



Pastor

**Rev.
Christina
Thompson**



WORSHIP THEMES FOR FEBRUARY

February 2 Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15,1
Corinthians 1:18-31, Mathew 5:1-12
Jesus says "Blessed are the poor in
spirit. Blessed are those who mourn."
How do these beatitudes help us
understand who Jesus is and how we
are to live as followers of Jesus?

Communion Sunday

February 9 Mathew 5:13-20
Let your light shine so others can
see it.
How do the images of Salt and Light
help us to understand who Jesus is?
May we let our light shine so others can
see Jesus.

February 16 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
We are given the choice to walk the
path of life where we find happiness or
the path of death and adversity. Which
path do we choose?

February 23 Mathew 17:1-9, Psalm
99:1-9, 2 Peter 1:16-21

God calls us to places of waiting for
revelation. Once we have received the
revelation of God, the message is more
confirmed and understood.

What is brought into the light in this
story?

Transfiguration Sunday

**WHITNEY UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**



3315 Overland Road Boise, Idaho

WORSHIP TIME

Every Sunday at 10:00 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults 8:30 and 9:30 am

Children 10:20 am

Nursery open at 8:30 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon

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PASTOR

Rev. Christina Thompson



From our pastor.....

I was reading the news on the morning of January 3, 2020 when I read the headline informing me that my denomination was splitting.

Now, luckily, I had received just a few minutes before the news release about the “Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation,” outlining, a proposal to amicably split the United Methodist Church, so at least I knew what the headline in the news was referring to.

My first reaction to the news of the split was “this is not new news.” The reality that the United Methodist Church will end up splitting over our struggle with human sexuality has been pretty clear since the General Conference met in February 2019 and the Traditional plan was passed. What was new was this protocol. As I read a couple of the different news articles about this protocol, I was grateful that at least they reported the facts accurately. However, what they did not understand is that The United Methodist Church has the method part of our name down pat. Yes, this proposal could pass and this could be the path out of the mess we are in. But it is far from the sure thing which is what those news articles implied.

- The only body of The United Methodist Church that can make any official decisions for the UMC is General Conference and this includes any proposal to split.
- It is a long time until May 5, 2020 (the start of General Conference) and it is possible that other proposals could be presented.
- This Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation missed the September 2019 deadline for legislation to be submitted to General Conference. There is a way for it to still be presented at General Conference but it is not guaranteed. “This one is getting all of the publicity, and yet it’s late,” Jim Allen, treasurer of the Tennessee Conference said. “It’s questionable if they’re even going to be able to slip it under the door. There is no legislation to go with it, and the devil is always in the details.”

So what do we do between now and May?

- Keep being the church. At Whitney we will keep discipling, serving and providing resources to children and families. We will keep seeking to be the church God calls us to be and seek ways to be a church that is welcoming and affirming of all of God’s children.
- Keep praying. Pray for God’s spirit to provide the best way forward for God’s love and grace to be unleashed in the world. Pray for all of the United Methodist Bishops, and delegates (both lay and clergy) to General conference that God will guide them to make decisions that are best for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world (The mission of the UMC). Pray for local churches (including ours) where the real work of making disciples and transforming the world happens. Pray for yourself that your heart will be open to what God is doing even in this chaos.

- If you have any questions, concerns, thoughts, please come see me.
- Watch for ways that we can be involved in General Conference. Minneapolis is a long way to travel to attend General Conference (although if someone wants to attend, you can attend as a guest). But there are other ways that we can be involved. Most of General Conference will be live streamed and I will make sure all of the information on how to watch the sessions is available.

I wish I had the magic ball that would tell us what the outcome of all of this will be. Will we still be United Methodists? Maybe Un-tied Methodists, or something else? I wish I knew, but I don't. All I can do is trust the movement of the Holy Spirit who I know is at work and believe that when we look back on all of this, we will be amazed at how the Spirit worked. Until then, I will just keep working and sharing the grace of God in the best ways I know how and trust God for the rest.

Blessings
Rev. Christina

Dear Rev. Christina,

A big thank to you and to everyone else who took the time to buy the items, to locate the boxes, and to place a bow on top.

A Christmas card was attached on top of the box. The box was full with an apple, many cookies, candy, box of rasin, package of paper tissue hand towels and a pencil.

It was quite a surprise to have you and your two daughters, Miriam and Grace, along with your mother Evelyn to come for a visit. I really enjoyed the pictures of everyone. It was an enjoyable visit for a shut-in like me.

I appreciated the Christmas passage that you read from the Bible.

Richard Miller
Happy New Year

Thank you for your support !

Many will remember the old church building that once stood on the now empty lot facing Overland Road. The building that served us for so many years had become unusable and became a liability. The decision to demolish it was made, but the cost to clear it was greater than the budget alone could bear, so a fund raising for the demolition, debris removal and ground restoration was undertaken. Members of the church raised about \$60,000 (most of the cost of the demolition) in promissory notes. Once the money was in place and the contract signed, the old building was removed in mid-April of 2015.

In the intervening years since, several of the notes were forgiven. The remainder of the notes have been paid incrementally, each quarter, with interest. The last several years the church has budgeted roughly \$8,000 annually to meet the obligated quarterly payments. This payout was scheduled to last until 2025 when all notes would be paid off. As of December of 2019, the notes had a remaining balance of a little over \$19,000.

Over the past year there has been discussions over the need to meet the growing needs of our church. While the planning is very preliminary, fund raising will be necessary. The current budget estimates only the cost of church operations through the year. The capital for new construction will require funds far greater than resources currently in the Moving Forward (building) accounts.

During the 2019 December meeting of the Finance Committee, the conversation about the promissory notes and the planned future building funding was raised. The concern about dealing with multiple debts prompted the decision to pay off the promissory notes. So the Finance committee voted to pay off the remaining balance in December 2019 with the interest that would have been paid in February 2020.

The church is grateful to the members who were able to step up and help fund the demolition of the old buildings. We hope there will be those who see the future vision of the church and be able to participate in making a dream become reality.

If you have questions please feel free to contact a Finance Committee member:
Rev. Christina, Lory Nesor, Gena Waller, Jim Obland, Lori Davis, Malcom Dunten,
Bill Slupe

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

REMINDER: Our February meeting will be on February 5 at 1st church (Cathedral of the Rockies). It will be a salad potluck at noon. Those who wish to carpool can meet at the church at 11:30. The program will include a speaker – Bruce Wingate, who is the executive director of Protect Idaho Kids, an organization which primarily seeks legislation which will prevent parents from refusing medical attention for their children for religious reasons.



If you haven't already done so, there is still time to register for the Legislative Advocacy Event on Feb. 23 and 24. Registration must be sent in by Feb. 16, 2020. A registration form is included in this issue of the Chronicle.

We are grateful to the Whitney congregation who so generously included United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men for their advent giving. We will be using it to fulfill some of the many mission giving projects that we have.

Our vision: Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

JOSEPH'S CLOSET

Joseph's Closet will be closing in mid-February.

We have done a brisk business the last 4 months and have provided warm winter clothing for many men, women and children in this community. Those of us who have worked the Closet have many stories to tell. We have truly been a blessing to many but in return we have received ten-fold the blessings from them.

We are grateful for the many clothing donations that have been made by not only members of Whitney but many other churches, organizations and individuals.

The financial donations which have been made have insured that even with the rental of the trailer, Joseph's Closet is a self-supporting ministry of Whitney.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED IN MANY WAYS.

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2020 6:00 PM

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Worship for the day focuses on the themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. We are called to observe Lent as a time of repentance, prayer and self-denial; of meditation on Jesus' life and death; and of self-giving to others, especially to those who suffer and are in need.

The tradition of giving things up for Lent probably grows out of penance for sin and fasting to be one with Jesus in suffering. The Scripture refers to ashes both as a sign of mortality and a sign of repentance. In our church, psalms from the previous Easter Sunday are burned and mixed with a little water to make a paste which the pastor uses to make a cross on the forehead of the worshiper. Purple is the Lenten color or gray or other dark earth tones are especially appropriate for this time. Watch or information about our celebration of Ash Wednesday and the beginning to the Lenten

February Birthdays

- 1 David Adams
- 2 Becky Gris
- 13 Barry Kelso
- 15 Tiffany Kerns
- 16 Ron Blakeley
- 18 Miriam Fridel
Mary Kienzle
- 26 Stewart Gardner
- 27 Lory Neser
Kena Wachi

IN OUR PRAYERS

Glenna Finley, David Hawk, Eric Tabb, Tom Old
SHUT-INS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Dortha Bixler, Glenna Finley, Don Halsey

INCESSANT PRAYERS

Cheri Carter, Ruthie Carter, Ruthie's Grandson, Carter, Richard Miller, Bonnie Hawk, Marvin Wolfe and family, Sue Frear, Dale and Evelyn Thompson, Marlys Tudehope, Keith Gillespie, Malcom Dunten, The Family of Billie Lirgg, The Family of Ron Jordan,

MILITARY PRAYERS

David L. Hawk, Mark Jerome

STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS OF HIGHER LEARNING

Jenneth McNeas-Ayodele, Justine Niyogushimwa, Marissa Jerome, Nicole Jerome, Nick Neser, Braeden Dunten, Spencer Jordan, Jordyn Walhof, Hayli Ball, Hannah Ball, Christopher Kozama, Masson Furitami

Please submit names to the office for listing on this new Prayer List feature.

FEBRUARY HOSPITALITY

Date	Greeters	Coffee Hosts	Liturgist	Communion Servers
2/2	Troop 49	Gena Waller Janice Spencer	David Hawk	Mel & Cathie Slocum James Sorenson Clint Wachi
2/9	Brad Minasian Robert Burge	Lorrie Baer Gaye Cabe	Kaylyn Fournier	
2/16	Kathy Hammers Julie Hall DeDe Matthews	Arny & Kathy Skov, Emily Nelson, Carla Biersdorff	Glenda Berto	
2/23	Gordy & Jody Myre	Jim & Joyce Obland	Joyce Obland	

CRAFT FAIR 2019 - FINAL

Under the Leadership of chairman, Lorrie Baer with the help and craftiness of 44 volunteers, the Craft Fair raised \$9,213.17. The \$205.00 paid for the quilt made by the Eagle LDS Women went directly to Joseph's Closet. \$9,008.17 overall receipts. We definitely found that utilizing the square was a big asset for accommodating several who purchased items.

Fred Meyer rewards from Oct. 2019 to Dec. 31, 2019

27 households participated and Whitney received \$64.09.

Our user number is XL706.

Rev. Christina,
I can't say thank you enough
for reaching out & thinking of our
youth at South's Teen City.
It was perfect timing & you
helped over 80 kids get lunch that
day, plus your chips supplied snacks
for the first week back. Bless you!
Marie Hatfield

From Rev. Christina:

There are three school days a school year when South Jr high does not serve lunch (first day of school, and the last day of the first semester, and the last day of school). For the last two school years, Whitney UMC has provided lunch through the community center. These are the thank yous from the community center folk thanking us for lunch in December. The children have signed on the previous page.



This is the lunch that was served to the South Jr. High students on the days that school does not provide for them.

Thank you!
- your pizza

Thank you
I loved you
and still do just
like you
way I love
thank u
yo food
So much
Parker + thx

Thank for
everything
- on 10/20/11

Hannah :-)

Will:
Lantz
Thank
you!

Thank
you
for
the
pizza



MUSA

YOUTUBER

Said M.

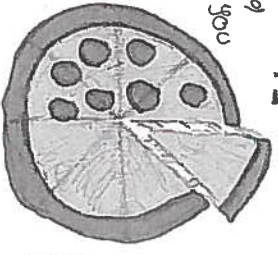
Cy stand
you guys are
real!!!

THX

Thank you
for the items
Abdi Ali

Yo I love how
you give us pizza and
I hope Jehovah bless you
THANKS!
Tiam

Zai!



JAZMINE

Bruce

Alexis

Crizabella S.

Thank for pizza
you
- xoxo



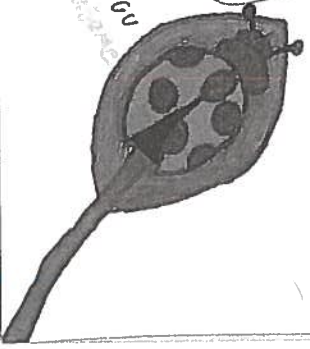
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a Nice Day!

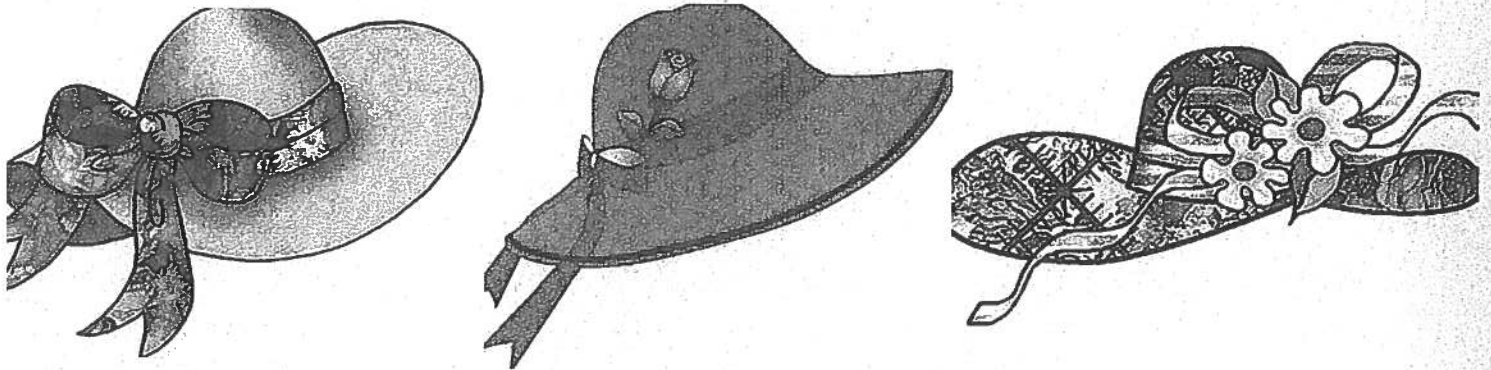


Thank you
for the food
ROSE

Thank you
- on 10/20/11



You are invited
to Adah Chapter #8
Sadie Hawkins Tea Party



February 29, 2020

2 - 4 PM

Whitney United Methodist Church

3315 W Overland Rd

Boise, Id

Please join us for entertainment,
refreshments, prizes & fellowship.

Hats Welcome!

Cost: \$10.00 Adults & \$5.00 Children

Proceeds go to

Canine Companions for Independence



CONTACT

Mikki Carr 208 375-9568

UPDATE



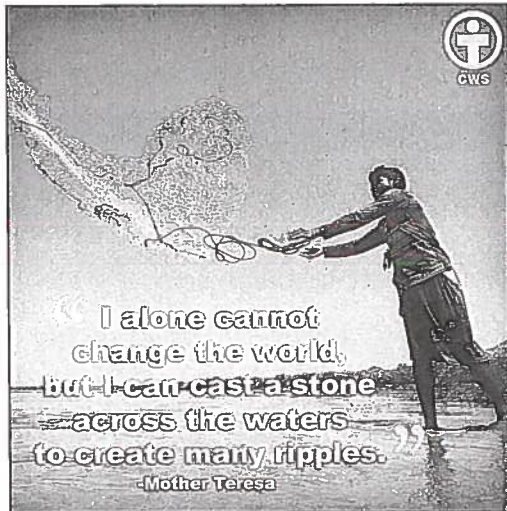
**Sunday, March 1
7:00 p.m.,**

Hillview United Methodist Church
8525 Ustick Rd., Boise

Guest Speaker: Jason Welle

Church World Service Pacific Northwest Specialist

Where in the world does the money we raise for CROP
Hunger Walk go?



Everyone is invited to come to the "Update" to hear Jason's stories of the life-transformation projects that Church World Service supports. Jason will include his experience at McAllen, TX border last year.

We will have the opportunity to learn together, pray together and then be ready to take action together—

**October 18 will be the 2020
CROP Hunger Walk!**

Questions? Contact Judy Halverson, 208-859-2049; adacropwalk@gmail.com

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

EVENT

February 23 and 24, 2020

Boise, Idaho

Registration Form

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Options are available for those who cannot attend the full event. Check the sessions you can attend on the registration form. The registration packets will include informative materials to guide you in the legislative process. It is better to attend partially than not at all!

Local Housing can be arranged if registration form is sent in by February 16, 2020. It is important to note if transportation will be needed as well as any allergies to pets or special needs.

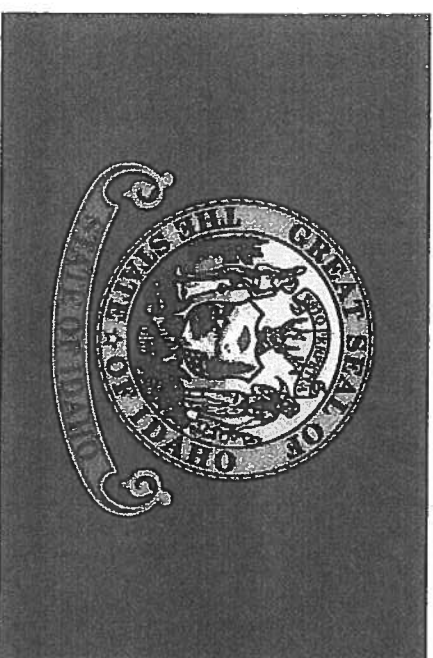
Locations:

First United Methodist Church, 717 N. 11th,
Between Franklin and Hays on N. 11th St.

First Presbyterian Church, Lindsay Hall 9th and W. State St.
Capitol - 700 West Jefferson, 8th St. between W. State St. and W.
Jefferson

Parking: Instructions for parking will be given Sunday evening. There are parking garages within walking distance of the Capitol. There is parking at Boise First UMC and First Presbyterian Church. On street parking at the Capitol is metered, 2-4 hour meters available.

Who is your legislator? Contact your county clerk or check the Idaho Legislature web site: www.legislature.idaho.gov. If you contact your legislator before the event, you are more likely to get him/her to come to lunch with us.



★ Legislative Process

Medicaid Expansion: What Next?
Women in Idaho Prisons
Effective Communication with your
Representatives

★ Visit Idaho's State Capitol

Attend legislative sessions &
Committee meetings
Meet your legislators
Guided Tour of the Capitol

This ecumenical event is sponsored by the
United Methodist Women of the Oregon/Idaho Conference

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Home church _____

Host Housing _____ Sun. _____ Mon. _____

allergy to pets _____
special needs _____

Transportation needed: yes _____ no _____

Guided tour of the Capitol Building? Yes _____ No _____

Registration Fee

Full attendance \$25 _____

(includes Sunday supper; Monday lunch & materials)

Sunday \$15 _____

(includes supper and materials)

Monday \$15 _____

(includes lunch, and materials)

Please return the registration fee and form by February 20,
2020 - the earlier the better for planning!

Elinor Chehey elinorchehey@gmail.com

617 N Ross Street

Boise, Idaho 83702

Please make checks payable to UMW. Confirmation of your registration will be sent to you upon receiving your completed form and fee. **SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE.** Please contact Elinor or Mary.

For additional information, contact: Mary Getchell, 208-860-2715,
mlgetchell@aol.com.

2020 Legislative Advocacy Event

The Legislative Advocacy Event is an opportunity for you to learn about current legislation affecting women and children in Idaho. The Sunday seminars bring us up to date on current legislation. We will provide printed materials about the legislative process and the state's budget process, and agendas of the Monday committee meetings.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 23--Boise First United Methodist Church

3 pm Registration

3:30 - 4:45 pm – CREATING CHANGE TOGETHER.

Workshop on considering our Christian principles and the priority issues of United Methodist Women to evaluate our legislators and candidates.

5:00 - 6:15 p.m. FUNDING MEDICAID and other health related measures before the legislature. Christine Tiddens from Jans has been our tireless advocate for years.

6:15 – 6:45 DINNER

7:00 -8:30 pm – Representative from IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS: WOMEN INCARCERATED IN IDAHO - What legislation is proposed: education and preparation for life post-release, connecting with their children.

Monday, February 24

Breakfast on your own

9:00 a.m. House & Senate Committee meeting

House & Senate Sessions

10:00 a.m. Guided Tour of Capitol Building

Noon Lunch, First Presbyterian Church, 9th and State St., join your legislators for a delicious lunch and lively discussion

1:00 p.m. Capitol Options—

House & Senate Committee meetings

House & Senate Sessions

Meet your legislators

Early-bird Pricing

(Now - December 15)

Individual: \$89

Group (3 or more): \$79 each

Regular Pricing

(December 16-March 17)

Individual: \$99

Group (3 or more): \$89 each

On-Site

Registration

(March 18-20)

Individual: \$109

Group (3 or more): \$99 each

Discount Codes

Students (\$25)

STUDENT

Cathedral Member

(\$40)

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NORTHWEST LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2020

MARCH 18 - 20, 2020



FEATURING FATHER GREG BOYLE, REV. GRACE IMATHIU,
DONNA CLAYCOMB SOKOL, AND REV. DR. DUANE ANDERS

Register Now!

Accommodations

Guests are invited to stay at several surrounding hotels in the Boise area.

- Hyatt Place, just 5 blocks from the Cathedral of the Rockies. Our group rate is \$169 per night. Book here (https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/idaho/hyatt-place-boise-downtown/boizb?corp_id=G-COTR).
- The Hilton Garden Inn is located 0.7 miles from the Cathedral. Our group rate is \$155 per night. Book here (https://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/B/BOIDOGI-NLI-20200317/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG).
- The Red Lion Boise is located 1 mile from the Cathedral. Our group rate is \$99 per night. Book here (<https://www.redlion.com/red-lion-hotels/id/boise/red-lion-hotel-boise-downtowner#room-types>).



**WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.**

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 10:00 Worship 9:30 am Nursery Open 8:30 am "Practical Scripture" with Shelley 9:30 am Adult SS 10:20 am Children's SS Scout Baked Potato lunch</p>	<p>3 9:30 am Finance 4:45 pm Building committee 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry 6:45 pm Worship team</p>	<p>4 9:30 am Intentional Discipleship 6:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>5 12:00 noon UMW @ First Church 1:30 pm Prayer & Share Small Group 3:30 pm Joseph's Closet 7:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6 5:45 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 8:30 am UMM 10:30-12:30 Joseph's Closet 10:00 am Saturday lunch</p>
<p>9 10:00 Worship 9:30 am Nursery Open 8:30 am "Practical Scripture" with Shelley 9:30 am Adult SS 10:20 am Children's SS</p>	<p>10 6:30 pm Shawlors</p>	<p>11 10:00 am Congregational Care 6:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>12 1:30 pm Prayer & Share Small Group 3:30 pm Joseph's Closet 7:00 pm Chancel Choir 4:30 pm Bench Supper mtg.</p>	<p>13 5:45 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 10:00 am Saturday lunch 10:30-12:30 Joseph's Closet</p>
<p>16 10:00 Worship 9:30 am Nursery Open 8:30 am "Practical Scripture" with Shelley 9:30 am Adult SS 10:20 am Children's SS 3:00 pm Troop 49</p>	<p>17 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>18 6:00 pm Scouts 6:00 pm Celia Cowan @ Lorrrie Baer's</p>	<p>19 1:30 pm Prayer & Share Small Group 7:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20 5:45 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>21 5:30 pm Joseph's Closet closes 6:00 pm Community Dinner</p>	<p>22 10:00 am Saturday lunch</p>
<p>23 10:00 Worship 9:30 am Nursery Open 8:30 am "Practical Scripture" with Shelley 9:30 am Adult SS 10:20 am Children's SS 11:15 am Coffee with the Pastor 5:00 pm all church potluck</p>	<p>24 6:30 pm Shawlors</p>	<p>25 6:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>26 1:30 pm Prayer & Share Small Group 7:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>27 5:45 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 10:00 am Saturday lunch 2-4 Sadie Hawkins Tea Party</p>