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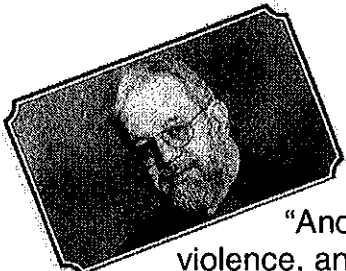
**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE, TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010**



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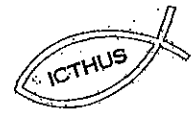
We pick up once again our discussion of Matthew 11:12 where Jesus says, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by storm." As we look further into Thomas Watson's book Heaven Taken by Storm you may ask why we are focusing so much on following Jesus with a passion. Can't I just get along in this world and be a little religious? Do I have to take my faith so seriously? Can't I just sort of be on the sidelines? Why should Christians be so dramatic?

I don't know....maybe it is because we are talking about the infinite God of all creation, the ultimate truth, the ultimate giver of love, the ultimate giver of life, the ultimate redeemer, the ultimate holy one, the ultimate being without whom there is no being. The world around us can get deeply and aggressively passionate about, global warming, snail darters, low fat foods, low-carb. foods, animal rights, immigration, homosexuality, what kind of light bulb you should use, politics, economics, obesity, anorexia, sugar, etc. etc etc. (yes I know one "etc." is sufficient – I am trying to make a point here). So many people today have a cause for which they will stand up and shout. Many will abandon truth for the sake of their cause – they will fudge the truth or ignore facts that do not fit their cause – all of which I suggest means they do not really believe in the cause, they just like to make a fuss. How is it that we are not just as passionate for the ultimate truth in all of life - God is there and God has spoken?

In a passage where Watson says we must stand in opposition to the world he writes... "We say of a dying man, he is not a man for this world. A true saint is crucified in his affections to the world (Gal. 6:14). He is dead to its honors and pleasures. What delight does a dead man take in pictures or music? Jesus Christ gave Himself to redeem us from this present evil world (Gal.1:14). If we will be saved, we must offer violence [passion] to the world. Living fish swim against the stream. We must swim against the world, else we shall be carried down the stream and fall into the sea of the dead."

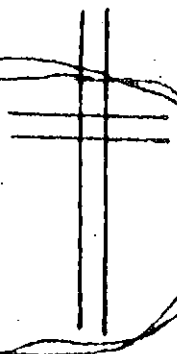
We have more to be passionate about than all other citizens of this world. How can we take it all so lightly? How can we not, at times, even find an interest in the things of God or a passion to share the good news with the world around us? We could all use a little shot of adrenaline in our faith and we will not get it sitting still and holding back.

Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone be the Glory)
Maranatha (Come Quickly Lord)
Allyn



JUST A REMINDER

Have you remembered First Church in your will? What a powerful way to recognize God's goodness in a lasting way.



FRIDAY NIGHT CIRCLE



Thursday, September 16th
7:30 PM
Covenant Center

Luanne Baker, "Saria", the Muslim Lady" Discussion of Muslim religion with Dr. Allyn.
Devotions by Sarah Heckert

WORSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER

September 5, 2010

10:00 AM, Outdoor Service

Sermon: A Half Baked Church
Hosea 6:4-7:16



September 12, 2010

11:00 AM Rally Day, Communion
Sermon: Self Reliance vs. Faith
Hosea 8

September 19, 2010

11:00 AM

Isaiah 5:1-7, Matthew 7:6-12

Sermon: Time To Seek The Lord
Hosea 9-10

September 26, 2010

11:00 AM

Jeremiah 8:1-7, Matthew 2:13-15

Sermon: How Can I Give You Up?
Hosea 11:1-11

SEPTEMBER

ACOLYTE

5 Outdoor
12 Frailey Scaife
19 Sierra Aires
26 Ellen Williamson



READERS

5 Outdoor
12 Communion
19 Jim Ternent
26 Pat Wolfe



NURSERY

5 Susan Hogamier
12 Crystal Flanders
19 Chris Porter
26 Janet McKelvey



COUNTERS

5 Krozely
12 Thomas
19 Bussard
26 Ternent



SOUND SYSTEM

5 John Yankasky
12 Michael Toy
19 Jalissa Muir
26 Greg Lemons



USHERS

5 Oxford/Susie Reefer
12 Oxford/Susie Reefer
19 Wesley/Roy Williamson
26 Wesley/Roy Williamson



WELCOME CENTER

5 Outdoor Service
12 Carol Thomas
19 Pam Coggon
26 Mert Hellein



SUMMER SCHEDULE

Our summer schedule is coming to an end already. Worship each Sunday will be at 10:00 through September 5th which will be an outdoor service. Communion will be the second Sunday of September as we return to the 11:00 time for worship.



NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TEAM

We will meet Wednesday evening September 1st at 7:00 to discuss our most recent results and see what our next steps should be.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS

We will meet Thursday Evening September 2nd as we attempt to complete our work in finding a new organist and preparation for Charge Conference as well as some other very important issues to discuss. Please try to be with us for this meeting.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Our regular meeting scheduled for September 16th has been moved to October 21st to allow time for the quarterly report to be in.



FINANCE UPDATE

After three consecutive months of exceeding our stewardship giving budget target (March-May), we missed the target by \$1,492 and \$1,521 in June and July, respectively. This is not uncommon during the summer, and we have certainly seen worse. For the year-to-date, we are \$4,188 (3.7%) below budget on stewardship.

If you found it difficult to maintain your intended financial support due to your busy summer schedule, you may consider putting your giving on "auto pilot." If you would like to automatically give a fixed amount monthly or semi-monthly from your savings or checking account, sign up for Electronic Offering. It's easy and you can change or suspend your offering at any time. Enrollment forms are available in the church office.

We are thankful for everyone who has given faithfully to our ministries and encourage all to consider all the ways that First Church is able to impact the community as a result of our stewardship.

The Finance Committee

Our Mission and Vision...

As a church we have a mission. It is summed up in the five areas below. How are you helping each area to improve in our church? This is our mission - how are you participating in it? Are you helping us to...

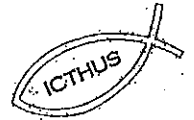
I--Invite and challenge people to come to faith. **[EVANGELISM]**

C--Celebrate God's presence through powerful worship. **[WORSHIP]**

TH--be Thoroughly equipped for your walk of faith. **[CHRISTIAN EDUCATION]**

U--Use the gifts God has given you to serve. **[DISCIPLESHIP]**

S--Set aside a portion of your personal resources to be returned to God. **[STEWARDSHIP]**



CANS FOR VBS 2010

The can total for VBS 2010 was 40,142 for which \$698.10 was given to Habitat For Humanity. Thanks to everyone who saved and brought in cans.



The collection for VBS 2011 has begun and from July 17th through August 15th we have received 3231 cans—a very good start. Keep them coming! Please continue to save or start saving aluminum cans—pop, fruit juice, tea, health drinks, and beer cans. Drop your cans off at the church ramp anytime.

Thank you, The Can Man

SIFT LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 16th

12:00 PM in the Covenant Center

PROGRAM: "Hot Oatmeal"-our favorite band with our Kind of music.

MENU: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Sherbet

RESERVATIONS DUE BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH.



COVENANT CENTER ART SHOW



The 17th Covenant Center Art Show was another great one with 70 exhibitors showing 193 pieces (6 of which were sold!) This year's show was dedicated to "Nick Snow who died Saturday, April 24, 2010. As our Church Organist for forty-six years, Nick also taught piano and organ lessons to many area residents – a superb contributor to the Arts."

The Art Show Committee and 21 "show sitters" are to be thanked for all they did plus the many tall persons helping with the "hanging and the unhangings".

Our Judge of Show was William DeBernardi, Associate Professor in the Art Department of Carlow University in Pittsburgh.

The People's Choice Purple Ribbon was awarded to Marci Williams of Worthington, Art/Professional, for her #34 "Morning Has Broken".

ARE YOU THINKING SUNDAY SCHOOL?

After our summer break, we are ready to begin regular Sunday School classes again on September 12. We are excited to say that we have a class for everyone and every age.

Children, ages 3 years old thru 6th Grade meet in the upstairs of the church with Sue Hankey, Brenda Buzzinotti and Kelly Hoffman leading the classes.

Youth, Grades 7 thru 12 will meet in the church basement with Matt Scaife leading the group. This group will try to combine Sunday School with Youth Group activities to start to build up our Youth program again.

Adults have two choices. The Adult Bible Study class (The Wesleyan class) meets with Jim Ternent in the Covenant Center. An alternative, short term, class led by Brad Hellein will also meet in the Covenant Center and will review the DVD/Book series "Crazy Love, Overwhelmed by a Relenting God" by Francis Chan. (more details elsewhere in the newsletter).

Sunday School meets each week from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Please join us and invite your friends, neighbors and extended family members to attend with you.



RALLY DAY

Rally Day, or the day we kickoff the return to regularly scheduled programming, will be September 12th. Over the past years, we've had a morning breakfast recognizing those with "perfect" Sunday School attendance from the previous year.

This year we're planning a Rally Day church picnic in the evening so we'll skip the breakfast and have regular classes that morning. (see details on the picnic elsewhere in the newsletter).

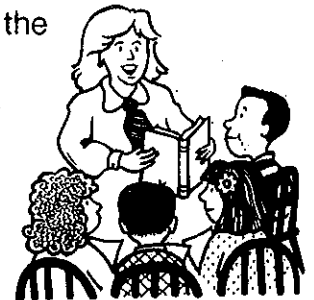
Those with Perfect and Faithful Sunday School attendance will be recognized during worship that day. Please see the bulletin board in the Library Room for some of the work the children did over the summer months.

Also, those children starting 3rd grade will receive their Bible during worship.

We hope you can join us for Sunday School, Worship and the Picnic that day!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

All children ages 4 thru 6th grade are invited to join us in the upstairs of the church each week during worship. The children will be excused from worship after the Children's Message. We will review some of the basic Bible Stories, many accompanied by a short video or cartoon. Children's Church will not meet the weeks that communion is served. We will set up a rotating teacher schedule for leading Children's Church so if you are interested in helping with this program, please call the church office or Sue Hankey. Lesson material and videos will be supplied, all you need to do is prepare for 15-20 minutes of time with the children.



A THOUGHT FOR LABOR DAY

Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long, and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world. ---From the Internet



2010 FOLK FESTIVAL UPDATE

This year we had great weather all four days for the Folk Festival. The crowds were good and we had a very good year at our food booth. Our total sales were a little over \$16,000 (the fourth best year ever). Our expenses were about \$6,500. From the profit of over \$9,500 and \$2,500 for the Lenten Fish dinners we gave \$12,000 to the church Finance committee on August 9th.

THANK YOU—THANK YOU---THANK YOU to everyone who helped for a GREAT JOB---the men who set up and took down, the workers during the four days and of course the great pie bakers. (For your information, we had 42 pie bakers and 217 pies delivered. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE BAKERS.)

Without the help of all of you, our success wouldn't be possible.

The Festival Committee



CHRISTIAN FAMILY & CHILDREN'S CENTER GOLF OUTING

We are still signing people up for the Christian Family & Children's Center golf outing Oct. 2 at Donegal Highlands. Cost is \$85 for 18 holes, cart, lunch, snacks, door prizes, and all the skill prizes you can win. You are registered when you give pastor Ricketts your \$85 along with address, phone number and email address.

Dear Church Family,

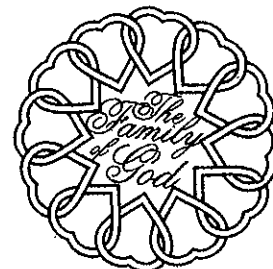
As I have said many times before, You as my church family have always been a great source of support throughout my life. Now, I specifically ask for your support as I travel to Harmons, Jamaica during the New Year for a weeklong mission trip taking place, January 2 – 9, 2011. While in Jamaica, I will be building foundations for homes, teaching at a local school, and running a store in support of the locals living in Harmons. I would like to ask for your support through the power of prayer: prayer for myself, safe travels, my teammates, and for God's provision. The trip will cost \$1400 per team member, and also, each team member is expected to bring two suitcases full of items to be sold at a student run store. Items to be donated are: small hand tools, school supplies, shoes, toiletries, clothing, generic medicines, batteries, and beddings. If you would like to know more about my trip, please don't hesitate to call or reach me at any of the below listed contact information. Also, if you would like to make a monetary donation, checks can be made out to Won by One (with Jamaica Mission Trip in the memo) and sent directly to me. Anything you could do to help would be greatly appreciated, but most importantly please continue to support me with your prayers.

Thank you so much for your continued support,
Meaghan Volek

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REMEMBER YOUR FOOD BANK DONATIONS. THEY ARE PICKED UP THE LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. THANK YOU!

 **Thank You's**

Thank you for the scholarship money. It will help with my tuition expenses.

Nathan Williamson 


To our Church Family,

Thank you for all of the prayers and cards during my recovery from heart surgery. I looked forward each day to your cards and calls. It is wonderful to have such wonderful support. May god Bless you all.

Ron Scaife 

Thanks so much!

Jane's funeral dinner was absolutely wonderful. Thank you for all the hard work and effort put into it. We appreciated everything you did to make it easier for us. Bless you all.

Ralph & Nancy Trithart 


Thank you,

We want to Thank You so much for the delicious and comforting meal after Leroy's service. Also, we have very much appreciated Pastor Ricketts visits and the many cards we received over the past 2 years. It surely meant a lot to him with your support, and also the thoughts and prayers. Thank you so much for everything! May God Bless all of you.

 *Patricia Snow, LeeAnne, Justin & Rachel*


Dear Patton Scholarship Committee,

I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude for choosing me as one of the recipients for the 2010 Patton Scholarship. This money is very helpful with the large amount of expenses that college requires, especially one that is so far away. Also, I would like to thank the church for standing by me through all of the years; it really means a lot. Thanks again,

Alyssa Krozely 


Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, cards and support during Bernie's diagnosis, surgery and recovery. It really helps to know we aren't going through this alone. Please continue the prayers and support for us and our family as we wait on the next tests. Thanks again.

Bernie & Audrey Green 

Dear Church Friends,

We appreciate all the cards, thoughts and prayers at this time of loss. A special thanks to Allyn, and those who prepared the lovely luncheon.

Jack Scaife and Family 

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Jean Wolfe
 3 Robert Beatty
 4 Patricia Snow
 6 Bradley McKinney
 7 Justin Snow
 8 David Kohl
 8 Keith Williamson
 9 Hallie Hoffman
 10 Christian Zier
 11 Jill Kohl



11 Carol Wolfe
 11 Tim Volek
 15 Kelly Gaughan
 18 Richard McCafferty
 19 Scott Hogamier
 20 Leah Hogamier
 26 Bobbi Williamson
 27 Jennifer Hellein
 27 Becky McKinney
 29 Vince Bruno



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 Jack & Diane Heim
 9 Joe & Bonnie Bowser
 15 Douglas & Linda Powell
 19 Jeff & Steph Hankey (1st)
 19 Keith & Lora Williamson
 22 Tim & Cindy Volek
 26 Bernie & Audrey Green



CONGRATULATIONS TO
Natalie Green & Cameron Vandevort
 on their recent engagement. Natalie
 and Cameron plan to marry on
 October 8, 2011. Natalie is the daughter of
 Bernie & Audrey Green.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...



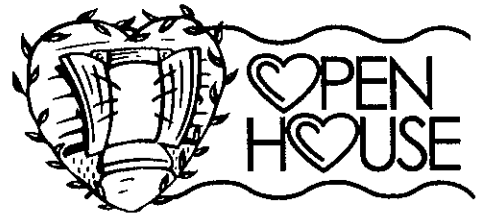
Nathalie & Ben Younkins on the birth
 of a daughter, Mildred (Millie) Silver
 Younkins. Millie was born Monday,
 August 2, 2010 at 7:57 PM. She was
 6 lbs. 6 oz. and 17½ inches long.
 Millie is the granddaughter of Mary
 Jo & Rich Lipski.



Shannon & Dave Yanoschick on the
 Birth of a daughter, Evva Grace
 Yanoschick. Evva was born Friday,
 August 13, 2010 at 3:45 AM. She
 was 7lbs 14oz and 19¾ inches long.

Baptisms

~Allie Nicole Green was baptized on Sunday, July 25th.
 Allie is the daughter of Tara & Derek Green. She was
 Born May 2, 2010. Allie is the granddaughter of
 Bernie & Audrey Green; Great-Granddaughter of Bob &
 Jean Schaeffer.
 ~Lilah Grace Hogamier was baptized on Sunday, July 25th.
 Lilah is the daughter of Suzanne & Scott Hogamier. She
 was born March 30, 2010. Lilah is the sister of Leah.



SEPTEMBER IS "OPEN HOUSE
 MONTH". BRING A FRIEND OR
 FAMILY MEMBERS. EVERYONE
 WELCOME



We extend our Christian compassion and concern to Jack Scaife on the death of
 his wife, Dorothy Scaife on Thursday, August 12, 2010. Dorothy was the mother
 of William (Susan) Scaife, Tim (Linda) Scaife, Dennis (Laurel) Scaife; grandmother
 to Wendy Musachia, Kimberly Good, Emily King, Erica Scaife, Justin and Caitlin
 Scaife; great grandchildren McCaffrey & Morwenn Musachia.



*We need 4 hugs a day for survival. We need 8 hugs a day for maintenance. We need 12 hugs a
 day for growth.—Virginia Satir*

Cleaning Buckets Needed:

The Mission Barn loaded its stock of cleaning (flood) buckets onto a trailer bound for Rhode Island last week. Here is the list to continue to put the buckets together. With the flooding in the Nashville area and the tornadoes in the Oklahoma area, many buckets are needed quickly!

Cleaning (Flood) Bucket Kit Items: (Value: \$45 per bucket)

(Note: if the requested item size is not available, go down to the next available size. If nothing is available in the requested or smaller size, put masking tape on the outside of the bucket saying, "This bucket contains no _____")

- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Bleach (two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle. Do not include bleach if you are shipping the bucket through the US Postal Service, UPS or FedEx)
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 Sponges
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)
- Liquid laundry detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle)
- 1 household cleaner, 12-16 oz. bottle
- Disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz. bottle
- 50 clothes pins
- Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves
- 1 pair work gloves
- 24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gallon (remove roll from box before placing in bucket)
- 1 Insect repellent spray, 6-14 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps. See Special Requirements below.)
- 1 Air freshener, 8 or 9 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps. See Special Requirements below.)

Important Kit Assembly Information

All items included in kits must be NEW items.

Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items-nothing more.

Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

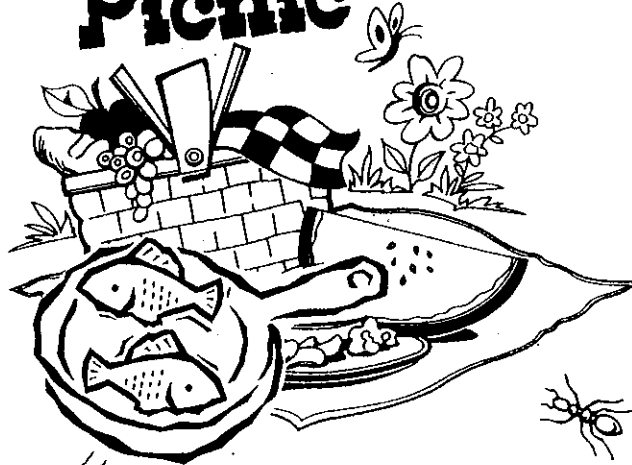
Special Shipping Requirements

Cleaning Agents. All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic bottles. No powders. Pack them inside a bucket or strong outer box.

Aerosols or Flammables. If including these types of supplies, ship kits by UPS Ground, Fed Ex Ground, or by truck. Do NOT ship by US Mail or DHL/Airborne freight.

Please see me after church in the Library Room to pick out your choice of item(s) to buy or to fill a complete bucket. Call me at 724-543-4920 or the church secretary 724-548-4312.

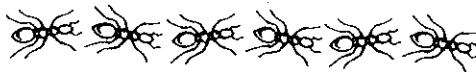
Church Picnic



RALLY DAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
5:00 PM

The picnic will be held outdoors unless it rains (in the Covenant Center for inclement weather).

Fish (from the Fishers of Men trip)
Beverages & Dessert will be provided.
Those attending should bring a side dish to share.



Name: _____

Number of People: _____

Fishers of Men

**Special
Announcement**

**ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS AND
SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL**

The Scholarship Committee has made some changes in the application for the Margaret M. Patton Scholarship that will be effective in the Spring of 2011. Please pay close attention to these changes and if you have questions direct them to Dr. Allyn Ricketts.

IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP YOU MUST:

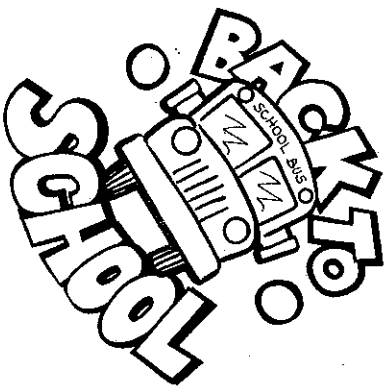


1. Return the completed application in its entirety on time.
2. Be a member of the First United Methodist Church of Kittanning.
3. Participate in or help with at least three church activities during the last two Years. (A few examples would be---Bible School, Sound System, Reader During Worship, Festival, Music for church, gardening around the church, etc.)

We are announcing these changes so that you have all of Fall, Winter and Spring to make sure you qualify.



The Scholarship Committee





SEPTEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:00 PM Natural Church Development 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	2 8:00 AM OVR-CC 7:00 PM Staff/Parish	3	4 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
5 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Outdoor Worship	6 	7 8:30 AM 3R's 5:30 PM Golf Outing 6:30 PM Trustees 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	8 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	9 7:00 PM Parent Orientation Rainbow Road	10	11 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
12 RALLY DAY 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion 5:00 PM Church Picnic-CC	13 6:30 PM Finance 7:30 PM Church Council	14 8:30 AM 3R's 5:30 PM Golf Outing 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 6:00 PM AM Vets-CC	15 FIRST DAY RAINBOW ROAD 6:00 PM Worship Team 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	16 12:00 PM S.I.F.T Luncheon-CC 7:00 PM Friday Night Circle	17	18 1:00 PM Baby Shower-CC Green 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
19 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Chapter 519-CC	20 7:00 PM Evangelism Outreach	21 8:30 AM 3R's 10:00 AM Wayne Cleary-CC 5:30 PM Golf Outing 6:00 PM Women Fellowship NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	23 	24	25 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
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