



# The Colonnade

Cokesbury United Methodist Church  
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## ACTION IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE (ACTS)

ACTS emergency assistance program was established to assist families and individuals in crisis. Assistance is designed to be a temporary measure to help with an immediate emergency before people reach the stage of homelessness. ACTS is supported by many faith-based organizations, as well as local businesses, civic groups and concerned citizens.

Here at Cokesbury, we provide food to the ACTS pantry by leaving donations in the basket in the narthex each Sunday. Roshier Bailey, ACTS chairperson, delivers those items to ACTS each week.

Through ACTS, the foods are pre-packed specifically for the number of people in the household, trying to provide food to last 4-6 days. Bags primarily consist of rice, soups, canned vegetables, cereals, and pastas. If ACTS has meat, milk and diapers, they are given in addition to the bags of non-perishable items.

Fresh fruits and vegetables are available each Sunday afternoon during the summer months. There is also a "Bread Shed" that is always open to the public.

In addition to the food pantry, ACTS will provide some financial assistance with rent or utility bills with eviction or disconnection notice. They will also help with prescriptions and fuel assistance in the winter.

ACTS has two thrift stores, in Dumfries and Woodbridge. Those in need can obtain Thrift Store Coupons once every six months for each household. With the coupons they can purchase clothes, mattresses, household goods, and furniture such as tables and chairs.

You can help by donating nonperishable items, including hygiene articles, to the ACTS food pantry by depositing your donations in the basket in the narthex. They also seek volunteers to organize food drives to keep the pantry stocked, and to help sort food after large food drives. Additionally, you may help by becoming an ACTS member. Membership is \$15 for an individual or \$10 for a student, or senior citizen. If you are interested in membership, you may call the church office at 703-494-5400.



## Hot Off the Press

If you would like to receive the Colonnade 'Hot Off the Presses' in your email inbox every month send a request by email to:

info@cokesburyumc.us  
*with* the subject 'Colonnade'.

### Worship Services

**8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

Nursery available both services

The 11am worship service features a children's worship for 4-9 year olds.

*On months with 5 Sundays, Service begins at 10 AM on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

Sunday School 9:45 AM  
(For children, youth, and adults)

**Cokesbury UMC Web Site:**  
<http://www.CokesburyUMC.us>

## **Giving an Endowment Gift**

An endowment is a gift of money or property donated to the church, with the stipulation that it be invested, and the principal remain intact. Only the money earned by the investment is spent by the church. This allows for the donation to have a greater impact over a long period of time.

In 2006 Cokesbury United Methodist Church established an endowment program to allow people the ability to support long term projects and activities that are above and beyond the regular operating budget of the church. When giving an endowment gift to Cokesbury, you can select between two types of endowments.

The first is a “general endowment” in which any person can contribute a gift of any size. All of the gifts given to this fund will be collectively invested. The money earned by this fund will be used to fund programs or ministries as determined by the Endowment Committee in consultation with the Administrative Council of the church.

The second type is a “specific endowment” in which the donor(s), in consultation with the Endowment Committee, specifies how they want the earnings from the fund to be used by the church. The Endowment Committee is then responsible for administering this specific fund. Usually these endowments are “Named” endowments. In other words it is named in honor or in memory of a person or it is given a name that reflects the intent of the fund (for example the United Methodist Men’s Scholarship Endowment Fund). There is a minimum level of giving that needs to be met by the donor(s) in order for a specific endowment to be established.

The ways that a person can contribute a gift to the endowment program are varied. Here are a few examples:

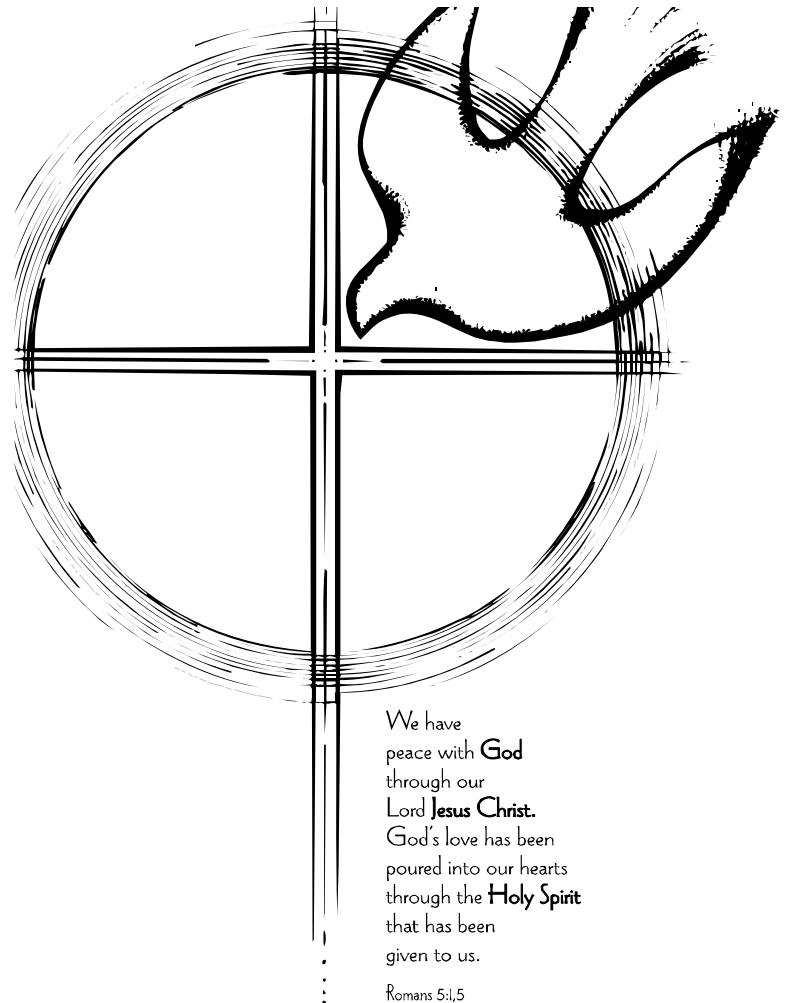
- Outright Gift – make a gift of cash, securities, or property.
- Bequests – designate in your will for Cokesbury to receive a specific bequest amount, a percentage of your estate, or

name Cokesbury as a remainder beneficiary of your estate.

- Life Insurance – make Cokesbury the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy or purchase a policy to benefit Cokesbury.

If you are interested in learning more about giving an endowment to Cokesbury, please contact a member of the Endowment Committee. They are:

Jack Jewell (703-494-5208)  
Joe Burnette (703-590-4734)  
Norma Compton (703-590-9016)  
Barbara Woods (703-494-6358)  
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Joe Greene (703-878-3668)



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- 1 William Clark
- 2 Robert Piepenbrink
- 3 Kenneth Kerton  
Dorotha DeWitt
- 4 Jeremy Jewell  
Thomas Taylor
- 6 Joe Burnette  
Mark Salyers, Jr.  
Sean Rodriguez
- 7 Alec Finney  
Justin Cotter  
Jeremy Urban  
Vicky Lutman
- 8 Michael Obeng
- 10 Mary Crist
- 11 Judie Cator  
Shelby Crawford  
Puanani Aquino
- 12 Bill Goodman  
Lauren Deyerle
- 13 Brian Nelson
- 14 Joseph Greene  
Doug Sapp
- 15 Bobby Kinson
- 16 Danielle Haggart
- 17 John Schiele  
Ted Kelley, Jr.
- 18 Winifred Jones
- 19 Don Dorton
- 20 Kelsey Powell
- 21 Paula Simensen
- 22 Harry Fizer  
Kyle Mahan
- 23 Michelle McCain  
Lisa Bohnet
- 26 Kevin Anderson
- 27 Jennifer Furr  
Corey Ritenour
- 28 Jamie Westerman
- 30 Rebekah Gribik
- 31 Vera Edmonds

# O C t o b e r

- 4 Patsy and Carl Armentrout
- 10 Brenda and Kenny Johnson
- 14 Anna and Scott Miller  
Denise and Robert Ritenour
- 21 Cynthia and Richard Derr
- 23 Delores and John Schiele



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO  
ATTEND  
AND  
SUPPORT**

The Annual Fall Craft Show  
Saturday November 10, 2007  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

# Money Matters

By Don Dorton, Finance Committee

The table below shows Cokesbury's financial picture as of August 31, 2007.  
2007 Funded Annual Budget = \$210,400

Month	Month-to-Date		Year-to-Date Income			Year-to-Date Expenses	
	Required to meet the Budget	Budgeted Income Received	Required to meet the Budget	Budgeted Income Received	Percentage of the Budget Funded	Budgeted Expenses	Income to Expenses
January	\$16,185	\$12,593	\$16,185	\$12,593	77.8%	\$12,512	100.6%
February	\$16,185	\$12,670	\$32,370	\$25,263	94.1%	\$30,462	82.9%
March	\$16,185	\$17,078	\$48,555	\$42,341	88.9%	\$43,181	98.1%
April	\$20,230	\$22,421	\$68,785	\$64,762	94.2%	\$58,130	111.4%
May	\$16,185	\$15,897	\$84,970	\$78,529	92.4%	\$85,730	91.6%
June	\$16,185	\$15,782	\$101,155	\$94,311	93.2%	\$109,830	85.9%
July	\$20,230	\$20,759	\$121,385	\$115,106	94.8%	\$121,521	94.7%
August	\$16,185	\$15,873	\$137,570	\$130,979	95.2%	\$140,090	93.5%
September	\$20,230		\$157,800				
October	\$16,185		\$173,985				
November	\$16,185		\$190,170				
December	\$20,230		\$210,400				

**\*\* As of August 31 we have paid back 21,573 toward our \$28,638 debt leaving a balance of \$7,067. \*\***

- **Month to Date: Required to meet the Budget** – Amount the church needs to meet its projected funding. These figures are based on the projected monthly revenues based on offering history and projected fundraisers.
- **Month to Date: Budgeted Income Received** - Amount the church has received toward the budget for the month indicated.
- **Year to Date: Required to meet the Budget** - Cumulative budget needs to date.
- **Year to Date: Budgeted Income Received** – Cumulative amount the church has received toward the budget.
- **Year to Date: Percentage of the Budget Funded** - Comparison of budgeted offerings received vs budget needs.
- **Year to Date: Budgeted Expenses** - Year-to-Date amount the church has spent against the budget. 'N/A' indicates that expenditures have not been updated since the last end-of-month period.
- **Year to Date: Budgeted Income vs Budgeted Expenses** – Percent of income received to expenses received.

## Crafters Wanted!

Are you crafty?

Do you make something special?

Crafters are wanted for the Cokesbury UMC

Annual Fall Craft Show hosted by the Family Care Committee November 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For additional information visit <http://www.cokesburyumc.us/> or call Cheryl Pettit at (703) 590-2495.

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**Articles for *The Colonnade* are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for the next month's edition.**

# Youth Corner

By Linda Ennis

We just finished our first theme of the year, "Defining Moments" and the youth have started the year out strong with games, share and care groups, a short program and singing. And I have to say that the adults have had a blast planning and carrying out the activities. Here is a look at the next theme beginning in October.

## Judge Knot

All Tied Up – Television is filled with shows where judges decide cases between two people who are unhappy with each other, often about some small or insignificant issue. We watch those shows with amusement. In real life though, we often find ourselves in situations where we make judgment calls about other people; and sometimes the issues are just as small and unimportant. We know that we're not qualified to judge others, but that human side of us keeps us in conflict. As a matter of fact, the whole question of "judgment" is very confusing to us, so much so that it can literally tie us up in knots. How do our youth rate as judge and jury? Do they evaluate issues and make good calls, or are they knotted up in conflict about what is actually right?

## Judging Others

**Soul Food:** Although it is often necessary to take the measure of a person and his or her actions, Jesus is clear that we are not to condemn someone. We too are in need of forgiveness.

**Scripture:** Matthew 7:1-5 (We can't see others clearly when we have "dirt" in our own eyes.)

## Judging Right From Wrong

**Soul Food:** Life is filled with choices, and sometimes those choices are really hard. Capture the joy of doing the right thing as we learn to distinguish between right and wrong.

**Scripture:** Luke 19: 1-10 (Choosing right in light of Jesus' love)

## Judging What is God's Will

**Soul Food:** Staying in touch with God helps us judge God's will for our lives.

**Scripture:** Psalm 40:1-8 (a song of David)

## Judgment Day

**Soul Food:** The good news is that in the end, God will triumph over evil and those who have

been faithful will be with God eternally. Exactly when the Day of Judgment will come no one knows. Our job is to be ready—every day.

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:31-46 (Separating the sheep from the goats.)

**Oktoberfest Youth Rally**– Sunday, October 14, 4-8pm at Centreville United Methodist Church

**Cost** is \$10.00 per person, includes dinner (barbecued pork and chicken and all the fixin's!!) and t-shirt

**Registration due by 10 October.** Walk-ins or registrations after the due date will pay \$15.00 per person

Meet at the church by 3:30pm and we will travel by church van to Centreville UMC. We should return by 8:30pm. Friends are welcome but remember that last minute invites will cost \$15.00.

**Middle School Fall Retreat, Nov 9 – 11 and High School Fall Retreat, Dec 7 – 9**

- Discover who you are in Christ and who God is calling you to be
- Enjoy building new friendships with youth from all over Virginia
- Feel the exhilaration of powerful worship and Bible study
- Engage in life-changing and thought provoking discussions through small groups
- Participate in forums that will give you incredible ideas to use in your own local church and community
- Keynote speaker for High School is Rev. Lisa Yebuah, Associate Pastor of Millbrook UMC in North Carolina and frequent speaker at Lake Junaluska.
- Keynote speaker for Middle School will be Lanecia Rouse, Youth Minister of Belmont UMC in Nashville and a frequent speaker at Lake Junaluska
- Worship with the band Jacob's Road!
- Registration begins at 6 p.m.
- Event begins at 8 p.m. on Friday and concludes at 12 noon on Sunday

**...and look for news on these upcoming events:**

- Bowling Lock-in Jan 18-19
- Souper Bowl of Caring Feb 3
- 30 Hour of Famine Feb 22-23

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

By Bunny Mahar

Operation Christmas Child makes a shoe box a wonderful gift. Helping Hands will once again sponsor this rewarding project that will ensure that children who have endured poverty, disease, and disaster will discover the joy of Christmas and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

By picking up one of the gift-wrapped boxes in the narthex, you can make Christmas a wonder and delight for children all over the world. Simply fill the box with small toys, hygiene articles, and school supplies, and return it to the church before mid-November. The boxes are collected and delivered to another local church. From there they will go to a packaging point in North Carolina and on to children who will receive what may be their first-ever Christmas gift.

Each gift-wrapped shoe box in the narthex will include a brochure that will give instructions for packing a shoe box gift, including suggested gifts and a list of items that may not be included. So be sure to look it over. There will be a label for the box so you may designate the age and sex of the child that the gift is intended for. There will also be an envelope to enclose the shipping cost of sending the box, if possible.

Cokesbury has been very generous and we have provided hundreds of these Christmas Child boxes to children over the last several years. It can be a fun family project and children enjoy making up boxes for other children who have less. We appreciate the excellent support of the congregation.



## Help Us in the Care and Feeding of our Cokesbury Youth

By Linda Ennis

Ask any parent and they will agree that the care and feeding of their youth is not an easy task, and it is particularly difficult on Sunday

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evenings when the youth gather for the Youth Program at 5:30pm. Many of the youth have been out with friends or enjoying family activities and come from there to youth group without having dinner, or for some, it's just too early to eat dinner before coming to youth and if they wait until after youth is over, it is too late. For this reason, we try to have a meal ready where the youth can gather together to eat and socialize before the program begins. We have found that simple snacks just won't do, and the kids really got tired of pizza, and we have discovered that providing meals every week is just too much for the leaders to handle.

We are asking for some "quick and easy" dishes for our Sunday night Youth Program. You can dust off your casserole recipes or several people could provide parts of a meal, such as a salad, bread, etc. We are looking to feed around 16 people (currently) and we will provide a signup sheet in the Narthex. This is also a great opportunity to participate in the lives of the Cokesbury Youth. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 703-805-3565.



## ANNUAL BIRTHDAY CAKE PARTY AND POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars! October 28<sup>th</sup> is the Family Care Committee's Annual Birthday Cake Party & Potluck Luncheon. You are invited to join us for fellowship and friendship



immediately following the 10:00 service in the Fellowship Hall. Won't you do your part and sign-up to sponsor a Birthday Month and provide a Birthday Cake? The sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex.

Bring your favorite main or side dish to share and plan on inviting a friend to join the party. Remember we will be having 12 different birthday cakes for dessert!!

# Mission/Outreach News

*God, open our hearts, our minds and our doors to the people around us. Help us to mirror the loving spirit of your Son. In your name we pray. Amen.*

## Red Bird Mission Report

Thank you for the prayers and support during our recent mission trip to Red Bird Work Camp. We feel honored to have represented Cokesbury to the people of Red Bird and are thankful for the prayers. Many of you were curious about the type of work we performed and the people of Red Bird and this is our recounting of our mission trip.

We were blessed with many skilled and hard workers on this trip. We began by splitting into 2 groups because we didn't have adequate transportation to leave the immediate work campus. Robert and Emmett went to the Beverly Campus to remove a sign while the rest of us (Donna, Peggy, Rebekah, Kyle, Alex, Joe and Robin) stayed at the Queensdale Campus and began the cycle of removing a door, sanding the door, painting the door, watching the paint dry and re-hanging the door. We worked on the exterior doors of two (2) buildings where long-term volunteers (those who are at Red Bird for more than 2 weeks) and the staff of Red Bird live. By the time Thursday morning arrived, we had the door business down to a science and had a series of 4 sets of saw-horses with doors lined up to improve production. After Emmett and Robert finished removing the sign in Beverly, they returned to Queensdale and started the first project that was not on our assignment list, the hanging of a storm door which was an intensive project.

By Thursday afternoon, we completed our list of assignments so Red Bird sent us to the Beverly Campus to work on preparing a house for a ministers' family that had to vacate their home because of mold. The house we were preparing was not much better. A previous work team power washed the house so we picked up paint brushes yet again and started painting the exterior of the house. Joe climbed up a 30 foot ladder and started painting from the top of the house to the bottom while Donna, Marci, (who joined us for the day), Alex, Rebekah, and Kyle worked on painting the porch. Peggy had the unenviable job of cleaning windows, washing down the walls and trying to sweep up the millions of dead bugs to make this house inhabitable.

On Friday morning, we were praying not to go back to the house.....God answered that prayer and sent us 23 miles away to the home of Miss Marie. Marie is a 78-year old woman who recently had a stroke and is unable to get around without a walker and wheelchair. Marie lived with her 20-year old grandson who worked full time while attending college and taking care of Marie. It took a total group effort as everyone worked in the 113 degree heat to complete this much needed ramp. What a wonderful feeling to watch Marie walk out onto her porch to thank everyone for giving her a way to reach the car so she can go to her doctor appointments.

As a final commissioning service before the mission teams returned home, Dennis, our work camp leader reminded us that you don't have to be at Red Bird to serve....there are people in your church and your community who need you and it is up to you to open your eyes to the need around you and to serve. We plan on returning to Red Bird next year and hope that we are able to send a bigger mission team so that more people can experience the joy of serving God by serving others.

## Evangelism – An Open Letter

Dear Cokesbury Family,

Peace and love to you. Our prayer is that you are filled with the joy of Christ and that God has richly blessed you.

October 28, 2007 is the Birthday Cake Celebration and "Invite a Friend" Sunday at Cokesbury. There will be one worship service at 10:00 A.M. followed by a potluck luncheon.

You are encouraged to bring or invite a friend, neighbor, coworker or family member to celebrate our relationship with one another and God. Your presence and participation are needed to help make the day a success. We look forward to a special time of worship and fellowship with you.

Emmett Wright  
Chairman, Evangelism Team



# VOLUNTEER GARDENER(S) NEEDED

*By Olin Bockes*

Cokesbury UMC needs a volunteer "gardener" to take leadership for several landscaping efforts. These include:

- 1) Care of Helping Hands "rock garden" (near the building entrance midway up the stairway) and the Alice Schemer Memorial Garden (near the sanctuary entrance) on the lower level.
- 2) Yard work to control erosion from downspout drainage. Some of the channels created in the past have been partly filled with rock to reduce the speed of the flowing water but the exposed soil does not support new grass and the rock linings make lawn mowing a problem.

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3) Weed and trash removal from ditches along both driveways.

4) Pruning ornamental trees and any limbs or trees from natural growth that overhang driveways or block outdoor lights.

5) Maintain the drainage ditch on our side of Reddy Road between the culvert at its intersection with Featherstone Road and the lined ditch under our Reddy Road driveway. Currently the unlined area where the outflow from the lined part occurs is higher than the concrete ditch lining. This causes the water to slow down and drop sediment. It also causes the runoff to spread out instead of running in a straight unlined channel. Backed up water can allow for breeding mosquitoes. These flood plain conditions cause difficulty in lawn care and potential parking problems from the mud.

If you are interested in taking on this task, please call the church office at 703-494-5400 and ask them to pass a message on to Olin Bockes. This job would not only benefit the church, but would bring a sincere sense of accomplishment to the one who takes it on.



Invite-A-Friend: Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup>		October 2007					Cokesbury UMC
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1</b> 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Prayer Group 7:00-8:15 Girl Scouts 7:00-9:30 Choralliers	<b>2</b> 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Family Care Mtg	<b>3</b> 6:30 Lay Leadership Mt. 7:30 Choir 7:30 Book Club	<b>4</b> 7:00 Disciple III 7:30 COGP	<b>5</b> 7-9:30 COGP	<b>6</b> 6:00-2:00 Flea Mkt (UMM) 8:00 Helping Hands: Gunston Hall 10-12 Recovery Inc		
<b>7</b> 8:30/11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 12:15 HH Meeting/Potluck 1:30-5:00 COGP 5:30 UMY	<b>8</b> 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Prayer Group 7:30 – UMM/UMW 7:00-9:30 Choralliers	<b>9</b> 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Finance Mtg	<b>10</b> 7:30 Choir	<b>11</b> 7:00 Disciple III 7:00-9:30 COGP	<b>12</b> 7:00-9:30 COGP	<b>13</b> 6:00-2:00 Flea Market (Education) 10-12 Recovery Inc. 6:00 Potluck & Praise	
<b>14 Laity Sunday</b> 8:30/11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 1:30-5:00 COGP 5:30 UMY - Oktoberfest 6:00 Wedding	<b>15</b> 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Prayer Group 7-8:15 Girl Scouts 7:00-9:30 Choralliers	<b>16</b> 6:00 Youth Leaders Mtg 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Admin Council	<b>17</b> 7:30 Choir	<b>18</b> 6:00 Lord's Table, St. Paul UMC 7:00 Disciple III 7:00-9:30 COGP	<b>19</b> 7:00-9:30 COGP	<b>20</b> 6:00-2:00 Flea Mkt (Family Care) 10:00 Helping Hands: Graves Mt. 10-12 Recovery Inc.	
<b>21</b> 8:30/11:00 Worship 9:45 Trustees Mtg 9:45 Sunday School: Cox Farm 1:30-5:00 COGP 5:30 UMY	<b>22</b> 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Prayer Group 7:00-9:30 Choralliers	<b>23</b> 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Missions & Outreach Mtg	<b>24</b> 7:30 Choir	<b>25</b> 7:00 Disciple III 7:00-9:30 COGP	<b>26</b> 7:00-9:30 COGP	<b>27</b> 6:00-2:00 Flea Mkt (Trustees) 11:00 Charge Conference 10-12 Recovery Inc.	
<b>28 Invite-A-Friend</b> <b>10:00 ONE SERVICE</b> 11:15 Potluck/Birthday Celebration 1:30-5:00 COGP 5:30 UMY	<b>29</b> 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Prayer Group 7:00-9:30 Choralliers	<b>30</b> 6:30 Girl Scouts	<b>31</b> 7:30 Choir				

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