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## A Letter from the Pastor: by Pastor Jay Anderson

While I was not able to spend as much time as I would have desired out at Camp Sugarbush for VBS and Survivor this year, what time I was there with the kids and volunteers was certainly enjoyable. Among other things, the kids were learning about creation-care and God's love for all of Creation. They experienced nature first-hand being out in the woods, creeking and exploring what wildlife could be found under rocks and in shallow pools, and if they listened carefully, they could also hear various bird calls and the rapid-fire knocking of woodpeckers as they made their way around the woods.

Beginning in July our Worship theme will also be built around creation care as we explore what was part of the original faith practice of Jesus in Judaism, Creation Spirituality. Creation Spirituality asks the question, "What if we lived life truly connected to the origins of Creation and the Creator?" In the beginning, God created all things and called them "good." In this series we will explore six essential ideas found in Creation Spirituality - a way



of living within the community of earth that deepens our reverence for life, participates in the creativity of the cosmos, and develops our passion for justice and human transformation. It compels us to lead lives of spiritual inquiry, creativity, and prophetic action as our sacred work in the world. It is, I believe, a perfect summer series for us, and a wonderful "next step" after having spent three weeks exploring sabbath-keeping and how that seeks to help us connect to God as well.

Corresponding with this series, in July we will begin exploring ways in which we as individuals, families, and as a church, can reduce our negative impact on the environment, make some positive changes in habits and practices, and lead more ecologically sustainable lives within our community. We have had a wonderful response to our new "Green Team" initiative, to explore ways we can reduce our carbon footprint in the world - 16 people and counting have responded so far - so we will begin organizing that spiritual work in July as well.

Beginning July 1st we will no longer require wearing a mask in the building during the week or during worship. If you have not been vaccinated, we urge you to continue to wear a mask, both for your own protection and for the safety of others. We certainly appreciate your grace as we have navigated this pandemic and the restrictions it has placed on us over the past year. As we work our way out from under those restrictions in a cautious but steady way, we hope to see more of you who have not yet returned to in-person worship joining with us for a summer of love: the love of God, the love of neighbor, and the love of creation.

Blessings,

## Summer Worship

Families are encouraged to worship together during the 9:00 a.m. outdoor service. We will have worship bags with activities to help your children stay engaged during the service.

Our Sunday morning children's church programs (Rainbows and Dewdrops) and nursery care are offered during the 11:00 service.

## Rainbows and Dewdrops

Our preschool and elementary children begin the 11:00 worship service with their families and will be invited to meet their teachers in the Gathering Space after the children's message to transition to their classrooms.

This month we will be learning about special leaders in the Bible.

Week	Lesson	Scripture
July 4	Veggie Tales! Combined classes today	
July 11	Be a Leader	Acts 16:1-5, 1 Timothy 4:7-16
July 18	Be Encouraged	2 Timothy 1:3-7
July 25	Lydia	Acts 16:11-15

## Teachers Needed!

We need volunteers to help nurture and teach our young disciples during July and August. Volunteers are asked to help teach once a month. Please contact Erin Flory ([children@chmaster.org](mailto:children@chmaster.org)) if you would be willing to serve in the teaching rotation this summer.

## Club SAM

Rising 1st-6th graders are invited to join us Wednesdays, July 7 and July 21 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for Club SAM. The kids will do a special mission project, Bible lesson, walk to Alum Creek Park and return to the church for popsicles! The cost is \$5/child. Please let Erin know by Sunday, July 4th if your kids are able to attend.

## Church of the Master Park Hop!

Enjoy fellowship with other families as we explore different parks around Westerville this summer! We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on the following Wednesdays.



Date	Park
July 14	Alum Creek Park
July 28	Spring Grove North Park



**Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who made VBS, Day Camp and Survivor Camp possible this summer.**

Lynn Anderson	Kirstin Antonaros	Nick Bauman	Joleen Bender
Lauren Beuerlein	John Cole	Mark Dilley	Sam Driscoll
Denise Eblin	Kenadie Eblin	Cathy Eifert	Josh Flory
Zaine Foster	Michelle Foster	Jenny Freshy	Ed Hamann
Jan Hamann	Isabelle Hill	Barb Hinton	Cindy Hughes
Gianna Johnson	Lynnea Johnso	Amy Keep	Bob Keep
Lucy Kelly	Emith Knoth	Diane LaHue	Kitty Laurich
Pei Hsiu MacKenzie	Tiffany McGinnis	Laura Pate	Ainsley Patterson
Emily Patterson	Sophie Patterson	Holly Piper	Nolan Piper
Julie Porretta	Mary Porretta	Mike Porretta	Maggie Price
Gloria Rogers	Marilyn Rogers	Cathy Shaw	Kris Shear
Shohaam Singh	Melody Tolle	Hannah Tonn	Becky Watson
Matt Whistle			

### **M&Ms Pool Party**

**All M&Ms families are invited to gather at the Annehurst Pool on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The church will supply hot dogs, buns, condiment, paper products and drinks. Families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Cost will be \$5/ person. Please let Erin ([children@chmaster.org](mailto:children@chmaster.org)) know if you are attending.**

### **Save the Date!**

**Mark your calendars! Music and the Master (M&Ms) will begin on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.**

# Music Ministry

## By Christopher Bowling

The Psalmist implores us to “O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth” (Psalm 96:1, NRSV), and that is exactly what the Music Ministry here at Church of the Master is beginning to do.

The first new song we are singing is with drums. For the entire 6-week worship series we will be using a drum circle to open and close worship. Drum circles have been used throughout many traditions as a way to build community and for celebrations. So, there is no more fitting way to celebrate our worship throughout the “Sacred Earth, Sacred Worth” series than with a drum circle. Everyone is welcome to join us drumming, we will be meeting before worship each week to ‘warm-up’ and prepare for worship. We have plenty of drums and rhythm instruments so that anyone is welcome to participate. I just ask that you join us for our warm-up time at 10:45AM prior to worship.

Another musical opportunity is the revival of our instrumental chamber ensemble that formed early on during the pandemic, but due to health concerns had to put on hold. Now we feel safe for our instrumentalist to return to playing together. This ensemble is open to high school instrumentalists and up. I will be planning a rehearsal in late July to lay the ground work for continuing this ensemble.

Beyond the wind players, I am also looking for string players and more singers to be apart of the 9AM praise team. I hope to establish a regular rehearsal for this group so to help it grow in its ability to lead worship.

A familiar song in a new key is how I would describe beginning the sessions with our Chancel Choir. What we hope to achieve with these new choir sessions is easing the commitment for new singers who see the entire season as something of a challenge. Session 1 starts September 8 and ends October 31. Session 2 starts October 20 and ends December 26. Of course, the primary role of the Chancel Choir is to musically lead worship but sign-up will also be available for cantata singers, who are welcome to join us for the October hymn festival or the Messiah in December. While the idea of signing-up to sing in the choir is foreign to all of us, it will help us gauge the success of this experiment. So, I will be launching a sign-up genius in the next few weeks to allow sign-ups for fall to begin.

So, as we look to the fall we will be singing a new song of praise, with the doors of our music ministry open wide welcoming all who want to share their gifts with our congregation.

Blessings, Chris

# Congregation Updates

## Great Volunteer Opportunity!

The Mission and Outreach Committee is organizing an opportunity for congregation members to participate this fall in the Westerville School District's I-CAN Program. The I-CAN program is taught on a weekly basis throughout the school year to second grade classes and all learning materials are provided to the volunteer. This will probably be an hour a week. If you have an interest, please get in touch with Diane Hill-Clark at [dianna.hclark2@gmail.com](mailto:dianna.hclark2@gmail.com) or Tiffany McGinnis at [tift\\_23@hotmail.com](mailto:tift_23@hotmail.com). Tiffany will be able to answer any questions you may have.

## The Missions Committee will be sponsoring school kits for Church World Service on July 25th and August 1st

Items needed:

1. Two- gallon bags and a list of items will be handed out at both services on July 25 and Aug. 1. Items

need to be returned by Aug. 8 and August 15.

Here are the items needed to be in the bag.

1 pair of blunt scissors

3 70 -page spiral notebooks

1 pk of loose -leaf notebook paper

1 12" ruler

1 hand held pencil sharpener

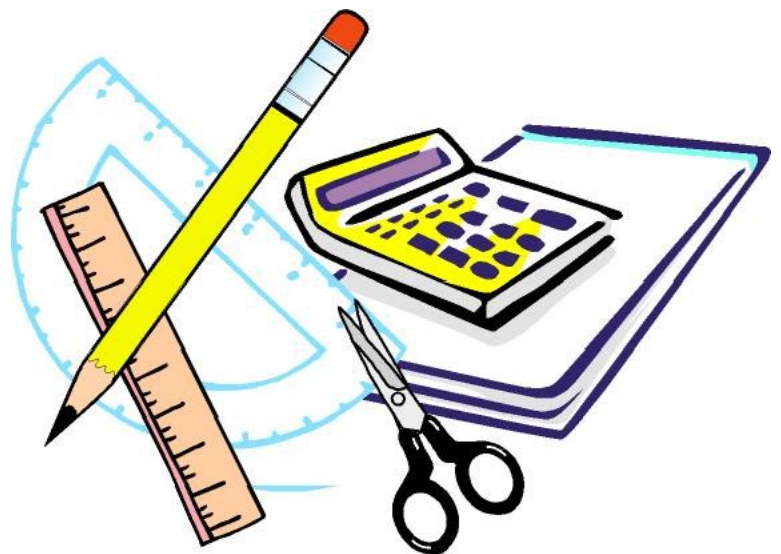
1 large eraser - (2 inches at least)

6 unsharpened pencils

1 box of 24 crayons

Put all of these items in the two-gallon bag and seal it.

Thank you so much for your support.



## **COM WARM Volunteer Opportunity**

All are invited to work alongside other COM volunteers at WARM between 10AM - Noon on Friday July 30th and/or Saturday August 21. Please sign-up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084da4ad28a5fa7-warm> or email/text/call Tiffany McGinnis so that we have a headcount. No age requirement to volunteer.

WARM location: 150 Heatherdown Drive, Westerville

Tiffany McGinnis: 614-743-1206

tifft\_23@hotmail.com

## **United Methodist Women (UMW)**

Church of the Master's UMW Unit Board met last week and is anxious to get together with everyone in our post-pandemic times. We plan to hold a total member (and interested non-members) event in August. As soon as the final date and the guest speaker are known, an announcement will be made through the church office. Stay tuned. We are looking forward to this happy time to re-convene. -Barb Piper

## **Yoga and Meditation Series**

Join us on Thursday evenings (7/8 - 8/12) at 7pm for a six (6) week yoga and meditation series building on the sermon series, "Sacred Earth, Sacred Work". We'll start with some centering time and move into a gentle yoga flow incorporating seated and standing poses, finishing up with meditation to center us and prepare our hearts and minds to move off our mats into the world.

Location: Hoover Reservoir Park - Park in the Walnut Boat Ramp lot (this is at the intersection of Sunbury Rd and Walnut St; 7940 S. Sunbury Rd, Westerville, OH 43081)

Bring your mat or a towel and an open heart ❤️

If it is raining by 5pm on Thursdays we will plan on meeting at Church of the Master in the gym downstairs. Any information on mask usage will be posted on the church doors. Any questions can be directed to Amy Ritts (614.216.5681). Hope to see you there!



## Have You Missed Making Music With Your Friends?

Well, we missed you! Coming in September, Children's Chimes and Youth Bells will restart, but there will be a chance to ring before the fall. On 3 Sundays this summer, July 11, 18, 25, 10-10:30am, between Worship Services, we will have opportunities for getting acquainted/reacquainted with chimes and handbells.

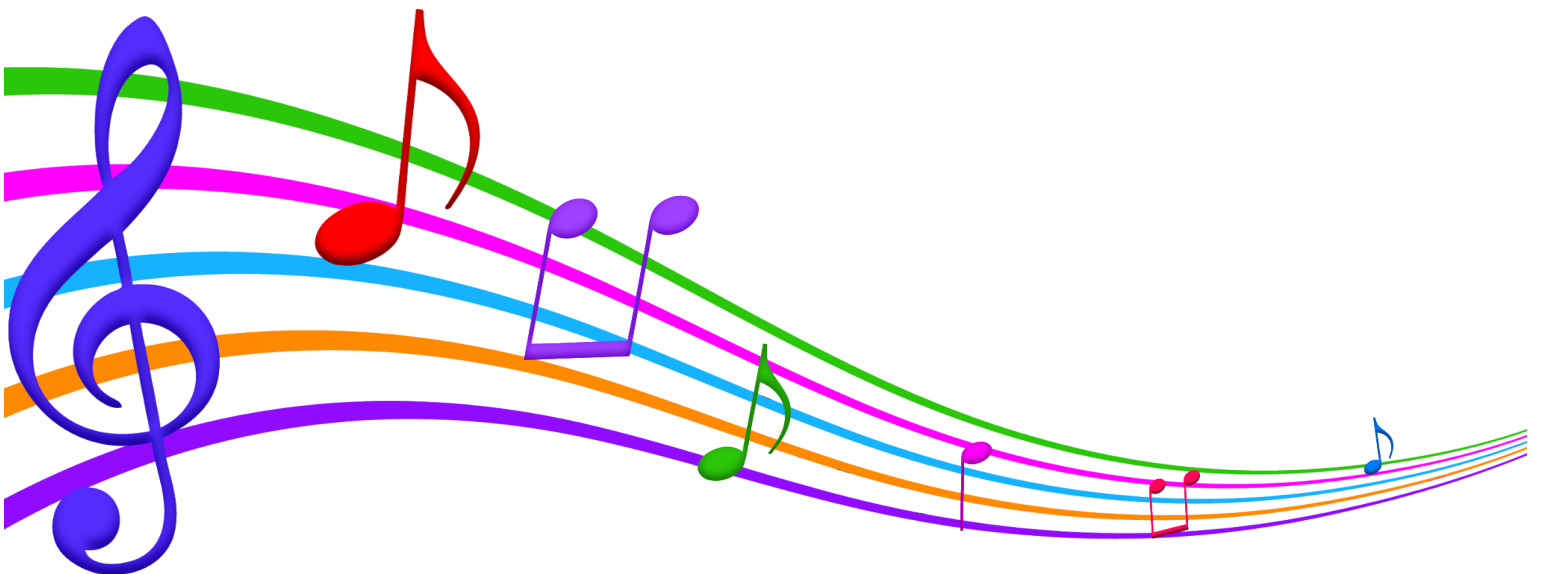
- On July 11, rising 6th and rising 7th graders can come and learn about ringing handbells with Kim Hoessly
- On July 18 all 6th-12th grades can ring together.
- On July 25, rising 1st graders-rising 5th graders will be able to come and ring chimes with Marilyn Rogers.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall so we can spread out more. As we receive more information about Covid protocols, we will know more about masks/no masks and spacing. We hope to begin our first fall sessions of chimes and youth bells in September after Labor Day.

Please email/text/call Marilyn for chimes and Kim for bells so we know how many children and youth to plan for. We'd like to have a headcount by July 4th.

Marilyn Rogers: 614-432-9996  
[rogersmblg@gmail.com](mailto:rogersmblg@gmail.com)

Kim Hoessly: 614-537-8596  
[handbells@chmaster.org](mailto:handbells@chmaster.org)





We are looking for our construction enthusiasts to lead and participate in the **Westerville Habitat Partnership's Walls Build** on August 20 and 21, 2021 at The Point in Westerville. We need individuals to help prep the wood for building on Friday evening and teams of 4-6 to build walls on Saturday. Students must be 14 in order to participate. We hope to have at least 4 teams from COM but would love to have more for this project.

**IF YOU HAVE DONE THIS BEFORE, WE NEED YOU BACK!!** Once you have formed your team, let

Ed or Amy know that you are participating!

Amy Levine 614-203-6638 ([mewsicl1@gmail.com](mailto:mewsicl1@gmail.com))

Ed Hamann 614-893-4037 ([ed.hamann323@gmail.com](mailto:ed.hamann323@gmail.com))

Please *sign up your team together* for the time slots you would like.

**Use the link listed in the information below.**

**Join us!**

**Westerville Habitat Partnership**

**Habitat for Humanity House Walls Build**

**Prep: Friday, August 20 Build: Saturday, August 21**

**BACK to WORK!!** This year the Westerville Habitat Partnership (<https://westervillehabitat.com>) will be assembling the walls of a Habitat for Humanity home. This year's homeowner is Jamarrah, a father of four.

**Build: Saturday, August 21, 2021**

1st Shift: 7:00am (registration)

7:30am-10am (building walls)

2nd Shift: 10am (registration)

10:30am-1pm (building walls)

**Sign up to volunteer here:** <https://app.pointapp.org/event/5084>

**Where:** Otterbein's The Point | 60 Collegeview Rd. (north parking lot) | Westerville, OH. 43081

**Suggested items to bring/wear:** closed toe shoes, work gloves, comfortable clothing, water bottle. Tools and guidance provided! If you wish to wear a mask, please bring one. We will have masks too.

**Prep: Friday, August 20, 2021**

5pm-7pm

**Where:** Otterbein's The Point (same as build)

**What to bring/wear:** Closed toe shoes, work gloves, hat, comfortable clothing, water bottle, sun-screen.

Experience with a table saw is strongly encouraged and highly appreciated. Pizza and beverages provided.

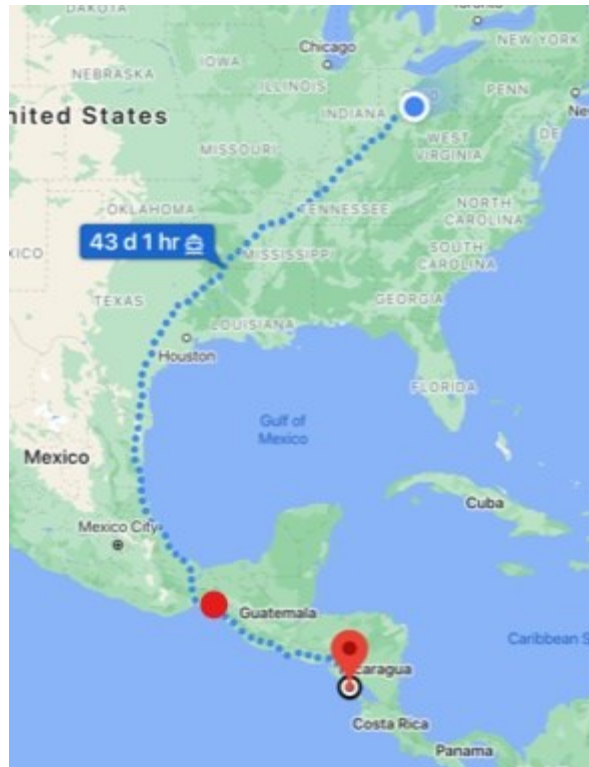
Habitat for Humanity (H4H) provides affordable housing for those in need; prospective homeowners must contribute 300 volunteer hours, have the resources to repay a mortgage (Yes, homeowners have a mortgage!), and meet H4H's standards. For more info about H4H Del&Un Co.

<https://habitatdelawareunion.org/about-our-program/>

## Health Cabinet Huddle

Laurie Bowman, RN

At this point you've heard or read that Church of the Master is walking to Nicaragua this summer in honor of El Porvenir. Have you gotten to the point of asking, "Are they there yet?" The answer is ALMOST! We are making great progress on our walk to Nicaragua and are getting close! As of today, we have collectively walked 2,627 miles and are 82% of the way there! We have now made it from the Gulf Coast of Mexico to the Pacific side of Mexico down to Puentes Margaritas, Mexico! (We are approximately where the red dot on the map is.)



In happy news, El Porvenir was able to reach their recent fundraising goals in partnership with One Day's Wages. Church of the Master's Missions and Outreach committee contributed to this by sending \$3000! One Day's Wages matched El Porvenir's donations of \$43,590 for a total of **\$87,705** to go specifically towards the planned projects in Posoli. Funds will be used for building latrines and water systems as well as restoring their watershed. When the Posoli project wraps up, 65 homes will have water piped directly to their homes, 35 families will have latrines, and 20 families will have vented cookstoves (meaning less wood burned and less dangerous smoke in their homes). If you are interested in learning more about El Porvenir's mission you can go to <https://www.elporvenir.org>

**THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN US!** It's as easy as sending Amber an email at [office@chmaster.org](mailto:office@chmaster.org). This is a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor out for a walk with you! Happy walking friends!

## **Report on the 2021 West Ohio Conference**

### **Conference Theme: Run The Race With Perseverance!**

This year's Annual Conference was once again Virtual and began at 2 PM Sunday June 6. We began with a Memorial Service for clergy and clergy family members and laity of the WOAC who had passed away during this past year. The Rev Jennifer Lucas set the bar high for this year's conference as she delivered a powerfully moving message based on the Book of Hebrews about running the race with "Perseverance". Names were read, candles lit and a bell was tolled as we paid our last respects.

While this was the "Official Opening" of Annual Conference, we attendees had already ordered and read through our Book of Reports, the clergy had met in their Executive Session several weeks before, we had been through Zoom training on how to vote and had opportunities to participate in "information Sessions" about each of the six Resolutions we would vote on and finally watched Bishop Palmer's Episcopal Address Part 1.

After the opening service, we did a quick review and practiced the voting procedures. (75% were excited about conference & 56.5% liked pineapple on their pizza) 1114 delegates voted.

We approved of holding the conference Virtually and approved the Nominations report. We were up to 1171 voting by then.

Next we went into the Laity Session and heard presentations about the Laity Discernment Retreat, where you can explore your call and The Certified Lay Ministry Academy. Bishop Palmer closed out our session with a word specifically for us laity.

Back in the general session, we heard the Cabinet Address followed by the Laity Address followed by the Episcopal Address part 2. (Remember the conference theme!) Bishop Palmer announced that we would be sharing him with the Illinois Great Rivers Conference as their Bishop, Bishop Beard was out on medical leave.

We then took an early break as either Zoom or the host web site crashed near the end of Bishop Palmers address.

We reconvened and quickly went back to work.

Recommendation #1: The Budget. (yes 1005, no 28).

Recommendation #2: Equitable Compensation (minimum salary and missional support) (yes 1136, no 32). We then received a report from the conference Anti-racism Taskforce.

Recommendation #3: The Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, presented by Rev Anna Guillozet. Pastor Anna was the only presenter that didn't read their report directly from our Book of Reports. (yes: 1066, no 78) We then adjourned for the evening.

**We began our Monday morning with worship. Our guest speaker was Bishop McKee from the North Texan Annual Conference. As part of the service, we commissioned three new Deaconesses for Christian Service. Then we dove into the work of the day. We elected a new AC secretary and then did “Trustee” business. Seven churches were closed this past year. 1253 voting members were on Zoom at this point. Then on to...**

**Recommendation #4: Delegation Resolution Re: Christmas Covenant”. We voted to send this back to the delegation for refinement and bring it back next year.**

**Recommendation #5: Love as the Image of God. Recommendation was affirmed.**

**Recommendation #6: Call to West Ohio Annual Conference to Recognize & Validate Person’ Calls to Ordination Without Prejudice Towards Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity. I believe that the contentious portion of this recommendation was the call for the conference Board of Ordained Ministry to consider Ordination requests “without prejudice towards sexual orientation or gender identity”. This would be contrary to the current Book of Discipline. The Annual Conference voted to postpone voting on this recommendation indefinitely. The postponement motion passed by 15 votes.**

**Bishop Palmer announced the dates for next year’s conference: June 2-5, 2022 at Lakeside, Oh. That is a change from the usual Sunday thru Wednesday and is a Thursday thru Sunday schedule.**

**The last thing that the Bishop does is to “Fix” the Appointments for the coming year.**

**Pastor Jay Anderson was assigned to Church of the Master for 2021-2022!**

**This will be my last report as your Lay Member to the Annual Conference. I am rotating off and Julie Porretta will be our Lay Member.**

**Respectfully Submitted, Harry Peat**

# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 8:00P- Brave	27:30 A-SAA Meeting	3
4 9A- Outdoor Worship 11 A- In Person and Livestream Worship	5 <b>Church and Offices Closed</b> 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 6:30 P- BSA Troop 560 7:00P- SPRC Meeting	6 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 10 A- Staff Meeting 6:00p-11:00P- Brave Young Voices	7 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 9 A- Club S.A.M. 6:00p-11:00P- Brave Young Voices 7:00P- Soul Reset Book Study	8 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 10:00A- UMW District Board Meeting 6:00P- Brave Young Voices 7:00P- Yoga Meditation- Offsite	9 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 6:00P- Brave Young Voices 6:30 P- SA Meeting	10 9A-6P Brave Young Voices 9:00A- Discipleship Planning Meeting
11 9A- Outdoor Worship 10A- Youth Chimes & Bells 11 A- In Person and Livestream Worship	12 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 6:30 P- BSA Troop 560 7:00P- Finance Meeting In Person 8:00P- Stewardship Meeting	13 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 10 A- Staff Meeting	14 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 10 A- Park Hop- Alum Creek Park No Meeting Tonight-Soul Reset Book Study	15 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 7:00P- Yoga Meditation- Offsite	16 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 6:00P- Brave Young Voices 6:30 P- SA Meeting	17 11A-9P Brave Young Voices
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