. Members of the team will be available to answer questions.

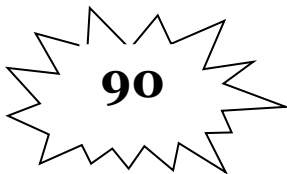
We will begin on September 10, with the Communications Team, after which the Trustees will introduce themselves on Sept. 17 (and help with the Pancake Breakfast.)

Pancake Breakfasts

Return: September 17



Please come help celebrate



Mary Lou Ruppelt
90th birthday
celebration

Saturday September 16th, 2023
Open house 1-3 pm
Lake Street Methodist Church
337 Lake Street, Eau Claire, WI

To the people of Lake Street:

I can't tell you how wonderful mom's party was. Lake St Church went above and beyond their part in this Special Day. Mom had a wonderful time, she enjoyed seeing so many of her family and friends (especially those from Lake St) Thank you so very much!!

Joanne Martin
(Jeanette's daughter)

Disability Awareness Sunday, Sept. 24

Our church's inclusion statement (above) is a part of our identity, and we are proud of it. One team in our church that is tasked with holding us to our promises is the Accessibility Toward Inclusion Team (AT-IT). Toward that end, AT-IT sponsors a "Disability Awareness Sunday" every fall, to call attention to one particular group that might sometimes be excluded from full participation.

This year AT-IT has decided to focus on the aging. Yes, they know that being old is not a "disability" exactly, but this is a group that is often inadvertently left out of full participation in the church, for various reasons, and which we should be intentional about maintaining connection with. As the team discussed it, though, it realized that this was too large a topic for a one-Sunday focus, and it is now looking at an extended learning series (like the Depression and Addiction Series that we have held).

So, we are still going to raise the matter on DA Sunday (September 24), as a sort of trailer for an upcoming attraction. Bill Beaton, our Visitation Pastor, will be speaking, and in our worship we will think and pray together about ways to be more welcoming.



A COMMUNITY OF COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH

*Our time and talents and resources are not gifts for our enjoyment but a calling to serve others,
particularly the marginalized and those without other defenders.
We seek to serve God by serving God's children in our community, our nation, and our world.*

September Loose Change Offering: Community Table

Each time Lake Street serves part of our commitment is to donate \$125 to help defray food costs for the meal and to provide milk. Our account for this mission has now dipped below \$125 so it is time to fill it back up. If you are able to help this month, please indicate on your donation it is for Community Table.

Exciting News

Last spring the Mission team learned that the United Methodist Wisconsin Conference was partnering with the Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia and seeking Wisconsin Methodist Churches to partner and form relationships with Methodist Churches in Bolivia. Lake Street's Mission team has been looking for a way to expand our outreach beyond our Eau Claire community and after some discussion we decided that we wanted to learn more about the Nueva Canaan church in El Alto, Bolivia. What we learned was that the Nueva Canaan church was founded on December 2, 1970. It has approximately 150 members, plus 30 youth and 50 children. El Alto Bolivia is one of the fastest growing cities in the Western Hemisphere with a population about the size of Milwaukee. The median income is \$2/day. In August we were able to set up a Zoom meeting, using an interpreter, with the leaders of Nueva Canaan, and the Bishop of Bolivia. We learned about their desire to form a relationship with Lake Street so that we can learn about each other and form a strong Christian connection with each other. We also learned that the roof of the church leaks and that the rainy season will be starting in September. They have members who can provide the labor but do not have the funds to purchase materials to prepare the roof. The Mission team, at our August meeting voted to utilize \$2200 from our Lake Street Foundation grant to help with the material costs. We also have made Nueva Canaan our Meaningful Christmas recipient for 2023. The Mission team looks forward to developing this relationship.

Community Table



Our next dates to cook and serve at the Community Table are:

September 13 (9:00-2:00pm)
October 18 (9:00-2:00pm)
November 15 9:00-2:00pm)

Volunteers may sign up for the whole time or for the first or second half. To volunteer, contact Peter Nelson.

Beacon House Hosting

Our congregation hosts the evening meals at Beacon House next during the week of
December 10-16.

If you can make a meal for unhoused families, contact
Kent Gierhart at
715-864-2056.



ARCW Wish List for September: Bathroom Tissue

Please join others in supporting the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin Food Pantry during by donating bathroom tissue. Your donation will assist over forty area families affected by HIV/AIDS. Place your donated items in the ARCW box located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for the many donations during July of fruit and vegetable juice. The ARCW Food Pantry always is always grateful to receive your items!

BUY SCRIP THIS YEAR

For 2022 all Scrip earnings went to help those who are food insecure. That means we have providing over \$3000 to helping others in hard times.

As the New Year begins, think about making Scrip a part of your regular shopping. A percentage of your regular grocery or gas expense can be use to support the church and its ministries.

**Buy Scrip.
Support
LSUMC**



A COMMUNITY OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION

We seek to be a place where all God's children, of all ages and abilities, can grow together in knowledge and faith, through study, through participation in worship, and through service to others.

Confirmation and Cooperation: Something New

We resume our youth / confirmation class on September 10 with a unit on ethics and morality: "Ten Commandments and Beyond." The class will meet in the Fireside Library beginning at 10:15 (or as soon as we can get through the Coffee Fellowship line after church).

But this year, we are adding a new wrinkle to our Confirmation process. Once a month, on third Saturdays, our confirmands will meet with the confirmands of Hope and Pleasant Valley UMCs for a morning of learning, activities, games, and food. These will begin at 9:30am and conclude with lunch around noon. Our first session will be Saturday, Sept. 16, and we will meet at Hope UMC. These sessions will be led by Pastor Jerry and Pastor Jen Barnet of Hope/Pleasant Valley.

In effect, we will have two different youth programs running simultaneously. The monthly sessions on Saturdays will be focused on covering the core subjects of Confirmation (background to scripture, understanding Christian worship, understanding Methodism, etc.) while the Saturday sessions will be broader and more flexible, designed not just for those in Confirmation but for all youth trying to figure out how to live Christian lives in today's world.

Men at Prayer: Thursdays @ 7:30am

A weekly time of praying together and
studying scripture verse by verse,
chapter by chapter.

Followed by "After-MAP"
at The Goat Coffee House on
Water Street.

CHILDREN'S FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Our children's classes begin **September 10!**

Just like last year, we will meet downstairs in the education wing (Rooms 102-103) at 10:15 on Sunday mornings. In our first unit, we will be looking at the story of the Exodus, from the books of Exodus and Numbers in the Old Testament.

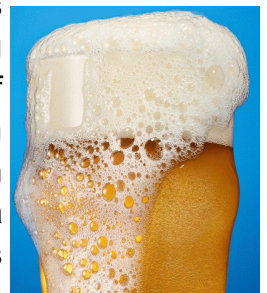
Also like last year, class will not meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month, so that the children can be part of the Pancake Breakfast team (and also eat pancakes).



Classes are for grades 1-5. Preschool will be provided for younger children.

FAITH AND FROTH

It's time to bring our questions together again for an evening of trying to sort out some of the hazy places in our faith and scriptures. On **September 21, at 6:30pm**, a distinguished (defined as "available") panel of experts



will take your questions in the Prague Room of the Lazy Monk Brew Pub.

While the panel will deal with any question that is raised, this time we are suggesting a focus on problematic scripture passages. What is a verse or story that you have never understood? Chances are, you're not alone. Come and find out.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith

United Women of Faith, formerly known as United Methodist Women, will begin our Fall Programming with a panel presentation of the 2023

Wisconsin Annual Conference. Pastor Jerry Morris, Pat Peterson and Jan Smith were Lake Street's delegates and will share their thoughts and impressions of the Annual Conference held in June 2023. Each year delegates from every United Methodist Church in Wisconsin meet to conduct Conference business, ordain clergy, and share ideas. Please join us on **Wednesday, September 20 at 1:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome; you do not need to be a member of United Women of Faith to attend. Fellowship time will follow the program (That means desserts!)

And coming in October:

Wisconsin UWF Annual Gathering – Lake Street UMC *Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story*

Friday, October 13

- Volunteer Service at Hope Village, Chippewa Falls
- Explore Eau Claire – Various activities are planned
- 6:30 p.m. – Worship and speaker at Lake Street

Saturday, October 14

- Worship and speaker
- Keynote Panel with Mike Cohoon, Founder of Hope Village, Chippewa Falls
- 5 breakout sessions in afternoon
- Closing worship and communion



STAMPERS

... will meet Thursday September 28th in Room 202 at 1 o'clock. We'd love to have you join us. No talent needed just a willingness to make someone's day brighter.



September Birthdays

Linda Peterson	9/3
Gail Schneider	9/7
Evelyn Stanford	9/9
Jane Kilde	9/11
Julie Holzinger	9/12
Geraldine Kunkel	9/29*
*93 years old	

Prayer Holds Us Together

One of the ways we are able to care for each other, whether we are together or not is by praying. If you would like to be a part of our regular prayer email



Fund-Raising Opportunity for UWF

Wanted: *original* ink jet cartridges, new or used. Please gently wrap them (can use the container the new one came in) to avoid damage. A collection box will be placed in the Fellowship Hall along with a list of acceptable cartridges. The program is "Empties4Cash" if you would like more information.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS

Our table for sharing our excess garden produce is set up in the Fellowship Hall. As tomatoes and cucumbers begin to appear in greater profusion than you can use or preserve, bring them by the church. In our church's commitment to inclusion, this is a new ministry to those members who suffer under the crippling disadvantages of not being able to keep plants alive (you know who you are).



Moreover, when the zucchini plants start to produce and, once again, you ask yourself why you planted so many, this year you don't have to resort to dropping them in unlocked cars or on doorsteps in the middle of the night. Bring them here. All vegetables are welcome.

To Scrip or Not to Scrip

Most of you are probably familiar with our Scrip program, in which the church buys gift cards for local businesses at a discount, then sells the cards to members for the full amount of the card. The result of this is that the church gets to keep the amount of the discount. So, for instance, a member buys a Mega-Holiday gift card for \$100, but because the church bought that card at a 10% discount, the Scrip program gets to keep \$10. Most of the discounts are smaller than that, closer to 3%, but it all adds up. Over the past few years, the Scrip program has made about \$3,500 per year for the church. That money has been designated in various ways: the Bell Tower Capital Campaign, Building Projects, and recently for Feed My People.

This doesn't just happen, though. For the past six years, our own Scrip program has been ably run by Dave Doxsie. A few other volunteers have helped out with Sunday sales, but all the work done in the background has been done by Dave. At the end of this year, though, Dave is retiring from Scrip. That means that unless we can find someone - or, better, at least two people - who can take over those duties, we will need to discontinue offering Scrip.

The basic duties of the Scrip coordinator are:

- **Sales.** This has traditionally been done from a table in the Fellowship Hall, though there may be other methods that could be used to supplement that process.
- **Ordering.** Cards that have been sold must be restocked. Most of these are ordered from one source, which mails the order to the church, but some of our most popular cards must be ordered separately then picked up at the store.
- **Accounting.** Dave has an Excel spreadsheet for recording all sales and orders, which he can give to his replacement(s). Scrip also has its own checking account to balance. Regular reports go to the Finance Committee and our auditors.
- **Marketing.** Simply keeping the program before the congregation by means of the Circuit Rider, the Short Circuit, and our church's other media.

There may be ways to streamline some of these processes, but the first step is to find someone who would be willing to take it on. If you are interested let Dave or Pastor Jerry know.

RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY

Memorials and Special Gifts received through August 21

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Marty Fuller; Donor:
Craig Koerth; Undesignated;

In memory of; Helen White
(Mother of Patti Shirer);
Donors: Brenda and Greg
Wallace; Designated for: Radio
Ministry;

In memory of; Winnie Joos;
Donors: Barb and Peter
Nelson; Designated for Radio
Ministry;

SPECIAL GIFTS

Donors: BJ Keepers and Paul and
Virginia Hilbrich; Designated
for: Radio Ministry;

Donor: Joanne Ures-Halvorson;
Designated for: Armchairs in
the Fellowship Hall;

Donors: Bill and Nancy Zabel; In
honor of Jeanette Wangen's
100th Birthday;

Financial Report through July, 2023

We did not have a budget report in last month's newsletter, at least partly because we needed the whole page for the report on Memorial gifts, so this is a report on how things have changed in the last *two* months.

A lot.

You probably need more than that, don't you? All right, our Spring financials were a little concerning. April and May are traditionally two of the stronger church financial months, what with the extra Easter giving, and usually help to build up some leeway before the lean summer offerings. But this year we lost ground in both April and May, partly from lower than expected giving, partly from higher than expected maintenance expenses. We ended May \$35,000 in the red for the year. We had expected a deficit at that point, but not that much.

Anyway, in June and July, we climbed a good way out of the hole. Your giving each month exceeded expectations, and our expenses lightened as well. While we are still \$27,000 in the red, we are now operating well above budget, as you can see in the chart below.

In the early years of my ministry, if someone had told me that I would see a world in which July giving was higher than giving in April, I would not have believed it, but here we are. It appears that for whatever reason, regular giving is no longer a seasonal activity, and is no longer tied directly to in-person attendance. Thank you.

Audit Report: One more note, Jill Weisenbeck and Jan Voss completed their 2nd quarter audit of our finances and gave that report to the Finance Committee in August. They found no significant problems in either our accounting or our processes. Their minor suggestions are being implemented.



Lake Street United Methodist Church

	Operating Fund		Building Fund		Total	
	Jul 2023	Budget 2023	Jul 2023	Budget Jul 2023	Jul 2023	Budget Jul 2023
Offerings and other income *	\$ 212,679	209,600	\$ 4,033	\$ 770	\$ 216,712	\$ 210,370
Expenses	180,928	194,757	62,863	\$ 56,584	243,791	251,341
Net of Offerings less expenses	\$ 31,751	\$ 14,843	\$ (58,830)	\$ (55,814)	\$ (27,080)	\$ (40,971)

* Excludes parsonage investment gain/loss because it is not included in budget

CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY

Interfaith Prayer Service

One of the enduring religious traditions of the Chippewa Valley religious community is an interfaith prayer service that is held three times a year—in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. This is a chance for worshipers from a wide variety of traditions to come together, not to argue or to try to convert each other, but simply to acknowledge and show respect to those who are seeking meaning through faith, but who are on different paths than we are. Among the attendees in the past have been people from the Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, and Ba'hai communities, as well as various flavors of Christianity. The service is primarily prayer—something that all our faiths agree on. The next service is this month:

**Wednesday September 13. 6:30 pm St. James Catholic Church
2502 11th St. Eau Claire, Wisconsin.**

The organizers promise that they will have a zoom/livestream link for those not attending in person, too. If you are interested in tuning in remotely, contact Pastor Jerry for that link.

A Note on Designating Gifts:

People giving Memorial or special gifts sometimes ask if they should designate a gift or leave it undesignated. Obviously if you are giving for a purpose then you should designate it, but what if you just want to make sure your gift is used? Is it better to designate it or leave it open-ended?

It depends. Sometimes designating gifts too precisely can make the gift less useful. I knew of a church that received a \$250,000 bequest—designated for altar flowers. I imagine that church had a lot of other ways they would have liked to use that money. On the other hand, sometimes money given without designation can end up sitting in an undesignated fund and get forgotten.

So here are some suggestions:

1. *If you are giving a large gift, then the fewer restrictions you put on the gift, the better. If you want to designate your gift, do so in broad categories (building, worship, education, outreach, etc.).*
2. *If you are giving a gift and don't need it to be used at once, then it is fine to leave it undesignated. It'll be used one day, and we'll be glad of it then.*
3. *But if you want to know your gift will be used soon, here are some suggested designations that will ensure that your gift does not fall between the cracks:*
 - *Radio Ministry.* This crucial ministry costs \$165 / week.
 - *Building Improvements.* Trustees will always find something to fix.
 - *Outdoor Garden.* Our beautiful front garden is a labor of love for Bonnie and Linda and other volunteers, but it's not cheap.
 - *Technology (e.g. AV) upgrades.* I swear, these never end.

– Pastor Jerry

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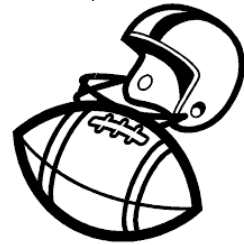
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
3 Mission Emphasis: Community Table 9:00am Worship with Communion (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook and YouTube; Radio Ministry (92.1) <i>Message: "Church Divisions";</i> <i>Text: 1st Corinthians 1:10-14; 3:1-9;</i> 10:00am Fellowship & Scrip (Fellow Hall) 1:00pm Hispanic Ministry (Dockside Room)	4	5 9:00am Staff Meeting (Lounge) 7:00pm Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus) 7:00pm Hispanic Discipleship (Room 101)	6 9:30am UWF Exec Comm (Room 202) 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (Lounge) 6:30pm NA (Fireside Library) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 8:00pm Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	7 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A) 12:00pm Visitation in Gathering Area 1:00pm Craig Heabler Celebration of Life Service (Sanctuary)	8 10:00am Drive-Up Food Pantry (located at 2610 Alpine Rd) 6:00pm Hispanic Ministry Prayer/Worship (Dockside Room)	9 12:00pm Fireside Library In Use (NA Group) 6:00pm Living Room Worship on Facebook
10 Mission Emphasis: Community Table 8:30am Pancakes and French Toast Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 9:00am Worship (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook and YouTube; Radio Ministry (92.1) <i>Sermon: "The Wisdom of This World";</i> <i>Text: 1st Corinthians 1:18-31;</i> 10:00am Fellowship & Scrip (Fellow Hall) 10:15am Children's Education (Rooms 102/103) 10:15am Confirmation (Fireside Library) 10:15am Celebration Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:45am AT-IT Team (Conference Room) 1:00pm Hispanic Ministry (Dockside Room)	11 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Class) 3:00pm Staff Parish (Conference Room/on line) 6:00pm Welcome and Worship Team (Fellowship Hall/online)	12 9:00am Room 202 In Use (ADRC Caregivers Tools) 9:00am Staff Meeting (Lounge) 6:00pm Communications Team (on line) 7:00pm Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus) 7:00pm Hispanic Discipleship (Room 101)	13 9:00am The Community Table 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Class) 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (Lounge) 6:30pm NA (Fireside Library) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 8:00pm Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	14 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A)	15 6:00pm Hispanic Ministry Prayer/Worship (Dockside Room)	16 10:00am Room 202 In Use (Huntington's Disease Support Group) 12:00pm Fireside Library In Use (NA Group) 6:00pm Living Room Worship on Facebook

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17 Mission Emphasis: Community Table 9:00am Worship (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook and YouTube; Radio Ministry (92.1) <i>Sermon: "Competing Moral Systems";</i> <i>Text: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13;</i> 10:00am Fellowship & Scrip (Fellow Hall) 10:15am Children's Education (Rooms 102/103) 10:15am Confirmation (Fireside Library) 10:15am Celebration Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 1:00pm Hispanic Ministry (Dockside Room) 3:00pm IM Church (Fellowship Hall)	18 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Class) 6:15pm Pack 128 Den (Room 202)	19 9:00am Room 202 In Use (ADRC Caregivers Tools) 9:00am Staff Meeting (Lounge) 5:30pm Trustees (Room 202/on line) 6:30pm Finance Committee (Fireside Library/on line) 7:00pm Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus) 7:00pm Hispanic Discipleship (Room 101)	20 Circuit Rider Deadline 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Class) 1:00pm UWF General Mtg (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (Lounge) 6:30pm NA (Fireside Library) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 8:00pm Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	21 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A) 6:30pm "Faith and Froth" -- Lazy Monk	22 10:00am Drive-Up Food Pantry (located at 2610 Alpine Rd) 6:00pm Hispanic Ministry Prayer/Worship (Dockside Room)	23 8:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus Retreat) 12:00pm Fireside Library In Use (NA Group)
24 Disabilities Awareness Sunday Mission Emphasis: Community Table 9:00am Worship (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook and YouTube; Radio Ministry (92.1) <i>Sermon from Rev. Bill Beaton</i> 10:00am Fellowship & Scrip (Fellow Hall) 10:15am Children's Education (Rooms 102/103) 10:15am Confirmation (Fireside Library) 10:15am Celebration Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 1:00pm Hispanic Ministry (Dockside Room)	25 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Class) 6:00pm Church Council (Fellowship Hall/online)	26 9:00am Room 202 In Use (ADRC Caregivers Tools) 9:00am Staff Meeting (Lounge) 7:00pm Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus) 7:00pm Hispanic Discipleship (Room 101)	27 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Class) 11:00am Missions Team (Fireside Library) 1:30pm Room 202/Fireside Library In Use (Early Memory Loss Support Group) 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (Lounge) 6:15pm Ellesi Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 6:30pm NA (Fireside Library) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 8:00pm Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	28 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 8:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (Sewing Guild) 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A) 9:30am Circuit Rider Assembly (Room 202) 1:00pm Stampers (Room 202)	29 6:00pm Hispanic Ministry Prayer/Worship (Dockside Room)	30 12:00pm Fireside Library In Use (NA Group) 6:00pm Living Room Worship on Facebook

