

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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THE PASTOR'S EPISTLE

"DON'T FORGET YOUR CHURCH"

"Let us not neglect our church meetings, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of His coming back again is drawing near." Hebrews 10:25 L.B.

Well, the "good old summertime" is here in full swing. I'm looking forward to the vacations away with my family, along with the other normal summer activities. Like everyone else, I enjoy the beautiful days of summer and praise God for the blessings that summer brings.

However, along with the blessings of summer, there often comes a drought when it comes to church attendance. I guess the writer of Hebrews experienced the same situation when writing to God's people. He warned the Christians not to neglect the church meetings, but to attend regularly in the life of the church. This is good counsel for Christians of any age.

I believe that regular attendance is important for many reasons.

First, the church needs the prayers, time, talent, and resources of its members if it is to be effective in the world.

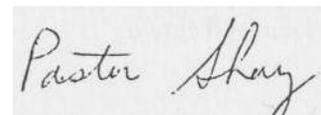
Second, the worship, teaching, and fellowship will help us tremendously as we face life and serve Jesus Christ. Both adults and children need to grow daily in their spiritual journey.

Third, a full church is a statement to others that our faith is important to us and that our walk with Jesus Christ is exciting.

We realize that church attendance tends to decrease somewhat during this beautiful time of year, but we **MUST NOT ALLOW** anything to stand between us and our service to Jesus Christ. And, we joyfully anticipate the lifting of the restrictions caused by the COVID-19 virus. Please come back to worship!

May the Lord Bless You and Have a Good and Safe Summer!

God Bless You!



Pastor Shay

P.S. "I'll see you in Church!"

Jacob's Church Board Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2020

Attendance: Pastor Scott Shay
Elders: Ron Belknap, Mike Follweiler
Deacons: Kevin Dellicker, Jared Hermany, Jim Moyer, Ed Sawyer, Tom Danner, Solomon Johri
Youth Leader: Tad Schlegel
Treasurer: Dave Follweiler

1. Tad Schlegel opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Property Committee: Jared Hermany reports nothing new.
3. Youth Group: Tad Schlegel reports Zoom meetings with the youth every Tuesday night. Youth mission trip is still on and he will update us of any changes. There is a VBS meeting on 5/7/2020 to discuss how to proceed. ShineFest has 2 performers at this point. Continues to work on a youth Sunday School Program.
4. Website/Social Media/Podcasts: Tad Schlegel reports keeping calendar up to date. Podcasts are taking up the bulk of his time.
5. Church Campout: Ed Sawyer reports the campout is postponed until late summer or early fall.
6. Lowhill Food Bank: Pastor Shay reports the food bank is looking for donations to purchase more food. The Board has decided to send or scheduled donation check early to help out.
7. Stimulus: Ron Belknap reports we did qualify for the stimulus loan and the money will cover payroll, health care, utilities, etc.
8. Membership Calling Program: Pastor Shay reports it appears to be running well with a lot of positive feedback.
9. Giving Letter Status: Pastor Shay reports we had 38 members donate for the first time this year as well as two non-members. He is working on drafting a second letter.
10. Confirmation Class: Pastor Shay reports he will be contacting all the children for tutoring. He will be considering options for a Confirmation Service.
11. Investment Options: The Board has requested a plan from The Biggs Group to move some money into a higher return account.
12. Treasurer's Report: [April and May reports included]

March 2020 Meeting Balance		\$32,117.60
Income	\$9,675.96	
Expenses	\$23,458.09	
April 2020 Meeting Balance		\$18,335.47
Income	\$27,868.28	
SBA Loan	\$35,997.37	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$20,000.00	
Expenses	\$23,485.63	
May 2020 Meeting Balance		\$78,715.49

A motion was made to accept both April and May 2020 Treasurer's report by Ed Sawyer and seconded by Solomon Johri. The motion carried.

13. April 2020 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the April 2020 meeting minutes as read by Jared Hermany and seconded by Mike Follweiler. The motion carried.
14. Pastor Shay offered a prayer.
15. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jared Hermany and was seconded Ed Sawyer. The motion carried. Respectfully submitted, Solomon Johri

Next Jacob's Church Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM, Monday, July 6, 2020
Next Jacob's Church Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, July 13, 2020

At our December 22, 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$4,458.00 per week in order to meet our 2020 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in May 2020:

May	\$24,412.00
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-May	\$98,076.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-May	\$24,412.00
Amount Under Budget for January-May	\$ 5,181.00

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

Cost of Flowers for Sunday Service:

(2) Altar vases	\$25.00
(1) Floral stand	\$15.00
Bud vase	\$5.00
Bulletins	\$5.00
<i>Contact Pam Zoghby to order flowers 610-298-3002</i>	

Flowers for July

July 5	Foulk, Grandsons, Bryce and Riley
July 12	In memory of James Rehrig Daughters, Vikki, Kelly and grandchildren
July 19	Jacob's Altar Committee
July 26	Jacob's Altar Committee

Scripture Readers for July

July 5	TBA
July 12	TBA
July 19	TBA
July 26	TBA

Puppet Ministry in July

Sunday, July 12, 2020
 (Ginger Johri and Rose Moyer)
 Sunday, July 26, 2020
 (Kayla Fusselman and Rose Moyer)

Greeters/Ushers for July

July 5	Jacob's Church Board
July 12	Jacob's Church Board
July 19	Jacob's Church Board
July 26	Jacob's Church Board Greeters should be at church by 9:45am



MEMBERSHIP NEWS



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

*Curtis and Lynn Dietrich
Bobby and Denise Fetherolf
Richard and Lucille Follweiler
Kevin and Patricia Greenawalt*

*Jeffrey and Aubrey Miller
Jason and Rebecca Williams
Joseph and Tonya Yeakel*

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 Edwin J. Bartholomew. Eddie went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the age of 90. He was born in Brodheadsville, a son of the late James P. and Carrie (Dornblazer) Bartholomew. He is the husband of the late Elaine F. (Dreibelbis) Bartholomew, who passed away in 1994. He was a companion to Hilda (Day) Kunkel, a member of our Jacob's Church Family. Eddie was a Korean War Veteran, having served in the US Army from 1951-1953. He owned and operated the former Edwin

Bartholomew Barber Shop in Lenhartsville, PA for many years. He was a faithful member of Jacob's Church and helped at many functions. He was one of our official pie bakers! Clark Billig and Eddie always tried to bake the best-looking pies. Of course, every good baker burns a pie or two! Services were private and interment was held in the St. Peter's UCC Cemetery, Fleetwood, PA with Rev. David Long officiating.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Marlin "Hoagie" Ernest Hamm. Marlin went home to be with our Lord on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at the age of 70. Marlin is the husband of Janice D. "Susie" (Silfies) Hamm. Marlin is the son of the late Ernest Arthur and Miriam F. (Friebolin) Hamm. He was a lifelong member of Jacob's Church, being baptized on October 2, 1949 and confirmed on September 29, 1963 both officiated by Rev. Clarence R. Rahn. Back in the day, Hoagie was a dedicated french-fry fryer in the schoolhouse during the Oyster Supper. Hoagie is the father of Heather A (Hamm) Utt, Tracy L. (Hamm) Sawyer, Melinda S. (Hamm) Wessner, the father-in-law to Kevin L. Utt, Edward J. Sawyer, James F. Wessner, and the grandfather to

Sydney Utt, Cody Utt, Emily Sawyer, Andrew Sawyer, Lucas Sawyer, Marissa Wessner, Tucker Wessner, Shelby Wessner and Kacie Wessner, members of our Jacob's Church Family. Private funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 17 with interment in Jacobs Union Cemetery. Rev Scott L. Shay officiated the services. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences from your Jacob's Church Family.



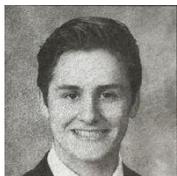
Jacob's Church Graduates of 2020

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.

The following will be honored and presented with a gift during worship at a later date.

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



Harrison Daniel Bernhard, son of Daniel and Jennifer Bernhard, graduated from Northwestern Lehigh High School on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Harrison received the Krysta Hankee Leadership Award, Northwestern Elementary Award, President's Award for Educational Excellence, Ronald F Wambold, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, and the Student Council Award.

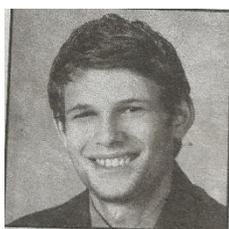
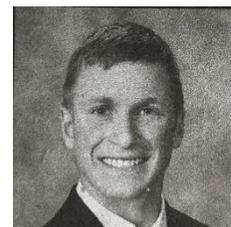
Quentin Daniel Bernhard, son of Daniel and Jennifer Bernhard, graduated from Muhlenberg College. Quentin was acknowledged for making the Muhlenberg College Dean's List.



Isaiah Alexander Danner, son of Thomas and Candice (Snyder) Danner, received his Master's Degree in Health and Physical Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Future plans are to pursue a full-time teaching job.

Lydia Caroline Danner, daughter of Thomas and Candice (Snyder) Danner, received her Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Lehigh Carbon Community College. Lydia is currently a full-time pre-school teacher at Creative Kids.

Jacob Nathaniel Dellicker, son of Kevin and Susan (Frank) Dellicker, graduated from Northwestern Lehigh High School on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Jacob received the Student Council Award, Weisenberg Elementary Award, and the Greater Northern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce Award.



Brandon Hunter Fidler, son of Bruce and Cheryl (Miller) Fidler, graduated from Northwestern Lehigh High School on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Brandon is employed by Kelly GMC as an auto mechanic.





Stone Scott Feinour, son of Stephanie (Ehrets) and the late Scott Feinour, graduated from Northwestern Lehigh High School on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Stone plans to attend the University of Northern Ohio in Automotive Technology. He also received the Alex D. Huber Memorial Scholarship.



Teagan Irene Feinour, son of Chris and Shani (Snyder) Feinour, graduated from Northwestern Lehigh High School on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Teagan received a LCCC Scholarship.



Connor Orion Hill, son of Lonnie and Melissa Hill, graduated from Parkland High School and Lehigh Career Technical Institute on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Connor will be attending Lehigh Carbon Community College majoring in Drafting and Design Engineering Technology.

Rebecca Mary Shoemaker, daughter of Dennis and Leann (Roth) Shoemaker, graduated from Kutztown High School on Thursday, June 4, 2020. She plans to attend Berks Career and Technical Center to finish her hours for her Teacher’s License in Cosmetology. Becca received an award and scholarship from The Optimist Club of Kutztown for pursuing further education in her career path and a scholarship from BCTC.



Thank you, Lord!
 For the reaching of this end
 And for this new beginning
 For the joy in finished aims and goals

Have mercy on these graduates
 As they bask in their successes
 Please guide them to their destinies
 And show them love that blesses

We ask for You to lead each one
 Through missteps they may suffer
 On the road to gaining wisdom
 Finding faith and hope

Please touch each heart with joy and peace
 And fill each life with love’s increase
 Of strength and deep devotion

For this eager class of graduates
 Please bless them at this starting gate
 With all the keys they’ll need.

Thank you, Lord. Amen



What's Happening at Jacob's Church

Welcome back everyone to Jacob's Church! Worship services at Jacob's Church will resume on Sunday, June 28 at 10:15AM in the Activity Center. Sunday School classes will resume at a later date, and Children's Church is on summer break.

Please follow these guide lines: social distancing (six feet apart), prevention hygiene (wash hands often or use hand sanitizer), and wear face coverings while moving about building. Once seated if you are comfortable taking off your face covering, please do.

Jacob's Church worship service will continue on PODCAST ON JACOB'S CHURCH WEBSITE.

After each use of facility, the person/persons in charge of event shall clean area with provided disinfected spray and paper towels. This includes tables, chairs, door knobs, counter tops, etc.

SISTERS OF ESTHER BIBLE STUDY meet **Tuesday** mornings in the Activity Center **9:30AM-11:30AM**. Contact Eileen Myers at 610.751.2594.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST MINISTRY meet on **Tuesday** evenings at **7:00PM** in the Activity Center. For additional information, please contact Diane Wertman at 484.330.1033.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST meet on **Wednesday** mornings starting at **7:00AM** and ending approximately at **8:30AM**. Contact Ralph Hill at 610.767.1286.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY GROUP meet on **Wednesday** evenings starting at **7:00PM**. Contact Richard Oswald at 484.707.9580 or Pastor Shay at 610.298.2602.

CHOIR NEWS the choir is on summer break, they will resume in September. Please take this opportunity to share your musical talents during worship. The **SPECIAL MUSIC** sign-up sheet is posted on the Activity Center bulletin board at the main entrance. **SIGN UP TODAY!** Any questions please contact Brenda Phillips at 484.515.1756.



Ladies NIGHT OUT

LADIES NIGHT OUT next meeting will be held on **Monday, July 13th at 7:00PM** in the Activity Center. Join us for a night of tie dying! Bring a white or lightly colored shirt to do traditional colorful tie dye and/or bring a black or darkly colored shirt to do reverse bleach tie dye. Ensure the shirt is 100% cotton or close to it for the best results! Join us for conversation, snacks, and this colorful activity! For additional information, please contact Kayla Fusselman at 610.844.1567.

SPECIAL EVENT COMMITTEE is scheduled to meet on **Monday, July 20th at 7:00PM** in the church parlor area. Please attend to discuss Shinefest, Sunday School Picnic and other upcoming events.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY will be celebrated on **Sunday, July 26, 2020**. The following young teens will be confirmed: **Ryan Bergenstock, Ethan Danner, Andrew Sawyer, Cody Utt and Khrystyna Van Blargan**. Confirmands, please arrive at church at 8:45AM for class pictures and rehearsal. Communion will be served that morning, during worship at 10:15AM.



2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 26 8:45AM – Rehearsal/Pictures
10:15AM – Confirmation Service/Communion

REQUIRED ATTIRE for **PICTURES** and for **CONFIRMATION** (July 26) is, as follows:

Men: Dress shirt and tie with dark slacks

Ladies: Modest white or light print spring dress

Sunday, July 26, 2020 Pentecost Communion/Confirmation Sunday
Holy Communion will be served. Confirmation of five young adults



GRADUATION SUNDAY WILL BE HELD AT A LATER DATE!

SHINEFEST IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2020

NEW 2020-2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS will begin in September 2020. If your child is interested in joining this class, please register on the sign-up sheet posted on the Activity Center bulletin board. Students must be in at least the 7th Grade to attend this class.

YOUTH NEWS!



Jr. High Youth (FUEL) Grades 6th-12th – Summer break

Kids for Christ (KFC) Grades K-5th – Summer break

STEP-UP (Grades 8th-12th) – Summer break

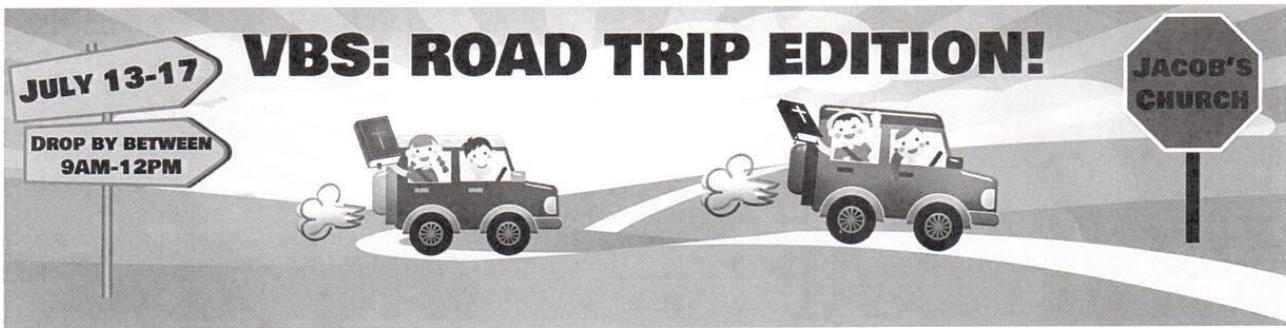
Have a great summer and please keep in touch, **Tad Schlegel, Youth Leader - 717.644.1153 or tad836@yahoo.com**

JACOB'S CHURCH LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL 2020-2021

JACOB'S CHURCH LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL - We have one spot available in the Pre-K (four-year-old) and one spot available in the three-year-old class for the 2020-2021 school year. Email Jill at jsabo615@aol.com to register.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT!!!



Introducing..... "VBS: Road Trip Edition!"

Join us from July 13-17th for a Bible Road Trip like NEVER before! Jacob's Church is hosting our first ever drive through Vacation Bible School!

Drop by anytime between 9AM and 12PM during the week of July 13-17 to participate in this new edition of VBS!

Your family will road trip through a message, a memory verse song, and a skit/puppet show, while never leaving your car! You will end with your fuel for a perfect day - a take home bag filled with snacks, crafts, and activities to enjoy at home!

This drive through event is perfect for children of all ages!

REGISTER NOW!
bit.ly/jacobsvbs20

NOTES OF THANKS!

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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Pastor Shay, Tad Schlegel, Brenda Phillips and Andrea Hermany and children for putting together the Video Podcast service each Sunday.



A SINCERE THANK YOU to the Prayer Ministry Partners/Callers Outreach continuous support during COVID19. Greatly appreciated!

LOOK WHO IS IN THE NEWS!



Sophia Sacks



Graduation 2020 Brandon Fidler



Graduation 2020 Rebecca Shoemaker with mother, Leann



Eroh Family at the races



Beck Family celebrating Father's Day



Nancy and Lester Backenstoos



Photo by Kayla Fusselman



Photo by Thomas Foulk



You know...Cousins, Lucas Sawyer and Kacie Wessner are planning something....



Sunset at Leaser Lake



Tad and son, Michael celebrating Father's Day



Faye Billig's COVID19 Masks

Looking Ahead to

August

SUMMER COMMUNION will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 2nd** during the 10:15AM Worship Service. Circle this date on your calendar for this special service.

Monday, August 3 - Jacob's Church Board Meeting – 7:30PM

Saturday, August 8 – Shinefest

Monday, August 10 – Jacob's Church Elders Meeting – 7:00PM

Monday, August 10 – Ladies Night Out! – 7:00PM

JACOB'S CHURCH
ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT
"THE CHURCH ON A HILL, SHINING FORTH FOR JESUS CHRIST"

June 27, 2020

PER GOVERNOR TOM WOLF THE LEHIGH VALLEY IS IN THE GREEN PHASE OF HIS REOPENING PLAN. GROUPS OF 250 CAN RESUME FOLLOWING THE CDC GUIDE LINES.

Please follow these guidelines: social distancing (six feet apart), prevention hygiene (wash hands often or use hand sanitizer), and wear face coverings while moving about the facility. After each use of facility, the person/persons in charge of event shall clean area with provided disinfected spray and paper towels. This includes tables, chairs, door knobs, counter tops, etc.

Ladies Night Out held their gathering on Monday, June 8th at 7:00PM.

Sister of Esther resumed their meetings on Tuesday, June 9th at 9:30AM to 11:30AM.

The Freedom in Christ Ministry resumed their meetings on Tuesday, June 16th at 7:00PM in the Activity Center.

Men's Prayer Breakfast resumed on Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00AM.

The Stephen Ministry Group held their meeting via ZOOM on Thursday, June 4 and had an in-person meeting on Thursday, June 18, starting approximately at 1:00pm until 3:30pm.

The Revolution Twirlers held practice on Saturday, June 20, starting approximately at 10:00am and ending at 12:30pm.

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

If anyone would like to receive the Jacob's Church Newsletter via email, please send me an email to novaps@aol.com. Thank you

Stay healthy!

God Bless You,
Faye M Foulk



To: Northwestern Lehigh Church Families

March, 2020

The Northwestern Lehigh Veterans Memorial is continuing to move towards the construction phase in Ontelaunee Park. The attached architect's rendering shows the latest design for the memorial.

The essential piece needed to complete the design is the number of names that will be engraved on the granite panels so that the size of the memorial footprint can be determined. **Our area churches are the most important source for veteran's names from your archives, memorials and cemeteries.**

To date, 1725 names of Veterans have been entered in our data base. **The committee has set July 4th, 2020 as the deadline for accepting names** for engraving on the granite panels. Veteran's names will be engraved, in alphabetical order, on the panel that shows the time period in which they served.

Names received after July 4th may be added after construction is complete. Unfortunately, they will have to be placed where space is available on the panels which, will detract from the alphabetical order and make it more difficult to locate the Veteran's name.

An important consideration for the memorial design is the ability to add names of future veterans thereby including our youth who will answer the call to serve in future conflicts. In doing so, this memorial will perpetually honor the service of all our veterans from the birth of our Nation into the future, recognizing the on-going struggle to protect our individual and religious freedoms.

Our website, <http://nwlehighvetismemorial.org>, shows the design and progress toward securing donations required to build the memorial. The symbolism of all the features designed into the memorial is explained. The website lists the names of all veterans that have been submitted to date, the Rules for Engraving and application form to submit Veteran's names. **There is NO FEE to submit a Veteran's name to be included on the memorial before construction begins.**

Thank You,
The Memorial Committee



The Memorial Committee is still missing many names, please take the time to check out the website to see if your love ones are listed (website is listed above). If not, please send information to Faye Foulk at Novaps@aol.com. A picture of the memorial design is located on the bulletin board in the west vestibule. Please take the time to reach out to your family members. The committee does not want to miss anyone!

Jacob's Church Tentative Scheduled Activities

July 2020

			1 7pm Mid-Week Bible Study	2	3	4
5	6 Jacob's Church Board Meeting 7:30pm	7	8 7pm Mid-Week Bible Study	9	10	11
12	13 VBS Jacob's Church Elders Meeting 7:00pm	14 VBS	15 VBS 7pm Mid-week Bible Study	16 VBS	17 VBS	18
19	20 7:00pm Special Event Committee Meeting	21	22 7pm Mid-week Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9am Sunday School 10:15am Blended Worship Service Confirmation Sunday w/Communion	27	28	29 7pm Mid-week Bible Study	30	31	

Jacob's Church Tentative Activity Center Schedule

July 2020

			1 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30am	2	3	4 HAPPY 4 TH OF JULY
5 10:15am Blended Worship Service	6	7 Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	8 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30am	9	10	11 Private Celebration
12 10:15am Blended Worship Service	13 VBS Ladies Night Out! 7:00PM	14 VBS Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	15 VBS Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30am	16 VBS	17 VBS	18 VBS
19 10:15am Blended Worship Service	20	21 Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	22 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30am	23 Stephen Ministry 1:00- 3:30pm	24	25 Booked for a raindate event
26	27	28 Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	29 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30am	30 Private Celebration	31 Private Celebration	



