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PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

Celebration of Good News!

“For nothing will be impossible with God.”—Luke 1:37 (NRSV)

The angel Gabriel speaks these words to Mary just as he finishes explaining to her that she has been chosen by God to birth God's Son. What seemed utterly impossible to humans, turned out to be utterly possible with God. As a sign the angel explains that even Elizabeth, her relative who is gently said to be in her “old age”, has conceived a child. When the plan is God's plan, nothing is impossible. The key is to always seek to follow God's plan. All kinds of things are impossible for humans to do on our own.

As I write this I am celebrating in my soul, for something that humans likely thought was impossible has been done by faithful people far away. In early September, the Methodist Church of Cambodia was officially formed. It's a miracle, and also a lesson that miracles often don't happen overnight.

Cambodia is a country that is largely Buddhist; about 2% of people claim Christianity. In 1989 there were only three Methodist churches in the entire country, even though several Methodist agencies were involved in mission outreach. In the late 1990's five Methodist mission groups prayerfully decided that God was calling them to stop working separately and start working together to spread the Gospel in Cambodia. United Methodist Global Ministries, the Korean Methodist Church, the Methodist Church in Singapore, the World Federation of Chinese Methodist Churches and Connexio (the mission agency of United Methodists in France and Switzerland) combined their separate outreach efforts into one effort, and changed their goal from expanding their branch of Methodism to expanding Christ's Body by seeking to establish an autonomous Methodist denomination in Cambodia. God has honored that willingness to work together over many years.

In 2001, the five agencies worked together to produce a Cambodian Methodist hymnal. In 2003 they started working together on missionary placements, leadership development of local leaders, church planting, and evangelism. Now, 15 years after combining efforts in

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PHOTO: MYUNGJIM KIM

Clergy pray over the newly elected President of the Methodist Church in Cambodia, Rev. Lun Sophy.

PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

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evangelism, there are 140 congregations, 132 Cambodian clergypersons, 3,171 full members and average Sunday worship attendance of 6,828. The new Cambodian Methodist Church will continue to be assisted by the five agencies for the first few years as they seek to establish faith

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communities in the five remaining provinces that do not have faith communities established.

What a reminder this is, that above all else we need to seek God's will before we seek our own. Each one of these branches of Methodism brought important gifts to this effort, and none of them seem to have

had all the gifts needed to be fruitful alone. What a joy it is to celebrate the birth of this new Methodist Church, especially as we gather to celebrate World Communion Sunday and seek to grow our support for Clara Biswas as a United Methodist Missionary in Phnom Penh.

In this month of October, please hold the Cambodian Methodist Church in your prayers. Please also hold the 12 other mission initiatives that the United Methodist Church is undertaking around the globe. The others are in Cameroon, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Mongolia, Senegal, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam. May we seek to let God work through us, to do what is impossible for us to do alone.

In Christ,
Pastor Mary

On Sunday, October 7, we enable national and international graduate students to change the world

World Communion Sunday

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

Equipping Disciples Like Mary Grace to Serve in Jesus' Name.

As a small child Mary Grace Galapon labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed this deaconess, of the Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, to pursue an education that is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty.

Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give.



DID YOU KNOW?
AT LEAST 50% OF THE OFFERING COLLECTED ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS EARMARKED FOR MINISTRIES OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Will You Equip World-Changers? Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students, like Mary Grace? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be?

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2018, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

—umciving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sunday

Children & Family Ministries

LET'S HAVE COFFEE!

If anyone knows me, I truly love coffee. I carry two coffee travel mugs out the door every day—and still might have one more before lunch. My girls know the gift I prefer for Christmas, birthdays or Mother's Day is a bag of coffee or two. Surprisingly, I don't own the shirt that says, "Will work for coffee." However, it's just coffee. You are never satisfied and need a refill. The shirt I need says, "Little bit of coffee and a whole lot of Jesus."



I heard the other day, the one thing you can say to a friend that can make a difference is, and "Would you like to come over for a cup of coffee?" That made me think of my time in Hawaii when I had a set coffee date every Wednesday morning at 7:30am with Sally for over a year. We talked, prayed, laughed, cried and it truly

did change my life. My relationship with God grew deeper. Friends encourage, praise and listen. They are a blessing from God. To have a good friend, is to be a good friend.

I'm bringing it back, coffee with friends! We are busy moms, dads, aunties, uncles, and friends who are juggling work schedules, children's extracurricular activities, volunteer work, etc. Let's start to schedule coffee with friends in your phones or day planner. Text or call someone today who you haven't seen in a while. Better yet, bring your children and meet up in the park. Boom! The children have a playdate while you're enjoying the last warm days with a pumpkin latte and an old friend. Don't forget your Bibles!

THIS MONTH'S FAMILY BIBLE VERSE

Oil and incense make the heart glad, and the sweetness of friends comes from their advice.

—Proverbs 27:9, Deep Blue Kid's Bible

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **October Curriculum** | 9am | David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17:1-51a)
- **October 7** | 10:30am | First Communion Celebration (World Communion)
- **October 28** | 3:30-5pm | Fall in as a Family Festival

THANK YOU'S!

- **September Shepherds**—Courtney Fredrickson, Rob & Mandy Hale
- **September Teachers**—Danielle Wukitsch, Mary Kunstman, Carl Masters, & Toni Peck
- **Nursery**—Catherine Rosenquist, Rob Hale, Andrea Zenker, Loretta Wilson, Annie Bingham & Gina Armstrong

OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU!

We are still in need of Teachers and Shepherds to make a difference in the lives of Baker Memorial's children. You can sign up for a short, 4-week rotation once, or more than once, this program year. Everything is organized for you—all you need is to be willing and available. Do you know someone that might enjoy serving the kids? Please give them a call and tell them about the opportunity. Contact Shelly Stienbarger to find out more at ssienbarger@bakermemorialchurch.org.

Shelly Stienbarger

Director, Children & Family Ministry

A colorful banner for a family event. On the left, the text "FALL IN AS A FAMILY" is written in large, bold, orange letters. In the center, a cartoon raccoon wearing a grey and white striped scarf is riding a teal bicycle. A basket on the front of the bicycle is filled with autumn leaves and pumpkins. To the right of the raccoon, the text "COSTUME PARADE | CAKE WALK | THANKFUL TREE" is written in green. Below this, the date and time "SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 3:30-5PM" are written in large, bold, black letters. At the bottom right, the location "BAKER HALL" is written in black, with a small brown acorn icon to its left.

Youth Ministry

SAVE THE DATE!

We're very thankful for all of the young people and adults involved in our age-specific groups: Joseph Fellowship (4th-8th grade boys), Miriam Circle (4th-8th grade girls), Sisterhood DBTP (9th-12th grade young ladies) and Brotherhood (9th-12th grade young men). There are flyers posted around the church



indicating the dates, times and specifics of each group meeting. This year we intend to build on the programs we've done over the past two years and now that confirmation is in full swing, below are a few of the highlights coming your way. All

of these require advance sign-up, so we're getting them in front of you early.

Praise & Worship Night | October 12

Wonder what it would be like to worship to Christian contemporary music in a traditional setting? Well this is your night to find out, while hanging out with other young people and pouring out your heart. We have invited a few other churches to join us, as well as musicians from the area to lead. Mark your calendar. This will be a memorable time.

BakerYouth Under the Stars | November 3

This tremendously fun and anticipated event lets our young people do something many of them rarely get to do; rough it. Derived from the Sleep out Saturday model, this is a unique opportunity to help our young people learn the daily challenges of being homeless in Saint Charles. We provide a meal. They bring the bedding. Most of us don't get much sleep. We still need three parents to chaperone this event.

Electric Light Parade | November 24

Parents and teens work together at this fundraiser to serve popcorn and hot cocoa to the community in exchange for donations of their choosing. This one is a huge hit all around and depends on young people signing up to work

the tables, collect money, advertise and run from the kitchen to our booths with speed like the Flash. Are you up for the challenge? In addition, this year we are aiming to run a float in the parade. We need lights, creative thoughts, folks to ride on the float, a driver and a lot more. Can you help out?

Winter Retreat | January 2019

The 2019 Winter Retreat is coming up, already. That's right, the highlight of so many young people's year when they hurtle down a mountain at 40 miles per hour and pray loudly that whatever happens it won't break any bones or leave a scar. We already have three chaperones and are looking for two more. If you're interested, we want to hear from you. The theme this year is Snowball!

Look for links to all of these upcoming events on the BakerYouth website: bakermemorialchurch.org/youth-ministries/ or in the 5-Point Weekend Update email that comes to your in-box every Friday morning.

► **Chili Fundraiser** | On Wednesday, October 24 BakerYouth will host a Chili Fundraiser (Wednesday Night Supper time) to benefit young people going on the 2019 Work Trip. Please join us and support this great endeavor. If you are able to donate an item, please do so.



Grace and peace,
Carl King
Director of Youth Ministry

Sisterhood DBTP

BIBLE STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Expect to be thrilled by the words of the living God! We are continuing our study of the book of Revelation. Join us and bring a friend!

This month, Sisterhood meets October 7 and October 21 from 4 to 5:30pm in the Youth Center.

Questions? Contact either Jennifer Swenson (630-621-8362 jennifer.swenson1@gmail.com) or Paula Hall (630-363-6566 paulamorrishall3@gmail.com)

Young Adult Ministry

COME AND SEE

The young adult committee had a great time at Feed My Starving Children at the end of September and intend to keep the ball rolling in October with a meet and greet at 65 N River Lane, Geneva, IL 60134 on the 11th around 6:30pm. We are also coordinating a game night in October—so watch your email for the news. Just like that, we're off to a promising start for the young adult program year at Baker Memorial.

Fellowshipping with members of the same church is exciting, it is the “here” part of our slogan, *Here, Near and Far Away*. Here ministry, discipleship, and growing is key to a thriving local church. It keeps us coming back each week because, it is great seeing young adults at the 10:30am Sunday service, in the choir at 9am and at the many programs and events going on weekly at the church. Let's keep the “here” and add “near” to our thinking about our calling as disciples of Christ.

Church involvement helps us stay connected to the body, it also gives us a reason to invite others into the body.

I recently spoke with a church member who in casual conversation mentioned to a friend the many components that make up our congregation. He said it was not like a sales pitch, but he just wanted his friend to come and witness what kept him enthused and engaged during the week. He said, like Andrew did in John 1:41, “Come and see.” It was pretty cool when his friend showed up a few weeks later.

I wonder how many other people are out there just like that. I wonder how many people are in Saint Charles like you, who are at a time in their lives that they realize their need for God and a church community. Maybe you go to the gym with them. Maybe you see them where you get your cup of coffee or at the juice bar. Wouldn't it be great if they joined you in church one Sunday? Say it with me, “Come and see.”

Blessings,
Carl King
Director of Young Adult Ministry

MISSIONS CORNER

Opportunities for Service

BAKER CAFE FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 6 & 7

▶ **Baker Cafe & Craft Sale** | October 6 & 7 | Hours: Saturday 11-4, Sunday 12-4 | Food, fun and crafts!

Please join us at the Baker Cafe for your choice of Walking Tacos, Chili, Chili Dogs or a foil pack of Cheesy Potatoes & Broccoli—plus and a variety of delicious home baked goods. We need the help of the congregation to make this a success as well as welcome the community into our building during St. Charles' Scarecrow Festival Weekend! Tell your family, friends and neighbors!

All profits will go to the six Rainbow Covenant ministries that we support. The six are Hesed House, Midwest Mission Distribution Center, UMCOR Sager Brown, Peru-Titicaca Border Ministry, Tree of Life Ministry and our missionary Clara Biswas in Cambodia.

Stop by this weekend for a bite to eat while you're at the festival or just to support Baker Memorial UMC missions.

BLOOD DRIVE ON THE 10TH

Our Heartland Blood Drive is Wednesday, October 10 at the south end of Wiley Hall from 3:30 until 7:30pm. If you have ever considered giving blood—this makes it easy for you! Please consider donating and saving a life! Appointments are appreciated. Walk-ins are welcome. ID is required. Contact Pete Holmes at 630-377-2183.

STUFF THE TURKEY FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

Salvation Army's “Stuff the Turkey” begins Sunday, October 21 and runs through November 11 in Baker Hall during fellowship hour. Please help support the Tri-City Salvation Army. Your donation will provide a \$20 food voucher for local families. Checks must be made payable to Baker Memorial UMC or cash may be placed in a blue offering envelope (marked *Stuff the Turkey*). Contact Loretta Wilson at 630-975-5455.

LOOK FOR ANGEL TREE TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH

The annual Angel Tree mission for local children begins November 11th and ends December 9th. Look for more details in the November *Carillon*!

Standing in the Red Zone

Every year the National United Methodist Women have a silent vigil against human trafficking the Friday before the Super Bowl. The reason behind this, is that, it is the busiest time of year for people to be trafficked. This year's theme was standing in the Red Zone. We need to take a stand



against people being paid unfair wages, being abused or taken advantage of. This happens with not only with the sex trade but restaurant, hotel and spa workers are typically in the same category. One of the ways to show this support was

to take red sand and put in the sidewalk cracks, symbolizing all the people that get lost in the cracks.

Since that time in early February, it has either been snowing, raining or...you get it. So finally, on September 5 our UMW Leadership Team was able to fill the cracks, remembering those that are not as fortunate as we are. And not too late as football season has begun.

Bible Study For Everyone

Deborah-by-the-Palm Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at two times:

- Women's AM Study from 11:30am to 12:30pm
- Men & Women's PM Study from 6:30 to 7:30pm

This year, the group is studying Revelation. Expect to be thrilled by the words of the Living God! On Tuesday, October 9, Pastor Mary will guest speak on Jesus: the Lion and Lamb (Revelation 4-7). We welcome you to come and join us!

Pick up a book in the church office or contact Paula Hall for more information at 630-363-6566.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Wednesday, October 3 | 9am | Leadership Team

Saturday, October 20 | UMW Progressive Dinner

Ladies of Baker Memorial come and enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship! We will enjoy appetizers from 5-6 pm at Michele Claney's (3N798 Hawthorn Dr., St. Charles). Debi Batza will host entree and dessert from 6:15-9pm (605 Fox Glen Dr, St. Charles). Sign up between services or online. Plan to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert. A \$5 donation will be collected.

Sunday, October 28 | 2pm | UMW Bunco | Wiley Hall

BEGIN AGAIN...

Beginnings are exciting to think about. New ideas, new experiences, new opportunities all await those participating. Here we are at the beginning of a new season. What excites you this year? Change is happening here and we are readying for a Capitol Campaign at our church. This is both exciting and scary.

New projects always require a leap of faith in order to get started, to remain committed to the project and most importantly complete the project. This is also true of beginning a new year with a group. It's wonderful to

see old friends, welcome new friends and bask in the fellowship UMW gives us all. While we do tend to get swept up in the glow of our fellowship, let us not forget that this is only one of the purposes of belonging to UMW. Take time as we review and outline our year to consider the following:

1. To know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ.
2. To develop a creative and supportive fellowship.
3. To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

UMW is a vibrant part of our church, but it has disappeared from other churches in this area. We know that our involvement is really the only thing that keeps us moving forward. Please prayerfully consider your role in the UMW as we move forward. We all have unique gifts and talents which lend to originality, excitement, and growth of this wonderful organization. Let's make this year an exciting, loving and productive one.

Dear Lord, be with us as we begin again this new year. Help us to make courageous choices about our role and be mindful of the needs of our friends, our group, our church, and our community. Let us not be limited by our fears so we might take a leap of faith to follow your direction. Amen

—Diana Seymour, UMW Spiritual Growth

Capital Campaign Announcement

► **Congregational Meeting** | October 7 | 10:05am

Please plan to attend this important meeting in the Sanctuary immediately at the close of the 9am service. The primary purpose of this meeting is to take a congregational vote as whether to proceed with a Capital Campaign based upon the recommendations of JD Klote & Associates, the Board of Trustees, the Capital Campaign Committee and the Church Council. A secondary purpose will be to hear the final results of the Readiness Assessment that was conducted from Sept. 10-Sept. 30th and consisted of 16 Focus Groups.

Everyone is invited but only current members are able to cast a vote on whether to proceed. You must be in attendance to vote.

If you will be out of town we still want to hear from you. Your opinion counts. Please email Allan Scales, Chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee at: allan@rsainfo.com

Finance Report for October

The Finance Committee encourages all members to attend the October 7 Congregational Meeting and to take part in the final vote. Stewardship drive will begin within the next month, and we want to thank everyone again for their generosity toward Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in 2017. Currently, we are in the process of receiving 2018 budgets for the whole church budget process. If you'd like to join the finance team, we are looking for new committee members in advance of the 2018 budget period.

NIL Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

This is a great way to serve your neighbors through helping to pack boxes of food and other similar tasks. The next volunteer opportunity is Monday, October 15 at 9am at the West Suburban Center in Geneva. Contact Betty Erickson for more information via email at N9YFC@aol.com or call 630-399-6183.

Cleaning Out Your Closet?

Think of those in need as winter approaches! Items needed are boots, heavier shoes, socks, winter coats, mittens or gloves and warm hats. Men's size large or x-large, shoes 10, 10½, or 11. Call the office for ladies sizes. Clothing should be washable.

Contact Judy Schlarb at 630-584-6680 with questions about donating.



UMCOR Disaster Relief

How can you help? *Pray* for those whose lives will be impacted by current disasters. *Make* relief kits and send them to our relief-supply depots or an affiliate warehouse. *Give* towards the efforts of UMCOR and its partners. *Donate* to U.S. disaster response, international disaster response, or to the UMCOR undesignated fund. Go to www.UMCOR.org.

Remember, 100% of what you give goes directly to the cause you designate. There are no overhead costs.

Credit Card & Paypal Donation Options

If you would like to donate to Baker Memorial UMC using a credit card or Paypal, go to BakerMemorialChurch.org and click on the donate button or you can scan our QR code, shown here, to give with your smartphone.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

MEN'S MONTHLY OCTOBER BREAKFAST

Come for food, fun and a featured speaker on third Sundays in Wiley Hall. The next UMM Men's Breakfast is on Sunday, October 21 at 7:30am. Allan Scales will speak about the Capital Campaign and what the next step is.

MEN'S FOOTBALL FELLOWSHIP THIS MONTH

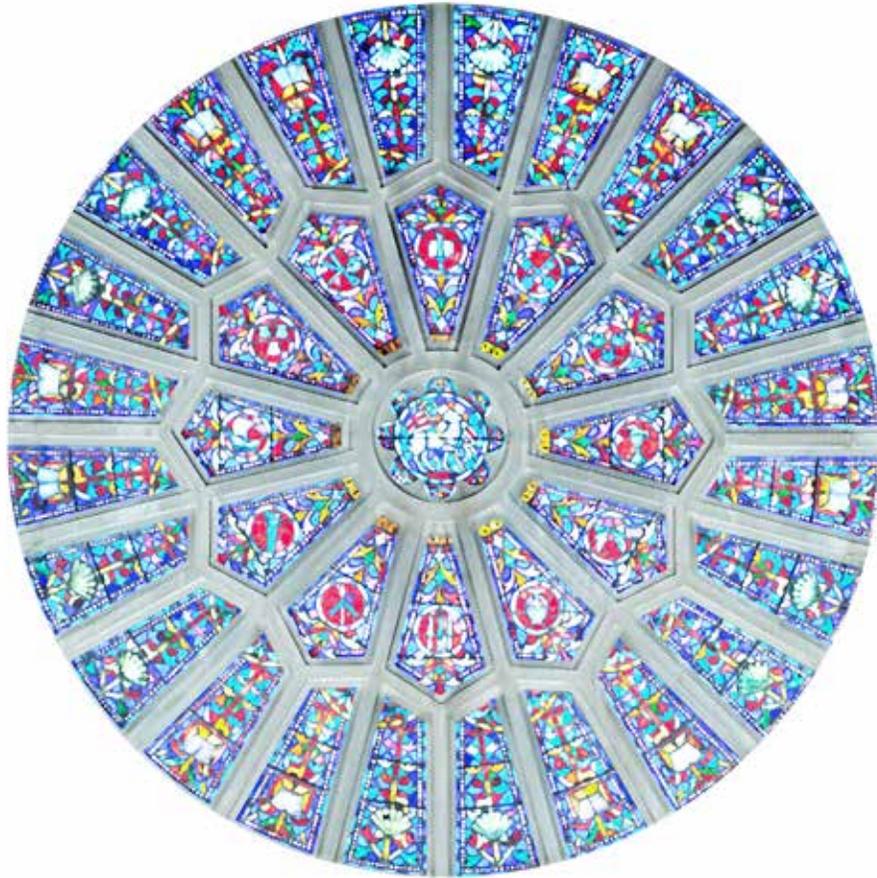
You're invited to join UMM in the Parlor for fellowship, food and Bears football on the following Sundays. Please bring your favorite soft drink or snack to share and \$5 to cover the cost of food that will be provided.

October 14 | 12-3pm | Bears vs. Miami

October 21 | 12-3pm | Bears vs. Patriots

OCTOBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9am Worship 9am Sunday School: Children, Middle School & Adult 10:30am Jazz Worship 10:30am High School Sunday School	11:30am FaithFriends 	11:30am Day Guest Lunch 11:30am Kiwanis 1:30pm Staff Meeting 8pm Alcoholics Anonymous	4:30pm Chapel Bells 5pm Wednesday Night Supper 5pm Chapel Choir 5pm Wesley Singers 6pm Chancel Bells 6:30 Chancel Choir 6:30pm Confirmation	7:30am FaithFriends 11:30am Day Guest Lunch	NOTE: The first row of items occur every week and will not appear on daily listings (except in case of schedule change)	
	1 1pm One O'Clock Book Club	2 11:30am DBTP 6:30pm DBTP	3 9am UMW Meeting 6:30pm Missions 7pm Mindful Moments		5 9am Outdoor Farmer's Market 5pm Confirmation Retreat	6 11am-4pm Baker Cafe & Craft Sale
7 World Communion Sunday 10:05am Meeting of Congregation Noon-4pm Baker Cafe & Craft Sale 4pm Sisterhood 6:30pm Brotherhood	8 Columbus Day 9:30pm SHIP Help for Seniors 7pm Trustees	9 11:30am DBTP 3:30pm Lazarus House Cooking 6:30pm DBTP 7pm Staff Parish 7pm Finance	10 9am Phoebe Circle 3:30pm Blood Drive 7pm Priscilla Circle	11 8am Red Cross	12 9am Outdoor Farmer's Market 6:30pm BakerYouth Praise & Worship <div style="background-color: #FFD700; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Women's Retreat </div>	13
14 12pm Men's Football Fellowship 11:30am Joseph Fellowship	15 9am NIL Food Bank	16 11:30am DBTP 5pm Women's Emmaus, off site 6:30pm DBTP 6:30pm Children & Family	17 6:30pm Mindful Moments	18 1pm Women's Emmaus	19 9am Outdoor Farmer's Market	20 Carillon Articles Due 
21 7:30am Men's Breakfast 12pm Men's Football Fellowship 12:30pm Miriam Circle 4pm Sisterhood 6:30pm Brotherhood	22 7pm Worship/ Spiritual Growth	23 11:30am DBTP 6:30pm Lydia Circle 6:30pm DBTP	24 1:30pm Sarah-Ruth Circle 5pm BakerYouth Chili Fundraiser		26 9am Outdoor Farmer's Market	27
28 2pm UMW Bunco 3:30pm Fall In As A Family 	29 7pm Church Council	28 11:30am DBTP 6:30pm DBTP	31 Halloween			



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