

◆ JACOB'S LADDER ◆

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*PURPOSE: To keep the members and friends of Jacob's Church informed of the ministries and happenings at our church and in the surrounding community to be **The Church on a Hill, Shining Forth for Jesus Christ***

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† “FROM THE PASTOR’S STUDY” †

Half-Choices

Setting goals is a wonderful thing. However, we all know that most New Years resolutions die a quick death before February. Every year at the health clubs where I have worked out, I dreaded the first few weeks of January. In a day, every treadmill, every weight machine, and all the exercise bicycles were occupied by well-intentioned resolvers who were thinking, “This is the year that I’m going to lose those pesky extra few pounds and forge a new path to physical health.” All I had to do was stay disciplined and wait. By the end of the month most of the eager new patrons were gone and easy access to the equipment would be restored.

It is not that I did not welcome those folks there. I just knew if that many people were really interested in exercising health club owners would build bigger clubs.

I learned this from a young man I disciplined who was the manager of a very successful 24-Hour Fitness club. I was curious about how much money the club made in January from all the memberships they sold that later went unused, so I asked him about it. Laughing, he replied, “How much do we make in January? We don’t just make that money in January. We make it all year!” “You see,” he said, “most people once having signed up to exercise feel that canceling their membership is a choice to not exercise, so they continue to pay all year, and even for years to come. Most of them in the end never use the club and their health never improves.”

He went on to say that in his sales training the instructors called it a “half-choice.” The instructors told their trainees that they didn’t need to convince people to engage in the actual disciplines of exercise, which is quite difficult to do. They only needed to get people to make that half-choice of signing up, because once they do, they rarely cancel their membership, and the business makes millions from collecting membership fees.

He then said something that rocked my world. “As a pastor, you have the same thing in your church. People make the half-choice of serving the LORD by simply attending church and participating in some of the annual activities and events. They think they are growing deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ, but really they are not engaging in the disciplines that truly make that happen. It’s just like the exercise. Not coming to church and doing those things makes them feel like they are leaving God, so they keep showing up.”

He then asked me, “Why do you think I’m having you disciple me? I’ve been going to church for years and have never grown, and I don’t know how to help other men grow. My marriage is falling apart, I might lose my daughter, and work is killing me. I hear in the sermons life is better with Jesus,

but simply attending church is not getting it done for me. I know the only way out is to follow Jesus, and I figured if anyone could show me how to do that it would be you.” Wow!

Jason is the young man’s name. In the end, he lost his marriage, but not his daughter, and he had to leave that lucrative job for a lesser paying one. If you asked him today, he’d say it was all worth it because the full-choice he made for Jesus has brought him a peace he had never known. Jesus said, “Go, make disciples...” -*Soli Deo Gloria*-

God Bless You, Pastor Newton

JULY 30, 2023
10:15 AM POTLUCK TO FOLLOW

8373 KINGS HIGHWAY
NEW TRIPOLI, PA

INSTALLATION SERVICE

Join us as we install Reverend Stanley Newton as Jacob’s new Senior Pastor and welcome Willard Dellicker as the Youth Minister.

A potluck luncheon will follow the installation service in the Activity Center.

For additional information
Email: secretary@jacobschurch.org
Call: 610.751.5742

JACOB'S CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 1, 2023

Attendance:

Senior Pastor: Stan Newton

Elders: Ron Belknap, Mike Madtes, Dave Zoghby

Deacons: Kevin Dellicker, Kayla Fusselman, Jared Hermany, Kaitey Sacks

Treasurer: Dave Follweiler

1. Pastor Stan opened in prayer and devotion.
2. Property Report – Jared reports roofing company, J Wilson Enterprises Slate Roofing, has given a proposal of \$7300 to repair and replace missing or damaged slate tiles and flashing on the church. Jared is also working on a list of painting jobs to be completed around the property. Dave reports they are continuing to replace the windows in the Wuchter house.
3. Youth Group – Youth group is currently on hold until the new youth minister begins. Willard Dellicker has been chosen by the search committee and has accepted with a tentative start date of June 1st, 2023. Mike made a motion to hire with current start date, seconded by Jared, Kevin abstained; motion carried.
4. Sidewalk Sunday School – Kayla reports sidewalk Sunday school has ended, but can be started again should the new youth minister chose to do so.
5. Young Adults Bible Study – The Art of Marriage series has been completed; at this time discussions continue of how and when to proceed.
6. Live Streaming – Dave reports that the network is fixed and the ethernet cable is working. Kevin discussed calling to have a technician from Blue Ridge come out and troubleshoot. Live streaming will be put on hold until further notice; continuing only to record and upload weekly sermons.
7. Sexton Job Description – Dave and Ron report they are working on additional updates to the job description.
8. Treasurer Position – Ron reports that Andrea Hermany has accepted the position with a tentative starting date of July 1st, 2023. Dave Z made a motion to hire with current start date, seconded by Mike; motion carried.
9. Pastor Installation Service – There will be an Installation Service and Community Day held in June 2023; more details to follow.
10. Church Strategic Plan – Kevin has presented a final draft of the plan to the Church Board. Presentation to the congregation will follow.
11. Children's Church/Confirmation – Ron reports that Diane is working on VBS volunteers' clearances, and that all Children's Church teachers' clearances are completed. Diane and Pastor Stan are working on transitioning the confirmation class.
12. Vacation Bible School – Kayla reports VBS will be held July 10th through July 14th, with a special VBS Sunday service on July 16th. She continues to look for teachers/helpers and would like to clear out storage space upstairs in the church to hold supplies.
13. IT Director Search – We are looking for a new IT Director! Please send Application, Statement of Faith, and References to Ron Belknap. Ron reports there are currently no applicants.
14. Insurance Quote – Dave Z and Dave F presented a new insurance quote covering all the Church's property. Presented quote offered more coverage with a lower cost. Board agreed to move forward with new policy.
15. Treasurer's Report – April 2023 Meeting Balance \$34,049.23
Income \$25,602.58
Expenses \$31,614.20
May 2023 Meeting Balance \$28,037.61

A motion was made to accept Treasurer's Report as read, by Kayla and seconded by Dave; motion carried.

16. Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to accept April’s meeting minutes with corrections, by Kayla and seconded by Mike; motion carried. Meeting minutes will be emailed to board members and reviewed before becoming available in the back parlor.
17. Next Elders Meeting will be determined.
18. Next Board Meeting will be held on June 5th, 2023.
19. Pastor Stan closed in prayer.
20. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jared and seconded by Mike; motion carried.

Recorded and Submitted by Kaitey Sacks

Next Jacob’s Church Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, July 10, 2023
Next Jacob’s Church Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, July 17, 2023

At Our December 4, 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$4,551.00 per week in order to meet our 2023 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in May 2023:

May 7	\$4,935.00
May 14	\$6,324.00
May 21	\$3,078.00
May 28	\$3,732.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-May	\$100,122.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-May	\$ 99,742.04
Deficit for May 2023	\$ 379.96



Prayer for America

Dear God, we thank you for the beautiful blessings you have bestowed on us. Guide us in being good stewards of these gifts. Let us care for all of your beautiful creation from the redwood forests to the gulf stream waters. Make us instruments of your peace in order to put an end to rockets’ red glare and bombs bursting in air. Help us to love and care for all our neighbors – locally and globally – so that we might be truly crowned with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Amen

Jacob's Church Commitments for July.... THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

Greeters/Ushers for July

July 2 Jacob's Church Board

July 9 Mike and Teena Bailey
Gary Krick and Bob Nester

July 16 VBS Children

July 23 Faye Billig and Faye Foulk
Judith Newhard and Kaitey Sacks

July 30 Jacob's Church Board

Greeters should be at church by 9:45am

Scripture Readers for July

July 2 Dick Oswald

July 9 Joan Oswald

July 16 Will Dellicker

July 23 TBA

July 30 TBA

Puppet Ministry

Sunday, July 9, 2023
Kayla Fusselman and Rose Moyer

Sunday, July 23, 2023
Rose Moyer and Joan Oswald

Flowers for July

July 2 Jacob's Church Altar Committee

July 9 Wedding Flowers – John and Shannin Scheaffer

July 16 Jacob's Church Altar Committee

July 23 Jacob's Church Altar Committee

July 30 Jacob's Church Altar Committee

Cost of Flowers for Sunday Service:

(2) Altar vases \$25.00
 (1) Floral stand \$15.00
 Bud vase \$5.00
 Bulletins \$5.00

Contact Pam Zoghy to
 order Flowers 610-298-3002

The chart is posted in the east
 vestibule on the Church Bulletin Board

Sign Up today!

Happy Birthday



July Babies!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Congratulations and Best Wishes to the following couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries in July:

*William and Shelby Bast
Kevin and Susan Dellicker
Curtis and Lynn Dietrich
Bobby and Denise Fetherolf
Richard and Lucille Follweiler
Chris and Leslie Ford*

*Kevin and Patricia Greenawalt
Jeffrey and Aubrey Miller
Kenny and Haley Pilat
Jason Toner and Lara Schick
Jason and Rebecca Williams
Joseph and Tonya Yeakel*

Celebrating with...

*You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11*

Birth

*“That which is born of the flesh is flesh,
and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” John 3:6*



CONGRATULATIONS to Riley and Katie (Hasson) Fusselman! Their bundle of joy, Lincoln James Fusselman, was born on Wednesday, May 24, 2023. Lincoln weighed six pounds-six ounces, and twenty inches long at birth. The proud maternal grandparents are James Hasson and Cheryl Hasson, and the proud paternal grandparents are Brian Fusselman and Lisa Gulley. Smiling ear to ear are Lincoln’s Uncles Nick Schaeffer, Seth Winters, and Aunts Kayla Fusselman and Briana Winters. Cousins Stephenie, Brayden, and Rory are setting up play dates. Congratulations and many blessings from your Jacob’s Church Family!

CONGRATULATIONS to Zachary and Jennifer (Flannery) Madtes! Their bundle of joy, Isaac James Madtes, was born on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Isaac weighed eight pounds-fourteen ounces, and twenty-one inches long at birth. Isaac big sisters, Elena, and Claire, cannot wait to play with her! The beaming great-grandmother is Arline Madtes. The proud maternal and paternal grandparents are Jim and Donna Flannery, and Michael and Marcie Madtes. Uncle Cody and Aunt Sheri are looking forward to becoming the Godparents. Congratulations and many blessings from your Jacob’s Church Family!



Mourning the Loss Of...

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away, Revelation 21:4

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Shirley A. (Miller) Blose, who entered eternal life on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at the age of 80-9-5. Shirley's celebration of life service was held on Saturday, June 17, 2023 in the Jacob's Church Activity Center. Please keep the Blose family in your prayers at this time.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Russell Edgar Fetherolf, who entered eternal life on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at the age of 71-4-15. Russell was the son of the late Franklin Charles (1921-1986) and Mae Carolyn nee Kramer (1928-2014) Fetherolf. He was born on January 15, 1952 baptized on February 24 1952 officiated by Rev. Linn; confirmed on June 6, 1965 officiated by Rev. Newhard. Funeral services were held at Jacob's Church on Saturday, June 10th with interment in Jacobs Union Cemetery, Rev. Stanley C. Newton officiated. Russell was a lifetime member of Jacob's Church, and several family members attend Jacob's Church. Please keep the Fetherolf family in your prayers.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Betty Ann (Schlenker) Leibensperger, who entered eternal life on Monday, June 5, 2023 at the age of 71-7-24. Betty is survived by dear friends of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Leibensperger family in your prayers.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Erma Ida (Schaller) Rothenberger, who entered eternal life on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at the age of 90-7-18. Erma is survived by her niece, Faye M. (Smith) Foulk and her family. Please keep the Rothenberger family in your prayers.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Stephen Christopher Showers, who entered eternal life on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at the age of 40-9-3. Steve is a 2001 graduate of Northwestern Lehigh High School, where he became the top basketball scorer with 1451 points. Steve is survived by many dear friends in our New Tripoli community. Please keep the Showers family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Georgeann K (Schmidbauer) Ulrich, who entered eternal life on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at the age of 76-1-2. Rev. Stanley C. Newton officiated the service at Nester's Funeral Home, and the interment in Ebenezer Union Cemetery, New Tripoli, PA. Please keep the Ulrich family in your prayers.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Glenn W. Bailey, who entered eternal life on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at the age of 82-7-19. Glenn is survived by his son, Jeffrey G. Bailey and his children, Blake and Haley, members of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Bailey family in your prayers.



2023 Jacob's Church Graduates

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all of you as the future unfolds wonderful opportunities to serve Jesus Christ and His Church!

We praise God for our Jacob's Church graduates.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” Colossians 3:23



Ethan James Danner, son of Thomas and Candice (Snyder) Danner, graduated from Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School.



Willard Curtis Dellicker, son of Kevin and Susan (Frank) Dellicker, is a 2019 graduate of Northwestern Lehigh School District. Will graduated this spring from Grove City College with a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical and Religious Studies. Will is the Youth Minister at Jacob's Church, and in the PA Army National Guard.



Elijah Matthias Johri, son of Solomon and Ginger (Hill) Johri, graduated from Northwestern Lehigh School District on Friday, June 2, 2023. While attending NWL, Elijah was the Class President, Homecoming King, and Mr. Northwestern. Elijah will begin his classes June 26, 2023 at Penn State University Park pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Amanda Courtney Reidenhour, daughter of Kenneth Reidenhour, and granddaughter of Kenneth and Bonnie Reidenhour. Amanda graduated from Northwestern Lehigh School District on Friday, June 2, 2023. Amanda will be attending Keuka College, Keuka Park, NY in the fall majoring in education.



Brinley Joy Rex, daughter of Joshua and Amanda (Walsh) Rex, graduated from Northwestern Lehigh School District on Friday, June 2, 2023. Brinley will be attending Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA in the fall.



2023 NWL Tractor Day

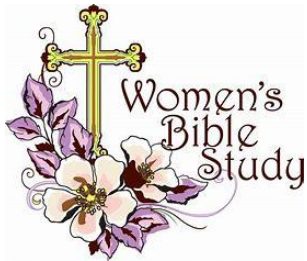
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT JACOB'S CHURCH



STEPHEN MINISTRY – Christ caring for people through people
Everyone faces periods of difficulty. During these times, someone who will listen, empathize, pray, and encourage them with Christ's love and care can be a tremendous benefit. Stephen Ministers Meetings will be held on **Thursday, July 6th and Thursday, July 20th.**

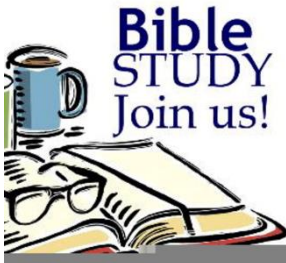
CARDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT MINISTRY

Jacob's Church continues to reach out to our members and extended families with "Thinking of you" cards. The cards to be sent out are in the parlor area, please take the time to sign each card before or after worship. Our mission is to remember each other as we go through life's journey. Please contact Diane Wertman (484.330.1033), for additional information or to offer a name in need.



SISTERS OF ESTHER BIBLE STUDY - Come and share in wonderful fellowship with Sisters in Christ every Tuesday morning from 9:30am-11:30am in Jacob's Activity Center! If you would like more information contact Louise Hill (610.573.1977) or Donna Shay (610.739.1867).

FREEDOM IN CHRIST MINISTRY is taking a summer hiatus.
For additional information, please contact Diane Wertman (484.330.1033).



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY – Start your Wednesday mornings with great fellowship, and excellent food! Join your Brothers in Christ in Jacob's Activity Center at 7:00am. For additional information, please contact Ralph Hill (610.767.1286).

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY – Come explore the Psalms for All Seasons with Pastor on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm in the Activity Center.





LADIES NIGHT OUT – will not meet over the summer months. Have a great summer, see you in September, Kayla Fusselman (610.844.1567).

HOLY COMMUNION will be served on **Sunday, July 2, 2023**. “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”
John 6:54



IN SEARCH OF – Jacob’s Church is in search of a Technology Director. The job description and ability to apply are on the jacobschurch.org website under career opportunities.

Special Music – Summer break for the choir. Please sign up for a Sunday or two, to share your musical gifts with us, the sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the church parlor area. **(Sundays available July 9th - September 3rd). SIGN UP TODAY!**



Norah, Michael, Sophia & Ray Sacks

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Jacob's Church VBS

8373 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, PA 18066

July 10-14, 2023: 9am-12pm

Closing Program/Shinefest: July 16 starting at 10am

Kids ages 3 years old through finished 6th grade

Register at: <https://jacobschurch.myanswers.com/keepers-of-the-kingdom/register/>

Questions? Contact Kayla Fusselman at kemptoncountry@gmail.com

LOOK WHO IS IN THE NEWS!



Cody Utt

COLLAGE CORNER

GROVE CITY

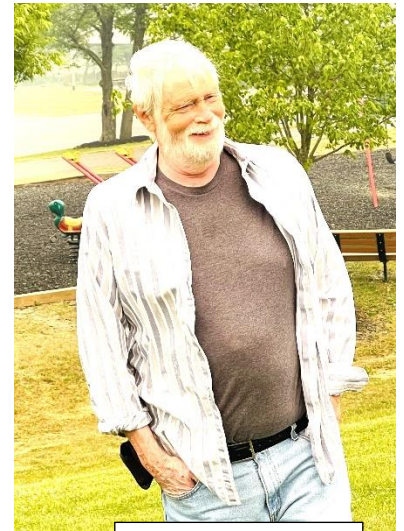
Northwestern Lehigh graduate receives degree

Willard (Will) Dellicker, son of Kevin and Susan Dellicker and a 2019 graduate of Northwestern Lehigh High School graduated with honors from Grove City College earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical and Religious Studies on May 20. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and serves part-time as an infantry soldier.



Willard (Will) Dellicker

He was called to be the youth minister at Jacob's Church, New Tripoli, starting work there this month.



Neil Oswald



Riley, Brian, Lincoln Fusselman



Leann Sacks and Leann Shoemaker



Zach and Isaac Madtes



Jen and Isaac Madtes

THANK YOU!

*Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever. Psalm 106:1*



The green altar covers during the Pentecost Season were dedicated to the glory of God, and in memory of the late Allen H Newhard Jr., who entered eternal life on January 7, 2022.

A special thank you to Allen's loving wife, Judy, and her children, Steve, Chris, and Nicole Feinour for assisting with this project to beautify God's Church.

Many Blessings to the Newhard and Feinour families



A special thank you to Carol Snyder for donating a copy of the 1963 Fortieth Anniversary Program of Rev. Clarence R. Rahn, and the Jacksonville United Church of Christ Charge worship bulletin for Rev. Clarence R. Rahn's Funeral Service to the Jacob's Church Archives.

Much appreciated!

Thank You!

Dear Jacob's Church Family,
With a grateful heart, we want to thank you for your prayers, thoughts, and concerns. We are so blessed to have you all!

Hopefully, Tom will be coming home soon!

God Bless you and keep you always, Tom and Faye Foulk



JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

***"THE CHURCH ON A HILL,
SHINING FORTH FOR JESUS CHRIST"***

June 24, 2023

Happenings in the Jacob's Activity Center during the month of June....

Sisters of Esther held their meetings on Tuesday, June 6th, 9th, 13th, 29th and 27th, starting at 9:30AM and ending approximately at 11:30AM.

The Freedom in Christ Ministry and Ladies Night Out is on summer hiatus.

Men's Prayer Bible Study Breakfast held their breakfast on Wednesday, June 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, starting at 7:00AM.

Stephen Ministers held their meetings on Thursday, June 1st, and Thursday, June 15th.

Kutztown Lady Twirlers held an open house on Friday, June 23rd.

Private celebrations were held on Saturday, June 10th, June 24th, and a memorial service in memory of Shirley Blose was held on Saturday, June 17th.

Ladies Banquet was held on Saturday, June 3rd, thank you to the awesome staff that prepared and served the meal. A special thank you to Rev. Susan Ohl, Jean Weller, and Rev. Stan C. Newton.

Crossroads Community Homeschool group use the center on Wednesday afternoon.

Lifeline Screening event was held on Friday, June 23rd.

When we put our problems in God's hands, he puts peace in our hearts.

God Bless You,
Faye M Foulk



Jacob's Church Scheduled Activities in Church

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00am Sunday School 10:15AM Worship Service	31					1
2 9:00am Sunday School 10:15AM Worship Service/Communion	3	4	5	6	7 Wedding Rehearsal 6:00pm-7:00pm	8 Church Wedding
9 9:00am Sunday School 10:15AM Worship Service	10 VBS 8:00am-1:00pm	11 VBS 8:00am-1:00pm	12 VBS 8:00am-1:00pm	13 VBS 8:00am-1:00pm	14 VBS 8:00am-1:00pm	15 VBS
16 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Worship Service VBS 8:00am-4:00pm	17 Jacob's Church Elders Meeting Parish House 7:00PM	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Worship Service/Installation Service	24	25	26	27	28	29

Jacob's Church Tentative Activity Center Schedule						July 2023	
VBS 8:00am-1:00pm							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2 9:00am Sunday School	3 VBS	4 Sisters of Esther 9:30- 11:30am VBS	5 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00AM Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm VBS	6 Stephen Ministers 9:30am- 12:00pm VBS	7VBS 6-9pm	8VBS	
9 9:00am Sunday School VBS	10 VBS 8:00am- 1:00pm Jacob's Church Board Meeting 7:00pm	11 VBS 8:00am- 1:00pm	12 VBS 8:00am- 1:00pm	13 VBS 8:00am-1:00pm	14	15 VBS 8:00am-1:00pm	
16 9:00am Sunday School VBS 8:00am- 4:00pm	17	18 Sisters of Esther 9:30- 11:30am	19 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00AM Homeschool 1-4pm Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm	20 Stephen Ministers 9:30am- 12:00pm	21	22	
23 9:00am Sunday School Installation Luncheon for Pastor	24	25 Sisters of Esther 9:30- 11:30am	26 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00AM Pastor Luncheon 10am-1:00pm Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm	27	28	29	