

THE FLAME



OUR WORSHIP TIMES:

- **Sunday School** 10 AM
- **Worship** 11 AM
- **Youth Fellowship and Ignite**—Wednesdays at 6 PM



“IS GOD LISTENING?”

There are times, for everybody, when we wonder if God even hears us when we pray. “What is the use?” we ask. “God is so busy, He doesn't have time to listen to me!” Or, some people think, “God is not interested in every little thing that happens to me. Maybe He will listen to the preacher, or some good saint, but not me.”

A pastor once talked to a private pilot who flew a small single engine plane out of the busy Toronto International Airport. The pastor asked if the pilot ever had problems taking off and landing a small plane at an airport used by so many large jets.

“Today is the day to begin
pray often”

The pilot answered, “My plane may be small, but I have the same rights, the same privileges, and the same access to that airport as anyone else—even the jumbo jets!”

The same is true for you and me. We may wonder if some great saints, or dedicated Christians, or wealthy or influential people, have a better standing in prayer with God, but every person has the same rights and privileges before God in prayer. The writer of Hebrews, after explaining that Jesus knew what it meant to deal with the daily struggles of life as we do, and to face every temptation we face, yet he did not sin, said: *“Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with BOLDNESS, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”* (Hebrews 4:16)

TODAY is the day for you to begin to pray often—you can bring your requests and concerns to God with BOLDNESS, knowing that He is eager to hear what you have to pray about. Join the growing number of people who pray each day, and know God's presence in your life.

See you Sunday at the “praying” place.

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Look What's Happening at FUMC!

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church, in April 1996, adopted a resolution aimed at reducing the risk of child sexual abuse in the church. The adopted resolution includes the following statement:

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes a child ... welcomes me" (Matthew 18:5). Children are our present and our future, our hope, our teachers, our inspiration. They are full participants in the life of the church and in the realm of God.

Jesus also said, "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones...it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matthew 18:6). Our Christian faith calls us to offer both hospitality and protection to the little ones, the children. The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church states that "children must be protected from economic, physical, emotional and sexual exploitation and abuse (P 162C).

All this being said, First United Methodist Church Madisonville has a strong written safe sanctuary policy aimed at protecting our chil-

dren, youth and vulnerable adults. It has been in place for several years and many of us have gone through a training session and signed off that we understand the policy and will uphold the policy.

Earlier this year I went through a Safe Sanctuary Policy training session given by the Hiwassee District. I can tell you this. Our policy is as strong and thorough as anyone's policy. We do need to do a refresher session and also include those who have not been through the training.

We will have a Safe Sanctuary Policy training session on Thursday August 15th at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. This will be a refresher for those who have been trained and training for all others who are working with or plan to work with our children and youth in any capacity. Also, we have been told that we need to do another background check on everyone. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

We want to protect our children, youth, and vulnerable adults and we want to make sure that First United Methodist Church Madisonville is a safe place for all those who worship here. Please make plans to attend this training session.

Sue

*"Whoever welcomes a child . . .
...welcomes me"*

Ignite



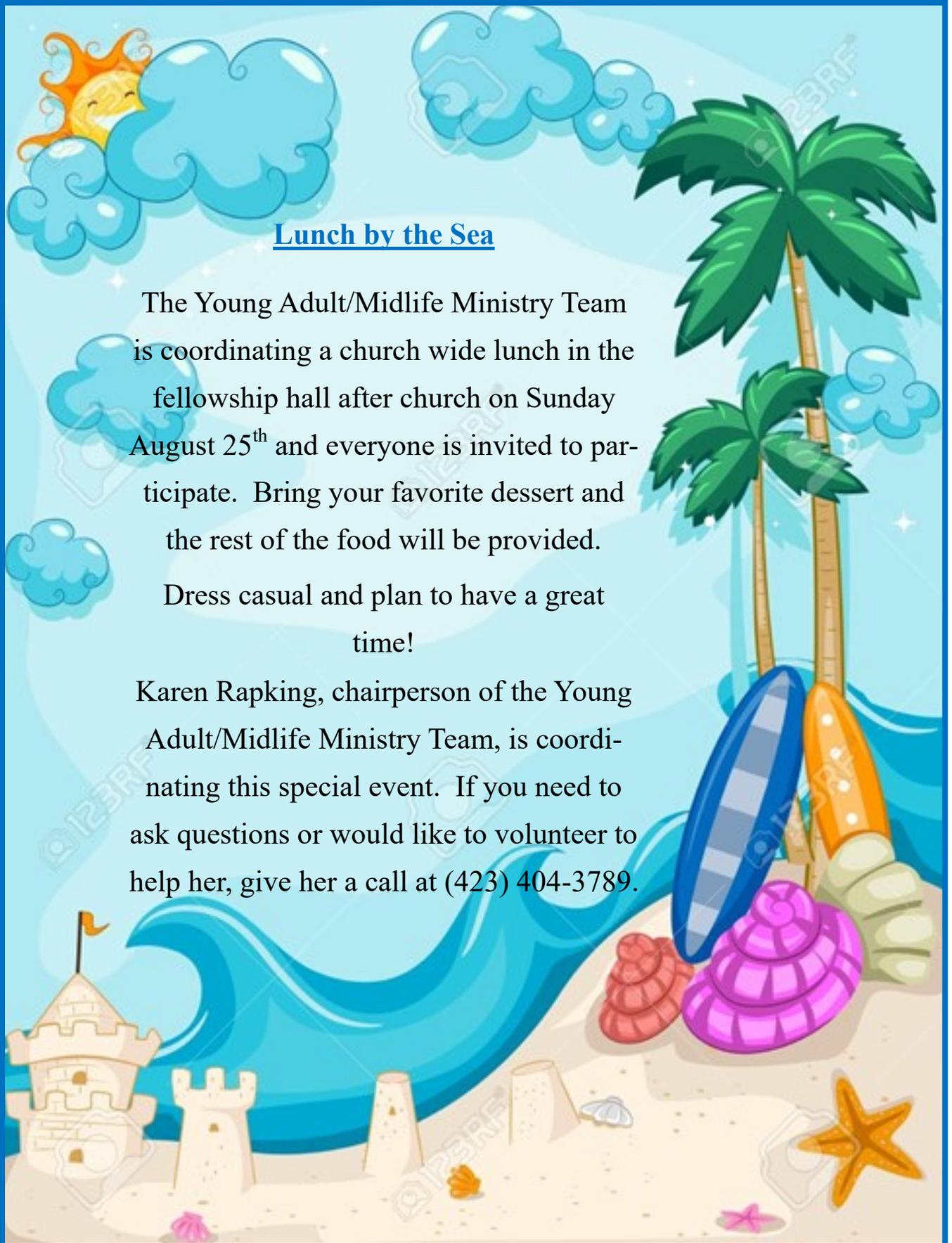
Ready! Set! Go! Our kickoff night for Ignite is Wednesday, August 14th. We will have our monthly church covered dish supper at 6 PM. After supper our children (Pre K-5th grade) will have activities until 7:30 PM. Ignite will meet regularly on Wednesday nights at 6 PM during the school year except when school is not in session. Our 6th graders can choose to stay in Ignite activities or be a part of our youth group.

Lunch by the Sea

The Young Adult/Midlife Ministry Team is coordinating a church wide lunch in the fellowship hall after church on Sunday August 25th and everyone is invited to participate. Bring your favorite dessert and the rest of the food will be provided.

Dress casual and plan to have a great time!

Karen Rapping, chairperson of the Young Adult/Midlife Ministry Team, is coordinating this special event. If you need to ask questions or would like to volunteer to help her, give her a call at (423) 404-3789.



United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet on Sunday, August 11th, 8:30 AM at **Fat Stacks** Restaurant on Hwy 68. All men of the church are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please call Ray Nelson at 928-660-1061.



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on August 18th, at 9:30 AM in our fellowship hall. All women who attend our church are invited to be a part of this group. Thank you for your donations of toothpaste in response to the **CHALLENGE** for July. The challenge for August is *breakfast cereal*. If you have questions about the United Methodist Women's organization, their ministries and how you can serve, please contact Laurie McNeece, President, at 423-420-1054.



Community Dinner

Our church is hosting the **Community Dinner** on Tuesday, Aug 20th at Madisonville Presbyterian Church. We can always use vegetables, desserts, bread and butter, and beverages. We would like a couple of watermelons and cantaloupes for this month's meal. Please see Kay Grubb or Dora Nelson if you are willing to help provide food, serve, or clean up.

Thank you for all you do to help make this happen.

Kay Grubb and
Dora Nelson

Free Community Dinner



Church Family Covered Dish Supper



We need hosts for the Wednesday Night Church Family Covered Dish Dinner on August 14, 2019 at 6 PM.

This will be the kick-off night for our children's group—**IGNITE!** Let's all do "**Kids Favorite Foods**" - hot dogs, mac 'n cheese, mashed potatoes, chicken nuggets, corn on the cob, etc. And other things that are or were your kids favorite foods. We should have a large crowd so let's all be generous and bring one or two large dishes of food.

If you will host, please let Dora know. The hosts need to be here around 5:30, provide bread and drinks, set up and clean up. There are usually people here who will help.

Thanks, see you for dinner. If you have any questions or are willing to help, please call Dora Nelson at 928-660-1009.



Thanks for the shortened summer hours for the office staff.

As of Monday, August 5th, we will be back to our normal hours which are 8 AM to 1 PM, Monday thru Friday.

Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner/Auction

The Madisonville Kiwanis Club will have its annual spaghetti dinner/auction in our Fellowship hall on Thursday, August 22nd, from 4:30-7:00 PM. Proceeds will benefit children and youth of Monroe County. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under and free for children 3 and under.



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Electronic Giving

If you would like to give electronically GO TO our website at www.firstumcmadisonville.org and click on ONLINE GIVING.

ONE-TIME GIFTS are simple to set up using a bank account or debit or credit card.

RECURRING GIFTS can be set up on a schedule that works for you, with flexibility to track and manage your giving pattern. By setting up a bank transfer, approximately 3% more of your gift will go to ministry compared to a credit card transaction.

FOR ASSISTANCE, please call Reba Hall at 423-442-2471.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Senior Event

We will be going to the **Gondolier** in Athens on Monday, August 19th for lunch. Meet there at 11:30 AM. If you want to carpool meet in the lower parking lot at 10:45. We plan to stop at **Shop the World** in Englewood on the way home.

Sue Hamilton & Jan Johnson
Co-Chairpersons of the Senior Ministry Team



From the Finance Committee . . .

Your Finance Committee has been working diligently to be good stewards of the money you give to support the work of our church.

To meet the monthly budget for our General Fund that was approved by the Administrative Board we need \$20,304 each month. Over the first six months of 2019 we have received an average of \$18,062 per month for our budgeted needs.

Our Building Fund mortgage payment (in addition to our General Fund) requires a payment of \$4,034 each month. We have received an average of \$4,264 per month for the first six months. If we are to pay the mortgage off by 2024 (as we had hoped), we need an additional \$2,000 each month.

Please be in prayer for the financial condition of our church that we may continue in our mission “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” and to be the hands and feet of God in our community.

Jeff McMillan, Chairperson

Prayer Ministry Team

The Prayer Ministry Team will meet on Thursday August 8 (not our regular meeting date) at 6 PM in the conference room

We have taken a summer break and now are looking forward to our fall activities. I look forward to seeing all of you and as we begin to set our plans in place.

If you would like to be a team member come join us on Aug 8.

Prayers and Blessings

Barbara Pennington, Chairperson



Thank You!



Bible School 2019 was “out of this world” as we went TO MARS AND BEYOND! We again partnered with Madisonville Presbyterian Church. I think this was one of the best Bible Schools we have had in a long time. Everything ran smoothly. We had plenty of leaders and helpers. The food was great. (We have come a long way from the Bible Schools of my youth when we had one popcicle stick or 2 cookies and KoolAid.) The kids had a great time playing outside for recreation in relatively cool weather. They sang and danced the night away during music time. The kids enjoyed the Bible stories. They made a different craft each evening. Science time was a blast. The youth room overflowed and they had a great time. Bible School for adults was well attended. The Friday night pool party was wet and wild. We are donating our mission offering to the High Fives and School Supplies which is through Monroe County Schools and we collected \$130.72.

For some of these children, Bible School may be the only exposure to church that they get. It was a good exposure!

I want to thank everyone who helped in any way. I am not going to name names because I don't want to leave anyone out. It will be time to begin plans for Bible School 2020 before we know it! Get ready!

Sue



In the month of July donations were made to:

The Music Fund in memory of Joe Penland from the Maryville High School Class of 1952.

Thank You . . .

Dear members of Madisonville United Methodist Church,
Thank you for your prayers and cards. Gene is doing well and we will get the biopsy report on July 26th. Our precious Emerie will have her 4th open heart surgery in August. She has so many prayers going her way and God most of all will be right there guiding the surgeons' hands.

I miss being in the choir and the fellowship we had there.

Gene & Carol Boulard

Safe Sanctuary Training/Retraining

We will have Safe Sanctuary Training/ Retraining on Thursday evening August 15th at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Please see Sue's News on page 2 for more information.



Safe Sanctuaries
Creating a safer environment for children, youth & vulnerable adults

Second Mile Giving

... is an opportunity to help over and above your regular tithes and offerings to the church.

Good Shepherd Center

The **third** Sunday of each month is the **Good Shepherd Food Sunday**. Pantry needs at this time are:

- **soup and canned fruit**
- **crackers** (Saltine or Ritz type preferred—store brands are fine)
- **personal care items**
 - ⇒ deodorant
 - ⇒ shampoo
 - ⇒ dish soap
 - ⇒ laundry soap powder



Spending Your Spare Time

Don't forget these **mission opportunities** that will only take a few minutes of your time:

- Box Tops for Education
- used candles and yarn leftovers for Camp Wesley Woods
- empty prescription bottles for the animal shelter
- bring empty ink cartridges to the church for recycling and reward \$\$.
- used or new jigsaw puzzles for the nursing home
- used eye glasses—we will see that they get to a group who could use them
- aluminum can tabs for the Shriners Hospitals for Children



Happy Birthday

5	Kevin Cornett Susan Miley
7	John Byrum Josh Watkins
10	Mark Radosevich
12	Keith Knight
14	Gene Carson
15	Rose Barker
18	Corey Taylor Larry Davis
19	Tim Rapping
20	Andrew Tallent
21	Robert Scott
24	Sarah Kile
25	Donna Wengert
27	Joan Holland
28	Lois Green

Happy Anniversary

1	Alfred & Carolyn Greenwood
2	John & Heather Houvenagle
11	Howard & Pat Harvey
14	Margaret & Chad Chester
19	Bruce & Judy Christopher
22	Charlie & Charlotte Lee
24	David & Mary Kefauver

Are we missing your name?



We would like to hear from you if we are. Please email the office at adminassist@firststumcmadisonville.org or call (423-442-2471) to let us know when your birthday or anniversary is.

There are Member/Attendee Profile sheets on the table in the gathering area and in the attendance notebooks. Please take time to fill one out for your family if you have not already done so or if there are changes.

Our Gifts**For July****General Operating Fund:** \$ 18,509.00**Designated:** \$ 1,632.25**Building Fund:** \$ 3,890.00**Memorial Fund:** \$ 25.00**Our Presence****Average for July**

Sunday School— 36

Worship— 103

Our Commitments**For August****Ushers**Chal Thompson,
Donna and Peggy Wengert**Lay Reader**

John Byrum

Flowers

Aug 4 Communion

Aug 11 Lawrence Johnson in honor of
David & Mary KefauverAug 18 Lawrence Johnson in memory of
Patsy Lynch

Aug 25 Sarah & Kevin Kile

Acolytes

Aug 4 Emily Deaton & Alexis Jones

Aug 11 Justin Deaton & Leland Shaw

Aug 18 Catherine Barger & Leilah Pyros

Aug 25 Storm Millsaps & Emily Deaton

Coffee Bar

Aug 4 Janet Tweed

*Will you help?? Sign up at the coffee bar.***Trustee for the Month**

Kevin Taylor

Wednesday Night Church Family Supper

Aug 14, 6 PM

Hosted by: - See info on Page # 4.

Supper Hosts for IGNITE/UMYF

Aug 21 United Methodist Men

Aug 28 Dora Nelson Team

Will You Serve?

- Ushers
Lois Green at 423-884-6401
- Nursery volunteers—contact Mary Kefauver at 423-519-5158 or Dora Nelson at 928-660-1009

Our Prayers**On-going Prayer Concerns:**

Todd Strickland	John Summitt & Joan Holland
Maria Rosian	John Stratton
Pete & Kathy Hambaugh	Lucille Henry
Barbara Penland	Mary Nelson
Art & Penelope Fowler	Susan Miley
Kristin Pennington	John McMillan
Jimmy Leamon and family	Logan Hunt
Paul Robbins	Sandy & Mike O'Neill
Nancy Byrum	Selena Wiggs
Bill & Jo West	Marjorie Fezlar
Sharon Amundson	Joyce & Dick Turner
Catherine Reed	Howard & Pat Harvey
Betty Hicks	Clifton Greenwood
Mary Margaret and Dickie Mason	The Millsaps Family
Lynn Knight	The Patrick Family
Doug Lottes	Freida Naylor
Charles Baker	Courtney Farmer
Donna Roberson	Hank Weston
Barbara Roberson	Jay Browne
Janet Bales	Barbara Monhollen
Curwood Witt & family	Christine Hendricks
Barbara Baiz	Christine Giles
Marilyn DePew	Margaret Marshall
Bill Huddleston	Gene Carson
	Maria Nelson
	Mable Graham

Please let us know if anyone can to be taken off this list or if anyone needs to be added.

Our Active Military Personnel

Adrienne Greenwood—US Army
Nathan Greenwood—US Navy Reserves
David Hargett—US Army
Zach Johnston—US Army
Tyler Kadau—US Marines
Wesley Taylor—US Army
Adam Thornton—US Coast Guard Reserves

Those in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

Mary Margaret Mason—Wood Village Assisted Living, Sweetwater
Judy Lee—Northshore Heights
8804 S Northshore Drive,
Knoxville, TN 37922
Edna Bonifacius—Asbury Place, Maryville
Gerri Benton—Wood Village Assisted Living, Sweetwater

August 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Please check with the office to see that the space you would like to use for your Team meetings or other event is available before you schedule your next meeting.</p> <p>If your group will be meeting on a regular schedule (every month, every other month) please let the office know so it can be included in the calendar.</p>				1 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	2 <i>AA CR</i>	3
4 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Children & Youth Ministry Team 6 PM	5 <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i>	6 <i>CASA Monroe 9-Noon CR</i> <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i>	7 UMYF 6 PM Choir 7 PM 	8 Prayer Ministry Team 6 PM <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	9 <i>AA CR</i>	10
11 UMM 8:30 AM at Fat Stacks SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM	12 Trustees 6:30 PM <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i>	13 Finance 6 PM <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i>	14 Church Family Supper 6 PM Host: UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Choir 7 PM	15 Safe Sanctuary Training 6:30 PM <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	16 <i>AA CR</i>	17
18 UMW 9:30 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM	19 Senior Event 11:30 AM Lunch at the Gondolier in Athens SPRC 6:30 PM <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i>	20 Community Dinner 5 PM at Mad Presbyterian Church <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM</i>	21 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: UMM Choir 7 PM <i>Homeless Mgmt Group</i>	22 <i>Kiwanis—FH all day - TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	23 <i>AA CR</i>	24
25 SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Lunch—hosted by the Young Adult/Mid-Life Team After worship	26 <i>Boy Scouts 6 PM CR</i> <i>Cub Scouts FH 6 PM</i>	27 <i>Girl Scouts 6 PM CR</i>	28 UMYF/IGNITE 6 PM Supper Hosts: D Nelson Team Choir 7 PM	29 <i>TOPS 4 PM CR</i>	30 <i>AA CR</i>	31



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2019 - 2020 School Year

Drive Safely!!

Our children

start back

to school

this month!!



Please keep
everyone in our
school system in
your prayers as
they start this new
school year.

Begins on Wednesday Aug 7