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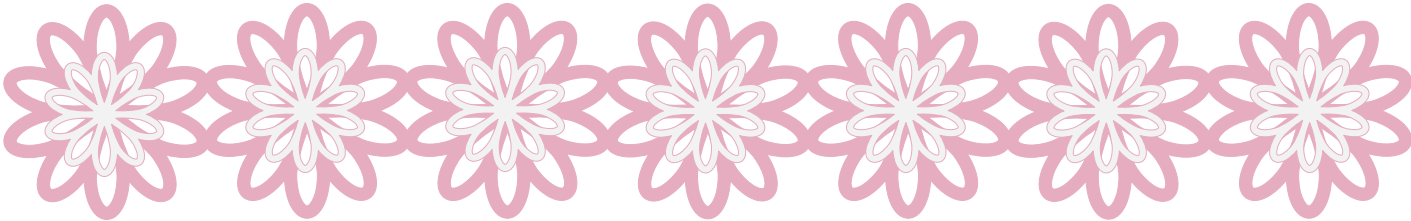
2025 SMOKE SIGNAL

Our Mission Statement

Sharing the love of Christ with ALL people.

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“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



God has blessed us at Burnt Factory Church with an incredible ministry team. It's truly a joy to see the love and excitement Ms. Carrie shows for our Lord every Sunday during Children's church. Her words can inspire everyone to have *child-like faith*. Ms. Carrie makes every child and adult feel welcome every Sunday.

Pastor Steve not only gives powerful sermons every Sunday but is also a great leader of our church. If you've ever had the chance to sit in on one of his Sunday School lessons or Bible Study classes, you will know how deeply rooted in God's word his lessons are. In a recent Sunday School class, Pastor Steve spoke about 7 gifts that we receive from God. Read each passage below to find more about each gift.

1. **Peace** – Philippians 4: 6 – 7

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

In talking about peace, we discussed the idea of Christian Surrender which means “not giving up but giving over”.

2. Strength – Ephesians 3: 14 – 19

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

3. Wisdom – James 1:5

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

If you've heard Pastor Steve talk on Wisdom, you might have heard this humorous analogy: "Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad."

4. Provision – Philippians 4: 10 – 13

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

5. Joy – John 16: 20 – 24

²⁰ Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹ A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²² So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. ²³ In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

During our discussions in Sunday school, a powerful quote was mentioned that stuck with me:

"The church is not a museum for saints, it is a hospital for sinners."

6. Changed Perspective – Romans 8

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you^[a] free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. ¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God....

Read the rest of Chapter 8 of Romans to better understand how God gives us a changed perspective.

7. Healing – James 5: 13 – 20

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

I encourage you to spend time in your Bible and to attend a bible study or Sunday school lesson taught by Pastor Steve if given the chance. Ending in prayer: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

April Birthdays

- 1st Sam Rhodes
- Kay Keller
- Megan Powell
- 2nd Bruce Rodgers
- 3rd Jackson Jenkins
- 4th Dalton Earhart
- Silas Fout
- Ethan Britton
- 5th Allie Goode
- Paul Gerometta
- Rick Walker
- Laine Everhart
- 8th Rich Wells
- Eva Reed
- 9th Tammy Cunningham
- 10th Chris Shepley
- 12th Pastor Steve
- Teddy Rudolph
- Bonnie Rodgers
- 14th Christina Rohrbach
- Emma Skarupa
- 15th Floyd Childs
- Jay Hanke
- 16th Mark Jones
- Alex Shepley
- 19th Jasson Corron
- 21st Kendra Moore
- 23rd Jody Dorsey
- 25th Kelly Zirk
- Margie Willis
- 26th Dennis Loeffler
- Wendy Fox
- 27th Janice Jordan
- 28th Layla Rodgers
- 29th Latavia Smith
- Hannah Fair



Happy Anniversary

- 1st Bruce and Janie Clevenger
- 7th The Reimenschneiders
- 16th Kim and Darren Burse
- 19th Jason and Kayln Corron

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?

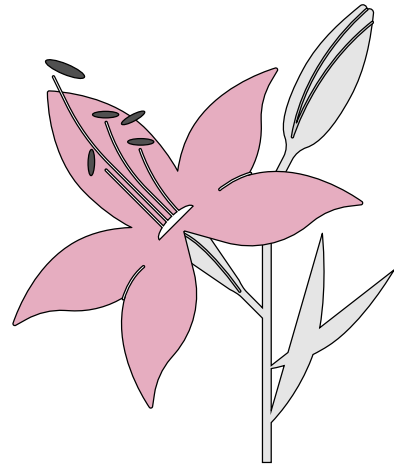
Kindly send an email to Becca Ratliff at beccalea.ratliff@gmail.com with a subject:



“Add me to the Smoke Signal Newsletter email distribution”

CONDOLENCES

As many have experienced the loss of a loved one, please remember them in prayer:



- Nancy Lambert has claimed the promise of the resurrection.
- Jan Geiser has gone on to glory to be with our Lord.
- One of the true saints of Burnt Factory Church, Norma Duvall, has claimed the promise of the resurrection.
- Maureen Dick's Uncle Buddy Chicklo transitioned from this life into the loving arms of our savior Jesus.
- A lifelong member of our church, Betty Livengood, has claimed the promise of the resurrection and is at peace with her Heavenly family now.
- Becky Dennis has claimed the promise of the resurrection.



*“For no one is cast off
by the Lord forever.
Though he brings grief, he will
show compassion,
so great is his unfailing love.
For he does not willingly bring
affliction
or grief to anyone.” -
Lamentations 3:31-33*

Children's Ministries!!

April is bringing in a lot of good stuff! Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, as well as true Spring weather! I am so excited to see all the beautiful blooms of Spring! It reminds us of the newness, a rebirth, the winter dormancy is gone and we can emerge with new life! HE IS RISEN!!! I want to wish each of you a joyous and blessed Easter!

Love, Miss Carrie

Upcoming Events!

APRIL 13th The Children will process in at the beginning of each service, early and late with palms. Come join together in rejoicing in the Palm Parade and meet in the fellowship hall upon arrival!

APRIL 20TH EASTER SUNDAY!!!!!! HALLELUJAH!!
EASTER EGG HUNT AT 10AM SHARP!!
Weather permitting over the hill! Bring a Basket and be ready! This goes really fast so don't be late!!!!

There will be some crafts and snacks in the fellowship hall immediately following the Egg Hunt!



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

April 12th (Saturday) - Church Yard Work Day! Youth will be laying mulch over the playground area

Time: 2-3:30

Where: Church Shelter

April 25th (Friday) - Youth will be testing out their cooking skills by experimenting with baking cakes!

Time: 4-6 pm

Where: Church Kitchen

Please RSVP to Miss Erin for any of the above events

youth@burntfactory.org, or text 540-535-5283



“He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'”

- Luke 24:6-7 NIV

Greetings from Outreach

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.”

In March we held a Red Cross Blood Drive that collected 29 units of blood! Thanks to all who volunteered for that event and to Dennis Loeffler for organizing it. On the 16th, we fed 72 family members staying in hotels through the Family Promise organization. Over \$400 worth of items were collected for the Laurel Center. Thanks to Donna Gallagher for managing that collection.

Our Handyman Team, led by Marcia Etu, is finishing up a new set of porch stairs for a church member and the BFC Youth are set to participate by staining the stairs & deck of another member. This group has grown to about 20 people who do repair and construction work for BFC members and community members. If you are interested in Handyman Team, contact Marcia.

Marcia is also the head volunteer for our Mission Team. Working with UNVIM, they are forming a team to travel to Asheville, NC to assist with hurricane damage repairs.

Refugee Assistance has changed due to cuts in the federal budget. We will continue to assist with needs for the families already located here and will assess future allocation of funds as needs arise.

We are still in search of a lead volunteer for our WATTS week. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. If you are interested, you may contact Pastor Steve, or myself. The position does not need to be just one person, a team of people can share the job.

We at Outreach are very grateful for the lavish generosity of the Burnt Factory Church congregation. Your gifts allow us to share Christ’s love within our congregation, in our local community and beyond. Thank you all.

Grace and Peace in this Lenten Season,

Sharon Woodard

Outreach Committee Chair

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CCAP Corner

April 2025

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.

Easter Dinner Donations for CCAP: We are collecting Food and Easter items until 3/30 for the Easter Food Giveaway at CCAP. A report will be given of total items received in next month's Newsletter. The Easter Dinner giveaway is Saturday, 4/12. Many thanks to everyone who continues to donate in so many ways.

Needs at CCAP:

- Gently used Spring and summer clothes for all, new underwear and socks, Tennis Shoes (all sizes and genders), belts, purses, adult backpacks, and gently used bath towels and bedding.
- Go to www.ccapwinchester.org and click on the donate/donate time tab at the top of the page for a description of the many opportunities to share your talents and time. You can also reach out to me or anyone on the Outreach Team if you have any questions about what we do as volunteers at CCAP.

Three Friendly Neighborhood FREEDGE Locations: (1) - 419 N Cameron St; **(2)** - 700 Aylor Rd at Abundant Life Church; **(3)** – 102 Montague Av at Montague Ave Methodist Church. All are open **24 hours a day!** These are intended to serve low-income residents and are a great opportunity to reduce food waste in our own homes. Items needed: Fresh fruits and vegetables, granola, cheese, soups, prepackaged sandwiches, garden foods, and yogurt. Please label and date your items.

Your generous support of CCAP greatly enhances the ability to meet the needs of clients and help get them out of the crises they are in. Thank you.

Patty Leonard, Outreach Rep



DRIVERS NEEDED!



CCAP needs you!

We provide the van; you provide the driving and lifting! We are specifically looking for Mondays and Saturday mornings. Runs include various Walmart, Target, and Martins locations.

Please contact Jennifer at 540-662-4318 if you are able to help! Many thanks!

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.” - 1 John 4:7 NIV



Put a little Happy Spring into Your Health

Is your water balance in check? Hydration is a key element of a healthy lifestyle, and it's important to recognize the signs of insufficient water balance.

Three tips to help identify that you are not getting enough water:

1. **Craving for sweets and unhealthy drinks:** Dehydration can trigger cravings. If you're craving sweets or caffeinated drinks, try drinking water first.
2. **Persistent headaches:** Regular headaches can be a sign of dehydration.
3. **Chronic fatigue:** Constant tiredness can indicate insufficient water intake. Water is vital for our bodily functions.

These signs are general indicators and individual experiences can vary. Always listen to your body and consult with a healthcare professional if you have any concerns.

The days are getting longer and the weather is warming up, so take a walk. Walking is a fantastic way to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Make sure you take a water bottle with you to hydrate as you walk.

*“For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.”
Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

As always I pray that you will both be a blessing and be 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.





April is National Cancer Control Month

In 1938, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed April as National Cancer Control Month. This month is dedicated to raising awareness for cancer prevention and treatment throughout the United States. For many years, deaths from cancer have steadily declined, due in part to better education and heightened awareness about how to prevent certain types of cancer, recognize the signs and symptoms of cancer and how to seek treatment.

Prevention

Among the many methods of prevention, screening is one of the most effective ways to detect precancerous cells and provide early treatment. Some of these include the following:

- **Breast Cancer:** yearly mammograms for women ages 40 and older
- **Cervical Cancer:** pap tests at least every 3 years for women ages 21 and older
- **Colon and Rectal Cancer:** yearly colonoscopies for men and women age 50 and older

In addition to screening, vaccinations help treat and prevent certain types of cancers. These cancer vaccinations work to prevent specific infectious diseases that cause or contribute to the development of cancer. The following vaccines are FDA approved:

- **Gardasil or Cervarix:** vaccines designed to protect women against certain strains of the cancer causing human papilloma virus (HPV)
- **Hepatitis B Vaccine:** this 3 shot series given to children is designed to protect both men and women against the Hepatitis B virus, which can cause liver cancer

The following simple lifestyle changes in conjunction with medical prevention to prevent some types of cancer are:

- Don't use tobacco products
- Drink alcohol in moderation
- Eat a healthy diet
- Be physically active
- Avoid overexposure to UV rays
- Practice safe sex

Although cancer is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S., it is also one of the most preventable. Making an effort to protect your body and utilizing the available resources can help to prevent a future cancer diagnosis, or even death.

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

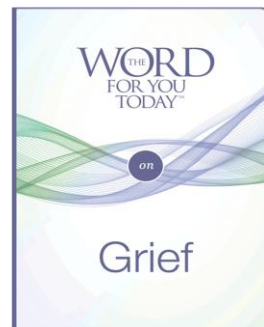
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Pizza Lunch
Wed. April 16th, 2025
Burnt Factory Church
Fellowship Hall
12:00 Noon

We will be distributing “The Word For You Today on Grief” at our April meeting. We will use the book to discuss the various aspects of grief. If you haven’t attended our lunches previously, please feel free to join us in April.

For more information, contact **Debbie Walker**
(540)664-0908 / (540)667-6711
dswalker1@yahoo.com



EVERY MORNING IS EASTER MORNING

Words By Donald S. Marsh;
Richard K. Avery
(1972)

Chorus Spotlight

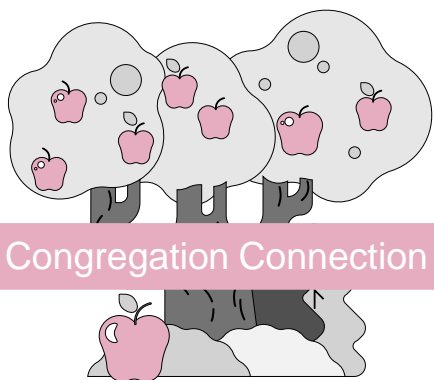
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning
from now on!

Ev'ry day's resurrection day,
the past is over and gone!

Goodbye guilt, goodbye fear, good riddance!
Hello Lord, Hello sun!

I am one of the Easter People!
My new life has begun!
Refrain

Daily news is so bad it seems the
Good News seldom gets heard.
Get it straight from the Easter People:
God's in charge! Spread the word!



Name: Patty Leonard

Hometown: Front Royal, VA

Time attending Burnt Factory Church: 2011

What service do you regularly attend? 8:30

What would you encourage others to get involved with? Our Outreach Programs serve in many different ways.

Favorite part of Burnt Factory Church: Pastor Steve brings the Bible alive with his sermons and the music offerings are so varied and uplifting. Our Children's Program inspires "*faith like that of a child*". Our Church's prayer chain is powerful and keeps us all connected.

Favorite Hymn:

Hymn of Promise

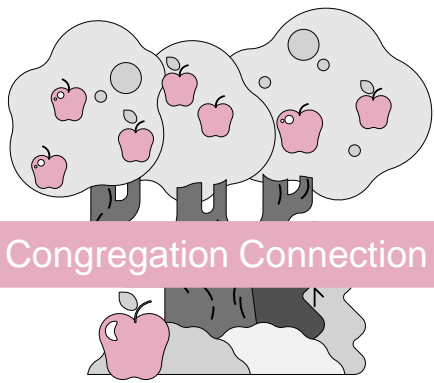
*In our end is our beginning
In our time, infinity
In our doubt, there is believing
In our life, eternity
In our death, a resurrection
At the last, a victory*

*Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see*

Favorite Scripture:

Psalm 27:13-14: "I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Matthew 7:12: "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."



Name: Rick Leonard

Hometown: Born in Chestertown, MD. Grew up in Front Royal, Va

Time attending Burnt Factory Church: Not sure; ask Patty

What service do you regularly attend? 8:30

What would you encourage others to get involved with? CCAP – one of the Outreach Programs

Favorite part of Burnt Factory Church: Children's Message & Steve's sermons

Favorite Hymn:

I Can Only Imagine

MercyMe (1999)

*I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine
What my eyes would see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine
Yeah*

*Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You, Jesus?
Or in awe of You, be still?
Will I stand in Your presence?
Or to my knees, will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah?
Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine
I can only imagine*

Favorite Scripture:

John 3:16 --> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life".

April 2025 Calendar

Date/Time		Event
Tues 1 st	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Outreach Team
Wed 2 nd	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 3 rd	8:00 AM	Homeschool Group
	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sun 6 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 8 th	12:00 PM	2/4 BLT
	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 9 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 10 th	8:00 AM	Homeschool Group
	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sun 13 th	Palm Sunday – Choir Cantata	
	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 15 th	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 16 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
	12:00 PM	Pathfinders
Thurs 17 th	8:00 AM	Homeschool Group
	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri 18 th	6:00 PM	Good Friday Service

Date/Time		Event
Sun 20 th	Easter Sunday	
	6:30 AM	Sunrise Service
	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:30 AM	Blood Pressure Checks
	10:00 AM	Egg Hunt
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 22 nd	12:00 PM	2/4 BLT
	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 23 rd	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs 24 th	8:00 AM	Homeschool Group
	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 63
Sat 26 th	10:00 AM	Intentional Prayer Group
Sun 27 th	8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	In-Person Worship
Tues 29 th	5:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed 30 th	9:30 AM	Pastor's Office Hours



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