



# THE OLIVE BRANCH

## JANUARY 2019



### FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR RYAN

There's an old joke that goes "Lutherans make New Year's resolutions, but give them up for Lent." It's funny because it's true. We have great intentions, but life often gets in our way. So I have an idea we can try for 2019. Why don't we give something up for New Year's? I don't mean something like coffee or chocolate, those are good things (in moderation). I mean let's give something up we should have given up long ago - something that does ourselves and our neighbors harm. I'm talking about giving up things such as unrealistic expectations, nagging our partners and/or children, being negative and/or saying negative things about others. No one knows better than you what should be given up in your life, but I encourage you to try it, as I plan to. Each year we live is a gift from God and God truly cares how we use what's been given to us. Let's make good use of 2019 by dropping the time and energy used to hurt and refocusing those resources upon sharing God's love.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Ryan

\*The church office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st (New Year's) and Monday, January 21st (MLK). For emergencies contact Pastor Ryan at 828-310-0776.\*

\*The Mt. Olive Staff will be holding a Prayer Retreat on Tuesday, January 8th and will be out of the office most of the day.\*



**DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:  
January 15**

Please note: newsletter articles should  
be sent to Karen at  
[mtolivelutheran@embarqmail.com](mailto:mtolivelutheran@embarqmail.com)

**Upcoming Events**

Jan 6: Fellowship Luncheon  
Jan 12: Children & Youth Snow  
Tubing  
Jan 13: Confirmation at Sardis  
Jan 27: Youth Sunday  
Deacon Liz Fox Installation

**MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH ( ELCA )**  
2780 NORTH CENTER STREET  
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## Upcoming Events

**Sunday's in January 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.**

### Special Services in January

Jan 27 10:00 a.m.– There will be one service at 10:00 a.m. for Youth Sunday. Come support our children and teens as they lead worship for us and offer their gifts in praise to God.

Jan 27 4:00 p.m.-Installation Service for Deacon Liz Fox, our coordinator of Children's Ministry. The reverend Greg Brown, our conference dean and pastor of St. Stephen's ELCA, will be officiating.

### Wednesday evenings, Jan 9, 16, 23, 30

5:30-6:00 p.m.	Children's Music (K-2)
6:00-6:45 p.m.	Youth Music (Grades 3+)
6:45-7:25 p.m.	Faith Out Loud
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice

\*\*Once again, the Anthony's request the pleasure of your attendance at a **Fellowship Lunch** hosted by them on Sunday, January 6th, immediately following the late service. Dennis and Becky are excellent cooks and offer this as a way of sharing their gifts in thanks to God. Please sign up on the bulletin insert so we'll have an idea of how many to plan for. \*\*

# Weekly Activities

Sun	8:30 a.m.	Worship w/Communion
	9:35-10:35 a.m.	Cross Training Children's Ministry (K-5th grade) Teen Ministry (6th-12th grade) Adult Sunday School Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall
	10:45 a.m.	Worship w/Communion
Mon	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Tying & Tacking - Quilt Making
Tues	7-8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	8-9:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast @ Café Gouda
	11:00 a.m.	Mt. Olive Staff Meeting
Wed	5:30-6:00 p.m.	Young Children's Music (K-2nd grade)
	6-6:45 p.m.	Youth Music (3rd-12th grade)
	6:45-7:35 p.m.	Faith Out Loud Praise Group
	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thur	10:00 a.m.	Kid's Korner (Preschool Ministry)
	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Fri & Sat		Office Closed

\*\*Please check your bulletin for any changes in these weekly activities.\*\*



## **KAMO December Events (K-6)**

**Jan.-April 2019**

- **Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>- Tubing at Jonas Ridge- Please wear snow clothing and boots. (Bring money for food). More details to come soon**
- **Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>- Youth/Children Sunday**
- **Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>- Valentine's Day Cards and gifts to make during Sunday School to be given to the local nursing homes.**
- **Feb.24<sup>th</sup>-Lunch at Wendy's following Church (Meet as group in parking lot outside the office) and then head to Moo Moo Golf. (Bring money for food)**
- **March 10<sup>th</sup>- Pizza following church and fun afternoon at church to make signs for the walking track, play games, and do crafts.**
- **March 29-31<sup>st</sup>-BYG for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders at Camp Agape. (More details to follow soon!)**
- **April 14<sup>th</sup>- Micah's Cupboard at 2pm**
- **April 20<sup>th</sup>- Easter Egg Hunt at church**

## **Youth (Teen) Ministry**

Jan 12: Youth snow tubing at Jonas Ridge. Everyone meets in the church upper parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and we'll return by 3 p.m. The cost is \$23 for tubing and additional money is needed for snacks and lunch.

Jan 13: 3-5:00 p.m. Confirmation meets at Sardis ELCA in Hickory

Jan 26: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Youth Sunday practice and pizza lunch to follow. Parents can pick up youth in Heritage Hall at 12:30 p.m.

Jan 27: Youth Sunday will be held at one service at 10:00 a.m.

# January Happenings at Mt. Olive

**Trivia Answer:**  
with us (Isaiah 7:14; Matt  
1:34)



## January Adult Fellowship

The Adult Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, January 16th in Heritage Hall at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Phil Williams of Highways and Hedges will be our guest speaker. RSVP for the lunch following to Susan Petersen by Monday the 14th.

Please continue to pray for the family of Alice Meisner during this difficult time.



Thanks to all of you who offered your time, talents, and resources to make the Advent and Christmas seasons so very worshipful and inspiring here at Mt. Olive. In all the big and small ways, you are a blessing!



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, January 7th in Heritage Hall from 2:30-7:00 p.m. Please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) & enter Mtolive to schedule an appointment.

Time to sign up for 2019 Altar Flowers! The chart will be on the bulletin board in the narthex.



## January Birthdays

Jan 1	Bryna Frye, Bryson Greiner, Steve Seif
Jan 2	Lynnette Carson, Johnnie Garren, Lydia Smith
Jan 5	Chris Frye
Jan 8	Joshua Coulter, William Denton, Alyssa Wright
Jan 10	Tim Setzer
Jan 11	Camden Williams
Jan 14	Lanice Lothery
Jan 17	Cindy Sullivan
Jan 19	Derek Moose, Gail Welch
Jan 20	Sarah Hull
Jan 22	Ben Bazzle, Todd Propst
Jan 23	Jordyn Setzer, Karen Setzer
Jan 24	Jean Queen
Jan 25	Xander Williams

**Breakfast Club**  
**When: Sunday, Jan. 13th**  
**Where: Panera Bread**  
**Time: 9:45 a.m.**

## Stephen Ministers – The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- . . . after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- . . . after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- . . . after the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- . . . after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- . . . after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- . . . after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- . . . after the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- . . . after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- . . . after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- . . . after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

Mt Olive will soon be reviving it's Stephen Ministry.

I will be attending Leaders Training in February in California. If you have a heart for this ministry and would like to learn to train Stephen Ministers, or be a Stephen Minister please give me a call or speak to Pastor Ryan.

In Christ,

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**Mount Olive Lutheran Church Congregation Council Meeting, Sunday, December 16, 2018**

**Attendees:** Thom Shell, Pastor Ryan, Gerald Burke, Melissa Cook, Geoff Yount, Pam Sigmon, Lindsay Atwater, Mickey Barnett, Herm Price, Chasity Richter, Samantha Seabock, Eric Griggs, Simon Frye

**Absent:** Jeff Tice

**Guest:** Frances Hallman

Chasity Richter opened the meeting with devotions.

**Welcome to newly elected council members:** Mickey Barnett, Herm Price, Simon Frye

Welcome also to Deacon Liz Fox, who is in charge of our new Children's Ministry.

**November meeting minutes and Staff reports:** November meeting minutes, Thom Shell made motion that minutes be approved, Geoff Yount seconded; staff reports were also approved.

**Finance update:** Eric Griggs reported on our finances.

**Income Statement:**

A net surplus of \$3,350 was experienced for November, which was well above the budgeted monthly deficit of \$2,743. Unrestricted giving of \$30,150 received during the month was below the budgeted target of \$32,915. Actual expenses of \$26,800 for the month were well below the budgeted amount of \$35,658. Given these financial results for November, the year-to-date surplus experienced for 2018 is \$15,218, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$5,487.

**Balance sheet:**

Unrestricted cash was \$65,471 (sum of the Main Account and Main Deposit Account) at the end of November. Of this amount, \$50,000 has been temporarily deposited into the Restricted Account to earn a higher rate of interest.

**Personnel:** Pastor Ryan gave us details about a program in which Zion Lutheran Church in Mountain View is involved: LRU Choir Scholars. Pastor Ryan has a list of LRU seniors that we could pay to supplement our church choir. This would be another connection between us and LRU. Cost would be \$50 per week per student. Possible cost of \$1,500 for one semester. Thom Shell made motion that we vote to approve this plan for one semester. Geoff Yount seconded. Council approved this program.

**Property:** there is a leak in the ceiling in the cloister. Gerald will get that leak repaired.

Staff will receive Christmas cards signed by council members at Monday's Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

**2019 vehicle needs:** Pastor Ryan has suggested that after the first quarter 2019, he would like for us to consider purchasing a church van.

**For the good of the church:**

Eric Griggs will be closing out his time as Mt. Olive Treasurer at the end of December, 2018. Rick Carmack is Financial Secretary. Gerald Burke will step in as Treasurer. Eric talked a bit about the automated giving program (Simply Giving). In using that method, members would not have need of offering envelopes, and those envelopes could be used by others.

Christmas decorations are terrific this year! Our church does look beautiful! Thank you to the team who did the decorating!

Pam Sigmon made a suggestion to begin the monthly fellowship dinners in 2019. It would not have to be every month, but maybe 3 or 4 months per year (February, June, September).

Mickey Barnett talked about fellowship opportunities as well. The coffee fellowship time between services will continue at least thru June. There will be a church chat presented next month regarding the Sunday morning fellowship and there will be a sign-up sheet provided for different teams to provide cookies, doughnuts, etc. More discussion about these fellowship opportunities coming soon. **MOST: Mt. Olive Strong Together!**

**January 6, 2019:** Dennis & Becky Anthony will host a fellowship meal after 10:45 service.

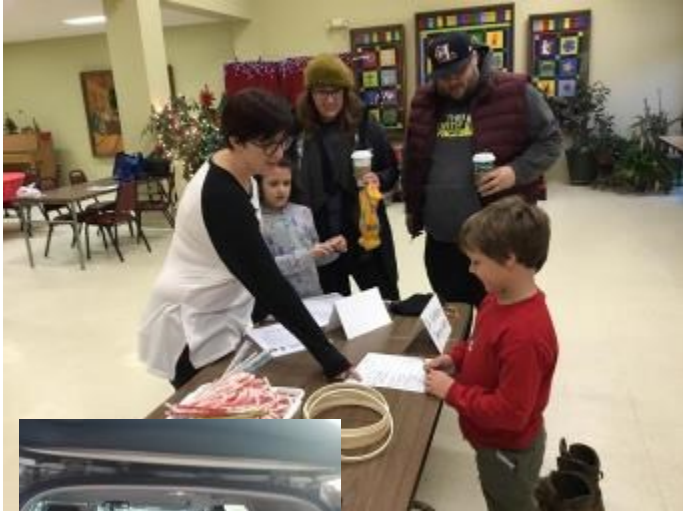
Thom Shell suggested that we think about coordinating a fund-raising festival for Micah's Cupboard.

**Council Covenant of Conduct:** Pastor Ryan handed out copies to each Council member and encouraged us to read, along with Robert's Rules of Order.

Pastor Ryan closed our meeting by leading us in the Lord's Prayer.



# Community Outreach





**Mt. Olive Members in  
Assisted Living or Nursing Facilities:**

**Trinity Village, Springs Road:**

Martha Yount,  
Mildred Salley, Alice Meisner

**Brookdale Assisted Living Falling  
Creek**

Ann Everhart

**Brookdale Assisted Living Lenoir**

Catherine Adams

**Catawba Valley Living at Rock Barn:**

Maxine Kirchin

**GraceRidge**

Jennie Bost

**Pincrest**

Mary Black

**We are proud** of our Mt. Olive members who are continuing their education post high school. **Please remember to keep them in your prayers.**

Emma Barger, Darrius Adam Barger, Ben Bazzle, Brittany Collins, Matt Cook, Jacob Garren, Keely Horton, Whitney Horton, Bradley Langan, Heather Langan, Derek Moose, Halee Ormand, Markus Pope, Daniel Richter, Kayla Seabock, Megan Shook, Paige Shook, Allison Tice, Will Truett, Jenna Waters,

**Members of Mt. Olive**

Esther Armstrong	Huitt Drum
Margaret Barger	Jim Coble
Richard Barger	Tom Rhea Jr.
Jennie Bost	Tom East
Chris Brookshire	Van Seabock
Brad, Meredith, and	Tara Rink
Owen Elder	Amy Preslar
Nina Fullwood	Chris Smith
Mary Gregory	Susy Morrison
Eugene Helton	Loretta Stephenson
Jeanette Huffman	
Linda Huffman	
Sarah Hull	
Henry & Thelma Javis	
Virginia Killian	
Gwen Kingsley	
Terry Laxton	
Darrell Punch	
Mildred Salley	
Thomas Salley	
Lorene Setzer	
K.C. Setzer	
Carolyn Sigmon	
Pat Thompson	
Mary Wright	

**Our Family and Friends**

Gary & Lisa Bowne, friends of Mickey & Linda Barnett  
 Bill Field, family of June Field  
 Mary Howell, friend of Teresa Bazzle  
 Daken James, friend of Penny & Adelia from Pocahontas, VA  
 Emma Martinez, granddaughter of Lynne Bolick  
 Olivia Mason  
 Donna Parker, sister of Frances Hallman & Margaret Barger  
 Tom Rhea III, Tom Rhea's son  
 Sharon Smith, friend of Amanda Fu  
 Justin White, son of Kate Rhea  
 Sandra Yahl, family of John & Susan Petersen

**We will be starting a fresh new list beginning with the first newsletter in January. Please just email or call the church office to have anyone added back to either prayer list. You may also fill out the information on the communication card .Items to include:**

**Name of person, relationship to them (ex. Friend, family, son, daughter)**

## OFFERINGS

Cash Basis:	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	n/a	n/a
<b>Total General Offerings</b>	<b>\$13,293.30</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>\$17,642.00</b>		
<b>Budgeted amount needed weekly</b>	<b>\$8,310.00</b>				
Designated Funds:	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16		
World Hunger	\$110.00		\$220.00		
Poinsettias	\$140.00		\$260.00		
Micah's Cupboard			\$240.00		
Quilting Fund	\$350.00		\$10.00		
Staff Christmas	\$100.00				
Advent offerings	\$265.00		\$691.00		
Evangelism	\$10.00				
Cemetery fund	\$200.00				
Thanksgiving offerings	\$100.00				
Pickle jar/ Pastor					
Operation Christmas Shoebox			\$10.00		
Youth fund (Carowinds)			\$300.00		
Use of building	\$50.00				
<b>TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,325.00</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>\$1,731.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Reserve - Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>\$305.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

Financial Update at a glance:	October	November	December
Month to date giving	\$45,097.14	\$29,978.22	\$30,935.30
Monthly budgeted amount:	\$33,962.00	\$33,962.00	\$42,452.50

## NOVEMBER 2018 TREASURER'S REPORT

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – NOVEMBER 2018

A net surplus of \$3,350 was experienced for November. Unrestricted giving in November totaled \$30,150. Expenses for the month totaled \$26,800. For the year, we have \$383,680 in unrestricted giving and \$368,462 in budgeted spending. Given these financial results, the year-to-date surplus experienced for 2018 is \$15,218.

Total cash-in-bank at November 30 was \$194,633. The unrestricted cash balance (General Fund) was \$65,471 and the restricted cash balance (Designated Funds) was \$129,162.

Eric Griggs, Treasurer

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SERVICE	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	n/a	n/a
<b>Combined</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>175</b>		



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**Congregation Vice President:** Herman Price

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#### Worship Times:

Sunday Mornings  
8:30 am with Holy Communion  
10:45 am with Holy Communion

#### Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday  
8:00 am—4:00 pm  
The office is closed on Friday

#### Our Mission Statement:

In response to the love of Jesus Christ,  
our mission is:  
Believe, Belong, Serve. God's Work. Our Hands.



North Carolina Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

**JANUARY 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, MEETINGS, ASSIGNMENTS**

**JANUARY 6 8:30 SERVICE**

Communion Asst: Shirley Griggs  
 Crucifer: Curtis Paul  
 Acolyte: Shirley Griggs  
 Lay Lector: Roxy Poovey  
 Greeters: Frank & Rita Miller  
 Ushers: Rick Carmack / Cecil Davis

**JANUARY 13 8:30 SERVICE**

Communion Asst: Mickey Barnett  
 Crucifer: Connie Burleson  
 Acolyte: Mickey Barnett  
 Lay Lector: Connie Burleson  
 Greeters: Karen Pruett / Linda Barnett  
 Ushers: Dennis Anthony, John Hegert

**JANUARY 20 8:30 SERVICE**

Communion Asst: Chris Bass  
 Crucifer: Chris Bass  
 Acolyte: Steve Pruett  
 Lay Lector: Steve Pruett  
 Greeters: Debbie Carmack / Cindy Sullivan  
 Ushers: Doug Sullivan Josh Sullivan

**JANUARY 27 10:00 SERVICE**

Communion Asst: Steve Seif  
 Crucifer: Steve Seif  
 Acolyte: Carly Seif  
 Lay Lector: Loretta Burke  
 Greeters: Kenny & Susy Morrison  
 Ushers: Tom & Lisa Atwater

\*\*\*Please note this Sunday's assistants may change due to it being Youth Sunday\*\*\*

**JANUARY 6 10:45 SERVICE**

Communion Asst: Sonny Bolick  
 Crucifer: Drew Hitchcock  
 Acolyte: Ella Hitchcock  
 Lay Lector: Geoff Yount  
 Story Time: Penny Lineberger  
 Children's Church: Bob Eliasson  
 Greeters: Robert & Gail Welch  
 Ushers: Gerald Burke, Darin Shook

**JANUARY 13 10:45 SERVICE**

Communion Asst: Naomi East  
 Crucifer: Caleb Hedgepeth  
 Acolyte: Naomi East  
 Lay Lector: Teresa Bazzle  
 Story Time: Kim & Nolan Ray  
 Children's Church: Liz Fox  
 Greeters: Debbie Seabock / Marion Waldon  
 Ushers: Thom Shell, Jane Spaugh

**JANUARY 20 10:45 SERVICE**

Communion Asst: Audrey Glenn  
 Crucifer: Ian Smail  
 Acolyte: Audrey Glenn  
 Lay Lector: Judy Rao  
 Story Time: Lynne Reed  
 Children's Church: Libby Garner  
 Greeters: Patty Williams, Carol Tawney  
 Ushers: David Glenn, Corey Seabock

N/A

Communion Asst:  
 Crucifer:  
 Acolyte:  
 Lay Lector:  
 Story Time:  
 Children's Church:  
 Greeters:  
 Ushers:

**MEETING TIMES:**

**Men's Bible Study:** Tuesday 7:00 am  
Upstairs Prayer Chapel

**"Tying & Tacking Girls":** Monday 8:30—11:30  
Heritage Hall

**ACAP (Adult Children of Aging Parents):**  
2nd Tuesday of month 5:30 pm Heritage Hall

**Narcotics Anonymous:** Thursday 6:30 pm  
Heritage Hall

**Girl Scouts:** Second & Fourth Tuesday / Month  
2nd floor Ed. Bldg.

**WELCA CIRCLE MEETINGS:**

**Abigail:** 1st Wed 7:00 pm Martin Luther Room  
Devotions: TBD

**Esther:** 1st Mon 2:00 pm Heritage Hall  
Program: TBD

**Martha:** 1st Tues 11:30 Heritage Hall  
Leader: TBD

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

January 6: Michael and Sue Ellen Frye  
 January 13: Van and Debbie Seabock  
 January 20: Kate Rhea  
 January 27: Hank and Bernice McCrorie

**ALTAR DUTY:**  
**COMMUNION PREP:**

Barbara George  
 Sue Coble  
 Patty Williams

**COMMUNION BREAD:**

Sue Coble

**ROBE CLEANING:**

**MONDAY MORNING COUNTERS:**

John Petersen, Supervisor  
 Joan Yount Mike Frye

**ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP:**

Jan 16: Heritage Hall

**OUTDOOR SIGN for January:**

# JANUARY 2019: MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH ACTIVITIES

<b>Each Sunday:</b> <b>Holy Communion at 8:30 &amp; 10:45 am</b> <b>Fellowship Hour &amp; Faith Formation activities for all ages from 9:35-10:35 am</b>		<b>1 New Year's Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>2 No music rehearsals</b>	<b>3</b> 10am: Kids' Korner 12pm: Mary Circle 6:30pm: Narcotics Anonymous	<b>4 Office Closed</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:30am: Tying & Tacking 2pm: Esther Circle 2:30pm: Blood Drive	<b>7</b> 8:30am: Tying & Tacking 2pm: Esther Circle 2:30pm: Blood Drive	<b>8</b> 7am: Men's Bible Study 11:30am: Martha Circle 5:30pm: ACAP 6pm: Girl Scouts	<b>9</b> 7pm: Abigail Circle	<b>10</b> 10am: Kids' Korner 6:30pm: Narcotics Anonymous	<b>11 Office Closed</b>	<b>12</b> 8am: Youth & Children Snow Tubing
<b>13</b> 6pm: Council Meeting	<b>14</b> 8:30am: Tying & Tacking	<b>15</b> 7am: Men's Bible Study	<b>16</b> 10:30am: Adult Fellowship	<b>17</b> 10am: Kids' Korner 6:30pm: Narcotics Anonymous	<b>18 Office Closed</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:30am: Tying & Tacking <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>22</b> 7am: Men's Bible Study 6pm: Girl Scouts	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10am: Kids' Korner 6:30pm: Narcotics Anonymous	<b>25 Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10am: Youth Sunday 4pm: Installation of Deacon Liz Fox	<b>28</b> 8:30am: Tying & Tacking	<b>29</b> 7am: Men's Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10am: Kids' Korner 6:30pm: Narcotics Anonymous	<b>Each Wednesday unless noted:            5:30 pm: Children's Music (K-2)            6-6:45 pm: Youth Music (grades 3+)            6:45-7:25 pm: Faith Out Loud            7:30 pm: Chancel Choir</b>	

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