



July

2024

SMOKE SIGNAL

Our Mission Statement

Sharing the love of Christ with ALL people.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

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I thought I would share a few facts & figures regarding membership statistics at BFC over the first six months of 2024. I hope you will find these numbers interesting, informative, and enlightening. We keep track of numbers because they represent people and people are the church!

- There are 484 professing full members recorded on the rolls of BFC.
- There are 278 active members and 54 active non-members.
 - BFC takes care of 332 dedicated brothers & sisters along with their extended family members. And we are always ready to welcome back lost sheep!
- Of the 206 inactive members:
 - 14 are homebound or in a care facility.
 - 36 have moved out of the area or are in college
 - 42 choose not to attend but are still connected to the church.
 - 26 have disappeared. They are subject, after prayer & discernment, for possible removal from the church roll.
 - 88 are unaccounted for. They are subject, after prayer & discernment, for possible removal from the church roll.



- There were 4 members who claimed the promise of the resurrection in the first 6 months
- There were 14 extended family members of those who attend who also claimed the promise of the resurrection.
- The original pre-2005 membership was 176. Of those original members, there are 67 still on the membership roster.
- There are 34 pre-2005 members that are still active.
- There have been 29 new members welcomed into BFC in the first 6 months
- There have been 5 baptisms.
- Average attendance for 8:30 is 105.
- Average attendance for 11:00 is 120.
- Average attendance for streaming has doubled since we started streaming 8:30 too. Approximately 80 view our service on YouTube. Facebook live has also produced increased viewership but the count does not reflect if viewers actually watch.
- Total average attendance to date including YouTube Streaming (But Not Facebook live) is 287.
- For the 5 services of Easter, BFC celebrated 461 attendees.
- BFC set a record for average weekly attendance this past March at 326.
- Christmas Eve 2023 services celebrated 305 attendees.
- There are approximately 65 children from newborn to sixth grade on our children's rolls.
- There are approximately 20 youth from 7th grade to 12th grade on our youth's rolls.

Numbers only matter because people count!



Pastor Steve



July Birthdays

- 1st Mike Gerometta
Logan Davis
- 5th Diann Duvall
- 6th Kathy Hunt
Isabella Repine
- 7th Luke Leonard
- 9th Aimee Taylor
Tim Heinlein
- 10th Brooks Sutphin
- 11th Mike Goode
- 14th Collin Stinnette
- 18th Avery Woods
Erin Woods
Lander Manuel
- 21st Martha Ludtke
Amy Shepley
- 22nd David Peterson
- 23rd Norbert Bonjo
- 24th Jamar Thomas
- 25th Judi Eckert
- 26th Karen Swisher
Debbie Walker
Olivia Tristan Goode
- 28th Paige Manuel
Elijah Britton
Landon Orndorff



Happy Anniversary

- 5th Ben & Becca Ratliff
- 7th Glen & Julia Boudier
- 10th Chad & Rennie Earhart
Glen & Carrie Fair
Mark & Lucinda Lentz
- 15th Richard & Bonnie Henry
Sequoia & Stephanie Britton
- 24th Chad & Tabitha Lee

Remembering Buddy's Jokes

What do you call a potato wearing glasses?

A Spectator!



*Pulled from the June 2021 Edition of Smoke Signal.

Children's Ministry and Administration

Happy Summer!

Our Vacation Bible school week was such a blessing to so many. Every child that attended was welcomed, loved, and encouraged to have a friendship with God. During the week we do something called "God Sightings" where I ask the attendee's where they saw God that day. I always pick a few of my favorites and keep them. This year I thought I would share with you, because VBS is possible because of the generosity of this congregation. Here is some of what they said:

"I see God in Church" , "In the belly of the whale", " I saw God when I closed my eyes during a prayer", "in my great grandfather", "In the Bible", "In my heart", "I saw God at snack", "I saw God at Bible school"

The snack one is one that I see every year! Mostly because we serve awesome snacks and have amazing helpers to put it together. How can you not see God at VBS? I am always amazed at how God can take something such as VBS with so much chaos and loudness, and yet He always shows up, Always transforms the hearts of volunteers, leaders, and attendees. From the very beginning of the planning stages, to the first night, God is always in the mix, always leading, always sending His Holy Spirit to guide the lessons, songs, and sends down His mighty presence. I am always humbled and inspired by God's willingness to be a part of something so trivial to most people. Many churches are turning away from VBS because its outdated or not a vital ministry any longer. I don't agree. I have the fondest memories of meeting Jesus at VBS on the rare occasions that I was allowed to go growing up. That was my only knowledge of God personally. VBS will continue to be a powerful ministry, and getting to anoint children, and pray over them is very vital to their faith journey. To hear from parents that their child went to other camps, day care, summer programs rejoicing that they got anointed, and prayed over at VBS last night, has been the highlight of all my hard work in this ministry. This is what it is all about. This is the ministry that I am blessed to do and blessed to be a part of. God is good, all the time. And all the time, God is Good!

Blessings,

Carrie Fair Minister of Children and Administration

Upcoming!

Summer Camp

July 8-9-10 from 9-1pm.

Bring a Lunch and be ready for scavenger hunts, crafts, amazing Bible stories, and fun activities.



Burnt Factory Youth

All youth grades 6-12 are invited to participate in youth events:

July 20th: Mission Day!

Time: 10-1

Where: Meet at Fremont St Nursery; we will be painting a play house and planting flowers. So please have youth dress in clothing they can get dirty and have them pack a lunch.

July 28th (Sunday): Bealeton Flying Air Circus Show

We will be leaving during the Sunday school hour, so plan to be at the youth cottage around 10. Please have youth pack a lunch as we will have a picnic once we arrive. The show ends at 4, so we should be back at the church around 5:30. Youth are welcome to bring music/electronic devices to use on the bus ride but must have headphones. Also have youth wear their shirts!!



Puppy Pop Ups!: Starting July 14th through the end of August

Our family recently got a new puppy, and she would LOVE snuggles from the youth! I would be more than happy to stop by your house, and they can play/snuggle with the puppy for 15-20 minutes outside. I'll also have times I will bring her to a local park and I'll give advance notice, so youth are welcome to visit then too. If interested, e-mail/text a day and time that would work for you!

Please contact Miss Erin for more information:
youth@burntfactory.org, or text 540-535-5283

July 2024 Faith and Health Corner



Sunday, July 28, 2024

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

National Parents' Day honors all parents on the fourth Sunday in July. It was established in 1994 when President Bill Clinton signed a Congressional Resolution into law. The resolution recognized the "uplifting and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children."

No matter where our parents may be, this day serves to celebrate their important role in our lives. Parents play a vital role in the lives of children. From our birth, parents protect, teach, provide and serve as role models. As part of a family, we look to them for guidance. We mirror their behavior and learn to be a core part of our communities.

Throughout our lives, our parents lead us to be independent thinking individuals. As many of us know, those effects can be challenging. The world is changing as quickly as we grow. Often the sleepless nights and worry seems endless. On this particular Sunday, we honor all parents who do everything to raise and protect their children.

To observe National Parents' Day, spend some time with your parents or visit someone who was like a parent to you. For those with small children, give yourself a pat on the back. Set the laundry aside and go to the park. Find a moment alone with each of your children and show them how glad you are to be their parent. Post on social media using #NationalParentsDay and encourage other to celebrate the day too.

There Is No Greater Love than a Parent's Love for Their Child.

July 2024 Faith and Health Corner Cont'd

Happy Parents' Day to All the Parents out There!!!!

As always praying for your health and well-being. Praying that today you will both be a blessing and blessed.

Theresa

You can reach me at any time by e-mail at tgilbert@afpdocs.com or theresahgilbert@gmail.com or by phone at (540) 247-5612

As your faith community nurse, I am here to serve as a bridge to better health, meeting the wholistic healing mission of the church by partnering with the pastor as a healer of the spirit, mind and body.



Church Picnic

“Save the Date”

Saturday, August 10th
1 to 4 p.m.

More information coming
soon!

The Believers - July 2024



Frederick County Fair July 29 – August 3, 2024

The Stonewall District Ruritan Club has agreed to allow **The Believers** to sell homemade baked goods at their Chicken BBQ dinner each night at the fair (July 29 – August 3) We are looking for volunteers to make pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, etc. for each night throughout the fair. Baked good items should be dropped off each day at the Ruritan building between 12:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Please text (540-247-5612) or email (theresahgilbert@gmail.com) to let me know if you can help us out and what day we can expect your baked donation.

If you are able to bake something, but cannot deliver it, please let me know that as well so that I can make arrangements to have your donation picked up.

We raised well over \$1000.00 last year at the fair. All of the proceeds will be given to **Helping Hands Cancer Outreach**. Every penny raised for **Helping Hands Cancer Outreach** goes to cancer patients in Winchester, Frederick, Clarke, Warren and Fauquier Counties. If you or someone you know could benefit from this awesome organization, please let me know and I will get you the information to contact them.

MOTORCYCLE POKER RUN



Calling ALL motorcycle riders!! This fundraising event is in the planning stages, look for information to come in the near future.

We are also planning to bring back the "Singin' Sundae Social" this year. We will be looking for lots of talented folks to entertain us followed by a fun fellowship time of making and eating ice cream sundaes. More details to follow.

The Believers - July 2024 Cont'd

"Cancer can touch you, but not your soul; neither your thoughts, nor your heart."



On behalf of Lisa Garver (please continue to keep Lisa in your prayers), Lisa Patterson and myself, we appreciate your support.

Theresa Gilbert

Have you given your email address to Keith Roberts, yet?

Pastor Steve has special notices he needs to send to those who attend Burnt Factory. The notices will include not only prayer concerns, but also schedule changes during bad weather.

Keith keeps an email list in his computer for just such purposes. Your email address is protected, and emails are sent, recipients not disclosed, to protect your privacy.

Kindly send your email address to Keith Roberts at john.k.roberts@comcast.net with the message:

“ADD ME TO THE CHURCH EMAIL LIST”

Would you like to receive the Smoke Signal Newsletter by email?

Kindly send an email to Becca Ratliff at beccalea.ratliff@gmail.com with a subject:

“Add me to the Smoke Signal Newsletter email distribution”

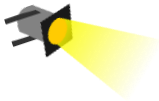




Greetings from the Outreach Team!

The Outreach Mission Statement

1 Peter 4:10-11 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."



July continues our *Mission Spotlight* series. This month we will focus on the **Congregational Community Action Project, or CCAP**, as it is commonly known. CCAP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization. It is a cooperative of 45 area churches and a synagogue serving Winchester and Frederick County that have joined together to provide financial, material and supportive assistance to people in need.

This year celebrates the 50th anniversary of CCAP. It was started in October 1974 by Judy Bogner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church as "Christian Cooperative Action Program" with 11 churches coming together to help what was then called "the working poor". The effort grew to encompass more churches as well as the local synagogue. In 1975 the name was changed to "Congregational Community Action Project" to reflect that.

Understanding that the working poor, now referred to as A.L.I.C.E. (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) could generally provide for themselves but often fell short at the end of the month, CCAP supplied free food, clothing, diapers and financial assistance for utility and housing bills.

While continuing to assist the A.L.I.C. E population, CCAP focused on the homeless population of Winchester for many years as there were few resources available to them at the time. The building at 112 Sout Kent Street, where CCAP is housed, was a place for the homeless to get help, but also to congregate.

As time passed and the organization grew to meet the needs of those it serves, CCAP employed its first paid director in 2020. Andrea Cosans was named CCAP director and remains in the position today.

Cosans recognized that CCAP's ability to serve the homeless population was limited in its scope. She ended the practice of allowing the homeless to congregate on the CCAP premises. Referring to the Winchester Rescue Mission and WATTS, in a January 2024 article in the Winchester Star, Cosans stated that "They have the case-management abilities to take care of the homeless." Noting that they can address issues like mental illness, addiction and lack of job skills that can put people on the streets. She said "CCAP has a relational ministry but love and conversation does not help the homeless.



Outreach Team Update Cont'd

Our focus has gone back to our original mission." That mission is to provide food, clothing, diapers, household essentials and up to \$200 in emergency financial assistance to people in need. Clients are still welcome to come in and receive any services they need, but they are then expected to leave the premises because CCAP was never set up to be a shelter.

In 2023, CCAP gave out \$275,000 in financial aid to 1,340 recipients. Money and materials came from grants and donations from churches, businesses, organizations and individuals.

At Burnt Factory Church our CCAP ministry is lead by our terrific CCAP Representative, Patty Leonard. Patty is a tireless worker on behalf of CCAP. BFC provides volunteers for the food pantry and the clothing house, pick up drivers and all manner of jobs as needed. We also have a "Fill the Freedged" effort on the second Wednesday of every month where we ask the congregation to drop items off at one of the three area Freedgeds at their convenience during the day. For guidelines and a list of desired items for the Freedged, the link is here:

<https://www.ccapwinchester.org/about-3>.

___ If you would like to find out more about CCAP, see Patty's contribution to this newsletter and follow this link: <https://ccapwinc.org/>

If you'd like to know about our Outreach efforts you can contact me or attend our next meeting. We meet the first Thursday of the month in January, March, May, July, September and November. *Our next meeting is Thursday, July 11, at 7 p.m. in the lower cottage. (Please note we have moved the meeting to the 11th as the 1st Thursday of the month falls on the 4th of July.)*

Grace and Peace,

Sharon Woodard, Outreach Chair
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CCAP Corner - July 2024

CCAP is a cooperative effort of individuals, civic groups, businesses, and religious communities in Winchester and Frederick County. They have unified to provide financial, material, and supportive assistance in a loving way. Even with the help of existing social service programs, CCAP clients are unable to meet their needs and responsibilities. CCAP's desire is to do God's work in a world where many basic human needs are simply not met.

Quarterly CCAP Collection. On Sunday July 7, July 14 and July 21, we will be collecting new men's underwear, T-Shirts and socks for the Clothing House. The Red bins will be available in the Narthex through Sunday, July 21. CCAP is in need of the following items/sizes:

- Men's white athletic crew socks.
- Men's Knit Boxer Briefs – sizes Medium, Large, and X-Large
- Men's white T-shirts - All sizes except Small.

4th Annual Bike Tour Benefit ride for CCAP. Saturday, August 24. Volunteers and riders are needed. Go to the www.ccapwinchester.org to register or volunteer. Volunteers are for hospitality purposes only. The ride will start at the Wellness Center on the Valley Health Campus at 8am. All proceeds from this bike tour will go to CCAP. There are several different rides including 10 miles, 30 miles, 50 miles, 70 miles and 100-miles.

1st Annual Golf Fore CCAP – Wednesday, Sept 4 at Sly Fox Golf Club. To register, go to www.ccapwinchester.org. All proceeds go to CCAP.

CCAP VOLUNTEER TEAM – Our church's CCAP volunteer team is meeting the 4th Tuesday of each month from 5-6:30 to restock the Pantry at CCAP. We would love to have you join us. If you are interested in helping on this team, please let me know.

CCAP is the perfect place to REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE your clothing!! We need the following gently used items:

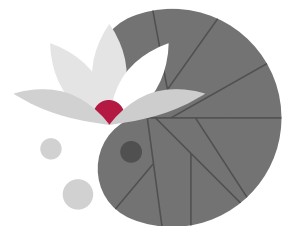
- Summer clothes for baby thru adult sizes; Tennis shoes (Toddler thru adult size); and men's belts
- New socks and underwear for toddler through adult,
- Men's Jeans - all sizes, Men's regular T-Shirts, Men's Shorts sizes 30-38; & Women's Jeans - size 2 thru 6,
- **Adult** Backpacks & gently used/clean linens (sheets, pillowcases, blankets, & towels),

Donations may be dropped off **Monday-Friday between 9am and 2pm** at 112 S. Kent St. Call CCAP at 540-662-4318 for a scheduled donation drop off if these hours don't work with your schedule.

THREE FREEDGES: **3** community refrigerators open **24 hours a day; 419 N Cameron St, 700 Aylor Rd (Abundant Church) and 102 Montague Ave.** These are for low-income residents. Everyone can donate. This is another way CCAP helps reduce waste. Please label and date your items. Examples of Items needed: Fresh fruits and vegetables, granola, cheese, soups, prepackaged sandwiches, garden foods, and yogurt.

Volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated. Please contact me, or anyone on the Outreach Team if you would like to volunteer.

Thanks so much for your continued support of this important ministry.
Patty Leonard – Outreach CCAP Rep



BURNT FACTORY SISTERS in FAITH



Note the new name! At our meeting on Saturday, June 15, 2024, we voted to make this our new name! Twenty members were present with two guests. Our new president, Karen Willis, welcomed everyone and we enjoyed a time of fellowship and eating delicious refreshments prepared by Kathy Dixon and Karen Lynch.

Jani Shope introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Faith Power, Executive Director of the Laurel Center. She told us many interesting facts about the goings on there. We will be meeting with Dr. Power in the future to discuss what hands-on mission work we can do as a group.

Carrie Fair opened the business portion of our meeting with a scripture reading from Ephesians 4:11-16. Karen read a letter from Pastor Steve encouraging us to embark on a new beginning. We will continue to support Project Esperanza. Angie Wiseman reported that this mission will be added as a line item to the church's budget.

Donna Gallagher was thanked for interim term as president.

The District Women of Faith lost a very dedicated member, Carolyn Woodrum, recently. She was a member of Braddock Street UMC and was a very active member in the local group as well as the District where she served as president. She visited our group several times. She was also very active in the community and was a member of the Garden Club and the Hospital Auxiliary. Polly Duvall was a close friend of Carolyn's and shared some fond memories. She will surely be missed by many.

Jani Shope will continue leading our card ministry and passed several cards for us to sign for our ill and shut-ins.

Our treasurer, Anne Perrault, gave the treasurer's report. Polly Duvall reported that our church presented a check for \$4,000 to Project Esperanza. They have reported that 140 students have been fully sponsored. They are struggling but surviving. If you are interested in sponsoring a child or making a donation, please see Polly.

BURNT FACTORY SISTERS in FAITH Cont'd

Jani will continue to share articles from the RESPONSE magazine that are pertinent to our group.

It was decided to eliminate Prayer Partners, however we will finish out the year for those who still participate.

On August 4, 2024 from 1-4pm the District Women of Faith meeting will be held at our shelter. Members are encouraged to attend. They have met at our shelter for about 3 years and enjoy our facility. It's always a good event and a time to see friends we don't see very often.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2024 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. This will be our Candleburning ceremony and Polly and Carrie will oversee the program. Regina Baldwin and Christie Yates will provide refreshments. At this meeting we will also be assisting Operation Remember with packing snacks for our nursing homes. Regina will send a list of the snacks that we need to bring.

Karen Willis asked each of us, between now and our next meeting, to be thinking of where we want to go from here, ways to expand membership, ideas for programs, women's retreat (one day vs a weekend), etc. She provided a plant for each of us to take home.

Keep our women's group in prayer as we travel a different path and find ways to be in mission, show love, and grow closer to our Lord.

Blessings, Polly Duvall



Worship Road for July

July 7 Mark 6: 1-13

July 14 Mark 6: 14-29

July 21 Mark 6: 30-44

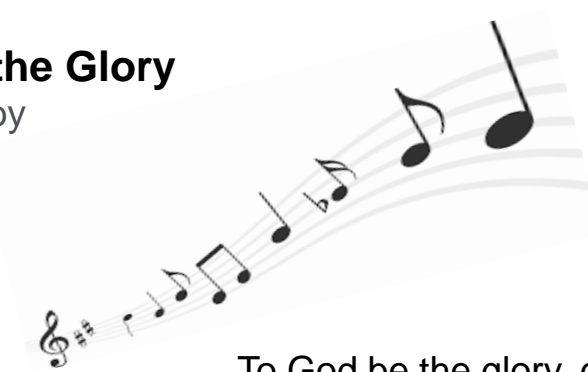
July 28 Mark 6: 45-51

**I will give thanks to the LORD because
of his righteousness;
I will sing the praises of the name of
the LORD Most High.**

Psalms 7:17

To God Be the Glory

Fanny J Crosby
(1875)

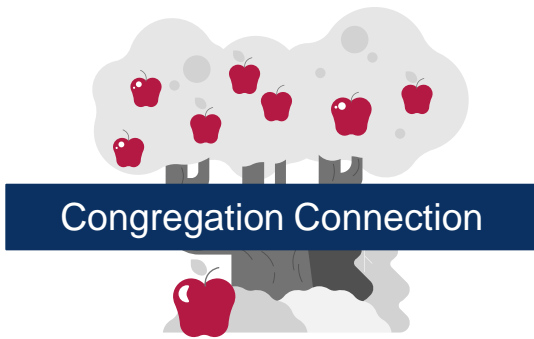


Chorus Spotlight

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.



Name: Donna Gallagher

Hometown: Staten Island, New York

Time attending Burnt Factory Church: I transferred my membership to Burnt Factory in 2013.

What service do you regularly attend? I am usually at the 8:30 service.

What would you encourage others to get involved with? I'm partial to the Nurture ministry where we encourage fellowship and support through social events. (Volunteers always welcome!)

Favorite part of Burnt Factory Church: My favorite memory of Burnt Factory is from the first Sunday I decided to come with my husband who had been a member for 2 years. Pastor Steve greeted me at the door and called me by my name!!!. My favorite part of BFC is the warm friendly welcome you always receive upon entering.

Favorite hymn:

Here I Am Lord

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

This is My Father's World

*This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.*

Favorite Scripture:

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. Romans 5:1-5

July 2024 Calendar

Date/Time		Event
Tues 2 nd	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 3 rd	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 4 th	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sun 7 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Mon 8 th	9:00 AM	Children's Summer Camp
Tue 9 th	9:00 AM	Children's Summer Camp
	12:00 PM	2/4 BLT
	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 10 th	Children's Summer Camp	
	Pastor's Office Hours	
	Church Council	
Thurs 11 th	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
	7:00 PM	Outreach Meeting
Sun 14 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 16 th	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice

Date/Time		Event
Wed 17 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
	12:00 PM	Pathfinders Meeting
Thurs 18 th	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sat 20 th	10:00 AM	Intentional Prayer Group
Sun 21 st	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:00 AM	Blood Pressure Checks
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tue 23 rd	12:00 PM	2/4 BLT
	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 24 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 25 th	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sun 28 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 30 th	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 31 st	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours

For more info, view the calendar on our website:

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