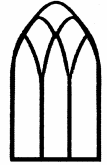




THE WINDOW



THE NEWSLETTER OF FORT HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH * CLEMSON, SC 29631 * (864) 654-2061

Lent: 40 Days of Following Jesus to the Cross

As we enter into the season of Lent we begin a journey that is a hard, but hopeful journey to make. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (February 17) and includes the 40 days leading to the cross of Christ and Easter (April 4). I invite you to join the journey with many Christians throughout the world. Fort Hill Church will begin the season of Lent with an **Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm on February 17** in our Sanctuary. We begin with a time of confession of sin and admitting that we are human, fragile, and broken. This is not easy for many of us to admit. As a pastor, I will say the words "You are dust and to dust you shall return" as the cross made of ashes are place on your forehead or hand. On Ash Wednesday, we admit that we are not God and that we need God in our human frailty.

A few years ago, I remember placing the ashes on the head of Jake Adams who had been dealing with Parkinson's disease, melanoma, among other ailments. As I spoke those words to Jake, I choked up, for I knew that Jake was facing his own mortality just as I was facing losing Jake. Jake was a staunch choir member, had taught music at the Winthrop Training School in Rock Hill, led Church choirs, and the locale Chorale. He had been robust, faithful, and shining light of God's love in our community. Now he was fragile, walking with a walker and dealing with the end of life. Ash Wednesday reminds us of our frailty and the hope that is ours through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

A year ago I prayed and sang with his daughter and wife to Jake in his hospice bed. He died a few days later. And boy, did we have a celebration of his life including the special music which he had requested in our meetings well in advance of his death. Jake lived as one who was prepared to die. He had made peace with his neighbors, he had made peace with himself, and he was at peace with the God whom he had followed all those years.

He had been marked with the ashes of death in the shape of a cross, and now he has been raised with Christ to new life! Alleluia!

Join us on the Lenten journey....

Your Pastor,

Laura Conrad

February 2010

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Upcoming Scriptures for Sunday Worship

February 7th– 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-8 (-13), Psalm 138, I Corinthians 15:1-11,
Luke 5:1-11

February 14th–Transfiguration of the Lord

Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, II Corinthians 3:12-42,
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 21st– 1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans
10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

February 28th–2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philemon 3:17-4:1,
Luke 13:31-35

Presbyterian Women

Do You Feel Like an Outsider?

If you are a newcomer to FHPC or if you have that feeling of not being included in things that are going on here, you just might find the antidote for feeling like an outsider at one of the Presbyterian Women Circles. Included in our Purpose is that of building an “inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God’s Kingdom.” As a step in creating such a community, the Bible Study for February will challenge all of us to confront this issue through scripture, self-reflection, open discussion, and prayer.

Because of our sincere desire for you to become part of this ministry in our church, we wanted to entice you to attend by sharing this beautiful prayer that will be part of our lesson. It is found in the 2009-2010 Horizons Bible Study: Joshua, A Journey of Faith, by Mary Mikhael, p. 68:

Loving God, whose care surpasses all understanding, who calls and welcomes all to be included in your holy family, we bless your name. We are ever in debt to your grace for calling us and for adopting us as your children.

How often we exclude people based on their differences from us; forgive us. How often we create separating walls and hide ourselves behind them, thus losing the blessing of fellowship; have mercy on us.

Grant us wisdom to know that by being open to fellowship with others we are enriching our lives and widening our circles. Help us to have open hearts and wide arms that can include all human beings regardless of class, gender, ethnicity, history, or geography. Help us to be inclusive with all your beloved ones. Help us be like Rahab, wanting to be included among your people with a strong faith in you. Amen.

Please join us. The time for each circle is indicated below, and we hope you will see a time that is convenient for you:

Circle #1 – 1st Monday, 12:15 pm

Circle #2 – 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 pm

Circle #3 – 2nd Monday, 9:30 am

Circle #5 – 1st Monday, 3:00 pm

Circle #6 – Home circle, no meetings

Circle #7 – 3rd Monday, 10:15 am

All circle meetings are held at the church. Please contact Carol Stout, 864-944-1554 or b39c40@bellsouth.net for further information.

Fort Hill Address Change

Due to safety concerns the Session decided to change our address to Edgewood Avenue.

In the event of an emergency, medical personnel, fire, and police can respond to our most used main doors of entrance the Sanctuary front doors and the main entrance to our Administration building.

Our new address is 101 Edgewood Avenue, Clemson, SC 29631.

March 2010 WINDOW DEADLINE

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the March 2010 issue of *The Window* is Friday, February 19. Please email your item as a Microsoft WORD document (.doc) to Amy Elrod at [window@forthillchurch.org](mailto>window@forthillchurch.org). or type the item directly into your email and send. If you don't have access to a computer, please leave the item in *The Window* mailbox in the FHOG office.

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What an exciting time at FHPC as we welcome a lot of new members and see attendance picking up as well. As we do, there seems to be a gradual metamorphosis of membership and leadership from solid "old guard" to a vibrant blend of "something old and something new". Adding to that excitement is a relatively young and enthusiastic ministerial staff. Now we need that same phenomena to take place up in the "choir cubicle".

I call it that because it's too small and cramped even for our present 25-30 voice Chancel Choir. Chairs have to be brought in almost every Sunday. Even prospective choir members have taken note with comments like "you don't seem to have room for what you have". Well, not to worry, we'll move down to the first few rows of the sanctuary opposite the PSA students if need be. However, this is about an urgent call for talent. I know from experience in many churches that there are many folks out there who not only like to sing but could contribute significantly to our Music Ministry. You need to "bring your talents into the choir storehouse"....we're cautioned in the bible against "hiding our talents under a bushel"! An hour and a half during the week and a two hours on Sunday morning isn't asking much and we guarantee it will mean a lot to you and YOUR church.

On a personal note, Millie and I have been singing together in church choirs since the early 50s when our eyes first met during a long winded morning prayer in her home church where I was a paid student singer in a youth quartet that included Virginia Uldrick, founder of the Governor's School in Greenville. Millie joined the choir soon after we started "noticing each other" and here we are, five children and eleven grands later, still harmonizing! Won't you just give it a try? I can't promise you'll find your true love or, in today's vernacular, your "soul mate", but I can promise you could feel real good about checking off another thing on your Christian commitment list.....

Yours in harmony, - Randall Poole



Church Mouse

Christmas Time, Christmas Time is so much fun!

One Sunday right before Christmas the church was just full of beautiful sounds. The choir and handbells were played with these folks in these chancel choir under BILL DIEKHOF: MARY BARRON, DIANNE DIEKHOF, DIANE EGAN, MARLENE NICHOLAS, RAMETH OWENS, VERNIE ROBERTS, ETE RUPPERT, CATHY SPRAGINS, CAROL TODD, MARY CORONATO, KATHY HUGHES, BARBARA FOX, LAURA LEFEVRE, MONICA McGREGOR, SHIRLEY MUZII, MILLIE POOLE, EVELYN RABEY, BETH WILKINSON, JACQUIE WORLEY, CHIP EGAN, GARLAND GRAVELY, COOPER LITTLEJOHN, JIM ROBERTS, JOHN SHERMAN, CHARLES BARRON, BRIAN d'ENTREMONT, GEORGE DUNKLEBERG, BOB FOLSOM, RANDALL POOLE. Handbells: BOB FOLSOM, LINDA DAVIS, JACQUIE WORLEY, MARLENE NICHOLAS, SUSAN SMITH, SHIRLEY MUZII, CAROL TODD, RAENOTA MERRILL, CATHY SPRAGINS & BETH WEBER. There were several people from the congregation who were readers: LIN DEARING, CARTER McINNIS, COREY NORRIS, BRUCE SALLEY, CHERYL TRAMMELL, TIM HOWARD, HEATHER WRIGHT, & SAMANTHA YOUNG.

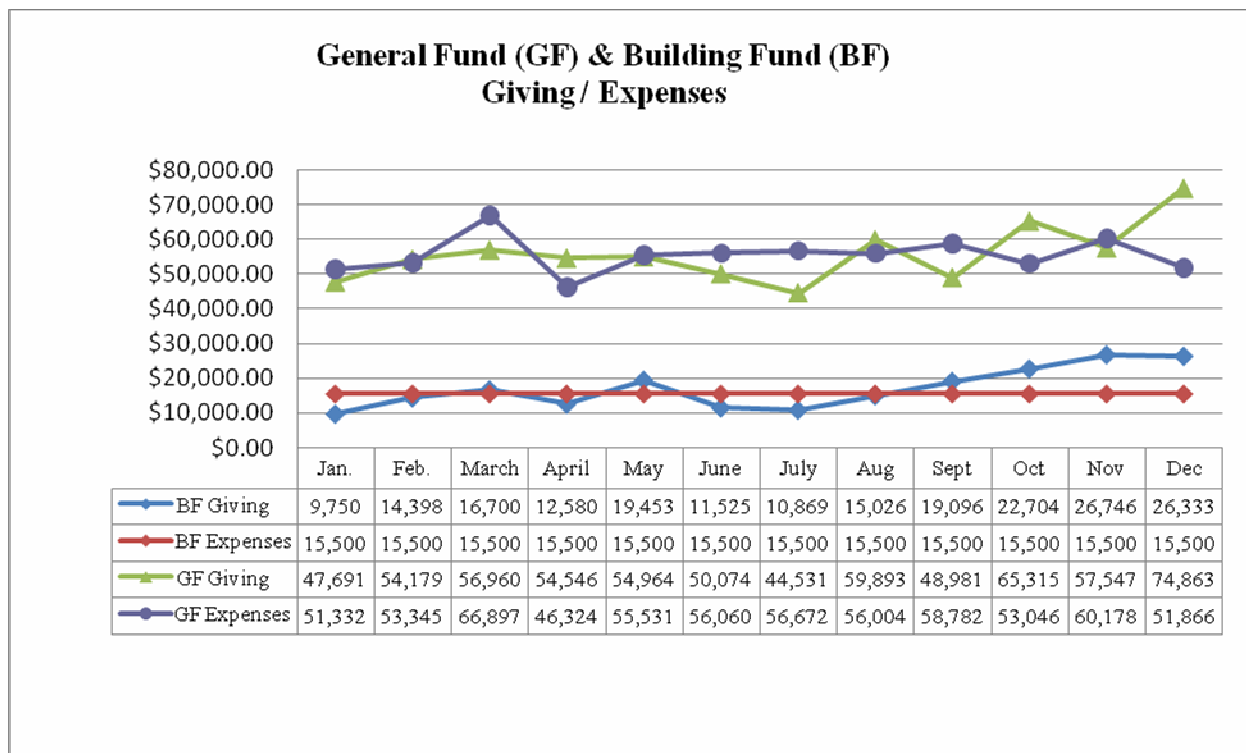
We had a really busy time here at Fort Hill right before Christmas. First DORIS and MILTON had been stacking boxes and boxes in the hall behind the sanctuary for such a long time. Then I watched them and BOB & NAN JONES move them to Tartan Hall. I heard one of them say that they had 406 boxes to be moved. Sure am going to miss running in and out of those boxes.

Then I heard some noise upstairs and following MISS FRAN as she helped ELIZABETH REIMER get ready to print all the newsletters. In the conference room I watched NAN JONES, ELIZABETH REIMER, SUSAN BROWN and her two grandchildren, HAMPTON & MARY GASTON as they folded all the newsletters and sealed them. Wow! That sure was a lot of letters to all you good Fort Hill Folks.

Then I heard more noise in Tartan Hall and I ran down to see about that. It about ran my little legs off as I ran to get out of the way. They had backed up a big truck that belonged to DANNY PRESSLEY and were unloading cans of food, fruit and all kinds of things. There were so many there that it was hard to keep track and stay out of the way. SUSAN BROWN, NAN JONES & DIANNE HASELTON had gotten all the tables labeled so the men, youth and others could unload case after case of food and it was raining so hard. I hear someone tell PASTOR LAURA, CHUCK, AVERY, & HALLIE CONRAD this food was for the needy so they could have a good holiday. Just when I thought things were calming down more people arrived. They packed food for 162 families with each family getting 2 boxes of food with a ham or turkey. As boxes were loaded, CAL SAWYER & JOHN SPRAGINS took the empty boxes the cans were in and helped NAN & BOB JONES break down all the boxes. Then once everyone left, SUSAN & BOB BROWN sorted and organized all the boxes that had been packed. The next morning I was awakened with more voices. I saw PRESIDENT JIM & MARCIA BARKER taking boxes out to their car. Then more Fort Hill folks came and helped deliver all that food to needy people. Now that's what I call having the Christmas spirit. There were so many helping, that MISS FRAN and SUSAN BROWN could not give me all the names. So thanks to all who helped.

From the Finance Ministry – 2009 ended and, with your generosity, Fort Hill finished with a surplus for the year. General Fund (GF) income ended \$4,757 above expenses, and Building Fund (BF) ended \$19,180 above expenses. The combined additional for the year was \$23,937. The \$19,180 surplus from the BF was applied as an extra payment to reduce the debt.

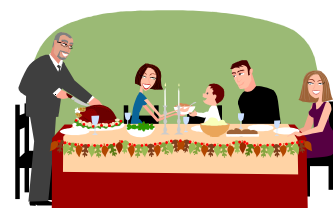
The Finance Ministry would like to inform you that the remaining balance of the mortgage has been refinanced from a 5.75% to a 5% interest rate. This will save over \$5,000 in interest costs.



Loyalty Dinner

Plan to attend Fort Hill Church's Annual Loyalty Dinner!

Make your reservation and payment to attend our annual Loyalty Dinner on Sunday, March 14th at 5:30 pm next door at Clemson First Baptist Church. Payments must be made before March 14th either after worship services or by check to Fort Hill Church marked Loyalty Dinner. Dinner is \$10 for adults; \$3 for children; \$35 max for family. This is a special evening for our entire church family – children too! There will be an opportunity for children to leave with a caregiver that evening if they wish. Gifts: If you choose, bring a special gift, baked goods, a certificate for restaurants or services OR canned goods or donations for Clemson Community Care. Please bring these donated door prizes the evening of the dinner. Plan to come and be with our church family for dinner, music, door prizes and fellowship.



The Congregational Fellowship Ministry

LAY ACADEMY 2010

Sponsored by Clemson Area Congregations in Touch

Session 1: **The Theology of Poverty -- Thursday, February 4, 2010**

Our responsibility for those in need is deeply grounded in Jewish and Christian tradition. Joyce Klein (Jewish), Father Emmanuel (Roman Catholic), and Rev. Cynthia Prescott (Unitarian Universalist) will explore the theological basis for our social justice work in addressing poverty.

Session 2: **The Reality of Poverty -- Thursday, February 11, 2010**

Guest speaker: Rev. Beth Templeton of United Ministries in Greenville, SC and Director of Our Eyes Opened. She is the author of the book "Loving Our Neighbor: A Thoughtful Approach to Helping People in Poverty", and a national speaker on the issue of poverty.

Session 3: **Our Community's Response to Poverty - Thursday, February 18, 2010**

What are the needs, who is presently providing services to meet these needs, where are there gaps, and how can we collaborate to improve services in the area where we live, work and worship? This session will feature roundtable discussions among service providers for the needy, plus representatives from municipalities and churches. For a reservation or further information, please contact Bob Fennell at (864) 654-5961 or Joyce Fishman Klein at (864) 654-6108.

Programs will be held in the Worship Center of the Clemson United Methodist Church on Frontage Road (parallel to Hwy #123) in Clemson starting at 7:00 PM. The public is invited to Sessions 1 and 2, but Session 3 will be "by invitation only".

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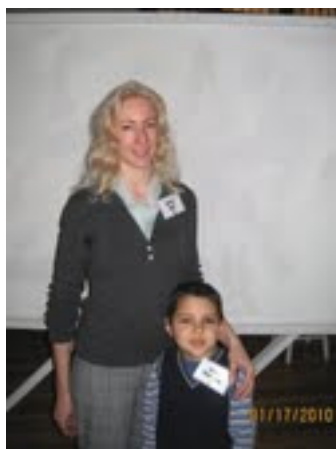
Montreat Mountain Mosaic

Join us for a churchwide retreat on February 20-21 in Montreat. We'll be staying in Reynolds Lodge. We'll begin with lunch on Saturday, have a little bit of everything for everybody — from hiking the mountain, to wandering through 10 Thousand Villages, to sharing music and worship and lots more. 24 hours of relaxing fellowship. Cost will be \$25 per adult; \$10 per child under 12. That covers a bed (2 twin beds per room), four tasty meals and lots of fun. Space is limited, so reserve yours now. Make your check out to Fort Hill Church; mark it "Montreat Mountain Mosaic" and put it in Mary Gause's box in the FHOG office.



FHPC New Members

Please cut out this page and tuck it in the back of your Church Directory!



We welcome Baerta Graff and her daughter, Zander to Fort Hill Presbyterian Church. Baerta grew up in Covington, Georgia and attended the University of Georgia where she received a degree in Art Education. She works as a massage therapist and teaches art dancing to children. Baerta enjoys designing, dancing, cooking, hiking and gardening. Baerta and Zander live at 517 Eaton Street, Central, S.C. 29630. Their phone number is 506-2345.



We welcome Hazel Pittendreigh to Fort Hill. Hazel comes to us from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. She moved to Clemson from Greenville, S.C. to be close to her daughter, FHPC member, Nancy Hudson. Hazel is the grandmother of FHPC member Reagan Blondeau and great-grandmother to Katie and Sam Blondeau. Hazel enjoys knitting and reading. She lives at 312 Downs Blvd. and her phone number is 654-0937



Welcome to Art and Gail Williams. They come to us from Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church in New Jersey. Art and Gail moved to the area in retirement and enjoy golf and boating. Both were formerly employed as financial analysts. The Williams live at 524 Nautical Way in Anderson. Their phone number is (908) 647-0340.

February Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

Jan. 31—Feb. 7 Laura Conrad
February 8-14 Rodney Norris
February 15-21 Mary Gause
February 22-28 Laura Conrad

Elder at the Font 10:30

February 7 Linda Wofford
February 14 Chris Bandy
February 21 Alice Thalheimer
February 28 Need a Volunteer!

Elder at the Font 8:30

February 7 Ethel Pettigrew
February 14 Michael Blackwell
February 21 Need a Volunteer!
February 28 Need a Volunteer!

Now We Know!

Many of you might be happy to know who the "Presbyterian Elf" is who gave Susan Beckwith the many surprises that came to her door the past 6 years. These gifts and flowers were given to Susan mostly on holidays and gave her lots of joy. The Elf's kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated by both Susan and her family.

The Elf's name is...Lib Gage.

Announcements and Concerns

CONGRATULATIONS to Steve and Tootie Poteet upon the birth of their granddaughter, Juliana Elizabeth Poteet, on December 24, 2009. Parents are William and Stephanie Poteet. Proud aunts in our congregation are Layne and Charlotte Poteet.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Anne Cash upon the death of her sister, Emilie McLaughlin, on January 4, 2010.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Becky and Bob Fant upon the death of Becky's aunt, Harriett Downey, in Baltimore, Maryland, on January 6, 2010.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Rodney Norris and family upon the death of his aunt, Judy Ozment, in West Jefferson, NC, on December 30, 2009.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of FHPC member Elizabeth Royal upon her death on January 4, 2010.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to David Bruce and family upon the death of his uncle, Rev. John Powers, on December 29, 2009, in Leeds, AL.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Fran Solesbee and family upon the death of Fran's uncle, Dr. Freeman Parker, Jr., on January 19, 2010, in Florence, SC.

Valentines Day Extravaganza!

Join us at 5:30 on February 14th for the **Second Sunday Supper** sponsored by the **Christian Education Ministry**.

Supper will be potluck so please bring a dish to share.

CE has planned a **Newlywed game** for our adult program and our children will watch a movie and do some crafts.

Plan to spend Valentines Day with the ones you love at Fort Hill!

*Joining together on a journey of Christian faith, we seek to be Disciples of Christ
and to share God's love in our community and around the world.*



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February 2010 Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Eric Pollard	2 Hayden Anderson Linda Davis Nina Norris Marshall Smith Matthew Wetsel	3 Diane Bitzer Almeda Jacks	4 Brian Brown Donna London	5 Laura Conrad Adam DeWitt	6 Justin Hill Charles Rutland Anna Tollison Jim Weir
7	8 Arlene Cheatham Eileen Homan Tom Scott Hack Trammell Anniversary: Brian & Nickie Mueller	9 Terri Bruce Beth Wilkinson	10	11 Laura Lefevre Aleta Robinson	12 Bennett Bost Ward Browning	13 Ann Gilreath Terrell Suit
14 Patrick Pettigrew Sarah Van Daele Anniversaries: David & Debbie Collins Tim & Ann Howard	15 Catherine Norris	16 Sam Bruce Cole Greagan Kathy McGee	17 David Barkley Forrest Fuller	18 Lauren Chavis Anniversary: Bob & Nancy Littleson	19 Bill Alexander Jessica Christenbury Jim Dusenberry Dianne Haselton Ed Ingalls John Martin Larry Mudge Duaine Wigger *	20 Nancy Barton Joyce Christenbury Aaron Pollard Carol Suit Anniversary: Linvil & Molly Rich
21 Bob Jones Jeff Weir Joey Weir Anniversary: Michael & Joy Van Daele	22	23 Holly Burchfield Kyle Smith	24 Hansen Wetsel	25 Tripp Mostertz	26 Janet Cantrell Becky Fant Steve Hunter Laurel Whisler Alexis Winchester Spencer Wright	27 Richard Clarke Owen Van de Sande Marian Wooten
28 Christine Lightsey Anniversary: Bob & Duaine Wigger					*Anniversary: Jack & Raenota Merrill (Feb. 19)	

February 2010 Fort Hill Church Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Schedule 8:30 am Worship-TH 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship-Sanctuary 4:30 pm MS youth group 6:00 pm Sr. high youth	1 12:15pm Circle 1-CR 1:00pm Visual Arts-Library 3:00pm Circle 5-CR 7:00pm Personnel-Conf. Rm. 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:15pm CE rm 206	2 7:00am MOC-TH 9:00am Staff mtg-Conf. Rm. 6:00pm Folk Dance Group-CR 6:00pm B & G mtg-Conf. Rm. 7:00pm Session-TH	3 3-6pm NAMI interviews-CCR 5:00pm Webelos-CR 5:30pm Music Ministry mtg-Library 7:00pm Preschool Ministry mtg-Lib.	4 2:15pm OLLI-Lib.	5	6 9am-5pm NAMI interviews-CCR 7-10pm CAPS-TH/BH
7 Scout Sunday 11:30am Chili cook-off-TH 1-5pm CAPS-TH 2:30pm NAMI-CR	8 9:15am Valentine box packing-TH 9:30am Circle 3-CR 5:30pm Girl Scouts-CR 7:00pm Finance mtg-Library 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 9:30am Staff mtg-Conf. Rm. 6:00pm Folk Dance Group-Club Room 7:00pm Cub Scouts-TH 7:30pm Circle 2-Lib.	10 5:30pm Worship mtg-Conf. Rm.	11 2:15pm OLLI-Lib.	12 5pm Elementary Missions-BH	13 9am Preschool Missions-BH
14 10:15am Congregational mtg-Sanct. 2:00pm Cub Scouts-BH 2:30pm NAMI-CR 5:30pm 2nd Sunday Supper-TH	15 1:00pm Visual Arts mtg-Library 5:30pm Christian Action mtg-Lib. 7:00pm Boy Scouts-TH, BH, dungeon	16 9:30am Staff mtg-Conf. Rm. 9:30am PW Coord. Team mtg-CR 6:00pm Folk Dance Group-CR	17 1:30pm OLLI-CR 5:00pm Webelos-CR	18 2:15pm OLLI-Lib. 7-8pm OLLI -Lib.	19 5:30pm Cub Scouts-TH Session Retreat	20 Session Retreat
21 9:15am Endowment mtg-dungeon 1:00pm CAPS-TH 2:30pm NAMI-Club Room	22 9:15am Circle 7-Library 5-9pm Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor-TH, Sanct.	23 9:30am Staff mtg-Conf. Rm. 6:00pm Folk Dance Group-CR 7-8pm OLLI -Lib. 7-8pm Cub Scouts-TH	24	25 2:15pm OLLI-Lib. 7-8pm OLLI -Lib.	26	27
28 9:30am Discovery class 2:00pm Cub Scouts-BBH 2:30pm NAMI-Club Room 5:00pm Prayer Partner Picnic-TTH					Every Monday at 7:00 pm Boy Scouts-CR, TH, dungeon Tuesday at 6:00pm Folk Dance Group-CR Wednesday 6:15 pm Handbell rehearsal-Choir Room 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	Key to abbreviations: CR-Club Room TH-Tartan Hall Conf. Rm.-Conference Room CCR-Cooper classroom BH-Bethlehem Hall