



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – A JOB OR A MINISTRY?

The following commentary on church membership crossed my desk recently and I thought it was worth sharing.

If you are doing it because no one else will, it is a *job*;
If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it is a *ministry*.
If you are doing it just well enough to get by, it is a *job*;
If you are doing it to the best of your ability, it is a *ministry*.
If you quit because someone criticized you, it was a *job*;
If you kept on serving, it was a *ministry*.
If you do it only so long as it doesn't interfere with your activities, it is a *job*;
If you stay with it even when it means letting go of other things, it is a *ministry*.
If it is hard to get excited about, it is a *job*;
If it is almost impossible to not get excited about it, it is a *ministry*.

An average church is filled with people doing a *job*;
A great church is filled with people who are involved in a *ministry*.
If your concern is success, it is a *job*;
If your concern is faithfulness, it is a *ministry*.

People might say, "Good job;"
The Lord will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant," when you complete your *ministry*.

I am grateful that TPC is not an "average church" but is a "great church" full of members who enthusiastically commit themselves to *ministry* within the Body of Christ. Look around you and thank God—for elders and deacons who share in the leadership of our ministry, mission, and outreach; for dedicated members of our chancel choir and bell choir who lead us in making a joyful noise to the Lord; for members who teach our children, youth, and adults, provide VBS, facilitate our Discovery Groups, host "Tuesday Treasures," greet us on Sunday morning, take a leadership roll in Sunday worship, feed us and clean up after us; for the volunteers who put out the newsletter, fold our bulletins, and pay our bills; and for our great staff—Rhoda, Kris, Martha, and Crystal, our nursery attendant, Margaret Girardi, and our custodians, Casey, David, and Robert, who make serving at TPC a *ministry* and not a *job*!

Grace and Peace,
Dick Wiggers, Interim Pastor

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 NRSV

Committee News!

Worship Committee

We have purchased supplemental hymnals to augment the music for the congregation. They cost \$10 each. We are inviting the members to purchase them in memory or in honor of someone close to them such as a relative or friend. We are providing nameplates for the front of these supplements just as we did for the blue hymnals we now use. Checks should be made out to TPC and should include all pertinent information. The new hymnals should arrive in October and we look forward to using them beginning in November. If people have questions they can call Sherry Nelson or Rhoda at the church office. Thank you for your support.

Sherry Nelson, Worship Elder

Fellowship Committee

September 7 Potluck - Well Attended

Hope you were able to attend the September potluck. Fellowship flourished with all the good food. Thank you to everyone who brought food and to those who helped with the set-up and tear down of tables and chairs and to those who helped in the kitchen. Lots of hands made for light work.

Our next potluck will be Sunday, November 2. Please plan on coming!

Volunteers Needed to Help Host Presbytery Meeting at TPC

Jack Hodges at Presbytery has asked TPC to host a dinner meeting on Sunday, October 5th for the Church/Seminary Relations Network. By "hosting" he would like us to set up tables and chairs before the dinner and to help with the dishes afterward. The dinner will be catered so we're not being asked to cook. About 50 people are expected to attend. The meeting and dinner will run from 4 p.m. to about 7 p.m. Set-up needs to be completed by 3:30 p.m. and dishes will need to be done about 6 p.m. If you're willing and available to lend a hand with setup, teardown or dishes on Sunday, October 5th, please call or e-mail me. Thank you very much.

Susan Springer, Fellowship Elder
503 692-2893 or Susan.Springer@comcast.net

Outreach Committee

On Sunday, September 21, the four ladies in the kitchen wearing the Crayfish hats were not crazy, they were just trying to get your attention. And from the comments, I think we were successful. We are the Outreach Committee, and we'd love to have you join us. Some of the things we do are:

- We serve lunch one day a month at the Senior Community Center.
- We serve lunch to the new member classes
- We make each visitor feel welcome.

New ideas are always welcome. We'd love to have you join us on the 3rd Thurs. at 1:00 pm at the church. Please join Marian Larsen, Marian Smith, Pat DeVore, Art Barry and myself.

Del Judy, Outreach Elder

Christian Ed Committee

Thank you to all who taught summer Sunday school this year. The Christian Education Committee appreciates your time and talent spent to teach our little ones about our faith.

The Christian Ed. Committee will host an evening of Sunday school teacher training on October 6th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Church. We invite anyone interested in the quality of Christian Education for our youth whether you have taught Sunday school for years or may be interested in teaching in the future. Please contact **Pam Bowen** at (503) 625-5910 for information or to confirm your attendance. Snacks will be provided, along with an evening of sharing and fun!

Nursery Sunday Shepherds Needed

We are in need of Sunday shepherds in the nursery during worship service Sunday mornings from 10:00 - 11:15am. No experience is needed, just a love for young children. Volunteers will be helping Margaret keep an eye on the youngest members of our congregation. For additional information, contact **Jackie Dannemiller**, at 503 885-2405 or email: ndannemi@spiritone.com. There is a sign up form in the narthex on the communication tower.

Youth Update

Youth Director: Crystal Shearer

Office Hours: T & TH 10-3

Sundays: 9-12 & 4-8



Youth Group meetings are Sunday Evenings 5:30-7:00 PM
Discovery Group meets Tuesday Evenings 7:00-8:00
Breakfast Crew is the 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00-8:00AM

October Events

- 5th Service Project: Volunteer @ Portland Marathon
5-9am & video night in the evening
- 10-12th Middle School Mania in Eugene, Oregon
- 12th Guest Speaker in the evening (meal night)
- 14th Breakfast Bunch 7-8am at TPC
- 16th Sauvie Island Corn Maize Trip @ 7pm
- 19th Scavenger Hunt
- 21st High School Discovery Group 7-8pm
- 26th Haunted House Trip (meal night)

What are these things?

Two new events start this month; **The Breakfast Brunch** is an opportunity for students to gather for breakfast and fellowship before school on their "late start" Tuesdays. Friends are encouraged. **The Discovery Group** consists of non-Christians, new Christians, bored Christians and committed Christians. It's opportunity to bring students together to develop and strengthen relationships with one another. They meet once a week for 60-75 minutes to discuss life issues honestly and realistically. **The Corn Maize** trip is on a Thursday night, but students do not have school on Friday, so no worries... Everything else is pretty self explanatory, however a more detailed mailing will arrive at the home of youth group students. I can always use help with activities, so give me a call.

Did you know that October 5th is World Communion Sunday? It is also Peacemaking Sunday in which a special offering will be taken. It is a day that we can take a moment to think about our world and our place within it. Here is something else to think about.

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following:

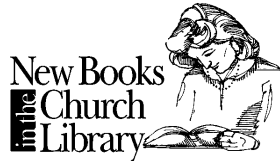
There would be:

- 57 Asians
- 21 Europeans
- 14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north and south
- 8 Africans
- 52 would be female
- 48 would be male
- 70 would be non-white
- 30 would be white
- 70 would be non-Christian
- 30 would be Christian
- 89 would be heterosexual
- 11 would be homosexual
- 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States.
- 80 would live in substandard housing
- 70 would be unable to read
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- 1 would be near death
- 1 would be near birth
- 1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education
- 1 would own a computer

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

The Book Nook

New additions to the
Library over the summer



"A bird's eye view of the Bible" by Betty Sharp Harold

"Understanding the Old Testament" by Bernard W. Anderson

"The man who wrestles with God" by John A. Sanford

"The challenge of diversity" by David M. Rhoads

"Afterlife, the other side of dying" by Morton T. Kelsey

"Inviting the mystic supporting the prophet" by Katherine Marie Dyckman

"Sadhana, a way to God" by Anthony de Mello

"Celebration witness, the first forty years, 1956-1996" by Elisabeth Lunz

"The future of Protestant worship" by Ronald P. Byars

"A brief history of Christian worship" by James F. White

There are some exciting ideas in these books! Check them out!

Don't know where the library is? Easy -- go into the office, head toward the private office rooms and take a left. There it is in a nice cozy niche with a card catalog to help you find whatever might take your fancy. There's even a chair to sit on while you glance through books. And checking a book out is simple -- instructions are on the wall. Come! Read! Enjoy!

Diane Barry, Librarian

The Spirit is published monthly and is also on our website at www.tpcspirit.com. Please contact Debby Owen at 503-692-6920 or e-mail her at newsletter@tpcspirit.com with any news, corrections or ideas. The deadline for the November issue is October 20. She could use your help!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Beginning on Sunday, November 9th, at 11:30 a.m. following worship, Kris Sparks will welcome any and all elementary age school children to meet with her in the choir room and learn some special music for the Christmas season. These rehearsals will take place each Sunday through December 21st, and will be 30 minutes long. This choir will sing at the Hanging of The Greens on November 30th as well as on Christmas Eve for the 6:30 family worship service. Students that choose to participate need to be currently enrolled in grades one through five. Contact **Kris Sparks** if you have any questions.

A Leopard's Spots



A Sunday school teacher was teaching a lesson based on Jeremiah 13:23. In that passage, the prophet is so disgusted with the unfaithfulness and idolatry of his people that he almost believes they cannot change. He wonders whether a leopard can change its spots. The Sunday school teacher asked her pupils, "What do you think? Can a leopard change its spots?"

Most of the children said, "No," but one little boy answered, "Yes." He continued by saying, "If he doesn't like the spot he's in, he can change it."

That was somewhat along the line of what Jeremiah believed. His people could change their evil ways — their "spots" — if they truly chose to do so. The prophet said to his people, "You can do good who are accustomed to do evil" (Jeremiah 13:23, nrsv).

TPC Golf Tournament

Sunday, September 21, 2003

Special thanks to Dinner Hosts Dee Dee & Mark Hansen

Thirty plus TPC members and friends participated in the annual TPC Golf Classic Sunday, September 21, at a local golf course in brilliant fall weather. Following a spectacular tee shot by Dick Wiggers on the final hole, Dave Backen calmly sank a birdie putt to secure lowest team score honors by one stroke. Also on the winning team, Pam Cameron and Karen Jones contributed consistent and accurate play. Harry Chase, Molly Maleta, Marilyn Wood, Cathy Lambeth and Mark Maleta earned additional awards for outstanding play. The Hackers Banquet followed the golf and Dee Dee and Mark Hansen were terrific hosts again this year. The golf tournament is held every September and all skill levels are encouraged to participate. See you next year!

Ted Lambeth





See you next Year!

The Chase Family – Harry, Cathy, Cameron and Heather



The Chase family, Harry, Cathy, Cameron and Heather (not pictured) have been at TPC since moving to Tualatin in 1993. Their good friends, Roger and Jaci Smith invited them and they were hooked. Cathy has been active in the Survivors Wednesday bible study group for years and loves the Christian fellowship among the members. Harry has been active in the Choir and Session since joining. Cameron and Heather grew up at TPC and are now in college.

Cathy graduated from David Douglas High School in Portland and Harry graduated from Wilson High in Portland. After four years with the US Air Force in the Mojave Desert, Cathy and Harry were glad to be back in the beautiful NW. Returning to college after the military, they walked together in graduation ceremonies at Portland State in 1972. Cathy taught at Llwyn and Sellwood schools for five years then decided to stay home with the new family. Harry has been a banker for thirty years and enjoys helping his customers finance their businesses and plan for the future.

Both the kids inherited Cathy's athletic and academic talent. Heather is the first TPC member to study for the ministry. Her career journey has been circuitous. After studying electrical engineering for two years in NY, she returned to George Fox University where she graduated with honors. She is in her fourth year of graduate school at San Francisco Theological Seminary working on her Master of Divinity degree with a minor in Homiletics. Her time at TPC has been a great influence on her life and she has clearly chosen a career she loves. She appreciates the support of the TPC family. Cameron is a Sr. at Oregon State and will be spending this year at

U. of Nottingham, England working on his Electrical Engineering degree with a minor in business.

Harry and Cathy built a pond and waterfall this summer and enjoy watching the fish and listening to the relaxing sound of the waterfall outside their front door.

A Note from Heather Chase

Hello from PC (USA) Headquarters!

Yep. I packed up my car and went across eight states in four days to get to Louisville, KY, the home of our national offices, where I work in the Office of Social Justice. My department is the Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association. We work with ten networks to address issues in the church like disabilities, child advocacy, AIDS and domestic violence. Check out our website – <http://www.pcusa.org/phewa> . I am also having fun as a “visiting student” at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. It is a beautiful campus and people are very welcoming. I am singing in the choir and my classes are great - Social Ethics, Current Missiological Issues: Human Rights and Faith and Money. It is quite a change from SFTS where I knew everything to here where I get lost at least three or four times a week. My family here shows me around a lot. You know the important places like the vegetarian restaurants, organic grocery stores and bodies of water. The Ohio River, however, is not the Pacific Ocean.

Here's my new contact information:

Heather Chase

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Please also keep our family in prayer this month as my aunt Janet, who has cancer, goes in for surgery. Thank you for your continued support.

Heather ><>

A Message from Session



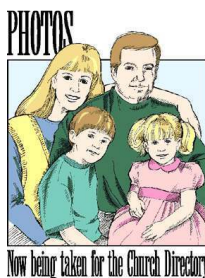
MISSION STUDY

Sixteen members of the TPC session, board of deacons and staff attended a retreat August 22 and 23 at the McCleay Retreat Center in Salem. Dick Wiggers led the participants through discussions of the interim process. Through the exercises and discussions, we dealt with the joys and hard times of our past years as a congregation and the impact of the many changes and stresses we have experienced during the remodeling project, the resignation of Thom Nelson and the uncertainty of the world situation. Mary Shiffer presented the first draft of the Mission Study Task Force Report. Participants contributed ideas and opinions to describe TPC and to help draw together the large amount of information gathered from the PERCEPT survey and the small group reflection meetings.

The second draft of the Mission Study Task Force Report is now complete and the Task Force meets September 29 to write a conclusion statement and edit the report for presentation to Session in October. This document will be the basis of the Church Information Form (CIF) that the Pastor Nominating Committee will complete as the next step in the search for our called pastor. The Mission Study Task Force and Session plan to have opportunities for the congregation to learn about the Mission Study Report. More information on the time and format of the presentations will be announced in the coming month.

Mary Shiffer, Clerk of Session

Note from the Deacons



TPC's Photo Directory is coming - December 5th, 6th, 12th & 13th

TPC is in need of an updated directory that reflects our growing congregation. Our deacons looked at adding to the directory that was completed by Sandy Sandburg,

but found that it would be extremely time-consuming and difficult to match. We explored professional options, and found that there is only one professional photography company currently in this area that could meet our needs. Mindful that some congregation members found the previous experience with this company less than satisfactory, the Deacons spent considerable time discussing their concerns with this company's current representative. He listened to our concerns, and responded with assurances that significant improvements have been made that addresses these issues. Three area churches that have recently been through this process with this local photographer each spoke highly of the quality of photographs they received, as well as the extraordinary help provided in walking them through the entire process. The Deacons feel that this can be a positive experience for us as well, and have engaged this company to begin our photo sessions on the following dates: December 5, 6, 12th & 13th. One of the benefits of this type of photo session is that each family that sits for the church photo will receive a free 8 x 10 photo, as well as a complimentary directory. Additional photos or photo packages may be purchased at the time, as well. Because this company uses a digital video image proofing system, looking at proofs is done at the time of the photos, a significant time saving over waiting weeks for proofs. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Start thinking about the days that would best fit your schedule for a sitting; plan on about 45-60 minutes for the entire process. Watch for more information in the Narthex or call **Dee Dee Hansen** at 656-4008 with any questions or concerns.

TPC Announcements

Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 5, to elect the PNC

On Sunday, October 5, at the close of the morning worship service, an important congregational meeting will be held to elect nine members of TPC to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

As Dave Leland reported last month, the PNC will have a big and important job. They will develop a Church Information Form, using the results and lessons from the TPC Mission Study. After the CIF is posted, it is expected that the PNC will receive Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) from interested ministers across the country. The PNC will review PIFs and develop a list of potential candidates, interview and arrange to hear candidates preach in their home or neutral pulpits, and present for congregational approval the candidate they believe God is calling to be the next installed pastor of TPC.

New Member Classes Starting Soon! October 26, November 2, 9, & 16 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

A four-week series of classes related to Presbyterian beliefs, the Christian faith, and Tualatin Presbyterian Church will be offered for anyone who is considering membership at TPC. These classes provide an excellent opportunity to form new friendships, to explore the meaning of church membership, and to become better acquainted with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Rev. Dick Wiggers and TPC members will be sharing the leadership. We will meet after worship from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A light lunch and childcare will be provided.

Barbara Crall presented Bibles to the following fourth graders on Sunday, September 7: Tiana Carter-Killinger, Nicholas Dannemiller, Dustin Shiffer & Dillon Taquett.



The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with **Nancy & Jay Wilcox at the death of Nancy's mother, Jackie Schommer, who passed away on Tuesday the 23rd of September.**

Please remember in prayer: Janet Nesbitt (Debbie Imus' mother), Susan Poti (Pat DeVore's daughter) Archie Hammer (son-in-law of Donna & Cliff Hoff), Lori Dennis (Pam Cameron's sister-in-law), Ing MacHaffie, Carolyn Brown (former wife of Charlie Brown), Kathie Warne (Clint Warne's mother), Dave Jones (Brian Jones' father), Jenni Reiling (daughter-in-law of Sandy & Neil Reiling), Homer Perry (Becky Backen's father), Bill & Gwen Hale and family, Christopher Beam (Nancy Catanese's son), Janet Sanders (Harry Chase's sister), and those who lead and serve our nation, communities and congregations.

10/3	Bill Wood		
10/3	Chris Robertson		
10/4	David Collins		
10/6	Lynn Friese		
10/7	Joan Patterson		
10/8	Gina Olson	10/22	John Crawford
10/9	Alexandra Backen	10/23	Suveni Senthirajah
10/13	Emily Lobbato	10/25	Barbara Crall
10/15	Madelyn Carlson	10/28	Laura Schmidt
10/18	Will Lambeth	10/29	Mike Hines
10/19	Cacye Gonzales	10/29	Matthew Dannemiller
10/20	Pam Leland	10/30	Sherry Nelson
10/20	Kathy Kinyon	10/30	Elizabeth Shafer
10/20	Molly Winterrowd	10/30	Jerry Shiffer

General Fund Status January – August 2003



	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
Income	\$ 91,888	\$94,793
Expense	<u>\$ 94,470</u>	<u>\$94,836</u>
Net	(\$ 2,582)	(\$ 43)

	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
Income	\$ 6,417	\$10,852
Expense	<u>\$14,599</u>	<u>\$10,743</u>
Net	(\$ 8,182)	(\$ 109)

Make a "Harvest Cross"

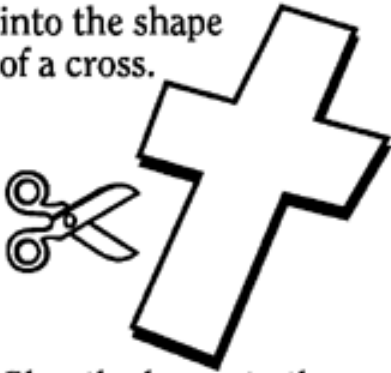
to remind you always to be thankful.

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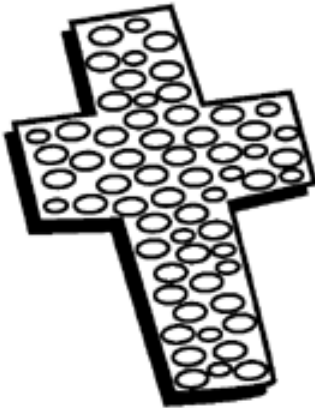
- ✦ a piece of cardboard
- ✦ glue
- ✦ bag of dried, mixed beans
- ✦ scissors

How to make it:

- ✦ Cut the cardboard into the shape of a cross.



- ✦ Glue the beans to the cross. You can arrange the beans in a pattern or glue them on randomly.





The Harvest

Harvest time was very important to the Israelites. They had three harvests each year: barley in spring; wheat in summer; fruits in autumn.



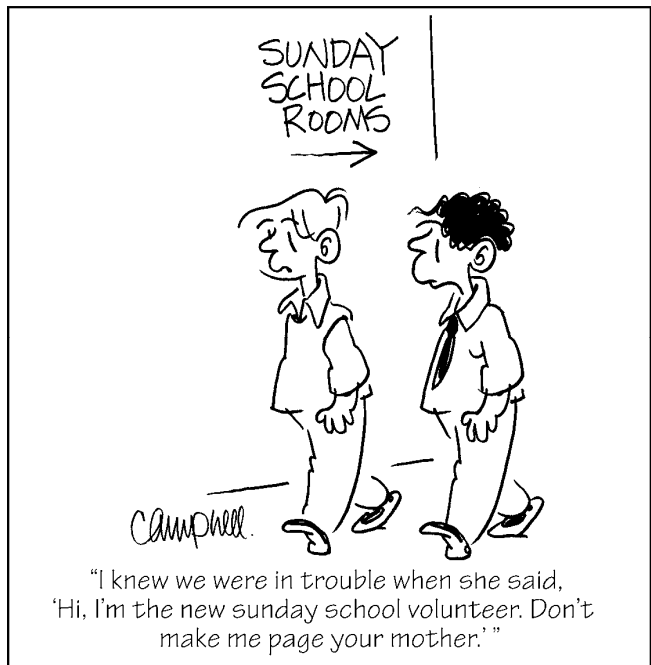
Find these foods that the Israelites harvested, and circle them.

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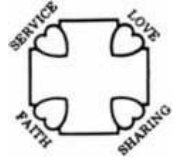
GRAPES	HERBS	OLIVES	APPLES	GOURDS
BARLEY	NUTS	BEANS	ONIONS	LENTILS
ALMONDS	LEEKs	FIGS	CUCUMBERS	
WHEAT	MELONS	RYE	POMEGRANATES	

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**Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
October 2003**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study 10:30 am Bells 6:25 pm Choir 7:38 pm	2	3	4
5 Adult Ed. – 8:30am Choir – 9:25 am Worship – 10:00 am World Communion Sunday Peacemaking Offering Congregational Meeting	6 Volunteers serve lunch @ Senior Center – 11:00 am Deacon's Dinner @ TPC– 6:00 pm Sunday School Teacher Training 7:00 – 8:30 pm	7 Mission Committee Meeting 7:00pm	8 Bible Study 10:30 am Bells 6:25 pm Choir 7:38 pm	9	10 Middle School Mania in Eugene →	11
12 Adult Ed. – 8:30am Choir – 9:25 am Worship – 10:00 am Middle School Mania in Eugene	13 Columbus Day Observed	14	15 Bible Study 10:30 am Bells 6:25 pm Choir 7:38 pm	16 Outreach Cmt. 1:00 pm World Food Day	17	18
19 Adult Ed. – 8:30 am Choir – 9:25 am Worship – 10:00 am	20 November Newsletter Deadline	21 Tuesday Treasures 7:00 pm	22 Bible Study 10:30 am Bells 6:25 pm Choir 7:38 pm	23 Session 7:00 pm	24 United Nations Day	25 Turn your clocks back
26 Adult Ed. – 8:30 Choir – 9:25 am Worship – 10:00 am New Members Class	27 Worship Committee 7:00 pm	28	29 Bible Study 10:30 am Bells 6:25 pm Choir 7:38 pm	30	31	

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday from 9am - 1:30 pm; Wednesday and Friday from 9am to noon and Thursday from 9am - 2:30 pm. Pastor Wiggers is in the office Monday – Thursday. Please call for an appointment.