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FROM BACK TO BASICS TO LEANING FORWARD INTO 2020

By Clint Souigny, Outreach & Missional Living

Since being called to Trinity in 2008, I've been tasked with serving as a catalyst to expand Trinity's outreach vision and deepen our Gospel-centered engagement with people in the community outside our four walls. There has been new clarity and focus in serving others and sharing Jesus in word and deed. The SMT was created, the constitution rewritten (thanks Gloria!) and **Follow Jesus – Reach | Grow | Go** flowed out of it. Like never before in our 100 year history, we've opened our hearts to God's Word through a greatly expanded Life Group ministry and become engaged in God's Mission both personally and together with community partners.

All the events of our 100th celebration (thanks Paula!) had deep missiological and mission emphasis threads flowing through them. It is a joy to witness Trinity moving forward in outreach as we live out our call to *pray earnestly, see what Jesus is doing in the here and now* and then *step out in faith and join Him on His Mission* in real time. And we've only just begun.

The recent Community Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 19th (thanks Pastor Bruce!) may not have produced high numbers but the quality of people who showed up and their openness to return for worship more than made up for it. This year many more personal invitations were handed out member-to-friend. Personalized invitations were also shared with neighbors north, south and west of the church property. These invitations touched hearts and raised our image in the community -- even if those invited didn't show up for the dinner. People in our community expressed thanks that we were thinking about them and drawing a circle with them inside. The more activities like >>



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>> this we can do, the sooner they'll see us as *their* church. People from the 'hood expressed heart-felt thanks with comments like: "thanks for thinking about us" and "we appreciate you being so neighborly". For many of them, this was the first contact they've had with Trinity **where they were invited to participate as adults**. Many did show up and enjoyed the delicious dinner and warm conversations. Hats off to all the cooks, servers and cleaners who made this event possible!

One new mission outreach development for 2018 is the New Movers postcards now being sent to new neighbors. Every month we send out 100+ invitation postcards to families who've recently moved to Hillsboro with a "Welcome to Hillsboro" message and a warm invitation to visit Trinity. I love the graphic on this invite. Note the ink on the guy's right arm. (pictured below)

Watch for new faces. I know you'll go out of your way to make visitors feel warmly welcomed.

Having the New Movers postcards up and running means that when South Hillsboro comes online in 2018 and 2019, we're ready to send invitations to our new neighbors to "Come and See" "Know God" and share in the spiritual riches God's Spirit has poured into Trinity during the last 100 years. These postcards also serve as excellent tools for you to personally share a warm invitation to anyone who's recently moved into your neck of the woods.

Looking forward to 2018 and leaning into God and drawing from the Well of grace and truth.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS



Another shipment was made October 27, 2017, this time we packed sixty four quilts.

It is encouraging to us watching the shelves in the storage room get filled with completed quilts. We worked 24 Wednesdays this period and continue completing 3 to 4 quilts each work day. Each quilt back is a new twin size flat sheet, purchased at Fred Meyer. Batting is purchased from Oklee Quilting Supply in Oklee, MN.

Thank you to those who purchased quilts. Those purchases provide the funds for sheets, batting and shipping costs. Also, thank you to the donor of additional funds needed for shipping from the warehouse to final destination. LWR has made it possible for us to learn final destination of quilts. We are tracking one box, thanks to Amollia Clarke for doing the program. (We appreciated her expertise for six months until she took a full-time paying job.)

Have you recently retired and need something to get you out of the house? Consider joining us on Wednesday mornings, 9:00AM to Noon. Room 212 in the Education Wing. Want more information? Contact one of us: Shirley Bentson, Flo Christensen, Carol Flemmer, Helen Huffman, Helen Infausto, Joanna Miller or Jeri Rice. Our special helper is Barbara Kamiya, a member of Zion. Not to be forgotten, Marie Gribskov cuts squares at home. Come and join us.

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STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another---and all the more as we see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25

The question to be asked each of us is, “How is the Lord leading each of us to encourage others in the faith?” Are we reading the scriptures on a regular basis and allowing His Holy Spirit to direct us? Is our Prayer time seeking God’s direction in our life?

These questions help direct us and encourage us to be the good stewards of our heart, body, soul and mind. To Love God and love our neighbor.

Your Stewardship Team,

- Zach Anderson
- Astri Bragstad
- Steve Finnegan
- Jeff Hill
- Virginia Holscher
- Sandy Noffsinger
- Jeri Rice
- Dick Speros
- Pastor Bruce Rumsch

“UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN”

There has never been, and never will be, a greater birth announcement. This Advent and Christmas season we celebrate this marvelous birth in a series of special Services. The season of Advent begins on December 3rd and continues for four Sundays. This year both the 8:00 and 10:30 Services will be using similar worship outlines to enable us to make use of the wealth of Advent songs, hymns, and readings. The theme for these Advent Services is taken from Isaiah 9: 1-7 in which Isaiah gives us the Names of this special Child. The series also follows through to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Come and enjoy the celebration.

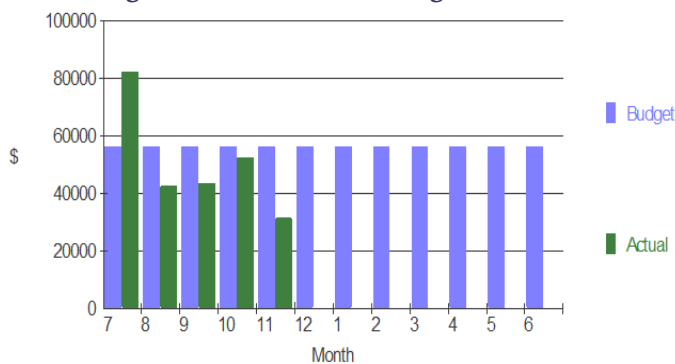
TRINITY FINANCIALS

By the Numbers – Year to Date

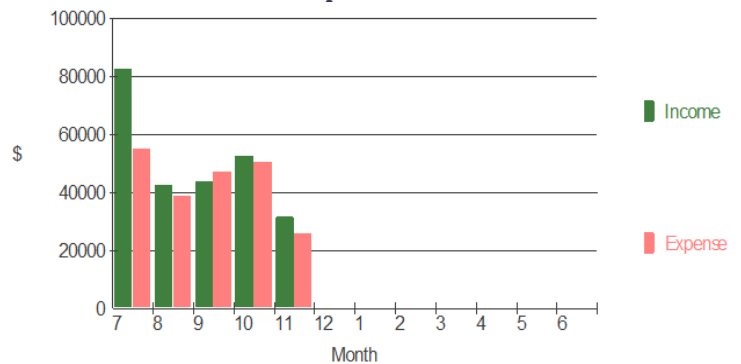
July 1 thru Oct 31 - Year to Date Budget.....	\$219,257
Jul 1 thru Oct 31 - Year to Date Giving to General Fund.....	\$195,698
Jul 1 thru Oct 31 - Year to Date Expenses.....	\$191,267
July 1 thru Oct 31 - Year to Date Restricted/Designated Gifts.....	\$24,632



Offerings Income – Actual vs. Budget Year to Date



Income vs. Expenses – Year to Date



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REMINDER FOR THRIVENT MEMBERS

Direct your Choice Dollars! Eligible members of Thrivent Financial are reminded to direct any designated Thrivent Choice Dollars now. Don't miss this opportunity to help support Trinity or another non-profit organization of your choice. Go to www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 1-800-847-4836 and state "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

Thank you to all Thrivent members who have directed their Choice Dollars to Trinity in the past. Please go on line now or call to direct your Choice Dollars.

If you have questions concerning Choice Dollars, talk with one of Trinity's Thrivent Advocates. They are: Delores Wellner, Carol Warren, Darlene Bruckert, Tressa Everingham, John Everingham, Pastor Bruce, Arlene Schildbach.

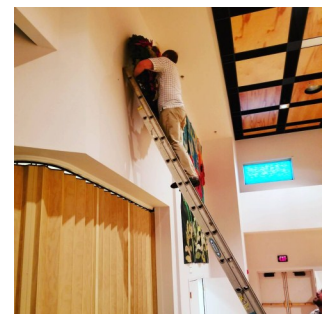
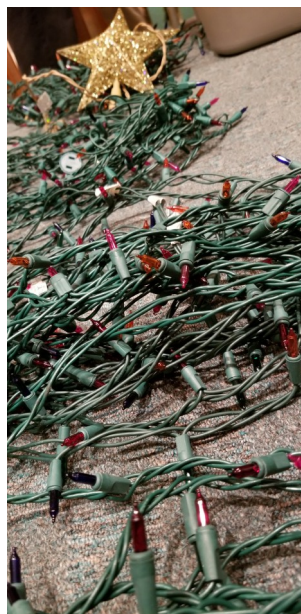
WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

This year the 4th Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same day. Consequently the following schedule has been adopted for Worship on Sunday, December 24th. In the morning (4th Sunday in Advent) we will have only one Worship Service at 10:30a. In the afternoon (Christmas Eve) we will have our regular two services at 5:00p and 7:00p.

The following morning, Christmas Day, December 25th, we will begin with singing Christmas Carols at 10:00a, followed by a special Worship Service with communion at 10:30a.

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31st, there will be one Service at 10:30a with communion.

Our regular Worship schedule returns on Sunday, January 7th, 2018. Below are some pictures of our Advent decorating this past Sunday.



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STUDENT MINISTRIES By Josh Nix

November has been an exciting month for the Student Ministries here at Trinity! The pinnacle and highlight was by far our lock-in November 9th-10th. I had the entire church reserved for these youth where we would play games, eat snack and pizza, and hangout all night long. I was expecting an event like this would get about 20 or so kids, but instead I had 47 youth show up! Praise God! Trinity was filled with laughter, fun, and wonderful young men and woman that night. We had Xbox's, Nintendo Switches, Nintendo 64's, board games, movies, and all our sports equipment. Trinity was happening that night!

The entire event was put on by the Student Ministries here, all I asked was for each kid to bring a snack to share. We ended up having so much food it was ridiculous! Not to mention the 18 pizzas I ordered too. Looking back on this event, it was just incredible to get that many kids here to want to hang out, play games, and invest in each other. Thank you to everyone who helped and all you parents who brought snacks!

The next big thing we did was WinterJam! If you don't know what WinterJam is, it is a Christian concert at the Moda Center where we got to see bands like Lecrae, Building 429, Mac Powell, Andy Mineo, Trala, Family Force 5 and hear an amazing speaker by the name of Nick Hall. This concert is only \$15 too. You simply can't beat a price like that. But the greatest thing that night is to see students and their parents go to downtown Portland to worship our great God! It is an absolutely amazing thing to see. Another huge shout out to all the parents who helped drive!



The last thing I want to talk about is our high school Bible study on Monday nights in various coffee shops. I have had so many parents tell me they are grateful for such an amazing opportunity for their kids to get deep into the Word and feel loved and supported by the other high schoolers there. In November, we took a quick break from Exodus to talk about the Problem of Evil. These students are asking the big, tough questions! I'm honored to be going alongside them in this study. If you're a high schooler and want to come, feel free! 6-7:30p Monday nights.

Wonderful things are happening in our student ministries here at Trinity. God is working! Talk to Josh to get plugged in >> 253.882.9541

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 8: Zoo Lights

Dec. 10: Youth Led Service

Dec. 15-16: Christmas Baskets

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FAMILY MINISTRY By René Barringer

Partnering with parents to guide children towards a HEART for God.

Sunday School Hours are 9:10-10:20am

There will be no Sunday school December 24th and December 31st.

Christmas Basket Donations:

A big thank you to everyone who has provided new or gently used books, toys and food items to support Trinity's Christmas baskets. We will continue to collect these items now through December 10th. Please drop off your donation on the Kids Corner Table.

Sunday School Christmas Service

Trinity's Preschool through High school classes are scheduled to lead the 10:30am service on Sunday, December 10th. The children have been and will continue to practice for this service in the chapel on Sundays beginning at 9:10am. If you would like to have your child participate in the service please plan to have them attend Sunday School now through December 10th. Thank you!

Upcoming Events/ Announcements:

Dec. 7 & 21: JAM 6:30-8pm

**Dec. 10: Children/Youth
Christmas Service**

**December 24 & 31:
No Children's Sunday
School classes**

**Jan. 7: Sunday School
Resumes**

*Wonderful
Counselor*

CHILDREN & YOUTH LED SERVICE // DECEMBER 10TH // 10:30AM

**If you are interested in being a part of
the Children's Ministry team
please contact René Barringer at
971-235-9568 or
children@trinityhillsboro.org**

**Jesus and Me (JAM) is held on the 1st and 3rd
Thursday from 6:30-8pm in Trinity's Celebra-
tion Center. This fun evening is open to youth
3rd thru 6th grade. Our time together will con-
sist of Bible based discussions, games and
friendship building. Question, contact Rene
Barringer or Josh Nix**



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TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Barringer's fourth class has had three terrific months of school. We talked about the jungle, friendship, farms, God's creation, community helpers and autumn. All these themes were explored through hands on activities and books. A few of our favorite activities were going on an autumn scavenger hunt, splat painting to learn about gravity, playing Tumblin' Monkeys, and making apple juice with Mr. Suhrbier. We went on a field trip to Plumper's Pumpkin Patch where we picked a pumpkin, pet farm animals and learned what they grow on the farm. We read many books including the Bible, Guess Who's in the Jungle by Naomi Russell, I Can Be a Super Friend by Lisa Grant & Rochelle Lentini, The Little Red Hen and The Ear of Wheat by Mary Finch, Little Cloud by Eric Carle and The Thankful Book by Todd Parr. We talked about thanking God, our family, friends and people who help us.

We made cards to mail at the post office and give to the fire fighters we visited at station #1. One of the highlights of this field trip was riding the max train into downtown Hillsboro. Every month the children learned more about our awesome God! How he loves us, protects us and does awesome things too. We also learned he wants us to be kind and help others.

Open enrollment for the 2018-19 preschool school year will begin in January. Look for more information in the January Tidings.



"Building a strong foundation by sharing the faith, hope, and love of Jesus that touches the lives of children and families forever."



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THANKSGIVING DINNER

Trinity loves to serve! We are so grateful for wonderful facilities and servant hearts here at Trinity! Sunday, November 19th, Trinity hosted it's 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Community Meal for anyone who needed a free meal. It is so amazing to see just how many people want to serve. Over fifty people came through our doors and about just as many meals were sent out into the community. Here are some pictures of our meal!

Thank you to everyone who helped put on such an amazing meal!



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POINSETTIAS

We invite members & friends to purchase poinsettias to enhance our worship center for Christmas Services. The poinsettias may be placed in memory of loved ones, or in honor of the Newborn King. Acknowledgment will be made in our Christmas bulletin.

The plants may be taken home after the Christmas Day Festival Service on December 25, or you may choose to leave the plant to decorate the sanctuary through Epiphany.

Will you please help us fill our sanctuary this year?

SAVE THE DATE!

**Retirement Celebration
in honor of Pastor Bruce
Sunday, April 22, 2018**

at 3:00p

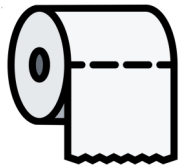
Mark your calendar now

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

2017 Donation List

Still in need of Food plus Toys and Gift Cards for all ages.

We're building a Toilet Paper Mountain!



Bring 4 & 6 roll wrapped TP and let's stack it to the ceiling! How high can we stack them?

Rip your tabbies off the sheet at the Info Center and buy what items you selected. Bring them in by Sunday, 12/10.

Questions: Contact Jenny McIvor jennym@nowlcms.org or 503-953-4717 or chat with Pastor Bruce.

Money donations also welcome! All your designated donations go to food, shoes or other items for the families. Be sure to note "Christmas Basket Ministry" on your check and envelope.



Important Dates:

Wed, 12/6, 9-12p

Label/Wrap presents

Sat, 12/9, 9-12p

Label/Wrap presents

Fri, 12/15, 9:30a

Sort Food

Fri, 12/15, 5:30p

Supper & pack boxes

Sat, 12/16, 8:15-11a

Help Greet & give out

Sat, 12/16, 8:30-11:00a

Driver to Deliver

Habla Espanol? Bilingual skills are most welcome.

AGAPE LWML CIRCLE

The Agape LWML circle would like to share our activity information with you. We meet on the third Monday of every month, September to May, in Room 103 (off the Celebration Center). We do a Bible study using the LUTHERAN WOMEN'S QUARTERLY and a business meeting. Our project donations recently were \$250.00 to the school in Africa that Jean and Bob Ward started, \$100.00 for Christmas Baskets, \$50.00 for the Bethesda Christmas Celebration and monthly \$35.00 to World Vision supporting Shimbra Getawa, living in Mersa, Ethiopia. She is 15 years old, in junior high school studying grade 8. We will support her until we are assigned a new child. This is approximately our fourth child. Her picture and Progress Report is posted on a cork board just outside the office. Interesting information.

Our meetings start at 10:00am, (after exercise) and yes, we have coffee and treats. We welcome any other ladies of Trinity to join us preferring a morning meeting.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1- Sue Schnoor
Ryan Walker | 21- Emily Bierly
Jason Bierly |
| 2- Hannah Langbehn
David Mateski | Remingtyn Josephson
Tori Zenger |
| 4- Ron Hochstein
Christina Perez | 22- Reese Fetherlin |
| 5- Sandy Pies | 23- Richard Koch |
| 8- Genny Mock
Stan Nichols
Diane Petsche
Glenda Walters | 24- Leah Carpenter |
| 9- Caitlyn Warr | 25- Tarri Christopher |
| 11- Eric Joachim | 27- Rodney Langbehn |
| 12- Jeanie Schwenk
Courtney Ulrich | 28- Rene Barringer
Joann Holte
Abby Langbehn
Annika Merten |
| 13- Anne-Marie Duvall
Larry Hunt
Duane Peterson | 29- Vyllette Putman |
| 14- Aubrey Crouch | 30- Kim Brennan
Julie Carneau
Nichola Van Domelen |
| 17- Kristie Hoyt
Rhonda Stephens
Jan Westby | |
| 18- Vicky Hilfer
Cindy Naylor
Jennifer Peterson | |
| 19- Andrew Langbehn
Bruce Parks
Darin Warren
Todd Westby
Makai Wilson | |
| 20- Jackie Landreville
Beth Moir
Abigail Warren | |

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3- Tim and Jan Thompson |
| 18- Don and Patty Suhrbier |
| 21- Jerry and Sharon Maasdam |
| 26- James and Judy Angevine
James and Lois Bernhardt |
| 27- Larry and Jeralyn Henson
Mel and Sue Stinnette |
| 28- Clint and Cheryl Souigny |
| 31- Adam and Laura Reese |



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SERVICE ROSTER FOR DECEMBER 2017

	December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 31
Altar Guild	Darlene Bruckert Arlene Schildbach		Darlene Bruckert Arlene Schildbach		Darlene Bruckert Arlene Schildbach
Chair Team	Gene Landreville George Waldron Gary and Sue Gallino	David Buck Brian Meyer Josh Nix	Ben Manny Rodney Langbehn Paul Burkhart Evan, Victor and Martin Johnson	Harold Baesler Matt Merten Ev Pies Darrell Tanke Dave Holscher John Tysor	Jerry Maasdam George Waldron Todd Humphrey Gail Humphrey
Children's Message	Bethany Ramse	Children's Service	Elizabeth Hofrichter	Josh Nix	Polly Merten
Counters	Astri Bragstad Harold Baesler Roger Langbehn George Waldron	Bette Holscher Jane Rosato Jeryl Whipple	Carol Flemmer Helen Infausto Crystal Nunnenkamp Doug Nunnenkamp	John Duvall Todd Humphrey Annette Michelsen	Stewardship Minis- try Team
Elders Assist- ing 8AM	Ben Manny John Goldhammer	Ben Manny	Paul Andersen Ben Manny		
Elders Assist- ing 1030AM	Dave Buck Doug Nunnenkamp Harold Baesler Elizabeth Hofrichter Zach Anderson Rodney Langbehn	Don Suhrbier	Karen Kenyon Don Suhrbier Joe Noffsinger Harold Baesler Dave Holscher Joash Farlow	10:30am-Ben Manny 5:00pm-Zach Ander- son 7:00pm-Justin Ulrich	Dave Buck Zach Anderson Rodney Langbehn Doug Nunnenkamp John Goldhammer Elizabeth Hofrichter
Flowers	Steve and Pat Finne- gan		Warren's for Abigail's Birthday	Poinsettia's	
Lector	Tressa Everingham	Norma Tucker	Ben Manny		
Organist	Carol Freudenthal	Carol Freudenthal	Diane Gatke	Diane Gatke	Carol Freudenthal
Ushers 8AM	John Everingham John Goldhammer Tom Nygren George Waldron	John Everingham Victor Johnson Ken Bellamy Nick VanDyke	John Everingham John Goldhammer Tom Nygren George Waldron	John Everingham Victor Johnson Ken Bellamy Nick VanDyke	John Everingham John Goldhammer Tom Nygren George Waldron
Head Usher 1030AM	Dave Gillespie	Dave Gillespie	Dave Gillespie	Dave Gillespie	Dave Gillespie

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8AM Tradition Worship 9:10AM Sunday School 9:15AM Education Hour 10:30AM Contemporary Worship 12:30PM Bethesda Christmas Party 12:30PM Confirmation	4 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM Exercise/CC 3pm Faith BB 6PM Cub Scouts/210 6pm High School Bible Study 6:30PM MMT/CC	5 9:30AM Staff mtg/lib 5pm Scouts, "God and church" 6:30PM Elder's mtg/lib 7PM BSA/CC	6 9AM/Prayer Chapel Open 9AM WM Quilters/rm 212 9AM Christmas Baskets Wrapping Party 10AM Library Ministry 7PM BSA committee/206 7PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir rehearsal/CH	7 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM Pastor Bruce's Bible Study/206 6:30PM JAM/CC	8 6PM Youth Zoo Lights 7PM Hillsboro Contra Dancing with Ivan	9 9AM Christmas Baskets Wrapping Party
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17 8AM Traditional Worship 9:10AM Sunday School 9:15AM Education Hour 10:30AM Contemporary Worship 12:30PM Confirmation/206	18 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM Exercise/CC 10am Agape circle/rm 104 3PM Faith BB 6PM Cub Scouts/210 6pm High School Bible Study 6:30PM MMT/CC 7PM Monday Eves/offsite	19 9:30AM Staff mtg/lib 2PM Prayer Shawl/lib 7PM BSA/CC	20 9AM/Prayer Chapel Open for personal meditation & prayer 9am WM Quilters/rm 212 7PM Youth Group 7PM Choir Rehearsal	21 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM Pastor Bruce's Bible Study/206 6:30PM JAM/CC	22	23
24 Christmas Eve 9:10AM Sunday School 9:15AM Education Hour 10:30AM Advent Service 5PM & 7PM Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 10AM Christmas Caroling 10:30AM Christmas Day Worship	26 Office Closed 11AM Sr. Lunch & Games 7PM BSA/CC	27 9AM/Prayer Chapel Open for personal meditation & prayer 9AM WM Quilters/rm212	28 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM Pastor Bruce's Bible Study/206 6PM Stephen Leaders/lib 7PM Stephen Ministers/lib	29 8PM Boy Scouts Lock-In	30
31 8am Traditional Worship 9:10am Sunday School 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Contemporary Worship						

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