



February

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Never fails
1 CORINTHIANS 13:8

Installation of Church Council

Sunday, February 16

8:30 am service and 10:30 am service

(according to which service council member attends.)

NEW YEAR VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

Altar Guild Thrift Shop

Lectors Funeral Meals

Each of these areas are in need of HELP. Please consider volunteering your time and talent. Call the office, 937-492-8047, for more information.

Pastor Steve Edmiston

I never really knew my grandfathers. My mother's father died months before I was born. Now, I met my father's father, there are photographs of the trip. I have seen the picture where my grandpa is holding me, but I was two and I have no actual memory of that moment at all. I knew my grandmothers, both of them. We visited my Grandma Jaspersen at least every week, if not two or three times a week. We would visit my Grandma Edmiston once a year, but I did know her. There is an incredible warmth that comes from the memories I have of my grandmothers.

Someone once told me, in jest, that grandchildren were your reward for letting your children live. Well, for me, it was easy to let my children live. I have enjoyed every phase of their growing up. Have there been moments where things fall apart, of course, but I love my kids – so do I need a reward. Whether I need one or not, I am getting one. Stacey and I will be grandparents as my son Noah and his wife Allyson are expecting in July.

I am very excited for Noah and Allyson. They are a wonderful couple and I think that they will be great parents. I think that Stacey will be a wonderful grandmother. (She is just good at whatever she does.) The one I am concerned about is me. I look forward to the opportunity, I just don't know how well I will do. It is kind of like entering each day of our lives as Christians. Each day we are given new opportunities by God to love our neighbors and share the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ. Some days, we do okay and then other days we stink. Just like my life as a Christian, I hope I have more okay days as a grandpa than stinky ones.

Here I AM, SEND ME

Isaiah 6:1-8



As the cold of February descends on us all, may the warmth of the love that surrounds us give us hope and inspiration. May we all discover ways to become the people God is helping us to be. Here's to grandkids and all the hope that they bring us. **Wow.**

ELCA Disaster Relief Donation: If you are interested in donating to all those that are devastated by the recent wildfires, flooding or hurricanes, please send a donation check to : **OR** In church offering, write: **Evangelical Lutheran Ch. in America LDR (where/what) donation**
ELCA Gift Processing Center on memo line of check.
PO Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Lori Holt



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We're entering February!! However, as of this writing, January 22; it's 12 degrees!! As the song from 'White Christmas' goes, "We're having a heatwave, a tropical heatwave!!" OK, not a "tropical" heatwave, but it sure is warmer than subzero!!

Again, going back to January, BUCKEYES ARE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!! O-H I-O!!

February, we continue our celebration of Epiphany!! Please join us!!

Reds—2/10 - pitchers and catchers report. 2/15 - positions players report. 2/17 – first full-squad workout. 2/22 – first Spring Training game!! I am so pumped for the Reds 2025 season!! Terry Francona as out new manager!! Gotta get to at least a couple games this season!! GO REDS!!

With as cold as it's been, SOUP SEASON!!! Mmmm!!
I hope y'all are staying safe and warm.

Happy Birthday, Diana!!
Happy Valentine's Day!!

Love in Christ,
Lori

February
Altar Guild Volunteer
Patti Puckett

Quilting Circle
to meet
Wednesday,
Feb. 26, 9 am



Coffee Time!

Every *first Sunday of the month*, 9:30 am, we will be having a fellowship gathering in our church "Christ and Coffee" bar for coffee, donuts, and fellowship!

Joy Circle
1 pm
Tuesday
February 18

Dorothy Love
Monthly Worship Service
10 am, Feb. 18
Pastor Steve presiding.

St. John's Thrift Shop

Melissa Barhorst

Mary Cooke has stepped down after a great run of 5 years as being Director to St. Johns Thrift Shop. She said "I met a lot of nice people and will miss them and I am thankful to be able to serve as the Director. I want everyone to always remember to never judge someone by their appearance. Open your arms and hearts to them and remember that everyone will need help some-time in their life."

Thank you, Mary, for your service! You are a blessing.

Melissa Barhorst is the new Director of St. John Thrift Shop. She has been a vol-unteer for 4 years. Melissa was born and raised in Sidney and has been married to Scott for almost 38 years. They have 3 daughters who are married with 11 grand-kids total and a teenaged son as well as her beloved dog Pixie. Favorite scripture is John 14:23 in the Amplified Bible: Jesus answered, "If anyone (really) loves Me, he will keep My word (teaching); and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling place with him."

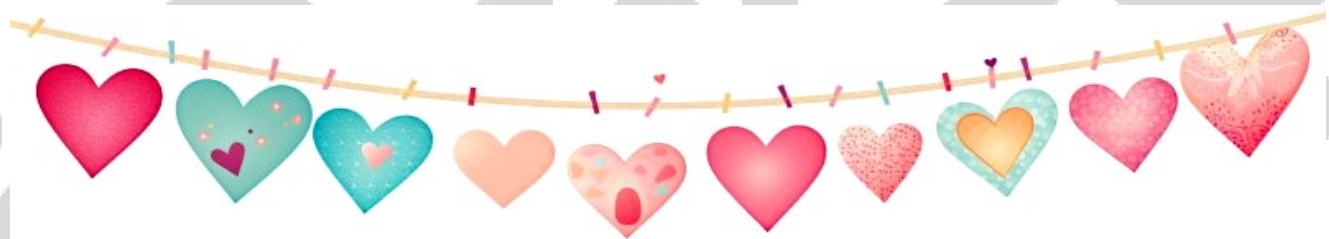


Due to lack of participation, we were unable to do the Santa's workshop for the 2024 Christmas season but plan to try again in 2025. However, we were able to bless five families with a Christmas.

December Statistics

28 for Cash Assistance of \$426 6 for In-Kind Assistance of \$52

As we start a new year with all the craziness going on in the world, remember God's word in Jeremiah 29:11 says: "For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th AT 12:00 PM

Garbry Ridge • 1567 Garbry Ridge Road, Piqua, OH 45356

MAKING SENIOR LIVING TRANSITIONS EASY!

Join us for lunch and a presentation from Danielle Kirkland, Founder, Serenity Senior Solutions and her support for those seeking senior care or senior living options. As a Registered Nurse and Certified Senior Advisor, she offers personalized guidance to find your best fit to independent living, assisted living, memory care and more to match your budget, needs and desires.

We hope you'll be able to join us!

RSVP TO 937-418-7624

NOT: Family of caregivers comply with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. English ATTY/2024. If you need English language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-888-620-1121 ext. 6000. Spanish ATTY/2024. If you need Spanish language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-888-620-1121 ext. 6000. 中文服務 如蒙賜顧請電 937-418-7624 中文服務 如蒙賜顧請電 937-418-7624

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19th AT 12:00 PM

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ADULT GRIEF

Grief is a profound experience that touches many lives, and navigating this journey can often feel overwhelming. To support our community in dealing with this complex aspect of life, EverHeart Hospice will be offering an informative presentation about adult grief as they share practical tools to help manage and understand the grieving process. This presentation will provide valuable information for anyone experiencing loss or those supporting loved ones through their grief journey.

We hope you'll be able to join us!

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St. John's Church Council Minutes

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Date: Jan 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: President Kaleb Headings

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Pastor Steve Edmiston

AGENDA REVIEW: Kaleb moved to add to Old Business: Christmas clean up and to New Business 1. Thrivent Dollar acceptance and allocation and 2. Christmas collection allocation. Seconded by Pastor Steve. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council officer selection - Kaleb moved for Margy H. to remain as secretary. Myron K. was nominated as president and Wes vice president. Motion second by Kathy. Motion passed.
2. Bill McCroskey presented to council. He states that there are 23,000-25,000 downloads of the services and the audience is given no method of giving. It was suggested that St. John's uses the current service (Share Faith/Media Bands) for this service on a trial basis. This will cost \$49/ month plus 2.66% per transaction. Pastor Steve moved to add to current site and Ann seconded it. Motion passed.
3. Kaleb moved to accept the \$47 Thrivent Dollars and move to Joy Circle for use by the St. John's quilting group.
4. Dave B requested that finance committee meet to decide how to handle unbudgeted benevolence. He will follow up with Alpha Center for an uncashed check directed to them some time ago.
5. Council members to turn in their request for desired committees.
6. Thrift Shop has a new director. Melissa Barhorst. Mary has continued to help her during the transition.
7. Christmas benevolence was \$4820. Pastor Steve moved to give \$4000 to Lutheran Disaster Relief to assist victims of the wild fires in California. The rest of the funds to be used in Christmas decorations replacement (there is already \$114.29 set aside for that purpose). Kathy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Skinner painting had given a start date but then did not show. Kaleb will contact them again to pin down a date.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary's report was distributed with the agenda. Kaleb moved to approve as submitted. Pat seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A copy of the Treasurer's report was distributed with the agenda. Kaleb moved to approve as submitted. Deb seconded. Motion passed

STAFF REPORT:

* Pastor Report - Presented by Pastor Steve

1. Had wonderful numbers and great help taking down Christmas decorations.
2. Suggest that a group be organized to select new decorations for next year.
3. Points out that Ash Wed is in March and will soon be upon us.

* Volunteer Coordinator - No report

* Thrift Shop Report- Financial report enclosed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ministry- Education & Youth: Youth group had a Christmas party. They made ornaments and played games. Was fun and went well.

Ministry - Music & Worship: Irish strings will play in March, Bells will be played on Palm Sunday April 13, 2025.

Outreach - Evangelism: No meeting
Outreach - Parish Life: Working at setting up Lenten Meals (except Ash Wed.). There are still 2 dates that need some directorship by members of council (3/19/25 and 4/12/25). Donations for this will probably be requested but the committee is still working on the details.

Operations - Finance: Dave clarified that 4% raise was not given to the new Thrift Shop Director since she was just hired. Giving was below budget but expenditures were also lower than anticipated.

Operations - Property: The Thrift show its leaking into the office area. Previously worked on this problem and thought had solved. Not from the roof. Will have to wait until Spring to investigate and fix. An questioned if anything is done with the icy parking lot. Usually Norb has handled this but has been unable to do so. Bob will be asked to handle.

Additional notes-

PRAYER REQUEST:

John Widney
Family of Charles Freeman

DEVOTIONS: Myron Koester

INFORMATION:

- * Sign up sheets for communion assistants and devotions passed
- * Newsletter deadline : Jan 21, 2025
- * Next Council Meeting: Feb 10, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Michelle Cavinder, Wes Cavinder, Pastor Steve Edmiston, Kaleb Headings, Ann Huber, Myron Koester, Deb Mertz, Josh Ward, Pat Mullen, Kathy Vogler, Dave Bollheimer, Margy Headings

Pro-Life Oratory Contest

for High School Juniors and Seniors. **Monday, February 24** at 6:30pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sidney. **Prizes:** \$400+, \$250, and \$100 for 1st-3rd. One winner receives an additional \$100 travel stipend for participating in the state contest **Eligibility:** All high school juniors and seniors who are residents of Shelby County or attend a Shelby County high school. Contestants are to give a pro-life speech, 5-7 minutes in length, on one of four topics: abortion, doctor-prescribed suicide, infanticide, or embryonic research. Please **register by Friday, February 21** (by 11:59pm) using contact info listed below. For rules and contest resources, go to the oratory contest page on our website (<http://www.shelbycountyrtnl.org/>). Contact Shae at comms@shelbycountyrtnl.org for more information and to register.



Turning Generosity Into

The Community Foundation of Shelby County

December 27, 2024

St Johns Lutheran Church
120 S Water St
Sidney, OH 45365

Thank you!

By giving to the Community Foundation of Shelby County during Match Day, you made a difference and your gift will be distributed to the organization(s) you requested. Total gifts to participating organizations will be matched up to \$5,000.00.

The Community Foundation of Shelby County is a 501(c)(3) public charity. Your gift is deductible for income tax purposes and you may use the following information as a receipt.

Date of Gift:	12/01/2024
Amount of Gift:	\$5,950.00

Again, thank you for your generous gift!

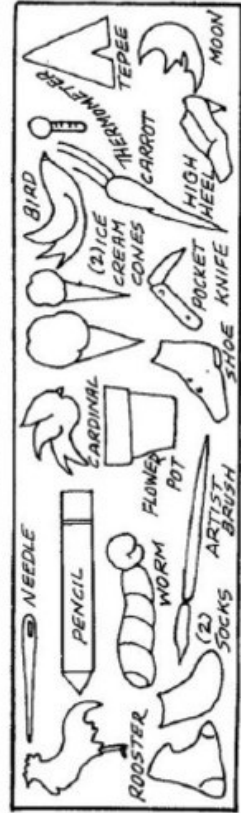
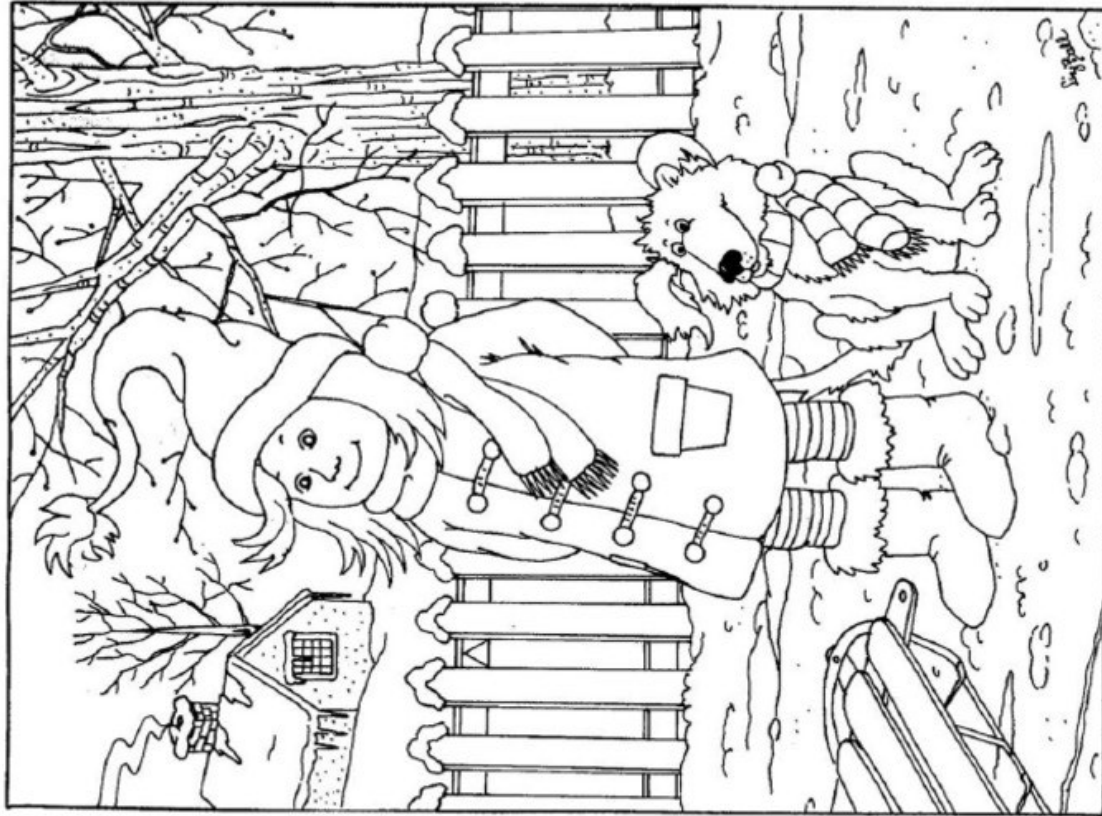
Sincerely,

Marian Spicer

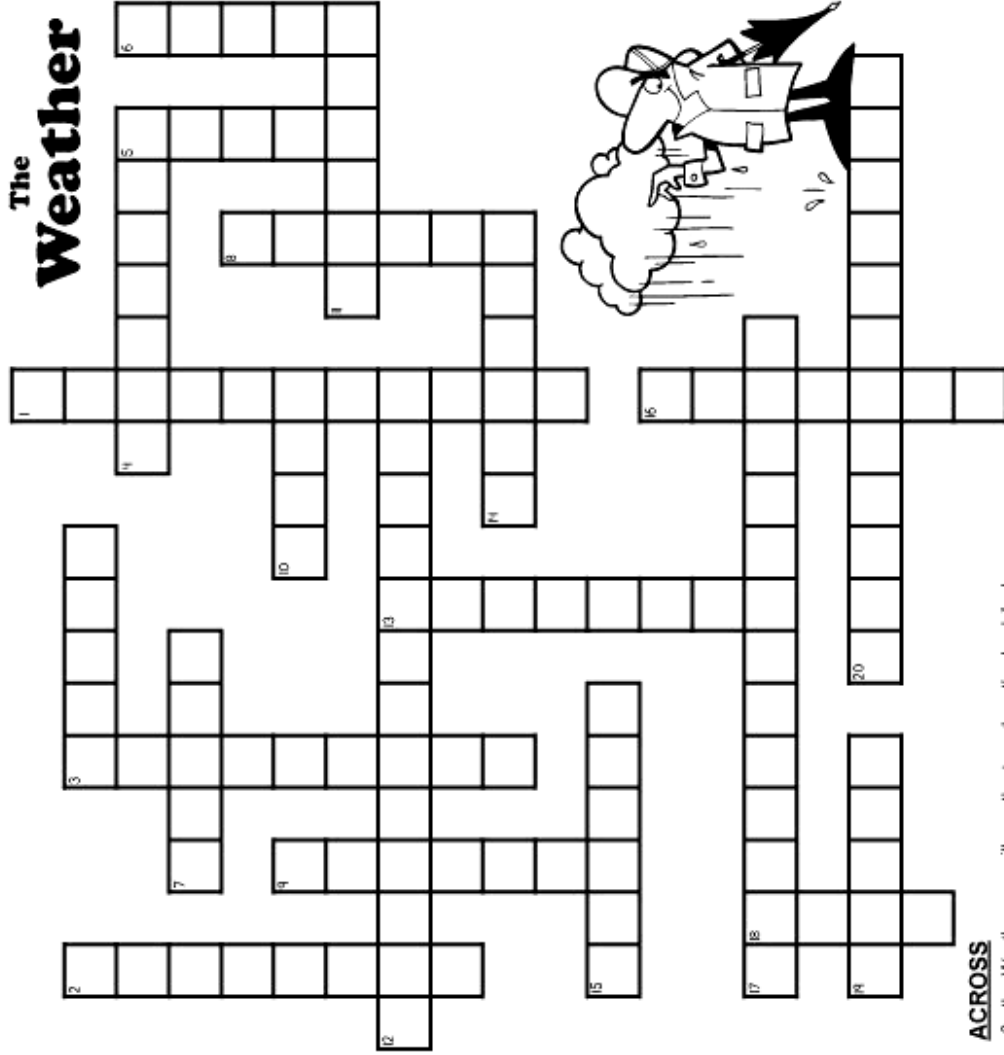
Marian Spicer
Executive Director



Hidden Picture Puzzle: Snowy Weather



The Weather



ACROSS

- the Weatherman will use the term "mostly cloudy" when there are eighths of cloud cover
- smaller than normal drops of rain
- rain, the adjective the Weatherman will use when there's a lot of rain in a time period
- a unit of measurement used to describe the amount of cloud cover at any given location
- when there is $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{2}{8}$ of the sky covered by clouds, a Weatherman will say it is sunny
- another word for a Weatherman
- the Weatherman says it's cloudy when there's at least percent of the sky covered with clouds
- when $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ of the sky is covered by clouds, we say it is sunny or cloudy
- water that falls from the clouds as rain, snow, sleet, or hail
- snow and rain at the same time or place is called precipitation
- a storm that has lightning and thunder

DOWN

- predicting or guessing future weather
- an adjective that is used when only 30 - 50% of an area will be affected
- an adjective that is used when only 10 - 20% of an area is likely to be affected
- When trying to measure how much of the sky the clouds cover, how many equal parts does the Weatherman divide the visible sky into?
- when there are no clouds in the sky
- when all or almost all of the sky is covered with clouds
- the Weatherman will use different adjectives to describe how much rain falls in this period of time (2 words)
- the term used when clouds cover at least 95% of the sky
- shorter duration than rain, suddenly starts or stops
- the word the Weatherman will use when the amount of time it rains is steady and for a long time

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

SATURDAY, 6:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30
AM

*“Go therefore and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit, and
teaching them to obey everything
that I have commanded you. And
remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:19-20

*God's Vision,
Our Mission*

Please pray for our Homebound Members and mail them a card to:

Elaine Boughner, 736 Stratford Dr., Sidney, Oh 45365
Erika Montgomery, 2333 Apache Dr., Sidney, Oh 45365
Rhonda Vance, 1302 Spruce St., Sidney, Oh 45365
Dick Wilson, 5577 Heathrow Dr., Powell, Oh 43065-7970

Dorothy Love, 3003 W. Cisco Road, Sidney, Oh 45365

Christine Weber-A03 Brenda Riddle, A-23

Dorothy Love Apartments: 2400 N. Kuther Rd., Sidney, Oh

Margaret Ike, Apt. 213
Jeanne Mears, Apt. 301
Gary Paul, Apt. 324
Dick Clark, Apt. 303N
Shirley Sparks, Apt. 117

Dorothy Love Homes:

Jerry Gibbs, 701 Bennett Circle, Sidney, Oh 45365

Koester Pavilion

Mildred Hughes, 3232 N. Co. Rd. 25-A, Room 35, Troy, Oh 45373

Fair Haven, 2901 Fair Rd., Sidney, Oh 1150

Residents: *None at this time*

Landings of Sidney, 1150 Russell Road, Sidney, Oh 45365

Resident: LeRue Gooder, Rm. 506
Phyliss Blust, Rm. 508
Linda Steenrod, Rm. 802
Nick Miller, Rm. 306

Ayden Health Care (Piqua) 275 Kienle Drive, Piqua, Oh 45356

Pamela Morgan Rm. 307
Doris Conrad Rm. 300

*At St. John's, we are given the opportunity to worship
God, study His Word, and serve Him in many capaci-
ties, while at the same time enjoying Christian fellow-
ship. Please consider ways that you can get involved!*

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church Office Open Mon-Thurs. 8-3 pm Fri., 8 am-12 pm						¹ Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
² Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Child Sunday school, 9:30 am Donuts, 9:30 am Youth Group, 9:30 a	³ AA, 12 pm	⁴	⁵ AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	⁶	⁷ Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm	⁸ Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
⁹ Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	¹⁰ AA, 12 pm Committee Mtg, 6 p Church Council, 7 p	¹¹	¹² AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	¹³ Senior Lunch, 12 pm	¹⁴ Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm Valentine's Day	¹⁵ Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
¹⁶ Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sun- day school, 9:30 am Installation of Church Council , both services	¹⁷ AA, 12 pm President's Day	¹⁸ Dorothy Love, 10 am Joy Circle, 1 pm	¹⁹ AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	²⁰	²¹ Office Closes, 12pm AA, 12 pm	²² Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
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