



ST. JOHN'S
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"Creation: God
Made Everything"
JULY 16, 17, 18



“Blessing of the Pets”
August 25, 4pm
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Pastor Steve Edmiston



Bread. I like bread. I remember when my mother would bake five loaves of bread, two dozen dinner rolls, and two dozen cinnamon rolls. The house smelled fabulous, and life was good. I love good crusty bread when you make a sandwich. Sometimes I go to restaurants just for the bread they bring before your meal.

Bread is an important part of every culture. From simple cakes of flour and water to sourdough made with a starter that has been around for generations. From lefse to tortilla, from naan to croissants, bread is a staple, a vital part of tables around the world. For us in the church bread is equally important.

This month, our gospel readings for worship will come from Jesus' **"Bread of Life"** discourse. After feeding five thousand people Jesus speaks to the crowds coming after him and explains that he is the bread of life. Looking at manna in the Old Testament to the bread of everyday life Jesus is a gift of God that provides for us all strength and endurance, that provides life for every day.

As we go about our daily lives at work or school, Jesus promises to be present providing life and opportunity to share God's love with the people around us. Bread can seem common and ordinary, and Jesus is trying to show us that the love of God is ordinary in our lives. It doesn't have to be exceptional but it can be at times and isn't that fun. The presence of Jesus is a daily part of our lives. Sharing the love of God can be just as common, just as regular and this is where Jesus is leading us.

May the Bread of Life, fill you this month as we strive to bring the goodness of God's love to the world around us.

Peace,
Pastor Steve




VBS 2024

"Bob Ross" the Artist



**PASTOR STEVE
AUGUST 8**



"Blessing of the Pets"

We hope that you can join us when we have a "Blessing of the Pets" Service on Sunday, August 25th at 4:00! All vaccinated pets are welcome, but all animals must be on a leash or in a carrier or contained. Also, we hope to have many pets so please bring your socialized furry friend/family member that day. Pastor Steve will provide a short, individual blessing for your pet and you/family.

A few years ago, this service was provided, and we (Parish Life) wish to hold this special service again. See below for the details.

What: Blessing of the Pets

When: Sunday, 8/25/24 at 4:00

Where: Church courtyard
(grassy space by the cross)

Time: Short service 20 minutes

Hoping to see you all there. Any questions, please contact Ann Hubler (annhubler@gmail.com) or Jen Maier (jlmaier@comcast.net).

Lori Holt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are, August. The only month without a holiday! However, it is a wonderful month! Summer flowers are in bloom, folks are taking their vacations, baseball is in full swing (no pun intended!!). I hope by the time you read this that our Reds are playing just a BIT better! They, except for Elly, looked pretty dismal in Tampa. They were doing pretty well and then the dreaded all-star break happened!

School starts again for the new year: Hardin-Houston begins August 16; Anna, Fairlawn, Jackson Center and Russia all begin on August 20. Also, our college students will either be leaving for college or preparing to do so, as well. Please keep all these people in your prayers. And y'all, please always lean on Jesus this year.

Happy Birthday to my little angel as he turns 36! I love you, Sean!

Love in Christ,

Lori



Church Treasurer Position Open

St. John's Lutheran Church of Sidney, Ohio is looking for a treasurer for our congregation. We are looking for someone with some experience in finance, bookkeeping or accounting. The duties of the treasurer include recording of deposits, check writing, balancing of accounts, payroll and employee withholding, taxes and reporting to the council and congregation. Specific duties are available upon request.

This is a stipend position. All interested parties are asked to send a resume to St. John's Lutheran Church, 120 W. Water Street Sidney, OH 45365 or to pse8@sidneystjohns.com

Coffee Time!

Every *first Sunday of the month*, 9:30 am, we will be having a fellowship gathering in our church "Christ and Coffee" bar for coffee, donuts, and fellowship!



Joy Circle

Wednesday, Sept.
25 (changed)
No Summer Mtg.

Dorothy Love

Monthly Worship Service
10 am, August 20
Pastor Steve presiding.
Please stop by and join us
for worship!

Quilting Circle
to meet
Wednesday,
August 28

Altar Guild Volunteers
August
Open, 2 need volunteers

Our little corner of the world is a busy place...

How many times do you drive past a church midweek and there's no activity and the parking lot is empty. That same parking lot may be full on Sunday mornings but throughout the week it is only used by the pastor and the staff. There are times when the St. John's parking lot is empty, but it's quite often a busy place, especially during the week. Along with the pastor and the staff, volunteers who prepare for the Saturday and Sunday services park in the lot each week. There are council meetings, Bible studies and vacation Bible school. The quilting and circle ladies are there each month. Three days a week, the parking lot fills up at noon when AA meets in the church basement. While St. John's members park in the Senior Center lot on Sundays, some Senior Center members use the St. John's lot during the week. And during the summer months, you often find people parking in the church lot and walking across the street for an ice cream treat at Chilly Jilly's. Add to all of this the St. John's Thrift Shop...Community members stop by the Thrift Shop on a regular basis to drop off boxes and bags of donations. Volunteers come and go each week day as their three-hour shifts start and end. Customers are in and out all day long. And clients stop by when a little assistance is needed. As our parking lot indicates, St. John's church and the Thrift Shop are active in the community and the neighborhood as we aspire to spread God's word of love and hope to everyone.

June Thrift Shop Statistics

Clients: 6

4 Assistance: \$200.00

2 In-kind Assistance: \$4.20

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6:10

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Date: June 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Kaleb Headings

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Pastor Steve Edmiston

AGENDA REVIEW: Kaleb moved to add to New Business and Old Business (see below additions). Seconded by Margy. Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS:

Council will need to search for council treasurer replacement. Suggested that the position be posted (Pastor will search for previous posting answered by Thomas and email to Kaleb). Council also, to give thought to replacement and make suggestions accordingly. There is a small compensation for this position. The amount was unknown and was to be researched.

Jeff Fannon is willing to fill in until a replacement can be found. Kaleb moved to add Jeff to the account signature card. Pastor Steve seconded and motion passed.

-Thomas had started a process of collecting budgetary suggestions. Myron is willing to sort through these. This process will be re-posted with an alternate email.

Pastor Steve moved to cancel July meeting as has been the standard in the past unless there was urgent business during that month (a meeting could rescheduled if unexpected business does need to be addressed). Kaleb seconded the motion and motion passed.

Memorial Committee had been reviewing bylaws and saw there is supposed to be a Audit Committee reviewing Memorial Committee's and Council books. This can be the same committee that audits both but can not contain Memorial Committee or Church Council members. This has not been done recently. 3 yr term so to develop this initial committee, a 1 yr, 2 yr, and 3 yr fill will be needed. Each can do 1 time second term. This group will need to meet 1-2 times per year (more if deemed necessary). Their report will included in the annual report. Council to consider candidates for this position.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kaleb has yet to set a date for AED training with the fire chief. Looking at an evening in August or September. This will depend on when the fire chiefs is available. This date will be announced when set.

There is not a recent quote for interior work. Kaleb will get this and check for start date. Pastor Steve pointed out that Cody Blust's wedding is set for August 31, 2024 so would like to avoid scaffolding and work being done during that.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A copy of the Secretary's report was distributed with the agenda. Kaleb moved to approve as submitted and Ann seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURE'S REPORT: No Treasurer's Report.

STAFF REPORT:

- Pastor Report-
 1. Two funerals- Thomas Martin and gravesite committal service for John Laws
 2. This week ends Revelations study.
 3. Thank you to those that assisted with Memorial weekend service.
 4. Home school group that had previously contacted St. John's has found other space but are thankful for consideration.
 5. Pastor Steve will be spending time with family July 7, 2024. Jeff Blust will cover those services.
 6. VBS July 16-18. Theme is "Creation is Everything"Jeff Fannon would like the file cabinets currently in Thomas and Kayla's house to be brought to the church. Kaleb and Wes volunteered to get this done.
- Volunteer Coordinator - no report submitted
- Thrift Shop Report- financial report enclosed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ministry - Education & Youth:

1. Ready for Vacation Bible School. July 16-18, 2024 6-8:00 PM.
2. August will start youth group meeting 1 time per month. The curriculum will be provided by Pastor Steve.
3. Kaleb questioned how Lutheran Memorial Camp is handled. Pastor Steve said that is a Memorial Committee outreach and that sign up should have occurred in Feb-March. No one could remember this being published this year and recommend that this should occur next year.

Ministry - Music & Worship: No immediate plans. Planning to have kids sing to adult Sunday school class and working on some duet instrument scheduling. No definite dates for either of these.

Outreach - Evangelism:

1. Continue to look into the car show ideas. No date set
2. Will start Cards for Christ in August. This will be announced in the bulletin.
3. Will begin working on Thanksgiving meals organization in October.

Outreach - Parish Life:

1. Pet Blessing will be announced in the newsletter
2. Margy suggested the idea of a whole congregation birthday party.

Operations - Finance: No report

Operations - Property: Seats of picnic table across from Chilly Jilly's have been replace but still need to be painted or varnished.

Additional Notes: None

PRAYER REQUEST:

Thomas Martin's family

Darlene Hall - selling house, moving into a senior care center and currently unclear of treatment.

Barhorst family - farming accident

Greiwe family - Death of John

DEVOTIONS: Kaleb Headings

INFORMATION:

Newsletter deadline: July 23, 2024

Next Council Meeting: Aug 12, 2024

ATTENDANCE :

• *Present:* Michelle Cavinder, Wes Cavinder, Pastor Steve Edmiston, Kaleb Headings, Margy Headings, Ann Huber, Deb Mertz, John Widney

Absent: Becky Mann

Excused: Jen Maier, Myron Koester, Norb Mertz, Tatum Wertz

Piqua Manor News: 1840 W. High St., Piqua, second Friday of each month thru Sept., at 9:30 am: *Brunch & Bingo* (open to everyone with prizes and games)! Also, *Stretch & Dance*, 10:30- 11:30 am, 3rd Thursday, thru Sept. at the Piqua Mall, enter at front entrance. Questions call: 937-418-7624.

The Family of Thomas Martin would like to thank everyone who assisted with his Funeral in making it a celebration of his life and healing moments for family and friends. Thank you to Pastor Steve for meeting with us to plan, giving us guidance, and for the Funeral Services which was very sad for us but also helped us start the healing process. Thank you to Lynn, Lori and Bob who helped get everything ready for the Service. Thank you to Myron & Sharon Koester for the wonderful meal and all the Ladies who assisted in the kitchen to serve and clean up after lunch. We appreciate all of your hard work and kindness. Thomas was very honored to serve as Church Treasurer. a position he hoped to have for many more years. Thomas's life was way to short but we are thankful for the impact he had on our lives and that his legacy will live on through his children.

Sincerely,

Kayela, Joanna & Leo

Shield, Martin & Wilson Families



Peace Lutheran Church

Pastor Richard Genzman

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Galion, Ohio 44833

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June 10, 2024

St. John's Lutheran Church
120 W. Water St.
Sidney, OH 45365

Dear St. John's Lutheran Church,

We wanted to let you know that, after 44 years of active ministry, Pastor Rich will be retiring on August 31, 2024. We have truly appreciated his servant leadership and challenging us to live out our faith more fully.

As he begins a new chapter in his life, we hope you will join us in congratulating Pastor Rich for his years of faithful service in our congregations. Perhaps individual members of your congregation might like to offer their best wishes. If so, they can send them to his home address:

Pastor Rich Genzman
4798 State Route 309
Galion, OH 44833

Thank you, in advance, for sharing the news about Pastor Rich's retirement with your congregation.



HONOR & GLORY

With Special Guest Tyler Ratcliffe

FREE Concert

Connection Point

1510 Campbell Rd. Sidney, Ohio
Saturday, September 7th at 7 pm



aims to inspire people thru God & music
to overcome life's challenges!

For more information go to: liftitup-sidney.weebly.com



Sponsors:



Sidney M. Methodist Church
Foundation

Volunteers Needed:

Altar Guild

Thrift Shop

Check it out.

Call the church office today!

October Benefit for Morgan's Place

For the third year running, Soul'd Out, a Christian music group will perform a benefit for Morgan's Place. The date for the dinner/concert is Saturday evening, October 19th. The event will be held at Winner Family Harvest Barn, 7317 State Route 47, DeGraff, Ohio. Doors open at 5:00 PM and activities include a quilt auction, raffle, and 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children twelve and under.

Morgan's Place, located in southeastern Shelby County, is a ministry with a mission to ease the burden for families who have lost a child through miscarriage, or stillbirth. Services include funeral planning, burial, and grief support. Morgan's Place is non-denominational, will assist families no matter where they reside, and is absolutely free of charge.

For more information on Morgan's Place or to order tickets for Soul'd Out dinner/concert, please call (937) 726-9988 or (937) 497-8118.

The Board of Directors of Motherhood Reclaimed Ministries wishes to send our heartfelt thanks for your donation to our organization! We greatly appreciate your donation of \$2,041.75.

Because of your donation we are able to offer our upcoming Birth Trauma Workshops free to all attendees! Over the past year we have been offering educational brunches to women to prepare for the birth of their children. In doing so, we found the need to provide counseling to women who have experienced trauma from previous births. We hope to provide much needed support through these events, and we will certainly share that your congregations' donation has made this possible!

Ongoing donations are how we are able to continue to support the women and children in our community. Please share our organization with your friends and families in order to reach those in need of our services.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our EIN is #87-2199116. Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. No goods or services were provided for this donation.

Many Blessings,

Kimberly Anne Janelle

Kimberly Oen, President
Anne Vasey, Secretary
Janelle Jones, Marketing and Communications Director

Motherhood Reclaimed Ministries

Serving Mother & Babies in Shelby, Auglaize, & Mercer County
PH: 419-500-4935

www.motherhoodreclaimedministries.org

LOVE THY



Neighbor

LOCATION

In the alley south of Do Good Restaurant and Ministry
25 West Main Street, Osgood, Ohio 45351

DATES

Friday August 23, Saturday August 24,
and Sunday August 25

DROP-OFF TIMES

9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Do Good will be collecting items to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul in Dayton to help support their organization and ministries. We will have volunteers assisting in loading the truck. Please have items bagged or boxed upon drop off.

ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Furniture
- Televisions
- Household goods and rugs
- Spring/summer clothing
- Women's socks and leggings
- Men's jeans (sizes 28-36)
- Tennis shoes, flip flops, sandals
- Hoodies and jackets
- Adult scrubs
- Underwear (**new only**)
- Laundry detergent
- Plastic plates and utensils
- Dishes, pots, pans, baking sheets, small appliances
- Bed linens, sheets, and pillow cases (twin size)
- Bath towels, washcloths, bathmats, shower curtains
- Individual tissue packs and tissue boxes
- Deodorant
- Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, feminine hygiene, lotion
- African-American hair care products
- Razors and shaving cream
- Other hygiene products (**toothbrushes individually wrapped**)
- Hand tools

BABY ITEMS

- Diapers (size newborn to size 7) and wipes
- Pacifiers
- Baby bottles and sippy cups
- Other baby supplies

FOOD ITEMS

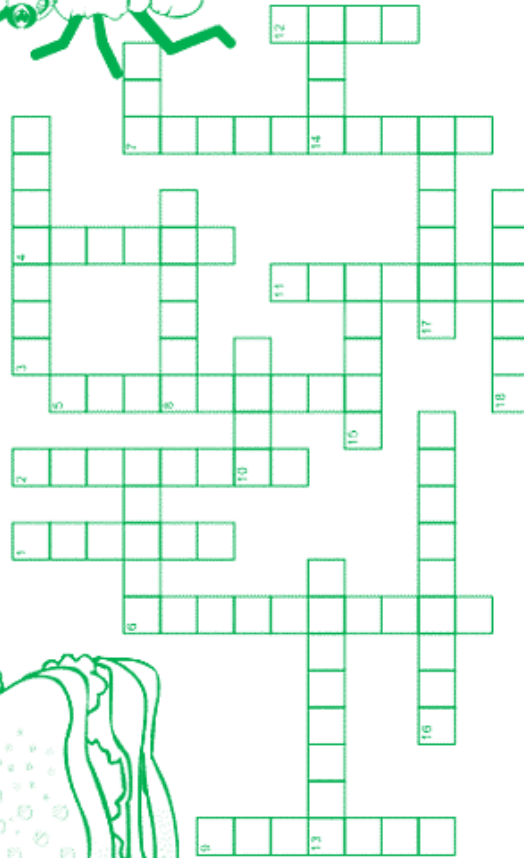
- Canned fruit and vegetables (#10 cans preferred)
- Shelf-stable protein items (i.e., canned chicken or fish, peanut butter, beans)
- Condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, hot sauce, barbecue sauce)
- Salad dressing
- Regular ground coffee
- Applesauce cups
- Cracker snack packs
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Cream soups (i.e., cream of mushroom or cream of chicken for cooking)
- Cereal

NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Clothing in poor condition
- Ammunition and firearms
- Computers over 3 years old
- Paint or flammables
- Stuffed animals
- Books
- Used mattresses or box springs
- Sofa beds
- Large desks
- Dressers over 4-foot long
- Pianos
- Blinds without brackets
- **Anything with rips, stains, tears, pet hair, and is not washed**

SUMMER FUN!

Picnic Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

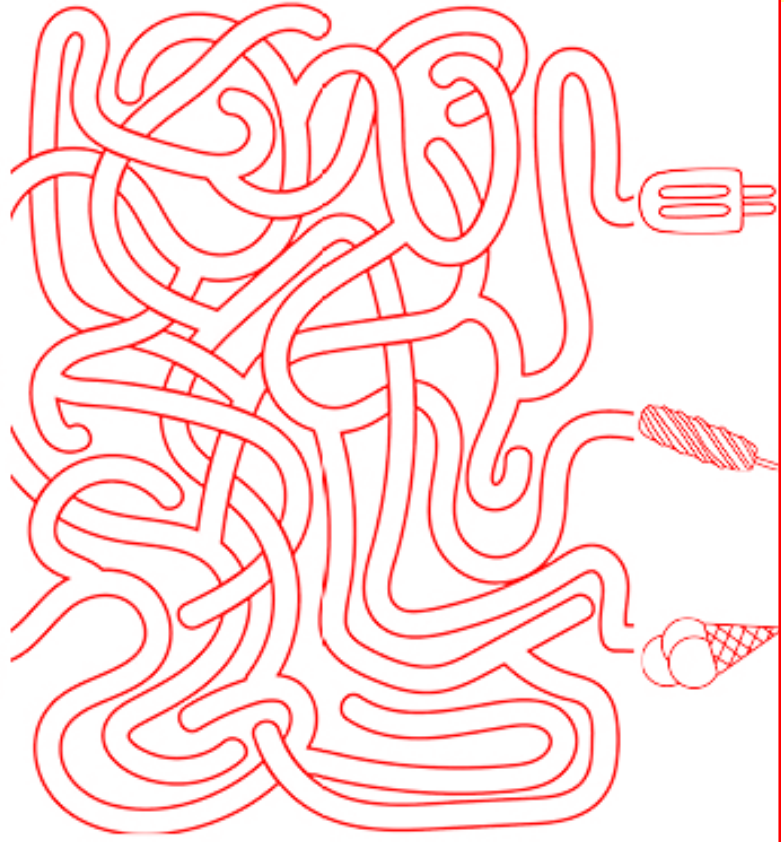
3. A fun picnic game played with a disc shaped toy.
6. Coleslaw is a type of _____.
7. A popular round-shaped baked dessert that is cut into wedges to serve.
8. One type of container used to carry picnic goodies.
10. It's yummy on the cob.
13. This comes in black lumps and is sometimes used on a picnic grill.
14. This type of weather can often ruin a picnic.
15. Tall and leafy, these provide shady places for your picnic blanket.
16. A bright evening show that sometimes follows a picnic.
17. A square of cloth or paper used to keep things clean when eating your picnic meal.
18. Grilled wiener on a bun.

DOWN

1. A picnic container that keeps food cold.
2. Two pieces of bread stuffed with meat, cheese, or other good stuff.
4. Most popular season of the year for picnics in North America.
5. A ground beef patty on a bun.
6. Eye protection from the sun.
7. A fun area for kids inside some parks.
9. Red condiment made from tomatoes.
11. Yellow sauce sometimes used on hamburgers and hotdogs.
12. Tiny picnic invaders.

Summer Treats

DIRECTIONS: Use a different colored pencil or pen to trace each of the three friends to his or her favorite ice cream treat.



**ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**ST. JOHN'S
THRIFT SHOP**
319 SOUTH OHIO AVE.
SIDNEY, OH 45365
PHONE: 937-492-0337

WORSHIP SERVICES:

SATURDAY, 6:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30
AM

*"Go therefore and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit, and
teaching them to obey everything
that I have commanded you. And
remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:19-20

*God's Vision,
Our Mission*

Please pray for our Homebound Members and mail them a card to:

Doris Conrad, 2360 Wapak, Ave. #106, Sidney, Oh 45365
Erika Montgomery, 2333 Apache Dr., Sidney, Oh 45365
Rhonda Vance, 1302 Spruce St., Sidney, Oh 45365
Dick Wilson, 5577 Heathrow Dr., Powell, Oh 43065-7970

Dorothy Love, 3003 W. Cisco Road, Sidney, Oh 45365

Wayne Brockman, E-20 Brenda Riddle, A-23
Christine Weber-A03 Elaine Boughner, R-11

Dorothy Love Apartments: 2400 N. Kuther Rd., Sidney, Oh

Margaret Ike, Apt. 213
Jeanne Mears, Apt. 301
Gary Paul, Apt. 324, Sidney, Oh 45365
Dick Clark, Apt. 303N

Dorothy Love Homes:

Jerry Gibbs, 701 Bennett Circle, Sidney, Oh 45365

Koester Pavilion

Mildred Hughes, 3232 N. Co. Rd. 25-A, Room 35, Troy, Oh 45373

Fair Haven, 2901 Fair Rd., Sidney, Oh 45365

Residents: *None at this time*

StoryPoint Senior Living, 1840 Towne Park, Troy Oh, 45373

Darlene Hall

Landings of Sidney, 1150 Russell Road, Sidney, Oh 45365

Resident: LeRue Gooder, Rm. 506

Phyliss Blust, Rm. 508

Linda Steenrod, Rm. 802

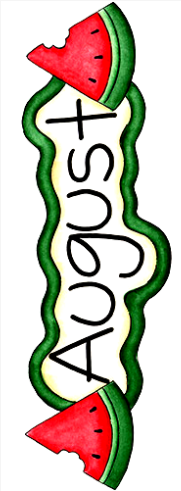
Ayden Health Care of Belle Springs

Joyce Jones, 221 School St., Room 111, Bellefontaine, Oh 43311

Heartland

Pamela Morgan, 275 Kienle Drive, Room 409, Piqua, Oh 45356

*At St. John's, we are given the opportunity to worship
God, study His Word, and serve Him in many capaci-
ties, while at the same time enjoying Christian fellow-
ship. Please consider ways that you can get involved!*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Church Office Open Mon-Thurs. 8-3 pm Fri., 8 am-12:30 pm						3 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
4 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am Youth Gathering,, 9:30 am	5 AA, 12 pm	6	7 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	8 Senior Lunch, 12 pm	9 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	10 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
11 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	12 AA, 12 pm Church Council Committee Mtg, 6 pm Church Council, 7 pm	13	14 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	15	16 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	17 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
18 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	19 AA, 12 pm	20 Dorothy Love, 10 am	21 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	22	23 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	24 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
25 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am Blessing of the Pets, 4 pm	26 AA, 12 pm	27	28 Quilting, 9 am AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	29	30 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm Wedding Rehears- al., 5:30 pm	31 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm Wedding, 2:30 pm