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PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

Welcoming Wednesdays, Make An Evening Of It!

The LORD said to Moses: have them make me a sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them. In accordance with all that I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle and of all its furniture, so you shall make it. —Exodus 25:8-9 (NRSV)

Worshipping together is important. It's a key part of our Christian practice because it's where we gather to remember how we relate to God, share our prayers, consider the Scriptures, be encouraged in faith growth, and reconnect to Christ as his body working together.

Worship has always been important. It was only about three months after God freed the ancient Hebrew people

from being slaves in Egypt that Moses went up to meet God on Mount Sinai. According to the book of Exodus, Moses received the 10 commandments and many other rules for faithful living. He also received very detailed instructions on how to build the first place of worship. It was a movable worship space; a structure made of sections of cloth hung between wooden poles so that a central courtyard was formed for worship. Every time the people camped, they set that worship center up. Every time they moved, the people in charge of caring for it took it down and took it with them. Worship was not a "sometimes, when I feel like it" activity, it was meant to be an "always" activity.

For many years, Baker Memorial UMC has offered a regular opportunity to worship primarily on Sunday mornings. Beginning on Wednesday, September 11 we're going to begin a weekly chapel service from 6-6:25pm. It will be an opportunity to be renewed and reconnect to God midweek. It will be short and simple. It's meant to be a place for both

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PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

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new and mature Christians to gather in the presence of God. Hopefully it can be a time that is welcoming to people who've never experienced Christian worship or have been away for a long time. Please mark your calendars and plan to come.

Wednesdays have long been a church night at Baker Memorial UMC. We took a little step away from that last year, but this year we'd like to take a step back. Most of the choirs rehearse on Wednesdays, so consider joining choir. The choirs meet as follows:

- Chapel Bells (3nd-8th graders) | 4:30-5pm
- Chapel Choir (3nd-8th grade boys) | 5-5:30pm
- Wesley (3nd-8th grade girls) | 5-5:30pm
- Chancel Bells (9th grade-Adults) | 6-6:30pm

- Chancel Choir (9th grade-Adults) | 6:30-8pm

Stay for a wonderful, home cooked family meal in Wiley Hall from 5-6pm. You really can't beat the quality or the cost! Tickets are available at the dinner or you can buy a meal ticket for 10 meals.

Stay for a youth/adult study beginning at 6:30pm.

Childcare/programming will be available for kids 3 years old and potty trained through 5th grade from 6-8pm.

Make an evening of it on Wednesdays. Come for Worship and Stay for Choir or Study. Bring your children to choir and stay for dinner then let them enjoy the programming for their age group. Try out bell ringing or singing. Invite a friend for a simple, but meaningful worship experience. I hope to see you there!

In Christ,
Pastor Mary

Music Groups and an Opportunity to Sign Up

We are excited about our new program year of music at Baker Memorial and have a few changes to let you know about. We will begin registering those interested in participating, Sunday, August 15th. Tables will be placed in Baker Hall for you to sign up between services or during the week. If it's more convenient, you may also go to the church web site at www.bakermemorialchurch.org and look for the link to register for music programs.

We welcome Gil Wukitsch as our new coordinator of instrumental music. We encourage those of all ages and skill level to get involved in this opportunity. We also are excited to announce that Kathy Olivarez will lead an effort to offer High School youth an opportunity to provide small group musical offerings on occasion in church.

Below is a list of musical ensembles and their directors. Specific information on when the ensembles will rehearse and participate in worship will be available on August 15th both on our website and on the sign up tables in Baker Hall.

Vocal Choirs

Sunday school Elementary Choir: Meets as part of Sunday School. Melissa Arndt, director

Chapel Choir: For boys age 3rd grade to 8th grade. Meets on Wednesday afternoons at 5pm. Jeff Hunt, director

Wesley Singers: For Girls age 3rd grade to 8th grade.

Meets on Wednesday afternoons at 5pm. Kathy Olivarez, director

High School small ensembles: New this year for those interested in solos, duets, small ensemble participation in worship. Kathy Olivarez, director

Men's ensemble: For men age high school and older. Meets on Sunday mornings at 8am twice before they sing each month. John Clarke and Jeff Hunt, directors

Women's ensemble; for women age High School and older. Meets on Sunday mornings at 8am before they sing. Ellen Anton, director

Chancel Choir: For singers High School and older. The Chancel choir sings most Sunday mornings at 9am and rehearses Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. Jeff Hunt, Director

Bell Choirs

Chapel Bell Choir: For those in 3rd grade through 8th grade. Meets on Wednesdays at 4:30pm. Director, Kathy Olivarez

Chancel Bell Choir: For those in high school and older. Meets on Wednesdays at 6pm. Rob Murphy, director

Instrumental ensembles: brass, winds, strings.

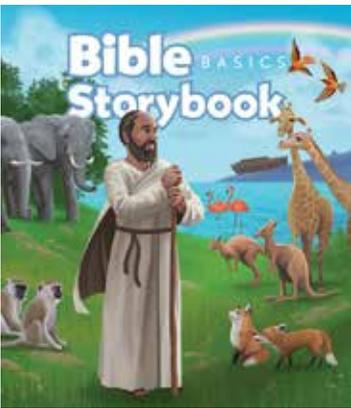
For elementary ages through adult. Meets per schedule. Gil Wukitsch, director

Children & Family Ministries

BACK TO SCHOOL & BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

This fall we are inviting all 3 year olds, who are potty trained, to join with our Kindergarten Sunday school program at 9am. The Pre K/K classroom will be using a different format from the *Deep Blue* curriculum called *Loving God, Loving Neighbor*. The children get to meet the *Deep Blue* kids, Asia, Edgar, Kat, and Caleb each week through a DVD to tell the Bible stories from kid's point of views. *Loving God, Loving Neighbor* takes the kids into a community setting to demonstrate how to share God's love with others. The Pre-K/K classroom will have extra wiggle time while singing and learning Bible verses with sign language through the adventure DVD time.

The elementary children will be changing their curriculum from *Deep Blue* to *Bible Story Basics*. It will go along with their same *Deep Blue Bibles*. For those of you who are interested, there is a *Bible Basics Storybook* too. It has 149 Old and New Testament illustrated stories to help build your child's faith foundation. There is a copy of it in the Children's Center. Each week, the children will learn a Bible verse and be engaged through games, art, science,



worship, and prayer. It also provides basic tools for reading the Bible and learning God's word. *Bible Story Basics* is a 3-year curriculum that teaches 149 Old and New Testament stories from that starts with Genesis.

The children will continue to close the end of the hour in the Chapel

as a group. Melissa Arndt will lead the children through praise and worship. Please join us this year as a teacher, a shepherd, or as a loving helper. If you like to have fun, make crafts, play games, or tell stories, then that is exactly what Sunday school is all about each week. Your gifts and talents can make a difference in their faith formation. Come see how your two to four week commitment can make an impact.

Back to School Blessings,
Shelly Stienbarger
Director, Children & Family Ministry

Family Bible Verse: "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." —Proverbs 22:6

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **August Curriculum** | 9am | Jonah and the Fish
- **August 4 & 11** | No Sunday School
- **August 18 & 25** | 9am | Sunday School
- **August 28** | 6-7pm | Summer Sundae Party | RSVP to [sstienbarger@bakermemorialchurch.org](mailto:ssstienbarger@bakermemorialchurch.org)

THANK YOU!

- **July Teachers & Shepherds:** Mitzi Babka, Donna Lyons, Ginny Swiatek & Becky Crow
- **Nursery:** Catherine & Jade Rosenquist & Eleanor Sams

— *A Children & Family Celebration* —

SUMMER SUNDAE PARTY



**Wednesday, August 28
at 6-7pm in Wiley Hall**

Join us for sundae funday family fun!

Youth Ministry

AND...WE'RE BACK!

Summer is not yet over, but we are already revving up the engines and apparatus for our youth program. This year, we are bringing back some favorites like the Sleep Out Saturday™ rally and Youth Fellowship. We are also starting new things, like a new Work Trip location and Bible Study time. It all begins on August 18th with youth-led worship services followed by a launch party at the Dummer's house. There is work for all of us who are interested in the best possible youth program for our children throughout the year. Let's begin with some steps we'd appreciate you taking over the next few weeks.

First, spread the word far and wide. Typically parents are the ones who read the Carillon, so parents, share this information with your young people. We want this to make a giant splash in their minds and set up a wonderful year of youth activities. If you do not have young people, chances are you know someone with teens. Our first event is for high schoolers, so reach out to your friends and invite their teens to the service and the party immediately following. The next week we are launching our middle school programming at the King's house. At each event there will be food and lots of games. You can grab the graphic from Instagram, Facebook, the *Weekly Word* or this *Carillon* article and pass it on to those in your network.

Next, we are always in need of volunteers to help with

Here are a few pictures from our projects and down time in Rushville, Indiana. As you can see, we did a lot of work and had a lot of fun. Thank you to every person who gave money, lent energy and support, and helped make our work trip possible. Our youth are blessed to have such a great church family supporting them every step of the way.



our events. Youth Fellowship will be every first and third Sunday from 4-6 for high schoolers and every second and fourth Sunday at the same time for middle school youth. A good number of people have already agreed to be involved, but we need more people willing to teach, play games or just be present for our young people. This is a team effort, no doubt and will be less than stellar without a robust group of dedicated adults (young and older) involved. Getting signed up is as easy as emailing cking@bakermemorialchurch.org and saying, "Sign me Up." I'll make sure you get plugged in to a place that matches your gifts and abilities.

Finally, after you have done at least two of the two things above :), pray for our program and the young people we will touch this year. While writing this, I'm reminded of the intense heat during the work trip in July. A number of young people from other churches experienced heat exhaustion and low blood sugar during the week, yet each of our children were just fine. That is due in no small part to the prayers of parents and leaders in our church. Thank you! Don't stop praying, either. Our young people need your involvement and your prayers.

In God's service,

Carl King

Director of Youth Ministry

Young Adult Ministry

LIONS AND COUGARS AND CHAIRS, OH MY!

July was a pretty busy month for young adult ministry with book nights at Arcedium, trivia night at 100 Grapes, and *The Lion King* movie night. Did you make it to any of the events? If not, we missed you but have plenty of exciting things coming up in August to look forward to.

On August 11, after the second service (12pm) we are meeting over at the King's house for burgers and brew in our backyard. Of course the weather is a factor, but we will play games regardless—either horseshoes, bean toss, volleyball, kickball and more *or* Uno, trivia games and extreme napping. I'm really good at that last one: All-State my senior year. Bring a dish to pass around and a few drinks. We'll share it all and maybe introduce each other to new flavors. Be sure to invite someone else, too. The more the merrier.

In addition to the backyard outing, we are working on more opportunities to connect with each other in public spaces. One idea we're processing is taking Careful Christian Conversations out into the community. I have spoken with a local business and they are amenable to us meeting in their space. The possibilities are vast in what



Join us at the YA cookout on Sunday, August 11 at 12pm!

we could do with this event. It could be a once monthly community dialogue on a topic young adults are passionate about. We could have a song or two prior or a worship service afterward. Send me your ideas about what you have experienced in the past at other churches or what you have seen work for attracting young adults and building community.

Until we firm up the plans for what is next, we will continue meeting at Arcedium and discussing relevant books and current topics. Every Tuesday evening from 6-7pm. We'd love to see you out and I'll even buy you a cup of decaf coffee (trust me, caffeine at 7pm is just asking for it).

If you're headed back to college, like many of our young adults, be sure to sign up with our Church Mouse ministry program. It is a really neat program that pairs you with a church member who will write you cards, send you goodies in the mail, pray for you and be a listening ear if you need. University life can be extremely challenging, especially when you reach that point where it's too late to drop the class, but the end seems too far away. If you have experienced this situation, you know the exact feeling. Why not let someone who has been there give you a word of counsel or calm or encouragement? Check with Mrs. Nancy Pearson at npearson@ameritech.net for details on signing up.

Blessings,
Carl King
Director of Young Adult Ministry

Church Mice Needed!

A Church Mouse is a person who volunteers to be a "secret pal" to one of our church members who is away at college. The "mouse" agrees to pray for the student and also anonymously send them notes or cards or even a small care package to encourage them and help them feel connected to the church while they are away. This ministry has been ongoing at Baker Church since 2000 and has been appreciated by many, many of our young people.

If you would like to volunteer to be a Church Mouse please fill out the half sheet of paper provided near the Church Mouse box the hall across from the coat racks. If you are or have a college student interested in receiving support from a Church Mouse please fill out the full sheet with your information. All paperwork should be placed in the box or sent to Nancy Pearson and you will be contacted. If you have any questions please email Nancy Pearson at npearson@ameritech.net.

MISSIONS CORNER

Opportunities for Service

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

The next NIL Food Bank volunteer date is August 19 from 9am-Noon. Every third Monday a team meets at the food bank at 273 Dearborn Ct. in Geneva to package food for those in need. It is a rewarding and fun mission to be involved in. If you would like to join the team or get more information contact Betty Erickson at N9FYC@aol.com

M&M SUMMER FUNDRAISER CONTINUES

Many thanks to all who took home their M&M's, ate, prayed and contributed so far this summer supporting *our* Missionary in Cambodia, Clara Biswas. In June, we earned \$645 and hope to do the same in July and August (July totals are not posted yet). If you missed the opportunity, there will be another on August 18th. The tubes will be distributed on August 18 and can be turned in on the 24th as you enter the sanctuary! We ask that you take home the container, eat the M&M's, pray as a family and fill with cash or a check to support Clara's ministry and our Rainbow Covenant commitment. The funds collected will go a long way in helping the street kids of Cambodia and their families! Contact Chris Stumpf with any questions at cstumpf0308@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

ADULT MISSION TRIP SILENT AUCTION

We're planning a fabulous auction in November. We will have many baskets, certificates and treasures on display

Immerse: Beginnings is Recruiting

Baker is planning for another Immerse session this Fall: Immerse Beginnings. Beginnings is the second installment of the six volumes of *Immerse: Beginnings* takes us on a unique journey through the first five books of the Bible, the Pentateuch. From Genesis through Deuteronomy. Alan McCurdy is now recruiting leaders for the Immerse sessions. We had strong participation last session and we'd like to continue and build upon that success. If you led or facilitated a group last session, we'd like to have you back. If you are interested in leading or participating, please contact Alan McCurdy at church in between services, email amccurdy54@aol.com or cell 847-309-6904.

and available for three weeks of silent bidding! If you have an item or gift certificate that you would like to donate, please contact Chris Stumpf at cstumpf0308@gmail.com. There will be community sponsors with certificates for golf, restaurants, Forever Yogurt (Baker members), cheeses (Baker member Curds & Whey), Mr. Gutter (Baker member), Colonial certificates, The Brunch Café and many more coming in! NOLA team members have donated a kitchen basket, Yeti basket, Organize Me Please basket, Bernstein Bears basket with Boyds Bears, Cookies for Christmas, Pies for Thanksgiving, Grille baskets, Chicago Bears vintage jacket, Chicago Bulls vintage winter coat, Handyman Package, Face Painting Package, Date Nights, Family Packages and much more! Your support is most appreciated!

So, come to Baker Hall on November 3, 10 and 17. Bidding ends at 9am on the 17th. Look for the final list of auction offerings in the Fall.

HAPPENINGS LATER THIS YEAR...

- **October:** The next Blood Drive is Wednesday, October 9. Stuff the Turkey begins later in the month.
- **November:** Angel Tree Tags, an way to support local children, begins. Our annual Salvation Army bell ringing sign up begins.
- **December:** The Gift Wrap Fundraiser returns. Let us wrap your gifts! Proceeds go to Clara's kids.

Can you give? Are you available to help? Join us in supporting our ministry to give *here, near and far away!* Contact Chris at cstumpf0308@gmail.com

Jesus at the Movies

The ballots have been cast and the three movies to be covered in the August Sermon series are (imagine a drumroll please)—*Finding Nemo*, *Green Book*, and *Bridge of Spies*. In addition, we'll be having movie nights to see each movie before the sermon. Bring your favorite movie snack to share and we'll have some pizza to call "dinner." Movies begin at 6pm on Wednesday, July 31 (*Finding Nemo*), August 7 (*Bridge of Spies*), and August 14 (*Green Book*). We'll meet in the Youth Center or Wiley depending on how many come!





Rev. Rich Rubietta led everyone in singing “We are the Church Together” during the children’s message on July 28. Rubietta is a modern-day Circuit Rider and Conference Evangelist for the United Methodist Church. His true spiritual joy is contagious!

Day Guest Ministry Needs

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Day Guest Meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30am-12:30pm in Baker Hall. The word has spread and the lunches are becoming more heavily attended. We have an urgent need for people to provide and serve meals. To sign up go to mealtrain.com/trains/z9dyzd or call Judy in the church office at 630-584-6680. We also need monetary donations to provide things that our guests need—it could

St. Charles Singers Mozart Festival ‘19

- Mozart Journey XV, Friday performance
Friday, August 23 | 7:30pm at Baker Memorial UMC
- Midday Mozart Garden Party and Brunch
Saturday, August 24 | 11am to 2:30pm at Hotel Baker
- Mozart Journey XV | Sunday performance,
Sunday, August 25 | 4pm at Baker Memorial UMC

For more information about the Mozart Festival, go to: stcharlessingers.com/event/mozart-festival/

The Mozart Journey is a unique undertaking, begun by the St. Charles Singers in 2010. It has advanced along in solid partnerships with the Metropolis Chamber Orchestra and a bevy of talented local soloists. The goal remains today, to perform and record the entire known genre of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s known sacred

be something like work shoes so they can start a job or a phone card for a pre-paid cell phone so they can receive calls about jobs applied for. Many times they need rides to doctor appointments or to a shelter. If we have funds, we can provide an Uber ride. If you would like to donate, please write “Day Guests” in the memo of your check or on your offering envelope.

One O’Clock Book Group

This book discussion group meets in the Parlor at 1pm on the first Monday of each month (except Labor Day). The selection for September 8 is *The Last Midwife* by Sandra Dallas. With an incomparable gift for creating a sense of time and place and characters that capture your heart, *The Last Midwife* tells the story of family, community, and the secrets that can destroy and unite them. Copies are available on the book club shelves at the St. Charles Public Library. All are invited to join in the lively discussion. For information, contact Shelley Campbell at sscbooks@sbcglobal.net.



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compositions. This 17 concert undertaking is significant in that many find his sacred choral music as exquisite as his symphonic, operatic and chamber works, but these compositions are largely less familiar. To date, we have performed 14 of the 17 concerts, providing fans of Mozart and the choir an opportunity to experience this rich catalogue of music. Once finished, we hope the legacy of the Journey will be memorialized in a complete recording by the St. Charles Singers and Metropolis Chamber Orchestra, whereupon his music can be studied and enjoyed by the many fans of this great composer. The journey has, at times, been challenging in financial and musical ways, and we are grateful that these challenges have so far been met with passion, energy and excitement by our wonderful patrons and partners of St. Charles Singers. —*Jeff Hunt*, Musical Director

AUGUST SERMON SERIES



Jesus at the Movies

*God is everywhere,
and we are to pray
"without ceasing,"
so how can we
encounter Jesus
even at the movies?*

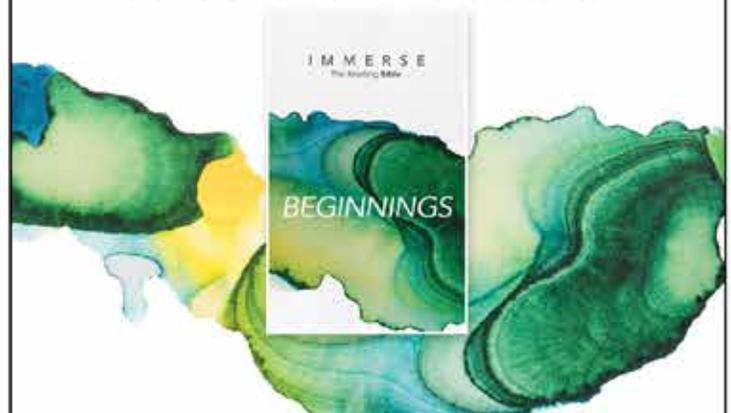
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- IT'S LIKE A WEEKLY BOOK CLUB •

BEGINNINGS

The next Immerse study kicks off the week of September 15 and runs through the week of November 10. Sign up at: bit.ly/ImmerseBeginnings

FIND YOUR GROUP!



BakerYouth



LAUNCH PARTY!

8.18 | 12PM | HIGH SCHOOL

8.25 | 12PM | MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bring your swimsuit, towel & sunscreen

For party address, details and to RSVP
go to: <http://bit.ly/bylaunchparty>

WATER GAMES, FOOD & FUN!

UMM MEN'S BREAKFAST

7:30AM | 3RD SUNDAYS

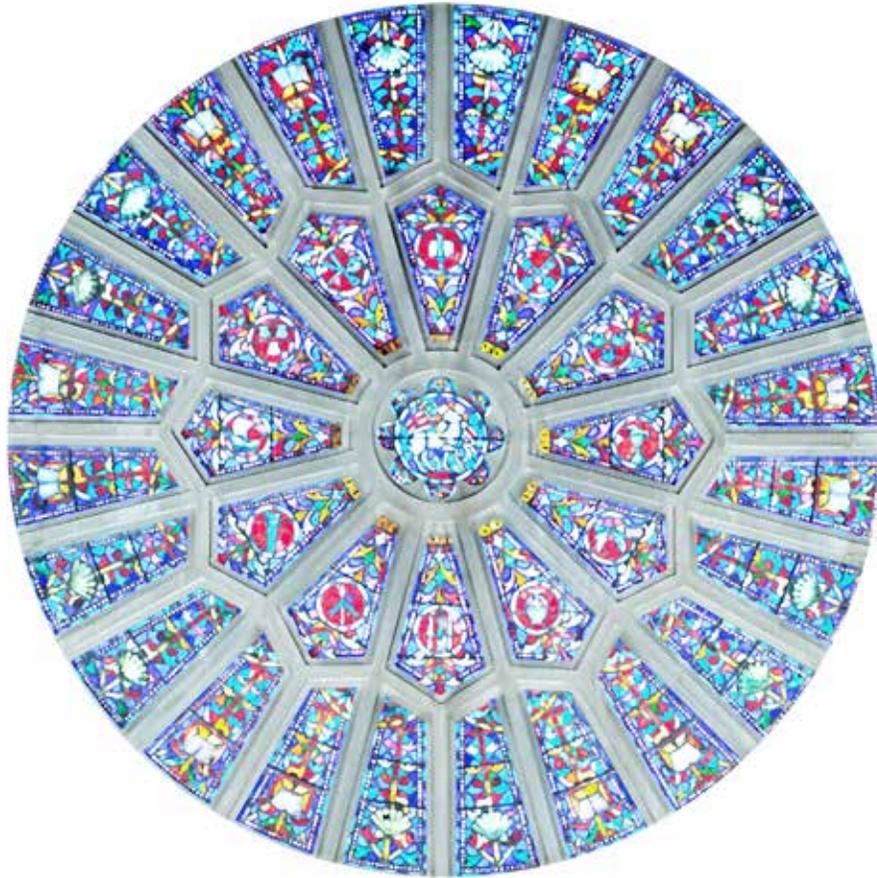


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All men of the church and their friends are invited to gather for food, fellowship and a featured speaker. Check it out!

AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>9am Worship 9am Sunday School: Children 10:30am Jazz Worship</p>	<p>11:30am FaithFriends 7pm Scout Troop 14</p>	<p>11:30am Day Guest Lunch 11:30am Kiwanis 1:30pm Staff Meeting 8pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>		<p>7:30am FaithFriends 1:30am Day Guest Lunch</p>	<p>NOTE: The first row of items occur every week and will not appear on daily listings (except in case of schedule change)</p>	
				1	2 8am Farmer's Market	3
4	<p>5 Lifeline Screening 1pm One O'Clock Book Club 7pm Spiritual Formation & Discipleship</p>	<p>6 6pm Young Adult Study @Arcedium</p>	<p>7 6pm Movie Night: <i>Bridge of Spies</i> 7pm Young Adults/ Esther Circle @100 Grapes</p>	8	<p>9 8am Farmer's Market</p>	10
<p>11 12pm Youg Adult Cookout</p>	12	<p>13 3:30pm Lazarus House Cooking 5pm Woman's Emmaus (<i>off-site</i>) 6pm Young Adult Study @Arcedium</p>	<p>14 6pm Movie Night: <i>Green Book</i></p>	<p>15 1pm Women's Emmaus</p>	<p>16 8am Farmer's Market</p>	<p>17 9am UMM Clean the sanctuary</p>
<p>18 10:30am Confirmation 12pm Launch Party: High School</p>	19	<p>20 Carillon Articles Due 6pm Young Adult Study @Arcedium</p>			<p>23 8am Farmer's Market 7:30pm St. Charles Singers Mozart Festival</p>	24
<p>25 9am Sunday School Teacher Training 10:30am Confirmation 12pm Launch Party: Micddle School 3pm StC Singers Mozart Festival</p>	26	<p>27 6pm Young Adult Study @Arcedium 6pm Lydia Circle</p>	<p>28 6pm C&F Sundae Party</p>	29		



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