

## December Upcoming Events

**December 8, 2013**  
**Children's Program**  
10:00 a.m.

**December 8, 2013**  
**VeggieTales Movie**  
**"Merry Larry and the True  
Light of Christmas"**  
4:00 p.m.

**December 24, 2013**  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
3:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.  
10:30 p.m. w/Communion

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for more information about  
McCabe and our  
Ministry Groups.

### Christmas greetings from the staff of McCabe UMC!

Can you imagine how Mary felt when Gabriel, the angel, said, "*Mary, you are going to have a baby.*"? Can you imagine how Joseph felt when the same angel announced, "*Joseph, do not be afraid. God wants you to call Mary's baby Jesus.*"? And can you imagine how the shepherds felt when the angel told them the good news, "*I bring you good news of a great joy for unto to you this day a Savior is born who is Christ the Lord.*"?

Excitement. Joy. Wonder. Mystery. These are just some of feelings felt during that first Advent of long ago.

We pray that you and your family will be overwhelmed with the same feelings of joy and excitement, wonder and mystery, as we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ.

**The following is our Christmas Eve schedule. Please invite family and friends to join you as we worship together. Our services on December 24: 3:30, 5:30, and 10:30 p.m.**

We ask all members and friends of McCabe Church to please consider giving an extra gift to the church this Advent and Christmas season. Finances are always a concern for the church especially as we near the end of 2013. We thank you in advance for whatever generosity you can provide.

Merry Christmas and may God bless you,

The Staff of McCabe United Methodist Church



# Wholly Healthy



Greetings McCabe friends,

Recently, I was chatting with a group here at church and the topic "Hanging of the Greens" came up and how quickly it will be Advent. Suddenly, the world came to a screeching halt and everything became silent. I sat in shock realizing that time does march on and, perhaps, I should probably let go of the fact that we are not going to have a summer this year and to quit waiting for another 90 degree day! However, this IS North Dakota and it still could happen, right?!

One can only imagine the shock and wonder that occurred the night of Jesus' birth. How the silence of the night was suddenly filled with angelic voices, praise, and honor to this holy child in the lowly manger.

Perhaps this is what God is nudging us to do this Advent season. Be silent and hear His word. He may ask us to be a servant for Him by bringing light into someone's darkened world with a visit, a meal, a hand-written note, a smile or a prayer. Let us feel His presence and wonder in our lives and serve Him with a grateful heart.

We have been hearing a lot about our mission statement, "*Making Disciples for Jesus Christ*", with our purpose being, "Christ calls us to Worship, Grow, and Serve." Whatever our gifts and talents are, God is whispering to us to be His servants.

When Sue Nilson-Kibbey visited McCabe as a consultant, one of her suggestions was to develop a visitation team to better serve our congregation. In the spirit of our mission statement and purpose, Jan Schmid has so very graciously agreed to work along with me to develop this team of servants to provide visitation to our church family. We are also working with a wonderful advisory board to guide us on this new journey. Our goal is to ring in the New Year with many enthusiastic servants willing to reach out to our congregation. I look forward with excitement knowing that this will be a life-changing experience for these servants, as it has been for me.

I will continue to be out visiting our church family, Monday - Thursday, and offer Parish Nurse office hours on Mondays from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. It will also provide blood pressure screenings with the assistance of another nurse from our church the last Sunday of each month. These visits are held in the Parish Nurse office located by the west entrance.

If you have concerns, questions or would like me to visit you, please call the church office at 255.1160.

Blessings to you on your Advent journey. May the joy of the Christ-child fill your hearts! Have a very merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

God bless,

Nurse Jane

P.S. A Sunday School teacher asked her class if they knew Jesus' mother's name. They all answered, "Mary"! When she asked if they knew Jesus' father's name a little one answered, "Verge". The teacher asked, "Verge"? The child replied, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge'n Mary."

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers:

David & Diane Peterson and family on the death of Diane's mother, Amy Oaks, Bismarck, ND, on November 1, 2013.

Richard & Carol Stack and family on the death of Richard's brother, James Stack, Bismarck, ND, on November 3, 2013.

Ron & Evelyn Wold, Oren Wold, and Jerrold & Lori Arneson, on the death of Evelyn's brother, and Loren's & Lori's uncle, James Job, Bismarck, ND, on November 12, 2013.

## Congratulations to:



Harold & Sheila Zimmerman on the birth of their grandson, James Patrick Devney, born November 21, 2013, in Bismarck, ND. James' proud parents are John & Carmen Devney.



# Family Ministry Minute

## Family Movie Event

Premiere Showing on the Big Screen!  
**Merry Larry and the True Light of Christmas**



**ALLI THE SAFETY COW**  
"Bullying /Everybody is Different" Program,  
Create A Christmas Card Service Project,  
and the movie!

**Great Hall**  
**Sunday, December 8**  
**4:00-6:00 p.m.**

Free - balloons, stickers, fun pages,  
posters, popcorn & drink  
Pizza slices - (free will donation)  
Blankets & friends welcome!

Thank you to all who participated in the **Create a Meal for Celebrating**. **90 meals** were donated to the Community Action Food Pantry!

Get your family dressed in their best outfits for **family Christmas photos** at McCabe! Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on December 1<sup>st</sup>, Family Ministries and Doris Boepple will be hosting a **FREE** photo shoot in the Sanctuary for your family! (Photos will be emailed.)

**Please remember to return checked out books to the library.**



## Family Link Scriptures for December

Sunday, December 1  
*Isaiah 52:1-10*

Wednesday, December 11  
*1 Thessalonians 5:12-18*

Saturday, December 21  
*John 6:35-40*

Monday, December 2  
*Deuteronomy 6:6-9*

Thursday, December 12  
*Romans 5:6-11*

Sunday, December 22  
*Hebrews 4:14-16*

Tuesday, December 3  
*James 1:17-18*

Friday, December 13  
*Isaiah 9:2-7*

Monday, December 23  
*Matthew 9:35-38*

Wednesday, December 4  
*Psalms 150:1-6*

Saturday, December 14  
*James 5:15-18*

Tuesday, December 24  
*Isaiah 61:1-4*

Thursday, December 5  
*John 14:13-18*

Sunday, December 15  
*Isaiah 40:3-5*

Wednesday, December 25  
*Colossians 1:15-20*

Friday, December 6  
*Romans 7:14-25*

Monday, December 16  
*John 14:1-6*

Thursday, December 26  
*Luke 1:39-48, 56; 2:22-38*

Saturday, December 7  
*Matthew 11:25-30*

Tuesday, December 17  
*Psalms 121:1-8*

Friday, December 27  
*1 Kings 3:3-15*

Sunday, December 8  
*Matthew 1:18-25 & Luke 1:28-38*

Wednesday, December 18  
*Colossians 3:20-24*

Saturday, December 28  
*Luke 24:13-32*

Monday, December 9  
*James 3:2-12*

Thursday, December 19  
*Mark 10:13-16*

Sunday, December 29  
*Matthew 5:13-16*

Tuesday, December 10  
*2 Samuel 22:2-7*

Friday, December 20  
*Isaiah 64:1-4*

Monday, December 30  
*Psalms 46:1-11*

Tuesday, December 31  
*Matthew 14:22-23*



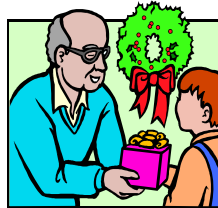
# Children's Ministry Matters

**Coming in February 2014**



The Heifer Intl. Mission Fair  
Put on by church school classes

Are you looking for ways to celebrate Advent as a family? Check out **An Advent of Blessings: Activities for the Family** guide. You can find copies around the church, download at [mccabeumc.com](http://mccabeumc.com) or by emailing Tina Mitchell at [tmitchell@mccabeumc.com](mailto:tmitchell@mccabeumc.com).



## What's Happening?

**PreK-5th Grade** students will be learning about the birth of Jesus all month. Each class will have Advent rings and litanies.

**Dec. 1** Hanging of the Greens.

**Dec. 8** at 10:00 worship, children and youth will present *Night in Bethlehem* and *The 12 Symbols of Christmas*.

**Dec. 15** Puppet Show: *Become As Little Children* and Birthday Party for Jesus.

**Dec. 22 & 29** **No classes.** Have a blessed holiday. Classes resume January 5.



**McCabe Sunday School and Youth Christmas Program**  
**Night in Bethlehem**  
**Ages 3rd—12<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**December 8 at 10 a.m. Service**

## The 12 Symbols of Christmas

Presented by McCabe Sunday School and Youth

Ages 3 years to 2nd Grade

Youth are needed to do the readings (grades 6-12)

December 8 at 10:00 a.m. Service



Would you like to participate?

To sign up, please contact Kerrie Schlecht at [kjschlecht@yahoo.com](mailto:kjschlecht@yahoo.com) or 226.9343  
or Tina Mitchell at [tmitchell@mccabeumc.com](mailto:tmitchell@mccabeumc.com) or 255.1160.

We also have openings for ushers, greeters, and special music!

Rehearsals are as follows:

December 7 at 8:30 a.m. for *A Night in Bethlehem*  
December 7 at 9:30 a.m. for *The 12 Symbols of Christmas*  
Rehearsals should be completed by 10:30 a.m.



## **S.A.Y. YES** **Save America's Youth**

Our 2013 - 2014 S.A.Y. YES year is off to a wonderful beginning. We now have sixteen students attending each Monday and Tuesday.

If that is not exciting enough, six new volunteers have joined our program. In addition, there are volunteer cooks for each Monday and Tuesday of each month!

We have only two returning students, all the others are new to S.A.Y. Yes and they are loving every minute. They especially love going to the gym to play games and shoot baskets. Bruce, Alex, and Austin keep everyone moving and using up some stored up energy.

Rachel, Virginia and Marvia make sure there are plenty of crafts for make and take. They are making turkeys, scarecrows and getting ready to create Christmas ornaments for the upcoming Christmas season. Nila has generously given her time and talent to provide many craft materials. A great big "Thank You" to Mrs. Nila!

Rachel and Dorita lead our Bible class. There are discussions and videos of Bible stories each day. The students are learning to use Bibles and finding the study exciting.

Our cooking staff is second to none. Al makes her wonderful macaroni and cheese while Marilyn always brings homemade brownies for dessert. We always try to have fresh fruit and veggies to round out our meal. Bonnie brings spaghetti and Arva Dell always arrives with many boxes of pizza! Jacque provided many pounds of North Dakota ground beef. "Thank You" to Mr. and Mrs. Schauer. Your gift is greatly appreciated.

There are sloppy joes, hot dogs, tacos, pizza and many other kid friendly meals waiting for our special guests from Will-Moore School.

We invite you to join us any Monday or Tuesday and meet these special children. They think McCabe Church is a wonderful place. Our goal is to allow McCabe to be a haven of warm and caring people...and it is.

DeEtta Phelps

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## **Something New for the Students at Will-Moore Elementary School**

While visiting with Mr. Brad Barnhardt, Principal of Will-Moore Elementary School, he challenged McCabe Church to try a new program to enhance learning of students at Will-Moore. Kids Hope, U.S.A. is a program which brings mentoring into the local school.

I visited with Pastor Fossum about this program and he agreed this was a fit to the outreach of our church. In October, I attended a two-day training in Naperville, Il. The program is used in thirty-eight states, North Dakota being the thirty-eighth. McCabe Church will be the first church in North Dakota to implement this mentoring program. This is very exciting!

The program consists of three hours of training for mentors, members of our congregation, and the commitment of one hour per week to meet with one child to help that child connect with our mentor. The mentor will go into Will-Moore to meet with the student. The most powerful component is that each mentor and child will have a prayer partner from our congregation. The mentor and prayer partner will communicate as to when the mentoring will take place and the needs of the student. We all know the power of prayer. This is a proven program that changes the lives of students.

The plan is to implement this program in the school's second semester. I need for each of you to think about how you are able to contribute to this life changing opportunity. One hour per week, wrapped in prayer, has the power to save the life of one child at a time.

DeEtta Phelps



For many families saying grace at mealtime is a long standing family tradition. They may be graces that are handed down through generations for special blessings and thankfulness expressed at the family gathering or a specific event.

Because the UMW encourages Spiritual Growth we will be placing a special grace on the tables in the Great Hall each month. Perhaps you may have a traditional family grace that you would like to share with our McCabe Family. It may be left in the office with Joy or give it to one of the Circle members. We are hoping the different areas of the church can be represented in these blessings and thanksgiving prayers that will be available for your use in our Great Hall.

## Thoughts from Justin Balzer

As the Christmas season approaches and we prepare for family celebrations and gatherings, it can be a pretty busy time of year. This year for both youth groups, we are studying the book "A Different Kind of Christmas" by Mike Slaughter. One important lesson from the book is to expect a miracle. Often, at times, we do not believe that the miraculous can happen to us, that it is reserved only for stories that we read about on the internet or in a book. You need to believe that God can make a miracle happen in your life.

Think back to the book of Isaiah, 7:14, which says, "*All right the Lord himself will choose the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and call him Immanuel.*" Here we have the prophet Isaiah telling us and King Ahaz, that a miracle will happen, a virgin will give birth to the savior. Fast forward around 600 years later and a young girl would be visited by the angel Gabriel and the angel would say, "*Don't be frightened, for God has decided to bless you! You will become pregnant and have a son, and you are to name him Jesus.*" Luke 1:30-31.

Mary's initial reaction is reasonable considering the circumstances, Mary asked the angel, "*But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin.*" Luke 1:34. Mary didn't understand that such a thing could happen to her, but the angel tells her that with God, nothing is impossible. Mary is comforted and then accepts the role that God has prepared for her, miracles and all. The key for us to expect the miracle, like Mary, is to accept that God can do anything and that anyone, from Mary to each of us, can be used by God for those miracles.

As we move further into December, the youth group is preparing for our bi-annual lock-ins. December 6, will be the lock-in for F.L.Y. (grades 6-9). December 13, will be the lock-in for senior high youth group (grades 9-12). Grade 9 can pick which lock-in they would like to attend. Both lock-ins start at 8:00 p.m. and go until 9:00 a.m. the next morning. There will be movies, games and food provided. We will need some parent volunteers (you do not have to stay up all night!). The list night of youth group will be December 18, this will be the youth group Christmas Party, for all youth group kids, grades 6-12, and it will have an early start time at 6:00 p.m.

### Numbers 6:24-26

God Bless,  
Justin Balzer, Youth Director

## McCabe Gardeners Enjoy Another Rewarding Season

Many thanks to the Gardeners of McCabe for another beautiful display of flowers and foliage this year. These gardens are planned, planted, and cared for by volunteers from the church.

The last area to be finished was the north side and that was completed this year. Mike & Shelley Rowe put in the edgers to outline the beds and Deb McPherson volunteered to plan for, and put in, the perennial plantings, and she mulched the area. It is looking good. Shade growing annuals will be added to fill in the beds next spring. This landscaping project is in its 5th year and many thanks to Deb and her family for finishing the last area.

The entire project has been paid for with contributions from church members who offered encouragement along the way. Memorial gifts keep the project funded and McCabe is most grateful for these gifts so that this project has never been a budgeted item. It is truly a gift of love the donors and the volunteers who take care of the gardens.

Be watching for the announcement of another year of gardening in 2014 as it is an opportunity to share your talent. All are welcome!

## Rusty Staples Upcoming Events:

**December 4, 2013:** Caroling  
We will be leaving the church at 6:35 p.m. so please be on time.

**December 18, 2013:** Christmas Party  
Please bring a small gift to exchange



## 1 Peter 4:10

**“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”**

**Thank You** to all who filled out the Servant Opportunities form on Saturday/Sunday, September 21/22, 2013. We are very excited to have received such a great response! And forms keep coming in!

We are coding and processing the over one hundred names that this unusual worship service generated. By the end of January 2014, we will have it complete and will start contacting all of you who have shown an interest in serving.

Many of you are currently serving in ministry areas and we greatly appreciate all that you are doing: McCabe is making a tremendous impact on our community because of you! Please continue using your gifts and talents where you are the most comfortable.

If you are not currently serving and had filled out an opportunities sheet, please be patient with us, we will be contacting you as soon as we can. Feel free to call me at the church at 255.1160 if you would like to talk about serving right away.

If you missed the services that weekend, pick up the spiritual Expedition booklet at the back of the church and take a look at the servant opportunities that are listed. We look forward to your participation in helping McCabe become the kind of church that God intended it to be.

My vision, in the position of Servant Coordinator, is to get everyone involved in glorifying God by using our spiritual gifts, talents, resources, interests, dreams, and experiences in service to others as God has commanded.

As some servants are taking their well deserved winter vacations, as well as some unfortunate illnesses have happened, some current servant needs are:

- Audio/Visual Technicians
- T.G.I.W. Cooks and/or Lenten Wednesday Cooks for 6 weeks
- Coffee Hour Serves (donut pick-up)

Bless you,

Jan Joersz  
Servant Coordinator

## Shepherd’s Run

**“In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night.” Luke 2:8**

**The region:** Bismarck/Mandan. **The Shepherds:** Community service people, caregivers, providers of daily and travel necessities. **The field:** fire and safety protection, health care, food and road services. **The flocks:** our families, friends and fellow citizens.

As we celebrate Christ’s birth at the Christmas Eve services, let us also reach out in joyful love to those who are serving our cities that evening. Your gratitude can be shared through **The Shepherd’s Run**. Assemble a tray, basket, gift box or gift bag of special treats, bring it to the worship service you attend and leave it on the designated table in the Great Hall or, offer to be a “runner” who delivers a thank you gift to one of the shepherds.

For those who sign up to be runners, after the worship service attended on Christmas Eve, stop in the Great Hall to pick up one of the provided treats and pick a card containing an address for delivery. The card will include a phone number in case you need to call them.

Gifts might include homemade goodies or commercially packaged treats. Specifically, plates of cookies, candies, selections of meats and cheese plus crackers, cans of nuts, prepackaged snacks, fruit baskets, veggie trays with dip...all will be appreciated.

Cards will be prepared that will offer a message of thanks for the services the recipients are providing. The notes should be attached by the runner to the package to be delivered. Tape will be available.

Watch for **The Shepherd’s Run** display in the Great Hall, beginning December 7. There will be sign-up sheets for participants to indicate the roles they wish to play in this mission to our community. If you have questions, please call Pat at 258.6289 or Linda at 250.7303.

The people of McCabe have great and generous hearts. This is but another opportunity to share the love of God which is so abundantly given to each of us.

## Open Door Blessing Trees

During Advent the Missions Work Area will have two trees designated for raising funds for the Open Door Community Center. Help us decorate the Blessing Trees by donations, \$5 for a red ornament, \$10 for a silver ornament, and \$15 or more for a gold ornament.

The children and the programs of Open Door are so vital in today's world. We are asking you to help support the programs of the Open Door through your generous gifts so that their mission may continue to reach out to the children. What a glorious way to share in the joy of the birth of Jesus.

If you would like to give your gift in the name of a friend or family member, please indicate that on your check. We will list all of the designated contributions in the February issue of *The Messenger*.



Thank you, thank you, for all your well wishing cards and very many prayers regarding my cancer. Your prayers are being answered. Both cards and prayers are very much appreciated, especially the latter. I've never felt so loved in all my life. Gratefully in Christ.

~Cleo Carlson

Thank you, McCabe members, for your food drive to our food pantry. We appreciate your support. It will be a wonderful benefit to our pantry clients.

~Dawn, AID, Inc.

Thank you for your continued generosity to Ruth Meiers. Your food contributions enable us to continue our mission to support the homeless and those at-risk of homelessness.

~Jaclyn Bugbe, Executive Director

## Open Door Community Center Newsletter

This is a special mission project supported by the churches of the Dakotas Conference. The November 2013 issue of the *Witness* Newsletter is available on the Open Door website: <http://www.opendoorbismarck.com>. This issue includes a feature article by Loretta Knight, remembering our Odie fundraiser of the 1980's. It follows an article in the May 2013 edition by Dick Unkenholz. Other articles report on staff and board transitions, summer and current activities, gifts received, and many photos.

Print copies will be sent to persons on our "hard copy" mailing list. However, as a cost-saving measure, we are urging these readers who have access to the internet to contact Director Jolene Puhalla to change the means of delivery ([opendoor@btinet.net](mailto:opendoor@btinet.net) or 701.222.3004). When future issues become available, we will send an email to you with the announcement, including web address. You can simply click on the link to access the newsletter. We do not email the newsletter as an attachment; we don't want to clog your computer email. In addition to saving on duplication and postal costs, you will receive the electronic version of the newsletter much faster, it will be in full color, and you will be able to enlarge print size if needed. Please consider this option.

### Reminder !

The monthly Messenger along with a calendar of events is on line at [www.mccabeumc.com](http://www.mccabeumc.com). You can also get a printed or audio copy of each week's sermon and your daily devotional material on the church website.

Please consider receiving notices including the Messenger by email to help with ever increasing postage costs.

Do you receive the monthly newsletter **Parenting Christian Kids** (formerly *Parent Link*)? If not, send your email address to Tina at [tmitchell@mccabeumc.com](mailto:tmitchell@mccabeumc.com) to start receiving this excellent resource.





# Celebrate Our Savior

## Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

3:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

10:30 p.m. w/Communion



### NOTICE:

Any items for the newsletter need to be turned into the church office no later than **Wednesday, January 15, 2014.**

**McCabe UMC**  
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**Pastor:**  
Rick Fossum

**Office Hours:**  
Monday – Friday  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### Worship

**Saturdays:**  
5:00 p.m.

**Sundays: (Sept.-May)**  
8:00, 10:00, & 11:15 a.m.

**Sundays: (June-Aug.)**  
8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.

**Church School**  
Sundays 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
(Sept.-May)

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# December 2013



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p><b>1</b> 1st Sunday of Advent  <b>8:00 am Worship</b>  <b>9:00 am Church School</b>  <b>10:00 am Worship (Hanging of the Greens)</b>  <b>10:00 am Church School</b>  <b>11:00 am Family Photos in Sanctuary</b>  <b>11:15 am Worship</b></p> <p>4:00 p.m. Charge/Conference at Legacy UMC          6:30 pm F.L.Y.          7:30 pm Basketball</p>	<p><b>2</b>          10:00 am Faithfully Fit          11am-1pm Parish Nurse Hours          2:45 pm After School Place          3:15 pm SAY Yes          7:30 pm AI-Anon</p>	<p><b>3</b>          7:00 am Sojourners          9:00 am Tuesday Workshop          2:45 pm After School Place          3:15 pm SAY Yes</p>	<p><b>4</b>          10:00 am UMW Executive Meeting          2:45 pm After School Place          3:45 pm Youth Bells          5:00 pm TGIW Meal          5:45 pm Adult Bells          6:00 pm Alpha Course          6:30 pm Rusty Staples          6:30 pm Moms Connect          6:30 pm Confirmation          6:30 pm UMYF          7:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>5</b>          6:30 am Men's Bible Study          10:00 am Faithfully Fit          12:00 pm UMW Unit Meeting          2:45 pm After School Place          5:30 pm Worship Planning Team          6:00 pm Worship Band Practice          7:00 pm Adult Dominos</p>	<p><b>6</b>          7:00 am Men's Breakfast at N. Perkins          10:00 am Prayer &amp; Meditation          2:45 pm After School Place</p>	<p><b>7</b>          8:30 am Christmas Program Rehearsal          5:00 pm Worship</p>
<p><b>8</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent  <b>8:00 am Worship</b>  <b>9:00 am Church School</b>  <b>10:00 am Worship/Christmas Program</b>  <b>11:15 am Worship</b></p> <p>1:00 pm ND Paint Club          4:00 pm Veggie Tales Movie          6:30 pm F.L.Y.          7:00 pm Basketball</p>	<p><b>9</b>          10:00 am Faithfully Fit          11am-1pm Parish Nurse Hours          2:45 pm After School Place          3:15 pm SAY Yes          7:30 pm AI-Anon</p>	<p><b>10</b>          7:00 am Sojourners          9:00 am Tuesday Workshop          2:45 pm After School Place          3:15 pm SAY Yes          5:30 pm Open Door Board Mtg. at OD          5:30 pm Foundation Funding &amp; Gifting</p>	<p><b>11</b>          2:45 pm After School Place          3:45 pm Youth Bells          5:00 pm TGIW Meal          5:45 pm Adult Bells          6:00 pm Alpha Course          6:30 pm Confirmation          6:30 pm UMYF          7:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>12</b>          6:30 am Men's Bible Study          10:00 am Faithfully Fit          2:45 pm After School Place          6:00 pm Worship Band Practice</p>	<p><b>13</b>          10:00 am Prayer &amp; Meditation          2:45 pm After School Place</p>	<p><b>14</b>          5:00 pm Worship          6:30 pm Leap of Faith Dance Recital</p>
<p><b>15</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent  <b>8:00 am Worship</b>  <b>9:00 am Church School</b>  <b>10:00 am Worship</b>  <b>10:00 am Church School</b>  <b>11:15 am Worship</b></p> <p>6:30 pm F.L.Y.          7:30 pm Basketball</p>	<p><b>16</b>          10:00 am Faithfully Fit          11am-1pm Parish Nurse Hours          2:45 pm After School Place          3:15 pm SAY Yes          7:30 pm AI-Anon</p>	<p><b>17</b>          7:00 am Sojourners          9:00 am Tuesday Workshop          2:45 pm After School Place          3:15 pm SAY Yes          5:30 pm Trustees</p>	<p><b>18</b>          2:45 pm After School Place          3:45 pm Youth Bells          5:00 pm TGIW Meal          5:30 pm Christian Ed          5:45 pm Adult Bells          6:00 pm Alpha Course          6:30 pm Rusty Staples          6:30 pm Confirmation          6:30 pm UMYF          7:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>19</b>          6:30 am Men's Bible Study          9:30 am Esther Circle          10:00 am Faithfully Fit          1:30 pm Mary-Ruth Circle          2:45 pm After School Place          6:00 Worship Band Practice          7:00 pm Adult Dominos          7:00 pm UM Foundation</p>	<p><b>20</b>          7:00 am Men's Breakfast at N. Perkins          10:00 am Prayer &amp; Meditation          2:45 pm After School Place</p>	<p><b>21</b>          5:00 pm Worship</p>
<p><b>22</b> 4th Sunday of Advent  <b>8:00 am Worship</b>  <b>9:00 am Church School</b>  <b>10:00 am Worship</b>  <b>10:00 am Church School</b>  <b>11:15 am Worship</b></p> <p>6:30 pm F.L.Y.          7:30 pm Basketball</p>	<p><b>23</b>          10:00 am Faithfully Fit          11am-1pm Parish Nurse Hours          7:30 pm AI-Anon</p>	<p><b>24</b> Christmas Eve          3:30 p.m. Worship          5:30 p.m. Worship          10:30 p.m. Worship/Communion</p>	<p><b>25</b> Christmas Day          OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>26</b>          OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>27</b>          10:00 am Prayer &amp; Meditation</p>	<p><b>28</b> Communion          5:00 pm Worship</p>
<p><b>29</b> Communion  <b>8:00 am Worship</b>          9:00 am Blood Pressure Screening  <b>NO Church School</b>  <b>10:00 am Worship</b>  <b>11:15 am Worship</b></p> <p>6:30 pm F.L.Y.          7:30 pm Basketball</p>	<p><b>30</b>          10:00 am Faithfully Fit          11am-1pm Parish Nurse Hours          7:30 pm AI-Anon</p>	<p><b>31</b> New Year's Eve          7:00 am Sojourners          9:00 am Tuesday Workshop</p>	 <p><b>Merry Christmas &amp; Happy New Year!</b></p>			