



THE FIRST WORD

CELEBRATING THE LIVING WORD
FOR A GROWING CHURCH.

MAY 2015

Why the Bishop matters to me by Pastor Ian Reid

The Synod's constitution states that each year the Synod is to gather the Pastor's and called leaders who serve within the synod and at least two delegates from each church in order to have the Synod's annual meeting. These meetings are usually a time to talk about the work of God happening within the Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Each year there are a few offices or committees to which people are elected too and a time for worshipping together. However, this year's Synod Assembly is of great importance because we will elect a new Bishop to preside over the West Virginia- Western Maryland Synod for the next six years.

Whoever is elected Bishop of the Synod would be the third Bishop to hold this office as Bishop Alexander Black was elected in 1988 and served until 1997, when Bishop Ralph Dunkin was elected to the first of his three terms. Bishop Dunkin has already expressed to the Synod that he will not be seeking re-election as Bishop and plans to retire in September when his term is officially over. This means that the Synod Assembly will be tasked with electing a new Bishop from the pastoral roster of the ELCA. Any pastor who is in good standing with the ELCA can be nominated to be Bishop and the Synod Assembly will use a special electoral process called Ecclesiastical Ballot to determine the new Bishop. Once the new Bishop is elected he/she will assume his/her new duties starting in September.

You might be ask "why does this matter to me and why should I care who or if we have a bishop anyways?" Yes, I

know the Bishop is not the one who will preach at the church or visit you when you are in the hospital. They possible might never know your name and you might not be able to pick them from a lineup if you had to. Unfortunately, because the Bishop has to serve not just one church but all 65 congregations in the WV-WMD Synod it is hard for individuals to get to know and love them as a pastor. It can be easy to think of the Bishop as a stodgy old man from a different community who cares only about looking out for their best interest. This, however, is not the case, for the Bishop's task is to care for the church as a whole which means caring for individuals and congregations as well.

The early church found out not long after its formation that they only did it to establish churches, but also a leadership model within the church and one for the greater church as a whole. This led to the establishment of deacons, elders, presbyters and Bishops. These offices are listed in several of the New Testament letters. The Bishop was seen by the early church as a person who was to be well respected of high moral values, and was tasked with keeping order in the church. In First Timothy we can even find what Timothy sees as the requirements for one who seeks the office of Bishop.

The tasks that a Synod Bishop is expected to do in today's world is vast and extensive and in our synod means being on the road a large majority of the time. A Bishop is called to be the Pastor to the Pastors who serve in the synod and at the same time care for congregations without pastoral leadership. The Bishop spends time seeking

and encouraging candidates who would make good pastors and helping them through the seminary process. They are vital in working with the synods committees that are tasked with helping congregations work together to assist with large tasks that individual churches cannot effectively do by themselves such as Global Missions, Disaster Relief, Evangelism, Stewardship and many others. The Bishop is a part of the Council of Bishops, which is an advising body for the ELCA and is called upon to give wisdom on issues facing the national church and society.

Even though you might not see the Bishop on a weekly or even yearly basis the things they do for the church impact First Lutheran and you. I ask that you might pray for those who will be attending the Synod Assembly on June 5th and 6th, that they might have wisdom on whom God is calling to be our next Bishop. First Lutheran's delegates to the Synod Assembly for this year will be Andrea Brock and Bill Kohler. Also pray for the one that God is calling to be Bishop of our Synod that they might be able to and willing to do the task that God has set before them. If you have any questions or concerns about the calling of the Bishop or what will take place at the Synod Assembly feel free to talk to me. Though we have no clue who will end up being the new Bishop we can trust that God will guide and direct the Assembly through the Holy Spirit and that whom God desires to lead us will be appointed.

From Your Church Council

What a marvelous Lent and Easter season at First Lutheran! The feeling in the Sanctuary on Easter was electric! The service was excellent, the music was moving, the Sanctuary was beautiful ...and full!! Now, wasn't that wonderful to see?? Let's all make a concerted effort to reach out to both members as well as friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc., and invite them to worship with us. The numbers at this year's Easter Egg Hunt prove that there are many children who can benefit from our Sunday School programs, too!

We are back to 'one-sided' worship for a short time – but I am told that the electrical work is proceeding quite well and we will have our Sanctuary back in its full glory by the first Sunday in May.

Your continuing support for this project is marvelous and if we all keep plugging along with regular contributions to the electrical upgrade fund, we will have this project conquered before we know it!

The 'adoption' program is still ongoing and several

items are still available – check with Jill in the office if you have an interest.

Spring is 'busting out all over' and I am sure you have noticed the progress already in the Community Garden. That 'gang' is really eager to get things moving on the corner – and at the Emerson Avenue garden location as well.

The golf group is getting ready to swing into its season the first Monday in May – all are welcome to come and join in the fellowship. (We don't care how good or bad you are – come out and join in the fun!)

Mother's Day is May 10 and this will be a combined service at 10:30 am. The Youth Yard Sale is scheduled for May 15 and 16. Synod meeting is June 5 and 6, our annual Picnic in the Park is June 7, Father's Day is June 21 and that is also the day our kids leave for a wonderful week at Camp Luther. Whew!! ... and those are just some of the happenings taking us through June! There will be more details on these events as they near.

It is also rumored that we will soon be having some 'movie nights' on the lawn – so watch for the details on those. These are fun events for all family members.

I believe that you will continue to find many more opportunities for participating in worship, fellowship, and volunteering. I also believe that the more opportunities you take to participate – the more you will experience the vibrant and active community of faith we enjoy here. All of us grow as we do the Lord's work at First Lutheran. So come out and join in – you don't have to wait to be asked! If you have an interest but want more information, contact me, Pastor, or anyone on Council and we will answer your questions or put you in touch with someone who can.

Remember, your Council is interested in your comments, your questions, suggestions and concerns. Don't hesitate to let us hear from you.

Andrea Brock

Lighting Our Pathway Status

I am very pleased to say that we have surpassed the \$100,000 mark with our donations! Our status is:

Donations..... \$101,278.16
Expenses\$64,800.75
Cash on Hand\$36,477.41

Our Adopt a Special Item is off to a great start as well:

Sanctuary
Chandeliers..... 11 of 16 Adopted

8-channel Electronic
Dimmers..... 1 of 3 Adopted

Master Lighting
Console 1 of 1 Adopted

DMX Signal
Repeater..... 0 of 1 Adopted

27 New LED
Lights 0 of 27 Adopted

We are on target to finishing the Sanctuary light installations during the week of April 27th. CCI, our vendor for the new style LED lights, will be here on Tuesday April 28th to complete the new LED light installation. CCI will install the power and control wiring for the new lights; install the DMX controller and dimmer panels for all our lights (both new and old) in the Sanctuary, train our

people on the new light programming and make sure the new lights are fully operational and are aimed properly by no later than May 1st. We are approaching the end point of our Sanctuary project. There are several small circuits we will address, then on to completing the Education Building with several circuits to be installed there, and our project will be very close to completion!

Please pray over your donations as we are doing great but still need your help.

Dale VanDeVelde

The Bread of Life Committee Meeting Notes

The Bread of Life Committee met on Monday April 20th and agreed to give \$1000 to each of these community organizations and church projects.

Organizations Receiving funding from the Bread of Life Scholarship:

- **The Mountaineer Food Bank**

- **First Lutheran Food Pantry**
- **Faith Link**
- **WVU Campus Ministry**
- **Community Lutheran Partners**
- **First Lutheran Back Pack Ministry**
- **Red Cross**
- **NYC Youth Missions Trip**

On July 21st, 2015 the Bread of Life Committee will meet to discuss applications for college scholarships. If you know of a college student who would like to apply please ask the church office for an application and send it to the office marked Bread of Life Scholarship no later than Sunday July, 21st.

MAY 10TH, 2015
COMBINED SERVICE AT 10:30 A.M.
MOTHER'S DAY—NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Annual Church Picnic

First Lutheran Church will kick off the summer season with the annual picnic. It will be held June 7th following the combined service at the City Park in shelter #10. The shelter is located

near the children's playground and will be marked with balloons.

Please bring a covered dish to share. The DUN committee will provide hot dogs, drinks, and table ser-

vice. If dishes need to be kept warm they can be placed in church ovens.

Please come enjoy the fellowship with your church family.

Luther Golf League Begins

The Luthers will meet on Monday, April 27th at 6:30 for a dinner/organizational meeting. The 6:30 time is selected so golfers will have time for nine holes before the meeting (if weather permits). Call for a tee-time.

Jim and I will host the gathering at our home (201 Woodridge). We will provide meat entrees, bread, drinks

and service ware. If you would like to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert, that would be great!

If you can't attend, but plan to play with the league, please let me know. (304-483-0128) Information will be passed on to you. If you know of anyone interested in playing with us, please bring them with you

to the meeting.

If your spouse or children don't play, please bring them with you to the dinner. This a family affair!!! The meeting will be short.

Our first league play will begin on Monday, May 4, 2015. Starting time is 5:30.

Thank you
Margie Hamric

Dun Committee Updates

So far the DUN committee has organized a Vegetable Soup Cook Off, Lenten dinner, and a Restaurant Rovers outing at the Blenner-

hassett Hotel for Sunday brunch. We assisted Mac Doolittle with his turkey dinner that was the last dinner of the Lenten season. Our

next event will be the annual church picnic. Please see the article about the "Annual Church Picnic" in this newsletter.

JUNE 7TH, 2015
COMBINED SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.
CHURCH PICNIC TO FOLLOW—NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Graduate Recognition on Mother's Day

Lori Butler has graciously offered to once again prepare a slide show of our graduates. If you have a student who graduated this past year from high school please submit 4-5 photos along with the name of the high school. If you have a student who graduated

from college (August 2014, December 2014 or May 2015) then submit one photo along with the name of the college and degree received. You can give the photos to Lori at church or drop the photo(s) at the church office. She will return them to you. You may also

email photos to Lori at mlbutler@access.k12.wv.us. Please submit photos to Lori no later than April 30th. Recognition will be on May 10th, at the combined church service for Mother's Day.

Women's Beach Retreat

Women's Beach Retreat
Bald Head Island, NC ,May 30 -June 4. It's finally happening!!! Let's get away for a few days and enjoy some sand

and sun! Price will be totaled following the trip, but should be around \$250-\$300, covering food, ferry, fuel and cleaning services. We'll leave

after 8:30 service on Sunday and return around 6 pm on Thursday. Contact Becca Reid at 304-966-6430 if you are interested!!

Are All Lutherans Pranksters? By Gerry Kohler

[In the last First Word, a portion of the video/oral history of Pastor Jim Kinsler's memories of his father, Pastor David Kinsler was recounted. Before Pastor David left First Lutheran in 1942 to join the Army as a Chaplain, He worked tirelessly to save our new church building from being taken by the bank during the depression. With that worthy story told, Pastor Jim shared some interesting situations that occurred in the church.]

A Mr. Young from a local children's home had a group of children at the church. They were known to be "ornery!" A Ladies Group was meeting in the basement, as this was pre-educational building. (circ. 1940)

Suddenly, all the lights went out in the church. One of the young people had gotten into the power room and pulled the breaker. By the time Pastor David found the problem and corrected it, the ladies were quite upset! They told Pastor David that he needed to get rid of those kids! Years later, in 1985, Pastor David was in Parkersburg visiting his son, Pastor Jim, and family. His name was on the sign in front of the church. Someone knocked on the door and Pastor Jim opened the door. A man asked if he was Jim Kinsler and if he was related to a David Kinsler. When Pastor Jim answered in the

affirmative that David was his dad, the man replied that he had known his father. "He happens to be visiting right now and you're welcome to come in." The man came in and they began to talk about how they knew each other. As the stories were told and the connections were made the gentleman mentioned the "black out" story. Pastor David laughed, recalling the incident. The gentleman said, "Well, I remember that well. My name is Butch and I'm the one who pulled that breaker!" Even though it had been nearly 50 years, the two men cried like

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babies as the years melted away!

When Pastor David was at First Lutheran, the BYKOTA, (Be Ye Kind One To Another), an adult Sunday School class, met in what became Pastor Jim's office. The Secretary's office was in the Little Chapel. Brent Null's Grandmother, Marcella Woodruff, was in the class and when Pastor Jim came to First Lutheran, she related some interesting stories. Pastor David was a bachelor at First Lutheran for two years. When he brought his wife home to the parsonage at First Lutheran after their honeymoon, they had quite the surprises. The class members had short sheeted their bed! It gets worse! Metal springs supported the mattress. The pranksters had removed the hooks and replaced them with string so that the bed would collapse! That still isn't all! All the pots and pans from the kitchen had been spread in disarray, as if it had been left like that! There were signs all over the place. The *piece de resistance*? A dummy made to look immensely like an interested man was enjoying a cigar and a drink! Be Ye Kind...? That's a stretch!

Joe and Katie Rapp, who were here during both the Kinsler pastorates, also shared many interesting stories when the David Kinslers visited, adding a completeness to father and son's ministries.

When Pastor David was in Korea as an Army Chaplain, he sent a letter home every day, sometimes including an audio tape. Pastor Jim would like to share his father's vast trove of memorabilia with the Chaplains Museum at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

How did Pastor Jim come to be

at First Lutheran? Many members of our congregation remember. For those of us who don't, it's a story worth retelling and remembering. His mom was a great correspondent. Among the many Christmas cards she wrote one year, Joe Rapp received one with a Post Script. "I hear you're without a Pastor. Maybe our youngest son could be your Pastor some day! Ha ha!"

Mrs. Kinsler became rather distraught over what she had done - something she had sworn she'd never do - interfere. She called Jim and Martha and told them what she had said to Joe in the card. "I hope nothing will happen because of it, but you might be getting a call from First Lutheran in Parkersburg, WV."

Joe took the card to Lois Campbell, who gave it to the call committee. Betty Smith just happened to be in Columbia, SC, visiting on the occasion of the birth of her first grandchild, Noah. "Why not give her a call?" Why not, indeed? Betty was called and the road to Parkersburg began to be built.

Martha answered her phone and a lady identified herself as Betty Smith, in the southern accent to which Martha was accustomed. After Betty identified herself, Martha said, "That's funny. I have an aunt named Betty Smith."

"Well, I'm Betty Smith from Parkersburg, West Virginia!"

"Uh-oh," thought Martha. "Here is the call Mom was talking about!"

"I'd like to speak with your husband."

"He's in Columbia visiting a lady from our parish, Mayme Mantly. (Jim and Martha lived in Ellore, about an hour away.)

"I just happen to be in Colum-

bia! Could you give me the number of the hospital?"

Pastor Jim had just finished visiting with Ms. Mantley. He was exiting the room as the phone rang. He answered, as Ms. Mantley was unable to do so.

"I'm Betty Smith from Parkersburg, WV, and I'd like to speak with you" Jim drove to West Columbia to speak with her. She explained everything and said they would like for him to visit First Lutheran and deliver a sermon the week after Easter. [*When I spoke with Betty about this, she remembered Mrs. Mantley's name!*]

Pastor Jim knew they were happy where they were, but to deliver a sermon in the church of which his dad had been Pastor of? It was too much to pass up. He agreed, but knowing he wasn't planning on accepting the call, he wanted as little money spent on it as possible, so he wouldn't feel so guilty. They visited his sister in Washington, and then Jim came to Parkersburg, as it made the plane flight much shorter. When he came, he thought, "Wow! There is something neat going on here." After the sermon, Ellen Litman was standing at the door, and a powerful wind blew past. She looked him straight in the face and asked, "Did you feel that?"

"Yeah, I did!"

Off the plane, he said to Martha, "I have never felt the Holy Spirit as powerfully as I did in that church." They returned home to Ellore.

Back home, he was struggling. They had worked so hard in Ellore, and felt they had made great progress. The congregation at First felt that maybe Martha was holding him back, as she hadn't visited. Bob Storck, a

member of the church, good friend of Pastor David, and owner of Storck Bakery and a private jet, sent the plane to Columbia in May to bring them back for another visit. Betty Smith was co-pilot of the plane! With all her many talents, who would have thought it!

Emilee was about 3 1/2 years old and Mary and Laura were one. With three small children, they boarded with much luggage, bags, and a cooler. Betty's mother, who had come to the airport, remarked to Betty, "They look like Jimmy Carter coming in from the country!"

After their return and into the summer, Jim went back and forth on the subject. They lived close to his parents, and his father became ill and had by-pass surgery. Martha and Jim took turns taking care of him and being with Mrs. Kinsler. Jim kept

thinking if they had been in Parkersburg, they would not have been able to care for his parents. He had prepared two letters, one of acceptance and one declining. He declined the invitation saying it wouldn't be appropriate. He felt he needed to stay where he was.

However he was unsettled. He began not sleeping well and awaking in the middle of the night. In August, one Sunday night when they were returning from a youth meeting at the church, he told Martha he was just curious about what was going on in Parkersburg and thought he'd give them a call. "If they've extended a call to someone, that's wonderful, but if they're not talking to anyone, I may reconsider accepting it." He called on Monday and Lois answered. She gave the phone to Wayne Sayre, President of the

Council. "How are things going with the call committee?"

"We had a meeting last night and the last candidate we invited turned us down."

"I know I've turned you down, but if you're willing to reconsider, I would accept the call."

An eager Wayne Sayre responded with, "Would you put that in writing?"

So, are all Lutherans pranksters? Of course! Is Pastor Ian a prankster? Absolutely! Have all Lutherans been pranked? Of course! Have all Lutherans been neither? Of course! And that's why there's a place for everyone at First Lutheran.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Next month - *The Pastors Kinsler at First Lutheran.*

Camp Luther registration forms are outside the church office and online at www.firstlutheranparkersburg.com. Camp Luther dates are June 21st through June 27th. Don't Miss the Bus!! Sign Up Today! Please call the church office with any questions at 304-428-6174

KID'S CLUB

"VEGGIE KIDS....DOING GOD'S WORK"

1ST CORINTHIANS 10:31:

"WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD"

AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEDNESDAYS IN JULY BEGINNING JULY 1ST AND ENDING JULY 29TH, 5:30-7:30

WE WILL EAT DINNER, HEAR BIBLE STORIES, PLAY GAMES, DO CRAFTS AND SING

THIS IS FOR AGES 3 YEARS TO 5TH GRADE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING PLEASE CONTACT LORI BUTLER (304-481-4765)

WE NEED TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!!!

Help Support Our Youth...Sign Up!



Kroger Community Rewards Program

First Lutheran is now enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Whether you already have a Kroger Plus card, or need to sign up for one, registering your card so that First Lutheran will receive a small portion of purchases is easy. This won't affect any of the points or benefits each individual receives, but are in addition. Just go to:

www.krogercommunityrewards.com and follow the simple instructions. If you don't already have a card, just stop by the service desk at any Kroger and sign up for one... it's free! Once you're registered, just use your card for purchases in store and for

gas, and while you're earning points, First Lutheran will see benefits, too! If you have any questions, or need help registering, just call or stop by the office and we'll be happy to help you! Remember to have your card handy when registering. To Use the KCRP: Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com & click on Sign in/Register. Most participants are new on-line customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the "New Customer" box.

Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, click on favorite store, enter your email address & create a password, agree to the terms & conditions. You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email. Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.

Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number. Update or con-

firm your information. Enter the name of the organization (First Lutheran), select organization from list and click confirm.

To verify that you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page. REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).

Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 1-800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is attached to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

First Lutheran decals are in the church office. Pick up one today and show your appreciation for your church and display it proudly!

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH
FOLLOWING THE COMBINED SERVICE**

You are invited to sponsor flowers for the beauty of the service and in honor or memory of individuals, family members, friends or groups. You will find the sign up book with available dates in the Narthex or call the church with available dates. Three locations are available each Sunday ... on the Altar, on the Organ or in front of the Baptismal Font. The cost for each position is \$45.

Youth Events

May 3- Minute to Win It- lots of silly games to challenge ourselves!

May 10- Yard Sale set-up in fellowship hall (5-7 pm). We'll order pizza in exchange for your hard work!

May 15- 4-7 pm: Yard sale!!

May 16- 8 am- 1 pm- Yard sale!!

May 17- Kerplunk- mega-sized fun with an old favorite.

May 24- Yard Yahtzee- Let's enjoy the outdoors and play a classic game!

May 31- no youth- Memorial Day

Youth Indoor Yard Sale Items will be collected during the week leading up to the sale until Thursday. Please place items to the side of the fellowship hall if you drop it off before

May 10th. Let Pastor Ian or Becca know if you need help having items delivered from your home.

We can always use grocery bags to place sold items in as well!

Come and shop for some treasures on Friday (4-7 pm) and Saturday (8 am- 1 pm)! Thank you for supporting this major fundraiser for the youth mission trip!

Thank You's

The Food Pantry Committee thanks the Van Hall Family for the generous donation of food in his memory .Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hemenway, Richard Hemenway,Jr., Jean Berringer, Iris Hemenway, and the Ross Family.

Note: *The Food Pantry has served 50 Households, that is 143 individuals so far this year.*

Dear Members of First Lutheran Church,

So many times, I say a simple prayer of thanks for every wonderful thing you are to me.

Thanks for all your prayers and cards for me while I was ill. God hears and answers prayers. I love my church family.

*Love and Blessings,
Gracie Browder*

Thank you to everyone who sent cards in the passing of Jim's sister, Sandra Knapp.

Love in Christ,
Jim and Miriam Jackson

GENERAL FUND

March Income	\$29,059
March Expenses	\$24,983
Jan-March Income	\$68,512
Jan-March Expenses	\$78,058

Lay Readers for Sunday Worship

Date	8:30 service	10:45 Service
May 3	Jerry Harman	Bill Kohler
May 10	Keith Curry	Marcia VanDeVelde
May 17	Adeline Smith	Jim Smith
May 24	Sue Lamp	Betty Smith
May 31	Tom Curry	Karen Creel

Communion Bearers for Sunday Worship

Date	10:45 service
May 3	Barb McDowell and Betsy Ehret
May 10	Carole Carter and Ashley Wiltsey
May 17	Gerry Kohler and Mary Parrish
May 24	Jim and Miriam Jackson
May 31	Dave and Carol Petersen

Door Greeters 10:45 (contact church office to volunteer)

Date	
May 3	Jean Riggs
May 10	Norma Phillips
May 17	Mary Parrish
May 24	Phillip Cross
May 31	Lewis and Karen Creel

Phyllis Loudon is always looking for door greeters to welcome people as they come to the 10:45 service on Sunday mornings. Please contact the church office if you are interested in greeting.

Altar Guild Servers

8:30 a.m.	Debbie Marks/Marty Miller
10:45 a.m.	Carole Carter
6:30 p.m.	Barbara McDowell

MAY, 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 8:30 & 10:45 Praise Team at Worthington 2:00 Invitation to Prayer 5:00 Evening Service 6:30 Youth-Minute to Win It	4 Golf League 5:30 Praise Team At Eagle Pointe 7:00 p.m.	5 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Woman's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Al-Anon 7:00	6 Handbells 6:30p.m. Bereavement 6:30 p.m. Senior Choir 7:30	7 National Day of Prayer	8	9
10 Mother's Day Combined Service 10:00 No Children's Sunday School Invitation to Prayer 5:00 Evening Service 6:30 Youth-Yard Sale Set-up 5:00	11 Praise Team At Church 7:00 pm Golf League 5:30 pm	12 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Woman's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Al-Anon 7:00 p.m.	13 Handbells 6:30pm Bereavement 6:30p.m. Senior Choir 7:30	14	15 Yard Sale 4:00-7:00	16 Yard Sale 8:00-1:00
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OFFICE HOURS

9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Invitation to Prayer Sunday Evenings 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

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All Sunday Services

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