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Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:1-2

What do you think about when you hear the word "hospitality?" Hospitality is often defined as "the quality or disposition of receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, generous way." The Greek word translated hospitality in the New

Testament literally means "love of strangers." Hospitality is a virtue that is both commended and commanded throughout the Bible.

Jesus and his disciples depended entirely on the hospitality of others as they ministered from town to town during the three years of his public ministry. Likewise, the early Christians depended on and received hospitality from others.

As followers of Christ, we emulate Christ's compassion and love when we show hospitality, not only to fellow Christians, but even more so to strangers and the less fortunate. Christ taught us the second greatest commandment is to "love your neighbor as yourself." And "neighbor" has nothing to do with race, citizenship, or geography. Wherever and whenever people need us, there we can be neighbors and, like Christ, show mercy. This is the essence of hospitality.

We often think of hospitality as being friendly, but it is actually something much bigger - it's about seeing every person we encounter as someone who may need us to extend God's love and care and community to him or her.

Henry Brinton, a Presbyterian pastor, wrote a book on Christian hospitality. He spoke of hospitality as seeing ourselves as hosts. "Unfortunately," he writes, "we often go to church with the attitude of a guest, not a host — we are concerned more about ourselves than about those who visit with us. Consider this mind-set: as guests, we are focused primarily on having a good time. We enter the church, and look for our friends... We sit where we want to sit, with little regard to making room for others. We listen to the church's music, and decide whether we enjoy it or not. As guests, we are basically consumers, concerned about our personal comfort. The experience is all about us.

"How different it is to be a host. In this role, we are focused primarily on serving others. We greet our guests at the door and look to connect them with people they would enjoy... We sit in places that will leave room for others and help them to feel comfortable. We pick church music that our guests would like, even if it is not our favorite. As hosts, we are concerned about the comfort of others. The experience is all about them." (Henry Brinton, *The Welcoming Congregation: Roots and Fruits of Christian Hospitality*. Westminster John Knox Press.)

May radical hospitality infuse all that we do at Fellowship, so the radical, extravagant, life-changing love of God in Christ is embodied and shared with everyone we meet and touch.

See you in church!

Pastor Robin



Sunday Evening Worship and Praise Services continue on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Please help us spread the word! This is a 45-50 minute, "come as you are" service with singing, a short message, and communion.



Women's Activities

Women's Dinner - Our next women's dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 24th, at the **Cap City Diner**, 6644 Riverside Dr., Dublin, OH 43017, (614) 889-7865. If you need transportation, please let Pastor Robin know.

Women's Bible Study will resume again in the fall.

Meals on Wheels Schedule for June and July

Friday, June 21	Farel	Friday, July 19	Farel
Saturday, June 15	McDaniel	Saturday, July 20	Robinson

Next FLC Carwash, Saturday, June 8th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at the church. Come help us raise money for our roof fund.



Healing Services on June 2nd. Our next healing services will be at the end of each worship service on Sunday, June 2nd. In the rite of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Physical healing may or may not follow the laying on of hands, prayer, and anointing with oil.

Nor does the lack of a cure reflect a weak faith or the lack of favor with God. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith. We encourage everyone to experience the power of a healing service - we are all broken people in need of some kind of healing.

Graduate Recognition We will be honoring our recent graduates on Sunday, June 2nd during our worship service.

If you would like a home visit by Pastor Robin, please let Pastor Robin or Tracy know so we can get one scheduled. It does not need to be a pastoral emergency... just an opportunity to get to know you better.

Did You Know That Fellowship Has an Active Care Team? Our care team meets monthly and sends out cards to those in our congregation, and their relatives and friends with concerns. We now have other members trained in Congregational Care and Hospital Visitation who will be assisting Pastor Robin with the pastoral care needs of our congregation, visiting our homebound members and offering communion.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available. If you have trouble with the regular communion wafers or with the bread served, please let Pastor Robin know. We do have gluten-free wafers available. **Large print bulletins are also available for worship.** Please ask the usher for assistance.

Do You Order From Amazon? If so, then try Amazon Smile to support Fellowship Lutheran Church! First, go to Amazon Smile and choose Fellowship Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH as your charity. Then, shop as usual and Fellowship will receive a percentage of your purchase. It's that easy!

Kroger Plus Fundraising Information: If you would like to register your Kroger card for the Community Rewards Program, please contact Pastor Robin or the church office. Thank you so much for participating in this fundraiser! We received over \$800 last year!

Thrivent Members - For those of you with choice dollars don't forget that Fellowship can be a recipient of those dollars. Thank you to all who have donated this way in the past!

Attendance Information

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
4/3 (Midweek)	21	5/5	44/9
4/7	64/6	5/12	47/10
4/10 (Midweek)	14	5/19	59/6
4/14	66/14	5/26	36/5
4/18 (Maundy Thurs.)	40/53		
4/19 (Good Fri.)	12/85 from FLC		
4/21	54/112		
4/28	60/6		

Congratulations to Our 2019 Graduates!



Kate King

Graduated from Otterbein University in April 2019 with a Doctor of Nursing Practice. Her research project was, "Creating Voice in School Nurses through Increasing Self Efficacy." Kate is the Director of Health, Family and Community Services for Columbus City Schools.

Angela Roll

Graduated from the University of Findley in May 2019 with a Doctor of Physical Therapy. Angela is currently doing her last clinical at the Stefanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center in Columbus.



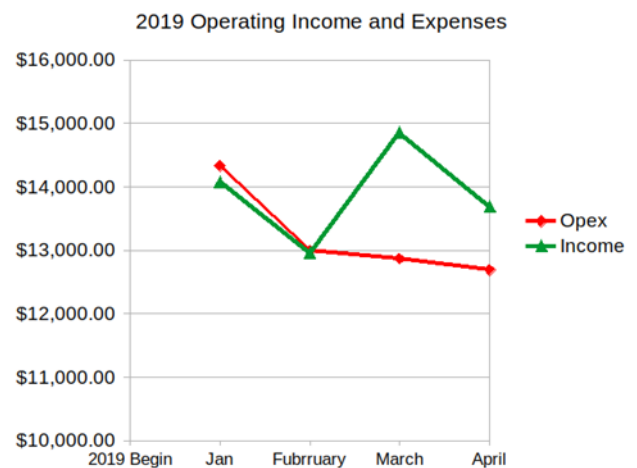
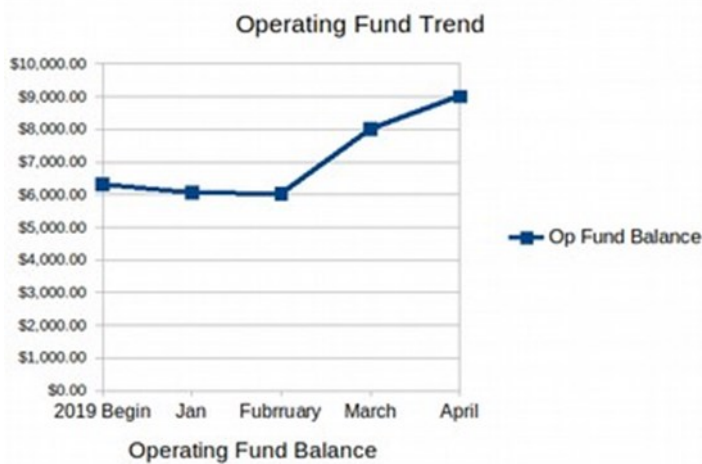
Michael Turnbull

Graduated from the University of Detroit, Mercy, in May 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. Michael will be staying in Michigan and has accepted an engineering position with Detroit Diesel.

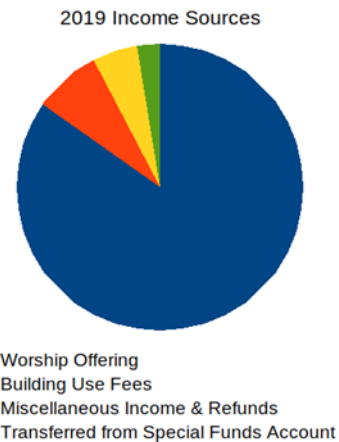
*"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away." **Matthew 15:14-15***

At the May 19 Congregational Meeting, we ratified the new constitution. The vote was 41-2 in favor. Thank you all for attending and giving your consideration, either for or against, the vote.

Also at the meeting, I did a short financial update. Year to date, we are tracking about as we would expect. Through the first third of the year, our operating expenses are 33.1% of our full-year budget. Our income is 107% of our year-to-date full year estimate. Worship offering is about \$700 more than our estimate. The following graphs show how our income and expenses have been trending so far this year.



Our worship offering accounts for 85% of our total income. Building Usage and Miscellaneous Income and Refunds account for the remainder. Note -- transfers from special funds are not necessarily current income.



All in all, our financial position is stable and tracking fairly normally. Summer is usually a little lighter on income due to our attendance being affected by people's vacation schedules. We are positioned to ride cover the summer lull.

As I mentioned in the meeting, we continue to look for opportunities for savings in expenses. We changed insurance providers and will be saving \$2,200 annually with the new provider.

Your offering and our other income is what enables us to do God's mission for us – to share God's love and Grace through our words and actions. We are doing our best to use it wisely to further God's mission for us.

Thank you for your support.

Your servant in Christ,
Todd Engen

Romans 12:9-10 *"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."*

As summer is quickly approaching, I would greatly appreciate if there is someone who would like to coordinate an activity over the summer. It could be a hike or something more adventurous like a canoe trip. Our next activity is to share our baby pictures between now and Father's Day (June 16th). I have print out new cards to tape your pictures in the narthex. We look forward to seeing your pictures!

Also, a small but very impactful, recurring event of fellowship is having a host provide a small snack after church. Our host list is in the Narthex on the bulletin board near our mailboxes. I would greatly encourage families to sign up. This is a great and easy way for each of us to help bring our Fellowship family together!

"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."
2 Timothy 3:16-17

Sunday School News

Confirmation Sunday will be on **Pentecost Sunday, June 9th** at the 10:00 a.m. service. Confirmation students and parents, please meet @ 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Robin that Sunday prior to the service.

Sunday School is officially over until Rally Day, September 18, 2019. We are planning on having four classes for the 2019-2020 school year. The four classes will be pre/early elementary, post confirmation, high school, and the adult class.

Attached to this is an adult Sunday School survey. Please let us know what areas you are interested in so we can plan the curriculum for the adult class. See attachment below.

Food Pantry

LSS is still operating the food pantry at the Champion-Frebis location on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12-2 p.m. The Westside pantry has moved to the Glenwood Community Center at 1888 Fairmont Ave. It will operate on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. This is a temporary move for the Westgate center which will be remodeled this winter.

They still need volunteers at both locations from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. I changed my volunteer day to Wednesday because of the donation center. I'm willing to coordinate working at Frebis on Wednesdays. You can call me at 614-764-1084. You may also call the main number 877-LSS-MEAL from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

Our next men's breakfast will be on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. All men are invited. Please come if you can. Come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship.

Amazing Grace Day Camp

It is not too early for planning the Amazing Grace Day Camp here. It will be from July 14-19. Last year we had twenty four volunteers helping out with tasks from cooking to crafts. Please see Todd, Pastor Robin, or me for details.

Golf Outing at Wilson Road

On July 21, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. , we will have the annual Wilson Road Golf Scramble. We will play a four person, 9-hole scramble. All skill levels of golf are invited to play. Golfers will need to pay their green fee and riding cart if necessary. After everyone is finished, we will have brats, hot dogs, beans and drinks. Prizes will be given out also. We'll be finished by 4:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex.

In God's service,
Bill

**Fellowship Lutheran Church
Adult Sunday School Survey**

Study plans for September 2019 and beyond

Please check interested study areas below:

_____ What Lutherans believe

_____ Grace

_____ Forgiveness

_____ Community and the World

_____ A book to read and discuss

List book name here: _____

List other ideas or suggestions: _____

Also please indicate if you would like to facilitate the discussion on Sunday.

Please return to Bill Lude by July 20, 2019. Thanks!

"Our Church - All Are welcome"

**With consistency of purpose and performance, positive change happens.
(Michael W Foss)**

Change is often viewed in two ways, as why do we have to and or this will be a good thing. Sometimes change disrupts the normalcy of life and daily patterns. Usually at the end of the day change is good.

As I mentioned at a previous Sunday service, Cathy and I have been involved with Our Church for over 24 years, and I personally was not too much involved other than helping as an usher. This all changed at the beginning of the year. To all of the members that have helped and donated their time in the past and still are involved, many thanks as I now understand what it takes to keep Our Church on the daily path and direction we need to go.

As we grow again, we do need volunteers and others to participate when and where ever you can. As I broke down a normal week for us human beings, we have 168 hours to use in our lives (24 hours X 7 days). With that being said, if we commit to 3 hours in Our Church on Sunday, that works out to be appx. 1.79% of our week. If you volunteer to help out on any team and/or any function for helping our youth, food pantry efforts, day camps, car washes, pumpkin patch, spring clean up, men's and women's dinner, bible study so on and so forth, this will add to that time. If you dedicate 5 hours to help in any way, that is only 2.97% of your week. You will feel better about helping out and being a disciple of God. Everything we do affects someone in a positive way.

Some projects that we need volunteers for:

**Car wash on June 8th at Our Church parking lot from 10am till 1 pm.
Sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.**

Summer – and a change to our normal routines – is upon us. As schedules relax a bit, we may find new opportunities to share our Fellowship Lutheran worship opportunities with friends and acquaintances. Through the summer, we will continue worship services on Sunday morning and evening, giving people two convenient times to come together to rejoice in God’s grace and love.

And remember our outdoor service at Murphy Park on August 11 is a casual setting for visitors to join our worship family.

Summer worship

From July through Rally Day in September, we will again follow a hymn-based liturgy and the alternate version of the Lord’s Prayer we introduced last summer.

Organist transition

We will welcome our new organist, Michael Cherup, on Sunday, June 2. Michael, from Delaware, Ohio, is pursuing a music degree at Capital University, with a focus on the organ.

Thanks again to the team that worked on recruiting, interviewing and selecting our new organist: George Biemel, Ruth Albert, Todd Engen, Karen Harris, Pastor Robin, and Sonya Thelin. A special thanks to George Biemel for serving as the primary contact for applications and leading the audition/interview process!

Worship service opportunities

Please consider assisting with Sunday worship by volunteering to serve in one of the following roles:

- Assisting Minister
- Reader
- Greeter
- Usher

To add your name to the list for any of these roles, contact Tracy Farel in the church office.

Sunday evening worship

Sunday evening Worship and Praise services continue. Please join us at 5:00 p.m. for this 45-50 minute, “come as you are” service with singing, a short message, and communion.

Dates to remember

Healing service	June 2
Recognition of graduates	June 2
Pentecost Sunday	June 9
Confirmation	June 9
Outdoor service	August 11

Update to Lutheran Disaster Response Responding to Floods

"But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; "
Genesis 8:1 (NSRV)



In April, I wrote about flooding and other natural disasters in various places. Significant flooding continues across the central United States. The pictures above and on television are striking. It seems like everything is under water. Roads and bridges have been damaged, homes and buildings destroyed. It seems like there is heavy rain every other day. Just this week there is record breaking flooding in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa. In late April there was flooding in Minnesota and Wisconsin due to rain and snow.

The physical damage due to the flooding is obvious. However, there are many other impacts that might not be obvious until you think about them. If roads are damaged, how does one get to work? How long will it be impacted? What is the effect to an individual even if their home isn't damaged, but they are prevented from getting to work because roads and bridges are impassable? It is clear that in the picture on the right above, if one lived on the right side of the river, and worked in the town at the upper left of the photo, it would be difficult, if not impossible to get to work.

There are less obvious impacts. The Mississippi River is closed to barge traffic for much of the river. <https://bit.ly/2YXUwZJ>. That is affecting farmers ability to ship their crops to the ports at the Gulf, and also from getting fertilizer and seed shipped up river to them. Once the floods recede, or even where it has just been really wet, planting is delayed which impacts yields and the income that farmers will ultimately receive. Here in Ohio, as of May 19, only 9% of the corn crop has been planted when it would normally be 2/3 done. (See <https://bit.ly/2HrabcD>) As the planting is delayed, yields drop and the farmers' income drops.

Lutheran Disaster Relief aids in the initial response to disasters, but also stays around to work with the affected people and local organizations well past the time the natural disaster has ended. Help continues to be needed and you can help by going to the links below to contribute and for more information.

For Midwest Flooding relief – <https://bit.ly/2JQbLcL>

Lutheran Disaster Response Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ELCALDR>

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

- Maxine Brunner**
- Sam Brunner**
- Major N Crispin**
- Bob Drake**
- Barb Fisher**
- Curtis Fleisher**
- Brittany Hairston**
- Leena LeMay**
- Sonja Meighen**
- Joshua Mott**
- Sue Perry**
- Martha Sampson**
- Shawn Turnbull**

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

- Joan Albert**, Ruth Albert's mother...
- Cindy Cramer**, Ruth Albert's friend...
- Mary Goebal**, Becky Schaughency's friend...
- Jeff Hardman**, Tom Mott's friend...
- John Katsares**, neighbor of Chris Tonn and Becky Schaughency...
- Katie Malone**, Fritzi Bear's grandson's wife...
- Cindy Morgan**, Margery Gress' daughter's mother-in-law...
- Russell Thelin**, Sonya Thelin's father...
- Shirley Tipton**, Michelle Cleveland's grandma...
- Baby Hayden Valesky**, Votino's great nephew...
- Pat Willis**, Nina Capers' cousin...
- Peter Zeug**, Sonja Meighen's brother...

FOR OUR SHUT-INS:

- Lynn Brown**, Debbie Bear's mother

DEATHS:

- Cindy Boring**, Dianna Roll's cousin...
- Bill Sweet**, grandfather of Chris Tonn...
- Caleb & Rocky Tyler**, Lori Hobbin's cousin's son and ex-husband...
- Mary Pavletic**, Megan Cardimen's grandma...
- Maureen Wilcox**, Karen Harris' friend...

June Birthdays

Mary McDaniel	6/01
Zach Powell	6/03
Teresa Turnbull	6/08
Michelle Cleveland	6/15
Gary Blackney	6/16
Sonya Meighen	6/17
Sam Brunner	6/19
Dianna Roll	6/19
Cathy Votino	6/19
Bruce Johnson	6/21
Jillian Mott	6/22
Lauren Espe	6/23
Cheryl Hamilton	6/25
McKenzie Laucher	6/26
James Singletary	6/26
Megan Howard	6/27
Nathan Votino	6/29
Chad Laucher	6/30
Jacob Votino	6/30



Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays this month! This list reflects the information we have in our computer at this time. We welcome your corrections and additions!

June Anniversaries

Paul & Robin Wargowsky	6/07
Doug & Carol Scantland	6/10
John & Cathy Votino	6/17
Chad & Amanda Laucher	6/18
John M. & Kelly Votino	6/20
Tom & Maryann Mott	6/25



Worship Server Schedule for June

Date	2-Jun	9-Jun	16-Jun
Time	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Assist. Minister	Todd Engen	Ruth Albert	Paul Wargowsky
Acolyte	Hayden Laucher	Charlotte Tonn	Aleigh Crispin
Lay Reader	Carolyn Crispin	Chris Tonn	Bill Lude
Ushers	Bill Farel & Jim Jaeger	Votino	Abigail Cardimen & Jillian Mott
Altar Guild	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel
Hymn Sel.	Ruth Albert	Ruth Albert	Ruth Albert
Counters	Bill Farel & Dianna Roll	Jim Jaeger & John Votino	Andy DeVantier & Lori Hobbins
Greeters	Laucher	Bear	Votino
Host			

Date	23-Jun	30-Jun
Time	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Assist. Minister	Sonya Thelin	Hayden Laucher
Acolyte	Lorien Crispin	Mallory Tonn
Lay Reader	Ruth Albert	Chad Laucher
Ushers	Bill Lude & Major Crispin	Chad Laucher & Tom Mott
Altar Guild	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel
Hymn Sel.	Ruth Albert	Ruth Albert
Counters	Bill Lude & Pete Cardimen	Bill Farel & Dianna Roll
Greeters	Jaeger	Lude
Host		

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Heather & Chris Tonn
Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Office Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist	Michael Cherup
Sub. Organist	David Fleisher
Sunday evening pianist	Amy Wargowsky
Choir Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

Executive Committee

President	Todd Engen
Vice-President	Mike Rankin
Secretary	Ruth Albert Pastor Robin

Congregational Life

Director	Chad Laucher
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Education & Youth

Director	Bill Lude
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Outreach

Director	Carol Jaeger
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Stewardship & Support

Director	John Votino
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Worship

Director	Sonya Thelin
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Thank you for your leadership!!!

June 2019 Calendar

Weekly Recurring Events

Sunday

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. - Worship and Praise

Monday

- 8:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

- 8:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous

Other Events & Meetings

June 2, 2019 (Sunday)

- 10:00 a.m. - Recognition of graduates
- 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. - Healing Services
- 11:15 a.m. - Executive Committee

June 7 & 8, 2019 (Friday & Saturday)

- SOS Assembly in Springfield

June 8, 2019 (Saturday)

- 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - FLC Carwash @ church

June 9, 2019 (Sunday)

- 10:00 a.m. - Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday

June 11, 2019 (Tuesday)

- 7:00 p.m. - Worship Team

June 18, 2019 (Tuesday)

- 7:00 p.m. - Council

June 21, 2019 (Friday)

- 6:30 p.m. - BAPS

June 24, 2019 (Monday)

- 6:00 p.m. - Women's Dinner

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8-4 - Fellowship Hall reserved for bridal shower
2 Graduate Sunday 10 am - Worship 11:15 am - Executive 5 pm - Worship (Healing services)	3 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	4	5	6	7 SOS Assembly in Springfield 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	8 SOS Assembly in Springfield 10-1 - FLC Carwash
9 Pentecost 10 am - Worship; Confirmation 5 pm - Worship	10 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	11 7 pm - Worship Team	12	13	14 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	15 10:45 am - Meals on Wheels
16 Father's Day 10 am - Worship 5 pm - Worship	17 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	18 7 pm - Council	19	20	21 10:45 am - Meals on Wheels 6:30 pm. - BAPS 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	22
23 10 am - Worship 5 pm - Worship	24 6 pm - W'm Dinner 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	25	26	27	28 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	29
30 10 am - Worship 5 pm - Worship						

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Our Purpose: To share God's love and grace through our words and actions.

Our Vision: To be a "called and gathered" family of faith whose members so fully experience the undeserved love of God that we are moved to express that same love of God, in our relationships with one another and our whole community . . .

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