



The Circuit Rider



October 2020



Sometimes we need some perspective. After reading an email about The Jesus Tree from Joyce , I decided to take a ride on my bike out toward the tree. The tree is huge! Some think it has been around for over 2000 years. How many hurricanes has it weathered in its lifetime? Long before there was Inlet View Bar and Grill, before a Shallotte, long before there was a road, before there was a United States that tree was there. Wars and so much more have come and gone over the years and the tree has lived through it all. Standing next to the tree, I found myself thinking about myself, the church and time. I thought about the photographs of the former pastors of Camp UMC on the wall at the church. Sometimes it is good to have a little perspective: to remember that we are not the first ones here and we won't be the last and to remember that God sees the long view of all things. The scriptures can help us have

a little perspective as well when we think about the grand overarching narrative of God's work of salvation that has been happening over a long period of time that now includes you and me. It is good to remember that God has been at work long before we ever showed up in the world, and will be at work long after we are gone. Long before life sprung up from an acorn to become The Jesus Tree, God has been at work in the world and continues to this day.

I wonder if this is part of Jesus heading into the wilderness led by the Spirit. Was it an opportunity for him to get a little perspective before heading into a lifetime of life ministry? I wonder if the wilderness time for God's people in Exodus in part was an opportunity for God's people to get some perspective. To get some distance from the ways of the past and see the possibility of a new future with God. Sometimes I get excited and want to rush things before it is God's time, but I am thankful for The Jesus Tree being a witness to a larger perspective.

God's work of salvation continues to shape us as a beloved people here at Camp UMC to be a blessing to the world as we make disciples and join God in transforming the world. As we share this particular of time together, how is God nudging you to get a little perspective? After these

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Sunday Services

8:30 AM Praise & Worship
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional

Camp United Methodist Church is a community of faith whose mission is to seek and to serve God by praying, preaching and teaching the Gospel, making disciples and serving others.

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Perspective cont.

first few months here at Camp UMC, I feel like I am getting some fresh perspective. I continue to be awakened to how this church is amazing in how we care for the community through the way we feed the hungry, how people are so willing to help start and lead small groups, how we are continually calling and praying for each other, and how we are willing to explore new ways living out our life of faith in a pandemic. May Christ open our eyes to a wider and newer perspective in order to sense God's presence with us and see clearly where God is leading us.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Steve

ABOUT OCTOBER

Anglo-Saxons called October "**Wintirfylith**", meaning "fullness of winter" because it had the first full moon of the winter season.

According to folklore, if the deer have a **gray coat** in this month, you should expect a hard winter.

The **zodiac signs** for October are Libra (September 23 – October 22) and Scorpio (October 23 – November 21).

The **birthstones** for October are the tourmaline and the opal. Tourmalines display a wide spectrum of colors, such as yellow, pink, blue, red, green, black or brown, and they are believed to help you stay calm under pressure, bring peace and tranquility and defeat emotions like anger and jealousy. Opals exhibit different colors (green, white, yellow, blue, pink etc.) depending on the conditions under which they were created. Opal gemstones are believed to cure eye infections, strengthen memory, calm nerves and enhance creativity.

The **traditional flower** of the month of October is the calendula, symbolizing comfort, healing, protection and grace.

<http://www.nobelcom.com/blog/fun-facts>

October 2020 Brings Two Full Moons

The first full Moon of fall, the **Harvest Moon**, will appear on Thursday, October 1st. Later in the month, on Saturday, October 31st (Halloween), the second full Moon appears. This is the **Hunter's Moon**, which will be special for two reasons: it's a rare **Halloween Full Moon** and a **Blue Moon** (Halloween night)! What exactly is a Blue Moon? ["It is a phenomenon whereby the moon appears bluish due to smoke or dust particles in the atmosphere. A second full moon in a calendar month. a blue moon" (Dictionary)]

There will be two meteor showers in October. The **Draconid meteor shower** will occur in the late evening of October 9th, and will be visible in the Northwest in the late evening. The **Orionid meteor shower** will occur in the predawn on October 21th–22nd. It will be visible in the South..



Harvest Moon



Blue Moon



Sunday—September 20th-2020
Look! There are people in the pews.

GREAT NEWS

Camp UMC is open for Sunday worship on a limited basis, 70 people are permitted at each service. There will be one service each Sunday. The services will alternate between an 8:30AM Praise and Worship service and an 11:00AM Traditional service. Check the calendar (*last page of newsletter*) to see schedule.

HOW IS THIS GOING TO WORK?

In order to attend a church service, you will need to make a reservation. (*No walk-ins allowed.*) Call Robin at the church office (910-754-4840) **on the Monday before the Sunday of the service** you want to attend. Remember only 70 people can attend each service.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT CHURCH ON SUNDAY?

- Attendees will be required to wear masks that cover their noses and mouths.
- Attendees must practice safe distancing of at least 6 feet (except within family units)
- Attendees must enter and exit the sanctuary **only** through the front doors.
- Ushers will seat attendees to a socially distanced pew and then help each family exit after the service.
- Families with children are welcome to worship. There will not be a children's time but a children's worship activities bag is provided.
- Offerings will be collected in baskets by the sanctuary.

NOTE: The staff has made a video about how you should come to church. Go to Camp's website, click on the Facebook icon and scroll **down** and **down** and **down** until you come to the Soft Reopening Video. Click on it and see how well the staff can act!

PUMPKIN PEOPLE

Camp member, Roberta Byram, was recently in Gatlinburg, TN. She posted these pictures that she took on Facebook. Apparently, the whole town is wild about pumpkin people. They are all over the town and people, especially tourists, pose for pictures with them.



CAMP'S SMALL GROUPS

POTLUCK AND PRAYER GROUP

Jim and Peggy Antunes will lead this group which will meet every other Tuesday from 6:30PM-8:30PM. The group is co-ed and singles, married couples or dating couples are welcome. The Antunes will provide the first meal. Others will be asked to provide something in subsequent weeks.

The group will focus on open discussion, mutual support and prayer concerns. The weekly gospel reading will be the topic discussed. The group will determine its focus. As a group we can focus on who we will support as our acts of service to public or church.

Meeting will generally be at the Antune home, however, others may be asked to host as well. **Social distancing will be practiced.**

Meeting location: 6181 Castlebrook Way SW, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

Contact #s Home phone: 910-579-3288

Peggy's cell: 919-819-6574

Jim's cell: 252-904-2326 Oibjimandpeggy@gmail.com

SINGLE WOMEN'S GROUP

Joyce Baughman is starting this group. The plans are to worship, read Scripture, study, pray, and serve in Christian fellowship. Planned activities include: Reading and discussing the weekly lectionary readings; Discussing the weekly questions for reflection given each Sunday by our pastors and using the Upper Room small group guides. From there, the group will discuss what topics they wish to pursue further.

Where: various homes, parks, restaurants, etc. All done with **social-distancing**.

Call Joyce (919-548-7323) or email her at jonbsmom@gmail.com for more information.

DON AND SUSIE GREEN'S GROUP

The 2 purposes of the group are: **Social:** We expect to have fun, to enjoy each other, and gather in Christian love. **Mission:** we will strive to find a need within our county and to work make it better. The group will decide where and how this should be done.

DON AND SUSIE GREEN'S GROUP cont.

When: The group will gather from 11:00AM-1:00PM every other Thursday. Once a group of at least 8 is established.

Where: The group will rotationally host and provide a light lunch the first Thursday of each month. The second Thursday we may decide to meet at a restaurant.

Why: "God is not unjust, he will not forget your work and the love you have shown as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10

Contact: Don's cell (240)-357-7052

Susie's cell: (301)-667-0801

Email: grizgreen@hotmail.com

DOUG & NITA CAMPBELL'S GROUP

The Campbells would like to start with discussing the sermon series that the church is doing and the question(s) at the end of the service. From that, we will find out what the group wants as far as a Bible/book study. The goal of the group is discussion and everyone will have the chance to facilitate.

Leadership will be shared. No meal will be provided, but there will be drinks and dessert for the first session. If the group wants to continue with food & beverage, it will be determined collectively.

Meeting Place: 569 Slippery Rock Way
Carolina Shores, NC 28467

Contact Nita: cell: 336-471-4199

email: nlbcampbell@gmail.com

Meeting day/time: TBD

Who: It can be couples, but we are not opposed to having a variety of people either (coed).

For social distancing purposes, only 10 people (or less) will be able to attend. Meeting time: TBD

CAMP'S CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

ANATOMY OF PEACE BOOK STUDY

Join Pastor Steve to explore the hope Christ offers us in resolving conflict as we learn to have a heart of peace. We will be blending the study of the book *Anatomy of Peace* by the Arbinger Institute with the teaching of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew. This is a 5-week class held on Monday nights starting September 28th from 6:30PM-8:00PM. To register for this go to

<https://forms.gle/D5ktMHMFpI7VbxwE8>)

Before the first night of class be sure to read the preface and Part 1. You can order your book from Amazon.

SIX-WEEK STUDY OF GALATIANS

This study will be lead by Pastor Alex. It will begin on Thursday, September 24th from 2:30PM-3:30PM in the FYC. Your Bible will be the book for the study. If you would like to participate, contact Pastor Alex (678-294-0019) or alex.parker@nccumc.org

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This 5- week study, on the book *Faithful: Heroes from the Old Testament*, will be offered from October 5th-November 2nd. Meetings will be on Mondays from 10:00AM-11:30AM in the Fellowship Hall.

The book contains materials from well-known authors: Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, Lisa Harper, Kelly Minter and Jennifer Rothschild. Through the stories of Esther, Gideon, Malachi, Nehemiah and Hosea, participants will learn how God uses the lives of ordinary people for His glory and the good of the people.

Social-distancing guidelines, including masks, will be followed. Limited number of participants (minimum 6, maximum 12)

Lynda Troutman (336-944-7629) and Susan Ballard (828-244-0437) will facilitate this study.

NOTE: If you want to know what groups and classes are available, go to Camp's website (campumc.org). On the page will be a DISCIPLESHIP tab. The drop-down will have 2 items: small groups and classes. Click on the link that you are interested in.

OTHER CAMP GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Ministry If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, we would love to have you join us on Tuesday mornings from 9:30AM-12:00PM in the Fellowship Hall (Except the for the 2nd Tuesday of each month). Contact Virginia Winfree 754-4962.

Basket Weavers - Men and women are invited to join in a time of fellowship, devotion and dinner while learning to weave! Basket Weavers meet every Tuesday 2:00PM-7:00PM (except on the 2nd Tuesday of the month,) For more information email Margaret Hardin at romhardin@atmc.net.

United Methodist Women (UMW) - Camp's 2 UMW circles are part of the organization of lay-women within The United Methodist Church. UMW members are committed to growing as disciples of Jesus Christ in community with other women and advocating on behalf of women, children and youth. The Joy Circle meets on the 1st Monday of the month @6:30PM and the Susanna Wesley Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month @10:00AM.

United Methodist Men (UMM) UMM involves men in a growing relationship to Jesus Christ and his church and provides resources and support for programs of evangelism, stewardship and the needs of men. In addition to study, our men also have service projects in the community (such as minor home repair). Our UMM group usually meets on the 4th Monday of the month @ 6:00PM (*except in summer*); in the Fellowship Hall for a meal and program. Contact Keith Compton at lkeithcompton@gmail.com for more information.

CHILDREN



Camp Kids had 2 successful weeks of fellowshiping together. The children enjoyed music, fellowship and some out door play time. The younger elementary class had a blast with their craft pertaining to the story of the Widow's Oil.

I ask that you pray for our ministry and the children in our local community. We have several fun activities planned in the near future, so be on the lookout for additional details!

QUESTION: Have you considered how you could support our children's ministry? We are in need of some support in the nursery and activities on Wednesday nights. We are looking for people to

make a once a month commitment to serving our children. As church events begin to open back up, we will need volunteers for: children's church, the nursery at both services and Sunday School Sunday school classes. If you are interested in volunteering, please feel free to reach out to me.

Allison Hunter, Director of Children's Ministry
ahunter.cumc@gmail.com



The Youth Group is Up and Running!

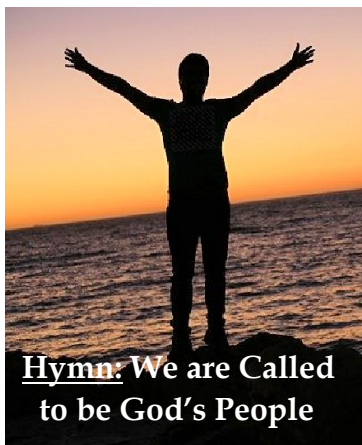
We kicked off the school year on Saturday, September 12th with an inside game day due to the weather, but all had great food, fun and fellowship. I would like to thank Jim & Chicky Wallace for transporting our grill to and from the church. Also, Chef DB Grantham who cooked the hamburgers perfectly and Carol Grantham who assisted him and sold the youth fundraising items that consisted of T-Shirts, note cards and Say Grace table blessings.

Our group enjoyed being together again and especially back at church. Mallory Parker has agreed to join Kevin and I in working with the youth this year, and she is truly an asset. She relates wonderfully with the youth, and treats them like the young men and women that they are. We also get Alex to come in and spend time with us, and I know that means a lot to our youth.

We are in a **4-week series called How Do I?** **Week 1 was Read the Bible. Week 2 was Pray. Next week will be Make a Difference** and lastly is **Be a Friend**. Please come join us each week from 5:30PM-7:30PM in the YFC. We need you to wear a mask and hope that you will make it part of your weekly schedule!

Kelly Littlejohn, Director of Youth Ministry

A church member recently attended a church where the following hymn was sung. It touched her heart and she wanted to share it with the congregation.



"We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace, one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.

Let us show how He has changed us and remade us as His own; let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in His world today; taking His own task up us, all His sacred words obey.

Let us rise, then to His summons, dedicate to Him our all, that we may be faithful servants quick to answer now His call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right, standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil into light.

Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill, that we may know the blessing of the doing of God's will."

Thomas A. Jackson



FROM THE LOCAL MISSION TEAM



Our next **blood drive** will be on Oct. 29th, from 1:30 to 6:00 in the YFC. You may sign up at redcrossblood.org or call Barbara at 910-619-5504.

"Prayer Partner" packets for Union Elementary School staff are available. There are only 10 packets left. Please contact Joan Henderson (910-619-1278) or Trisha Polos (910-470-7493) if you would like a packet.



Enough money is available for The **Lord's Pantry** to continue for 13-14 months. Food availability continues to be problematic. We would like members to bring food donations, especially canned fruit, cereal, and tuna, when they attend worship services. Volunteers will be needed to take donations to the pantry.

SBIC now participates in several programs that provide fresh produce and non-perishable food at no cost. The fresh produce has been a great benefit to clients. While these programs have also resulted in cost savings for SBIC, they have created challenges for both storage and workload.

No replacement has been found for Carol Kendall. Her last day as a co-chair is Dec 5th. If no one volunteers, church leaders will need to consider how to continue this essential ministry.

Short Fall Jokes

What did the tree say to autumn? Leaf me alone.

How do you fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch

What do you call a tree that doubts autumn? Disbe-leafer.

TRUSTEE NEWS

SIGNAGE: The installation of interior and exterior directional signage has started. More signs to follow in the coming weeks.



EDITING TABLE: An editing table was built and installed in the church sound room. This will help greatly with our growing church digital efforts.

Special thanks to Howard Varnam who donated his time and talent to constructing the sign frames and the editing table and to JP Russ for helping with the install.

Jim Wallace, Trustee Committee

EVANGELISM

The Drive-through Prayer ministry will continue in October. The schedule for October is below.

Oct 4th 8:30AM- 9:00AM

Oct 11th 11:00AM-12:00PM

Oct 18th 8:30AM-9:30AM

Oct 25th 11:00AM-12:00PM

Kim Fillman

SOUP KITCHEN

On September 18th, 136 meals were served. And then, the most remarkable thing happened! A car pulled into the parking lot and handed a cash donation to our team in the amount of \$1540.00. God is good and is working mightily through this important ministry.

If you can contribute in this ministry, please contact Brenda Register (910-443-9669) or Chicky Wallace (410-688-2358) Thank you!!

Chicky Wallace and Brenda Register
Soup Kitchen Committee

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE



“Looking for Tellers! “ Job Description: Counting the collections each week and getting them deposited. We presently have 4 groups of tellers that rotate responsibilities BUT, we would like to increase the number of groups to 6. If you are interested please contact Doug Hunter at (217)855-7966.

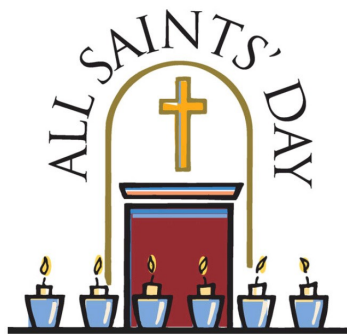


The GriefShare Ministry has started. Meetings are on Thursdays from 6:30PM-8:00PM and are limited to 8 people. **Social-distancing guidelines, including masks, will be followed.** You can sign up at any time at the GriefShare website <https://www.griefshare.org/findagroup> by putting in your zip code. The site will provide sessions and locations. You can also call Robin in the office (910-754-4840).

Steve McGreevy

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

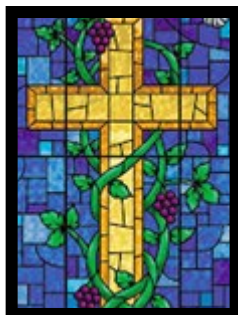
Camp currently needs 2 people to provide care for babies and children under the age of 5. Hours include Sundays 8:15AM-12:30 PM and Wednesday nights 5:30PM-7:30 PM These are paid positions, Experience is not required, but preferred. Pay is based on experience. If you are interested, please contact Jill Bryant at jillbry1@aol.com. Jill Bryant, SPPR Chair



All Saints Sunday (the first Sunday in November) is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and every place. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of our local congregation. For this reason, the names of persons in the congregation who have gone to be with our Lord during the past year may be solemnly read as a Response to the Word. (Book of Worship, page 414)



Matthew Stephens
September 21, 2001
December 18, 2019



Velna Huffstetler
February 20, 1932
March 19, 2020



Lena Mintz
September 15 1922
April 18, 2020



Donald Gardiner
October 17, 1936
June 24, 2020



DC McKeel
September 3, 1947
June 26, 2020



Mary White
October 20, 1928
July 3, 2020



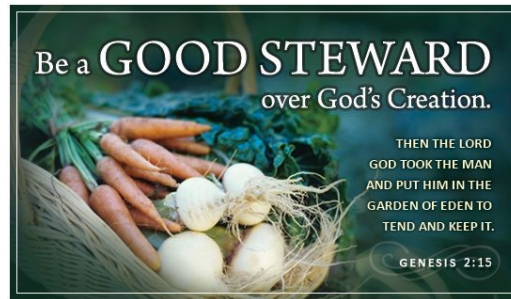
David Williams
January 25, 1945
July 31, 2020



Pam Femrite
September 10, 1945
August 10, 2020



Catherine Clemmons
October 28, 1928
September 12, 2020



Recycle Materials Accepted by Brunswick County

We have contacted Waste Management and were advised as to what items are accepted for recycling.

GLASS:

Accepted: Glass food and beverage containers; clear, green & brown

Not Accepted: Plate glass, ceramics and non-food containers

How to Recycle: Rinse out all containers. Lids need to be removed, but can be recycled. Labels may be left on.

ALUMINUM & STEEL

Accepted: All aluminum beverage cans, clean aluminum foil and trays of food containers and metal (steel) food cans.

Not Accepted: Any of the above that are contaminated with food items.

How to Recycle: Rinse out all containers.

PAPER PRODUCTS:

Accepted: Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, phone books, and paper board boxes such as cereal, shoe etc. And corrugated cardboard

Not Accepted: Styrofoam, food contaminated or wax coated type boxes.

PLASTICS:

Accepted: All plastics # 1 through #7 (check bottom of container for #)

Not Accepted: Any other plastic containers including plastic shopping bags or plastic wrap and **NO TOYS**

How to Recycle: Rinse out all containers

**PLEASE REMEMBER:
NO STYROFOAM**



Convenience Sites:

Hours/Days of Operation: Mon - Wed - Fri - Sat 8 AM-6 PM

Sunset Beach: 736 Seaside Road (off Hwy 904) 910-579-9932

Supply: 1709 Oxpen Road (off Hwy 130) 910-842-9523

County Parks: Most have drop off sites.

October

1	Roy Herring	9	Rebecca Redd	22	Gayle Williamson
1	Reid Miller	9	Harrison Smith	23	Elaine Poston
1	Suzie Wooten	10	Doug Campbell	24	Don Ballou
2	Steve McCreedy	10	Wayne Mumford	24	Gloria Bland
2	Matt Spencer	10	Eunice Inman	24	Carl Calhoon
3	Anna Saunders	10	Terry Stephens	25	Mike Carper
3	Dawn Long-Miller	12	Jill Bryant	27	Bob Hibbard
3	Kim Spencer	12	Shay Godwin	27	Bill Oliver
4	Kami Fillman	13	Bob Newton	28	Rosie Scarborough
4	Tammy Pickard	14	Deborah Carter	30	Zac Inman
4	Rhonda Smith	15	Betty Oakes	30	Jim Pope
6	Rebecca Allen	16	Joyce Coates	30	Julia Steve
6	Judy Hart	17	Sandy Protulipac	30	Jim Tibbals
7	Sue Mumford	19	Vonnie Auyer	30	Virginia Williamson
8	Robin Farmer	20	Nathan Isenhour	31	Irene Bryant
8	Helen Bunch	21	W.J. McLamb	31	Ken Greene
8	Orren Reedy	22	Beth Elliott		



April & Matt Owens	1 (9)	John & Kay Cox	11 (29)
Marlene & Ted Hall	1 (32)	Brandon & Katie Mae Garner	15 (9)
Aaron & Cindy Black	3 (11)	Doug & Mary Bergere	17 (22)
Barbara & Bernie Babcock	4 (6)	Lou & Ricky Byrd	17 (22)
John & Sandy Braddy	4 (40)	Amy & Ty Moore	20 (8)
Cindy & Ken Clugston	6 (30)	Roy & Thelma Herring	22 (25)
Diana & Gerald Green	6 (41)	Kelly & Kevin Littlejohn	24 (33)
Zack & Kasey McGougan	9 (16)	Jimmy & Kimmie Durham	25 (24)
Beth & Michael Nelson	9 (21)	Suzie & Woody Wooten	27(45)



DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER

Oct. 1st Harvest Moon
 Oct. 12th Columbus Day
 Oct. 31st Halloween/Blue Moon

NOV. 1ST TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR

Nov. 1st All Saint's Day
 Nov. 3rd Election Day



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	9:30-11:00 Women's Study 6:30-8:00 Anatomy of Peace Study	Bulletin Deadline 9:30-11:30 Prayer Shawl/FH	5:30 -7:00 Camp Kids/TR/N/JN 5:00 Youth/YFC	2:30-3:30 Galatians Study 1:00 & 6:30 Grief Share/SC	4:30-6:30 Soup Kitchen/FH	10:00 Food Pantry/FH/BA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Harvest Moon 6:00 Safe Sanctuary Training/YFC	2	3 10:00 Camp's Food Pantry Day
4 7:00 Communion in Parking Lot 11:00 Traditional Service	5 5:00 SALT Ministry Kick Off/ Behind Church	6 6:30 Leadership/SC 6:30 Joy Circle/FH	7 10:00 Amazing Grace/FH	8	9	10
11 8:30 Praise & Worship 10:00 Safe Sanctuary Training/YFC	12 Columbus Day	13 6:30 Leadership/SC	14	15 5:30 Safe Sanctuary Training/YFC	16	17
18 7:00 Communion in Parking Lot 11:00 Traditional Service	19	20	21 10:00 Amazing Grace/FH	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23	24
25 8:30 Praise & Worship	26	27	28	29 1:30-7:00 Red Cross Blood Drive/YFC	30	31 Blue Moon Halloween — <div>11/1 All Saint's Day</div>