

Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

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Nothing But God to Guide You: Taking the Risk

What: An afternoon of inspiration and planning for risk-taking ministry with Bishop Laurie Haller

Who: United Methodists in the NE District

When: Sunday, March 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Where: Manchester UMC

What to expect: *A word from Bishop Laurie Haller

*A panel discussion with leaders from Manchester UMC's House of David project and Hazleton's United Neighbors.

Action steps to imagine needs in your community, brainstorm ideas, and find resources. Learn more from two churches that took the risk and let God guide them into powerful new ministries.

Hazleton Trinity UMC: "United Neighbors is an outgrowth of Hazleton Trinity UMC's participation in the Healthy Small Church Initiative of 2014. After a survey of community members, we focused on a need to improve the general appearance of the community, activities for children, and opportunities for community interaction. United Neighbors planning meetings are open to everyone, as are our cleanup/work sessions and other community activities."

<u>Manchester UMC</u>: The Manchester United Methodist Church has completed a mission project called "The House of David" for a local community member with special needs. Manchester United Methodist Church offered to lead the team of volunteers to restore his home in just five days. "The House of David is now safe, insulated, and beautiful. The work was completed with many caring hands that shared their gifts and talents with joy and fellowship," Rev. Rogers wrote in the church newsletter.



Wednesday, March 1 6:00p

A note from Reverend Phil...

From my 6th grade year to my eighth-grade year my parents struggled to keep up with my growing spurts. By the time I was in seventh grade, my older brother Bob, three years older, was getting not thrilled to be getting "hand-me-ups." Seems like I was always outgrowing my shoes (size 8-13 in three years) and my clothes. I remember feeling some groaning from my body as well. But this is what it means to grow up and mature. The Apostle Paul teaches us that Jesus has left us with the ability to learn to know Jesus' nature and character through the Holy Spirit in *Ephesians 4:12-13* "to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

For some this may be a slow and steady process, yet for others it can happen quickly. Just like our normal body growth, we all have our own unique process. But in the midst of this change comes "growing pains." With more people coming to be a part of our worshipping family we now have a sense of urgency to go forward with hopes and dreams that may have remained dormant for a time. Things like the church fascia, sound systems, organs, and carpet. These are all wonderful outpourings of our growth and maturity. But we must remember that though each of us has a sense of urgency for our dreams to reach fruition, we must make rooms for the dreams of our brothers and sisters as well. The same is true for our spiritual maturity as well... Some run steadily ahead, while others are more cautious. We must make room for each other and celebrate our diversity rather than hold an attitude of accountability.

This is what it means to be the Body of Christ, the Children of God... Not orphaned, but encouraged and guided by the Holy Spirit of God. Let us go forward encouraging each other and making room for all to grow into the full potential God has created uniquely for each of us. Peace

To Pream BIG is a Matter of Choice To reach that Dream is a matter of discipline

The Garden of Gethsemane

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." Luke 22:42

Lent is a time we set aside to turn our attention to our own brokenness with God. We all know sin, yet by Jesus love in action we escape the eternal consequence. Though we all recognize we need a Savior, do we fully appreciate the price of grace? Do we even recognize our own culpability in the crucifixion? Do we understand that because of our sin we have added our voices to the crowd that cried "crucify!"

As the devil tempted Jesus for 40 days in the desert, so we remember and set aside 40 days of the Christian year to focus on our own temptations, where we are tested and fail. We have been set free from our sin so we need not know shame, but this is the time we have set aside to prayerfully consider the cost paid, versus the value we place upon it. This is a special time where we consider our iniquity. We pray for the strength to leave it behind us at the foot of the cross, and to move beyond growing into an ever-clearer image of Jesus.

Each Sunday in Lent we will visit the Garden of Gethsemane, and listen to this prayer of Jesus found in Luke 22:42. We will remember Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and consider the circumstances that in just a few days led from joy to the sorrow that shall follow just after this prayer beginning with Jesus arrest (Thursday) to being brutalized and finally crucified (Friday). God self's acceptance of the most evil of the human condition.

Thanks be to God that the story does not end there, God's unconditional love is greater than our corrupt nature... Because it is only Friday, but Sunday is coming!



April 9—Palm Sunday Service @ 9:00am April 12—Worship on Wednesday Light Supper @ 5:15pm + Worship @ 6:00pm + Discussion @ 6:45pm April 13—Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00pm April 14—Good Friday Service @ 7:00pm

Garden Prayer

April 16, 2017 9:00am Worship with Communion

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son to die for us so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3: 16



MUMC Single Board Meeting February 21, 2017 6:00 p.m. Wesley Hall

Present: John Tyrrell, Charlie Dighton, Janine Stellick, Marge Wolter, Mark Reth, Benjamin Hucker, Rev. Philip Rogers, Allen Remling, Bill Scanlan, Bruce Nodurft, Tobby Tutton, Jean Gross.

Chairperson Al Remling led us in the Call to Worship followed by reading from James 1:17. The heart of God is unblemished. He loves with a good love and forgives and wants us to do likewise. A glimpse of God's goodness can fill us.

Action Items:

Recommendation from Finance to continue the opportunity to give towards the fascia/soffit fund with an end date of March 19 so that plans cans proceed. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation from Trustees to purchase the vacant house behind the church for \$20,000 with the support of Finance when the owner produces the abstract. Motion carried with one dissention.

Education has scheduled VBS for the dates of July 17-21 from 9:00 to 11:45 with a program set for Sunday July 23rd during worship. May 7 will be Confirmation Sunday.

The Ice Cream Social will be August 2nd with Mary Jo Larsen and Nancy Hough as co-chairs.

As of this date \$8833.00 has been raised of the \$14,000 needed for the fascia/soffit work. This represent about 65% of the total needed. The campaign will continue and it is thought that the extra funds will be forthcoming so that this project can proceed sometime in April.

SP/PRC will serve as hosts for the Bishop's visit on March 19. She will conduct our service and plans to meet with Single Board following worship. A potluck is scheduled in Wesley Hall at noon and there will be a Northeast District gathering in our church from 1:30-3:00 in the sanctuary. Cookies and drink will be served.

Missions team is in need of a new chairperson. Discussion followed as to who might consider filling this position.

Alliant has conducted a free energy audit for our church. Trustees are waiting for their final report. A second handrail will be added to the south entrance steps.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the doxology. Next meeting will be March 21 at 6:00 in Wesley Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Gross, Secretary

Finance Report JANUARY

Year-to-date Income Budget.....\$25,335.08 Year-to-date Income Actual.....\$25,026.25

SERVING OUR CHURCH

March 5

Communion servers: Chris Mundy, Jack Young Youth

Acolytes: Youth Liturgist: Jeff Larsen Scripture Reader: Marianne Nodurft Children's Sermon: Bill Scanlan Door Greeters: Rick and Connie Tibbott Nursery: Debbie Rogers

March 12

Acolytes: Youth Liturgist: Jean Gross Scripture Reader: Travis Hough Children's Sermon: John Tyrell Door Greeters: Rick and Connie Tibbott Nursery: Kat Rogers

March 19

Bishop Laurie Haller Acolytes: Youth Liturgist: Scripture Reader: Children's Sermon: Door Greeters: Rick and Connie Tibbott

Nursery: Debbie Rogers

March 26

Acolytes: Youth Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann Scripture Reader: Meghan Mensen Children's Sermon: Stephanie Stocks Door Greeters: Rick and Connie Tibbott Nursery: Mary Jane Fetter **Pianists & Music Coordinators:**

Beth Mueller and Lynne Rasmussen **Piano/Organ Substitute:** Duane Philgreen, Mark Philgreen, Marianne Sandberg **Tech Team:** Benjamin Hucker, Michael Stocks, Ruth Voshell

> If you would like to be part of the Serving Our Church Team please contact

Communion Server, Liturgist, Scripture Reader, Children's Sermon:

<u>Jeff Larsen</u> @ 927.5089 or call the office @ 927.4439

Door Greeter: Janine Stellick @ 927.3485 e-mail: jstellick@iowatelecom.net

Tech Team:

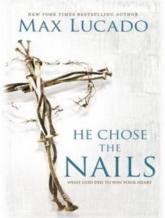
Benjamin Hucker @ 815.481.2364 or mumctechteam@gmail.com

Nursery: Mary Jane Fetter @ 920.2006

Acolyte and Usher: Jim Kerton @ 927.5953 Or Sign up at the Welcome Center



2017 Manchester Men's Lenten Breakfast 7:00—8:00a ~ Every Saturday in Lent March 4—April 8



Linger on the hill of Calvary Rub a finger on the timber and press the nail into your hand. Taste the tinge of cheap wine and feel the scrape of a thorn on your brow. Touch the velvet dirt, moist with the blood of God. Allow the tools of torture to tell their story. Listen as they tell you what God did to win your heart.

With his unique warm, caring style, Max Lucado examines the symbols surrounding Christ's crucifixion, revealing the claims of the cross and asserting that if they are true, then Christianity itself is true. The supporting evidence either makes the cross the single biggest hoax of all time, or the hope of all humanity.

Host Churches

Our Savior Lutheran Church March 4

1st Saturday in Lent "He Chose To Be One of Us" *Romans 8:3*

Community Congregational Church March 11

2nd Saturday in Lent "He Chose to Forgive Us" Colossians 2:13-14

St. Mary's Catholic Church March 18

3rdSaturday in Lent "He Chose to Invite Us Into His Presence" Hebrews 10:10-20

Manchester United Methodist Church March 25

4th Saturday in Lent "He Chose to Love Us Forever" I John 3:16

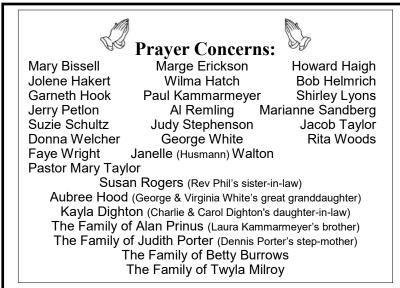
First Lutheran Church April 1

5th Saturday in Lent "He Chose to Give Us Victory" Mark 1:40-45

New Life Assembly of God April 8 6th Saturday in Lent

6th Saturday in Lent "He Chose To Give Us Confidence" Luke 24:27

The Manchester Men's Lenten Breakfasts are sponsored by the Delaware County Ministerial Association and are open to all men. No membership in a church or profession of faith is required. Please join us every Saturday Morning during Lent for a hearty breakfast at 7:00am and a topical discussion around the table from 7:30 to 8:00am. There is a freewill donation basket set out each Saturday to help the host church cover the cost of the breakfast. We hope you will join us!



The Garden of Gethsemane

The Worship Design team would like to borrow your artificial greenery and plants to be used throughout the Lenten season for a visual display. Please call the church office for more information or drop off items during regular business hours as soon as possible.be certain to mark your items so they can be easily returned to you. *Thank you!!*



Please sign up in the hallway to donate flowers for the altar. Please let Debbie in the office know if there is a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.



Easter Lilies

Easter lily order forms are now available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please pre-pay for your order at the office or you may give your order form & payment to whomever is selling scrip Sunday mornings or Wednesday afternoon and they will pass on your order. We will be ordering (6+ bud's) lilies from Sue's Garden, cost is \$21.00. If you choose to purchase a lily on your own and not use this service, we ask that you have your lily delivered to the church on Thursday, April 13th by 3:00p. Lilies will be placed on the altar for the Easter service only due to the many people who have allergies. Thank you. Please place your order by ~ March 26th.

Looking ahead...



The Funeral Committee would like to thank all who have donated their time/ or food for funerals. Please remember to pick up your dishes in the back entry. Thank you!

> The March/April issue of The Upper Room is now available, at the Welcome Center

Prayer chain If you know of somebody that is need of prayer, please call Marilyn Wenger @ 927.3455 or the church office 927.4439



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The warmer temps have all of us thinking of summer, so let's begin planning Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is *Maker Fun Factory: Created by God Built for a Purpose!* The kids are in for an adventure filled week, but it won't be possible without YOUR help!

This year's VBS will be July 17-21 from 9:00-11:45 a.m., and we are in need of a co-director, preschool leaders, station leaders, crew leaders, and decoration leaders. Descriptions of these positions are below. If you are interested in helping with any aspect of VBS, please contact Stephanie Stocks at 927-3351 or mstocks@iowatelecom.net or contact the church office.

VBS CO-DIRECTOR: Assist in organizing all aspects of VBS including recruiting and training volunteers, ordering supplies, advertising, collecting registrations, etc. After all, two heads are better than one!

TINKER TOTS PRESCHOOL LEADERS (Adults): Rather than have our 3 & 4-year-olds rotate through the stations with the older kids, they will have their own class. We need two or three adults to lead this class. Crew leaders will help organize these kids and assist the leaders.

STATION LEADERS (Adults): Students (who are grouped in crews) move through various stations that are staffed by an adult leader and feature a different Bible-learning activity. You are the "teacher" for your station. Crews are at your station for approximately 20 minutes. Stations include:

- Sound Wave Sing & Play/Funshop Finale: This energetic individual opens and closes the morning with all the kids in the sanctuary. They introduce the Bible Point and Bible Memory Buddy each day. They help lead the praise songs, discuss God Sightings, and give hints about what the daily Bible story will be. They may use drama experiences and engaging object lessons to help kids apply what they've learned throughout the day.
- **Bible Discovery:** This individual helps the kids experience the daily Bible story in a hands-on way. **Imagination Station:** This individual leads the kids through science experiments using fun gizmos that connect to the day's Bible story.
- **KidVid Cinema:** This individual plays the daily video segment in our theater and helps the kids practice using a Bible by finding and reading each day's key Bible verse. God sightings and the week's mission project are also discussed.
- Snack Factory: This individual prepares and serves the daily snack while reinforcing the daily Bible verse.
- Game Makers: This enthusiastic individual leads the crews through a variety of games that connect with the daily Bible Point or Bible story. There are always a variety of games for the leader to choose from to best suit the kids at our VBS.

CREW LEADERS (HS Students or adults): These individuals are assigned to a group of approximately 6 kids. They lead their crew through each station assisting the station leaders as needed.

DECORATION LEADERS: Creative individuals with great vision and ingenuity are needed to turn the Narthex and sanctuary into a busy and imaginative workshop.

With 60-75 kids attending VBS each summer, we need at least 12 crew leaders in addition to at least 6 station leaders and 2 preschool teachers to make VBS a success. We also need creative people to help decorate the church, people to man the registration table, assistants for the station leaders, and much more. Please consider how you can use your talents and gifts to benefit the children who attend this year's VBS!

2017 Lily Order Form

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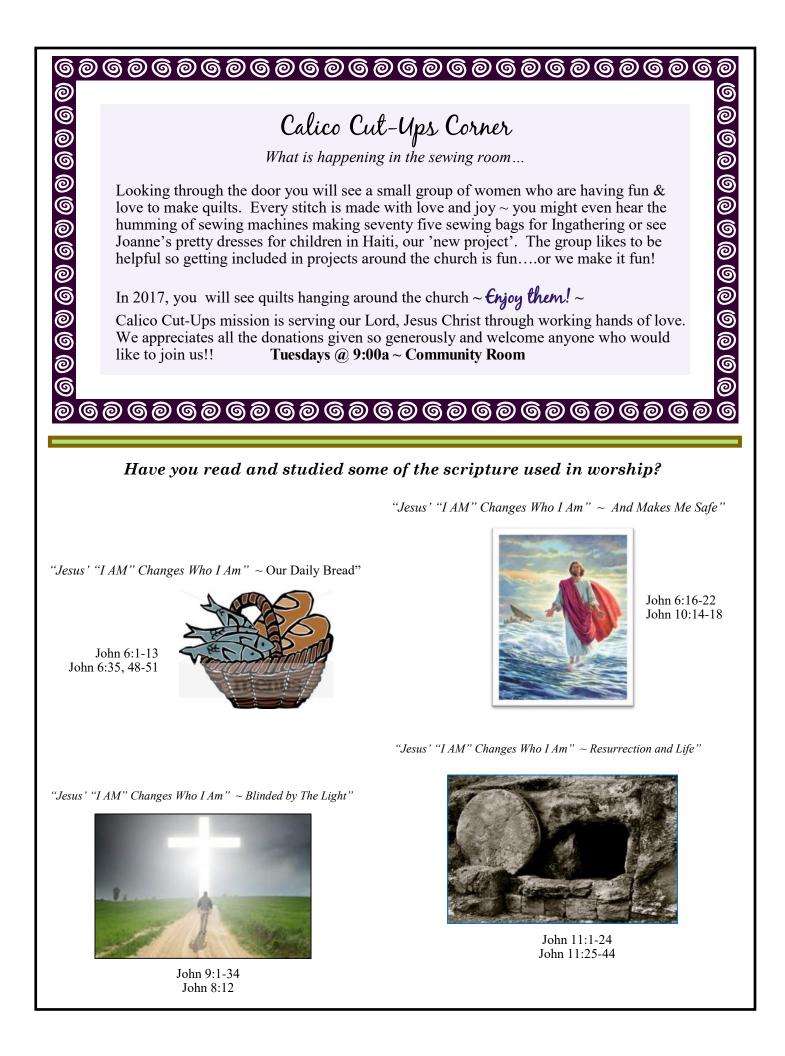
PROVIDED BY:

Orders are due by Sunday, March 26th (From Sue's Flower & Garden \$21.00 each) Please make checks payable to MUMC



Volunteer Registration Form VBS 2017 Manchester United Methodist Church July 17-21 9:00-11:45 a.m.

NAME:	Grade Entering '17-'18:			
ADDRESS:				
Home Phone: E-Mail:	_CELL PHONE:			
T-Shirt Size (adult sizes): Small Medium Large XL XXL Desired Position: Crew Leader (Helper/Escort for small groups) (HS student or adult) Station Helper (MS or HS student) (Please check desired station/positio Station Leader/Teacher (adult) (Please check desired station) Opening/Closing Games Science/Craft	n)			
Stories Preschool Song leader (Decoration Leader/Helper Registration Helper NOTE: Please record my contact info. and return this sheet to the ch are any days you will not be able to volunteer. Stephanie Stocks: m	nurch office or me ASAP. Please let me know ASAP if there			



BELL CHOIR

How many of you deal with "ringing in the ears"? Well, we would like to provide a "pleasant ringing" for Palm Sunday! Yes, the return of the Bell Choir!



The plan is for 5 rehearsals, starting in February, and performing during the Palm Sunday service, on April 9.

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED! Being able to read music is a plus, but we'll try to make it work for everybody.

Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays Feb 8 & 22, March 8 & 22, and April 5, at 8:00, following Choir practice. For more information, contact Mark Philgreen, at 927-2436.



The warm February weather has put us in spring cleaning mode. It's time to downsize and declutter our church. The Trustees have made a list of things that need to find a new home and the location where these items can be found. These items are free for the taking or we would gladly accept a free will donation. Donations may be dropped off at the church office during regular business hours. The only catch is that you will need to make your decision before March 20 and have the items removed. Whatever is left by 5:00 on the 20^{th} will be disposed of. If you have any questions, contact Charlie Dighton.

Spring Cleaning: 2017

The following items need to be dealt with in a timely manner.

Furnace Room:

File storage on wheels: 27" high 17.5" long and 12.5" wide Portable vacuum to strap to your back

Store Room 2

Energy light bulbs Box of metal shelving 8- 8" fluorescent light fixtures Curtain brackets Wood shelving – 7' 4 – 8' wood 1x7 boards Carpet scraps

Room 5

4 round metal tables (4-5 feet) 1 child's desk 1 round 3'metal table

Storeroom 1

Round light fixture globes Cupboard doors 2 office chairs.

4th Annual– Backbone Area



FEATURING Taylor Mason

Taylor Mason's quick wit, flawless delivery & polished material make him a hit with audiences of all ages. His act features his talents as a musician, ventriloquist, and stand-up comic.

For the past 25+ years, Taylor has taken his unique brand of comedy around the world, performing in comedy clubs, theaters, colleges, Disney cruises and on TV.

Last year, Taylor wowed us in Manchester at the Middle School with only a small fraction of his material. This year he will bring back some of the favorites and have lots more material you haven't seen or heard. Be prepared for anything!



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GIVE LIFE TO YOUR STORY

FOR BACKBONE AREA

Friday, April 21st

Cornerstone Community Church 18141 222nd St. Manchester, IA 52057

> 7:00 pm-8:45 pm (Doors Open at 6:30)

The YFC Comedy Café is an annual fundraiser for adults that includes coffee, cupcakes from Aunt Emmie's and an entertaining program that highlights the YFC ministry and provides an opportunity to invest in the lives of Backbone Area young people.

Free Admission

Reservations Requested

To make your reservation, go to:

backboneyfc.org or call (563) 920-5741 or email

backbone.comedycafe@gmail.com



http://www.thejourneyll.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Clothing-Drive.jpg

Have you started going through your Spring/Summer clothes yet?

If you knew of a great way to support others in need of gently used items that you either do not need or use anymore and it supported a great cause would you do it?

For Americorps week Helping Services for Youth and Families is partnering with Cedar Valley Friends of the Family to get clothing for those in need. Much needed clothing will be used in the surrounding counties.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Spring/Summer clothes, all sizes women and children (boys & girls)
- NEW Socks women and children (boys & girls)
- Shoes, all sizes women and children (boys & girls)
- Swim Suits, all sizes women and children (boys & girls)

(We can only accept these items due to limited storage)

DROP OFF: Items will be collected through March

- MV High schools and Middle schools
- Helping Services office every Tuesday in March 8-3pm.
 - 301 N Franklin Street, Manchester, IA 52057

If you have any question please contact Rachel Becker: 563-379-3454 OR

rbecker@helpingservices.org







This is a publication of Helping Services Youth Mentoring:Mentoring Connection for Delaware County.



Walter Davis	3/02
Karen Petlon	3/04
Mary Mangold	3/05
Ronnie Bachman	
Jeff Larson	
Philip Mueller	3/07
Whitney Erickson	
Michael Stocks	
Lila Joslyn	
Katie Ryan	3/12
Scott Gaskill	
Rex Van Dyke	3/13
Kathy Rempe	
Alexis Eike	
Roy Ferguson	3/18
John Piegors	3/18
Nancy Bachman	3/19
Julie Hooker	3/19
Marc Hermann	3/20
Roger Mueller	
Jeff Puffet	3/20
Nicholas Andregg	
Jena Downs	3/22
Kyle Downs	3/24
Nicholas Mensen	3/28
Meghan Mensen	3/29
William Ward	
Mary Bagby	3/30
Sandra Ferguson	
Ramon Wycoff	



Kelly & Janel Smith	. 3/02
William & Marjorie Wolter	. 3/08
Bob & Glenda Betels	.3/12
Jane Hartnett & Don Piegors	.3/16
Jeff & Jody Puffet	.3/19

2017 **Operation Christmas Child Donations** March

Toys: small cars, balls, stuffed animals, dolls, harmonicas, yo-yos, marbles, jacks, small box puzzles, soccer ball & pump, jump ropes, slinky, paddle balls.

For older children: sewing kit, small tools, fabric remnants, solar flashlight, duct tape, clothesline rope. Clothing: socks, t-shirts, underwear, shirts, sunglasses, watches, ball caps



HAPPY 3/16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NIV

Good Neighbor Home 105 McCarren Dr // 927.3907

NAME	ROOM #	PRINT SIZE
Carol Brockmeyer	N144	LARGE
Betty DeKeyser	N131	REGULAR
Marjorie Erickson	S36	REGULAR
Bonnie Lindsay	N102	LARGE
Catherine Manson	S15A	LARGE
Delores Timmer	S25	LARGE
Faye Wright	N137A	LARGE

Marrietta's Place 105 McCarren Dr // 927.3907

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Sun 8:15a Serving Our Church Leaders meet in the Sanctuary every Sunday morning	Mon WIC March 6 & 13 2nd Helpings Mondays @ 5:00p	Tue CHIMES DEADLINE March 20	Wed Worship on Wednesdays <u>Dinner @ 5:15p</u> Wesley Hall <u>Worship @</u> 6:00p—Sanctuary <u>Small Group</u> <u>Discussion @ 6:45p</u>	Thu	Fri March Mission: Gideon's	Sat
			1 9:00-11:00a Prayer ~ Sanctuary 5:15p WOW Ash Wednesday	2 1:00p Knitters	3 9:30a Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's	4 8:oop Community Meeting
5 9:00a Worship w/ communion 10:00a Fellowship 10:30a Sunday School 11:30a Chuong Garden	6 ^{10:30a} Study Group	7 9:00a Calico Cut Ups	8 9:00–11:00a Prayer ~ Sanctuary 5:15p WOW w/Comm	9 1:00p Knitters 10:30a Communion @ GNH/Meadows	10 9:30a Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's	11 8:00p Community Meeting Set your clocks ahead tonight
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