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## PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

### You Are Welcome Here

*... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*

*Matthew 25:35 (NRSV)*

Jesus teaches his disciples to welcome the stranger. He even states that when they do these things they are serving Christ himself. Hopefully by now you've noticed the new banners hanging around the church that say, "You are so loved." Watch also for new banners on the front lawn saying, "You are Welcome Here." We want to let everyone who drives by know that they would be welcomed here.

Saying the words is easy. Being welcoming to everyone who wants to come is more challenging. Visitors can tell within just a few minutes if we mean what we say. So let's work together to live up to our new claim that no matter who you are, "You are Welcome Here."

Please be a part of welcoming people by doing the following:

- 1. Wear your name tag.** This simple thing will help tremendously. A new person doesn't know anyone's name. They need to learn tens or even hundreds of names. Please make yours easy to know. If you need a new name tag please tell the office on the blue/green sheets that are always in your worship bulletin and look for your new name tag in the cabinets outside of Baker Hall the next Sunday.
- 2. Get to know the names of other people in the church** so you can introduce a new person to others right away. Wearing name tags will help with this too! Know the staff members so you can connect a new person to a ministry that might be important to them.
- 3. Attend church regularly.** It is so much nicer to see a face you know the second time you



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## PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

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come to a new church. Please come regularly, to worship God, to grow in faith, and to welcome new people.

4. **Notice if someone is alone at the fellowship hour.** It is painful to be alone in a crowd and pain is not welcoming.

5. **Volunteer to be a greeter.** We have people in the Cedar Avenue entrance almost every week but we could use someone in the Narthex as well.

6. **Be genuine and ready.** Modern people come with all kinds of hair colors, tattoos, clothing styles, and family groupings. Be ready to genuinely be delighted that they got up early to come to Baker Memorial Church to worship! You may need to practice some things to be able to do this well. There's a fine line between under and over welcoming.

*Letting people be themselves is key to them feeling welcome.*

No need to pry into personal details, but asking for a little information is welcoming. For example if two people who come together a reasonable small talk question might be "are you related

to each other?" Be ready to be genuine in welcoming the woman who introduces her wife, or the man who introduces his husband. You don't need to go on about it, just say something simple like, "I'm so glad that you came to Baker Memorial today, do you live in the area?" or "Can I show you around?" Letting people be themselves is key to them feeling welcome.

7. **Invite everyone to participate fully and to come back.** If you are sitting next to someone in worship that is visiting, invite them to fellowship with you in Baker Hall. Explain the green/blue sheets to them and invite them to fill one out. Ask them to come with you to an upcoming event. Even if they are from out of town tell them that you hope they will come back to Baker Memorial every time they are in the area.

8. **About pronouns.** A confusing thing for many people is the idea that you might want to tell other people what pronouns you prefer to use. In many settings, you will see people write their pronouns (for example she/her/hers) on their name tags. Some people roll their eyes at this but it is a modern way of being polite and welcoming. It signals



that you care enough to refer to others in way they find comfortable. It can also help the person meeting you to know what to call you.

Some people today prefer to use genderless pronouns such as they/theirs. This can cause a lot of conversation about how "they" is confusing because we often use it in a plural sense. Please know that in emerging modern English "they" is often used in a singular sense. You might also see some pronouns you've never heard of before like Zie/Zir/Zis. If we're going to live into our claim, "you are welcome here", we need to at least be familiar with how important pronouns have become. You can always fall back on the most obvious option if it makes you uncomfortable. When in doubt, use the person's name.

I appreciate you reading this all the way to the end. Jesus teaches us to welcome the stranger. Let's not assume that we already know how to be welcoming or that we do it well enough. Rather, let's work together to welcome others very well in the name of Christ.

Peace,  
Pastor Mary

### GLOBAL MINISTRIES FEATURES CLARA

Here's what they had to say: "Through a local ministry, she helps more than 600 children in public schools with classes in music, computer science and art. Facilitating medical care and better nutrition meets immediate needs, while scholarships and vocational training prepare them to escape poverty. And weekly Sunday school classes bring joy into the children's lives with Bible stories, songs and crafts. For vulnerable yet resilient communities, supporting United Methodist missionaries like Clara is one way to put your love into action."

# Children & Family Ministries

## Celebrations & Blessings!

► **Family Bible Verse:** *Clap your hands, all you people! Shout joyfully to God with a joyous shout!* —Psalm 47:1, Deep Blue Kid's Bible CEB

Just wanted to share some of the joy and celebration from October with our readers. We started off October with Kate & Jack Fitzgerald, Emma Konopacki, Orrin & Vera Nelson, Evan & Ian Zenker and Madelyn & Noah Torio all taking their First Communion. It was a wonderful sight to see the children and their families support learning about the sacrament of communion. It was also exciting to see the children decorating their chalices as a remembrance of the day.

October's Family First activity was a spooky, messy, and yummy chocolate pudding. It was touching to see siblings and friends working together to create their spooky treat for the Day Guest's lunch the next day. There was plenty for them to sample too.



**Family First Night had a great time making a messy pudding treat.**

donating candy, dressing up, greeting new friends and family. Most importantly, the Children and Family Ministry Team hopes you had as much fun as we did.

In November, the Children and Family Ministry will be celebrating and learning about blessings. The 8-12 year old Sunday school curriculum is even called "Blessings" as they dive deep in Genesis with their Deep Blue Kid's Bible. Mark your calendar for the Family First night on November 6th from 6-7:30pm. Each family will learn how to make a Blessing Mix. It is a family favorite Fall and Thanksgiving treat to



It was a beautiful fall day for Pumpkin Palooza.

eat or pass along to others. The children will share their blessing mix with their family, friends, and with the Day Guest Lunch too. Don't forget if your family attends the program, you can eat prior to the event for free at Wednesday Night Supper starting at 5pm.

As Thanksgiving is nearing, I just wanted to say how grateful my family is for our friends and family at Baker Memorial Church.

Blessings & Joy,  
*Shelly Stienbarger*  
Director, Children & Family Ministry

## NOVEMBER CURRICULUM, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES!

- **3-7 years** | *Stories That Shape Our Faith Community* | Genesis 2:10-3:24; 6:13-9:17; Daniel 6:1-28; Book of Jonah | 9am
- **8-12 years** | *Blessings* | Genesis 28:14 | 9am
- **November 6** | 6-7:30pm | Family First Night
- **November 13 & 20** | **Wednesday Night Baker Kids** | 6-7:30pm
- **November 27** | No Baker Kid's Program—Thanksgiving Holiday

## THANK YOU!

- **October Teachers & Shepherds:** Chrissy Farley, Renee Whittenhall, Mandy Hale, Pete Holmes, Danielle Helland, Betty Erickson, & Ginny Swiatek
- **Nursery:** Danni Killian, Catherine & Jade Rosenquist
- **Extra Helping Hands:** Maggie Rivera, Jessie Ibarra, Danielle Helland, Melissa Arndt, & Brooke Bayless

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# Youth Ministry

## SAVE THE DATE

- **Sleep Out Saturday** | Saturday, November 2
- **High School Youth Fellowship** | November 17
- **Middle School Youth Fellowship** | November 10 & 24
- **Electric Christmas Parade** (Fundraiser) | November 30

**W**e always know when the time for Sleep Out Saturday approaches because it gets cold. Really cold. Maybe this is why we continue offering this event, because it reminds the young people of how blessed we are with shelter, clothing and food. Laying in a makeshift tent in temperatures approaching the teens, curled inside a sleeping bag as a thin layer of dew covers the ground helps to erase whatever complaints we have with our room at home. So we welcome you along on the journey again this year. We'll meet on Saturday November 2 at 4pm to begin set up and then begin the night with a trip to Bridge Communities followed by our tradition of chili, an evening walk, movie and discussion. Sign up through the link provided in your 5-Point Weekend Update or [signupgenius.com/go/20f094eaba62aaaf94-sleep](https://signupgenius.com/go/20f094eaba62aaaf94-sleep).

After this program, that kicks off the November

festivities, we have four youth fellowship events planned. Middle schoolers are invited out to enjoy games and an unThanksgiving party on the 10th and 24th respectively. High school youth are invited out to Immerse discussion and high energy games on November 17th. We're going to skip the November 3rd meeting because Sleep Out Saturday will have most of us exhausted. Great job to all of the young people inviting your friends out! Let's keep up the energy and keep growing these events.

Additionally, we are gearing up for another great Electric Christmas Parade fundraiser at the end of the month with the generous help of parents, community members and young people. This is typically a major contribution to our fund that defrays the cost of work trips in the summer. Come out on November 30th to support the effort and enjoy some great hot chocolate and popcorn.

Finally, look for information on our parent/teen meeting going over work camp details. It's going to be so much fun.

In Christ,  
*Carl King*  
*Director of Youth Ministry*

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# Young Adult Ministry

## NOVEMBER DATES

- **Immerse Beginnings** | November 5 | 6-7pm | Arcadium
- **Church Mouse Packing Party** | November 13 | 6-7pm
- **Words & Wine** | November 9 | 4-5:30pm | 100 Grapes

**I**t was great to see some of our college students back during the brief break in study and classes a few weeks ago. Our hope is they continually feel connected to their Baker Memorial community whether they are here or away at college. One of the ways we do this is through the Church Mouse program. This year, we have planned to meet at the back of Wiley Hall again to pack items to bolster their spirits and create joy during final exam time. The packing party is scheduled for November 13 from 6-7pm and is being overseen by Nancy Pearson. Church mice have already received an email and many have responded. Thanks to you all!

Our weekly Immerse meetings have sparked tremendous

conversation, introspection and stretching as we grapple with the Hebrew Bible and its import for us—today. Mariah Cheyney and David Masters lead with prayer, thoughtful questions and a whole lot of notes. Though we have just a few sessions left to go, you are still welcome to join us and if Tuesday evenings cannot work for your schedule, we would love to see you on November 9th for an event we call Words and Wine. The event happens at 100 Grapes and is informal, but always informative. The owner and his wife are super accommodating and the other guests are friendly. Join us for a flight and great conversation.

Also, a quick reminder about our joint high school youth and young adult event at Feed My Starving Children on December 28 from 2-4pm. Last year, we went to the NIL Food Bank and had a great time working together and catching up. To register, go to the FMSC website and use join code L27W22. Hope to see you there.

Grace and peace,  
*Carl King*  
*Director of Young Adult Ministry*

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# MISSIONS CORNER

## *Opportunities to Serve or Contribute*

### THANK YOU TO BLOOD DONORS

The October Blood Drive secured 20 pints for Heartland which is always a blessing! A few that could not make it will give at the Geneva Heartland Center, giving credit to Baker. Thanks to those that helped and especially those that donated.

### MONTHLY LAZARUS HOUSE MEALS

Lazarus House cooking has been a long-standing tradition on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Baker Church Kitchen. We cook for 60 men, women and children each month. If this is a ministry that interests you contact Chris at [cstumpf0308@gmail.com](mailto:cstumpf0308@gmail.com) You can cook in the kitchen any month that works for you or simply donate food items for the cooks! New helpers and donors are always appreciated!

### STUFF THE TURKEY FOR THOSE IN NEED



Stuff the Turkey is still going happening in Baker Hall during fellowship hour. Please help support the Tri-City Salvation Army. Your donation will provide a \$20 food vouchers 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 with questions.

### CHECK OUT THE SILENT AUCTION!

The Silent Auction begins November 3rd! You will be able to view over 50 offerings of local certificates, packages, services, handmade items and baskets! All items will be on display in Baker Hall from November 3rd through 17th. The last opportunity to bid will be at 9am on November 17—so come early that Sunday! Winners will be determined and can take their treasures home that day between 10-10:30am.

Stop by fellowship between Sunday services to view thousands of dollars worth of auction items. The Adult and Youth Mission Trips will benefit from the proceeds as well as our Lazarus Meal Fund that helps feed the homeless all year long! Thanks for your support and have fun bidding! Questions? Contact Chris Stumpf at 630-709-7761 or [cstumpf0308@gmail.com](mailto:cstumpf0308@gmail.com)

### IT'S THE SEASON FOR BELL RINGING



Salvation Army bell ringing sign-up will begin November 3rd in Baker Hall. Volunteers ring at the Jewel on Randall (north entrance). Email Rick Carlson at [carlson.rc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carlson.rc@sbcglobal.net) or call him at 630-779-0247, to see if you can fill a spot. Thank you to Rick who has organized our participation for many years!

### BE AN ANGEL AND SHOP FOR A CHILD

Salvation Army Angel Tree tags will be in Baker Hall for the taking beginning November 17. The items will be on display in the toy shop in December at the Salvation Army for parents to come in and shop for Christmas. Gifts are, therefore, not to be wrapped—just placed in a plastic bag with the Angel Tag attached. Thanks for your generosity! It is most appreciated!



### NIL VOLUNTEERING THIS MONTH

The next Northern Illinois Foodbank volunteer date is Monday, November 18 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](mailto:N9FYC@aol.com)

### LET US WRAP IT UP

Our December Gift Wrap Fundraiser returns December 11, 15, 18 & 22. Let us wrap your gifts to benefit Clara's kids (our Cambodia Missionary.) This was a big hit last year, so save your gifts for missions to wrap! Look for a more detailed schedule to be published.

### Connecting the Church in Mission

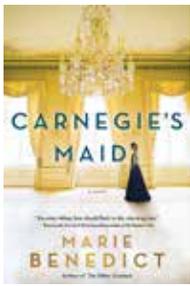
Global Ministries partners with agencies and individuals to alleviate human suffering; seek justice, freedom and peace; strengthen congregations and communities; and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Learn more about the Global Ministries' purpose, vision and goals at [umcmmission.org/global-ministries](http://umcmmission.org/global-ministries).



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## One O’Clock Book Group This Month



This book discussion group meets in the Parlor at 1 pm on the first Monday of each month (except Labor Day). The selection for December 2 is *Carnegie’s Maid* by Marie Benedict. With a feel like Downton Abbey in the United States, Benedict demonstrates the relevance of history to the present day in this

impeccably researched novel of the early immigrant experience. 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](mailto:sscbooks@sbcglobal.net)

## Hanging of the Greens

We will be decorating for Advent on November 17th, starting at 11:30am. It’s earlier this year because St Charles North is holding a madrigal dinner at the church the following weekend and the decorations need to be in place prior to their set up. We are blessed that our beautiful church is in demand for community events!

Please contact John Clarke at (630) 877-0829 or [jclarke414@gmail.com](mailto:jclarke414@gmail.com) if you are able to assist or have any questions.

## Adult Sunday School Starts Back Up

Join us for an adult Sunday school class titled “The Gospel of John.” The group meets December 1 through February 16 at 10:30am in the Parlor. The class uses excerpts from the film *The Gospel of John*, a word-for-word portrayal of the Gospel using the Good News Translation. Books will be provided. See, hear, and discuss scripture.

*Note:* There is no class on December 29.



## United Methodist Men Events

- UMM invites all men of the church and their friends to **Football Fellowship** at 12pm on November 3 and 24. Gather to watch a Bears game and eat! Bring your favorite snack or soft drink and \$5 to cover the cost of a main dish.
- **UMM Men’s Breakfast** is on the third Sunday of the month at 7:30am. Meet November 17 for food, fellowship. Pastor mary will be the guest speaker.

## Capital Campaign Update

Phase 1 is under way. Serena Sturm Architects has begun their work. The first priorities include new bathrooms, new or refurbished outside doors, full entryway security, updated elevator, and more. Two contractors are currently working on submitting bids for the doors. Things are happening!

## Wednesday Night Supper This Month

The WNS crew is cooking up delicious meals on Wednesday nights and serving from 5-6pm. Carryouts are also available. Here’s what being served in November:

- **November 6** | Amish Breakfast Casserole
- **November 13** | Beef Stroganoff
- **November 20 & 27** | *No dinner served*

## Church Photo Directory Sign-Up

Stop by our table during fellowship hour to sign up for a November 25 photo session— whether you want a retake or this is your first time being included in the church picture directory. Extra church directories from the last printing will be available for no charge. In addition, we have Kingdom of Groove CDs available for a donation.

## UMW October Happenings

- **UMW Leadership Team** meets on Wednesday, November 6 at 9am in the Parlor.
- **Phoebe Circle** meets Wednesday, November 13 at 9am. Dress to clean—we’re giving the Parlor and adjacent kitchen a through cleaning. Bring your own cleaning supplies. Also, the group is doing kitchen duty for the Thursday, November 21 Madrigal Concert dinner.
- **Lydia Circle** will be meeting Saturday, November 23 for Madrigal dinner clean-up in the kitchen.
- **Sarah Ruth Circle** meets in the Parlor on Wednesday, November 20 at 1pm.
- **Esther Circle** meets Saturday, November 16.

## 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](http://BakerMemorialChurch.org) and click on the donate button or you can scan our QR code, shown here, to give with your smart phone.



NOVEMBER 30 | 5PM

# Community Prayer Tree

Come add prayers to our community prayer tree for yourself, those you know, and the world.

Ornaments will be available at the church or before and during the Electric Christmas Parade.



*Christmas family fun!*

PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
VISIT & PHOTO WITH SANTA  
TAKE HOME CRAFT



## Santa Breakfast

**DECEMBER 7 • 9AM**

**TICKETS: \$5 each (3 and under free)**

*Purchase tickets at fellowship or in the office.*

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

## The Gospel of John

Join us for an adult Sunday school class!

The class uses excerpts from the film *The Gospel of John*, a word-for-word portrayal of the Gospel using the Good News Translation. See, hear, and discuss scripture.

**December 1-February 16 | 10:30am**

Meet in the Parlor | Books will be provided

## Silent Auction

**MAKE A BID FOR MISSIONS!**

Funds are being raised for 2020 Adult & Youth Mission Trips and Lazarus House meals. There are lots of wonderful baskets and items to bid on!

**BID NOVEMBER 3-17**

Items will be on display in Baker Hall  
Bidding ends on November 17th at 9am

Winners take home at 10am or are notified by email and posted at the church

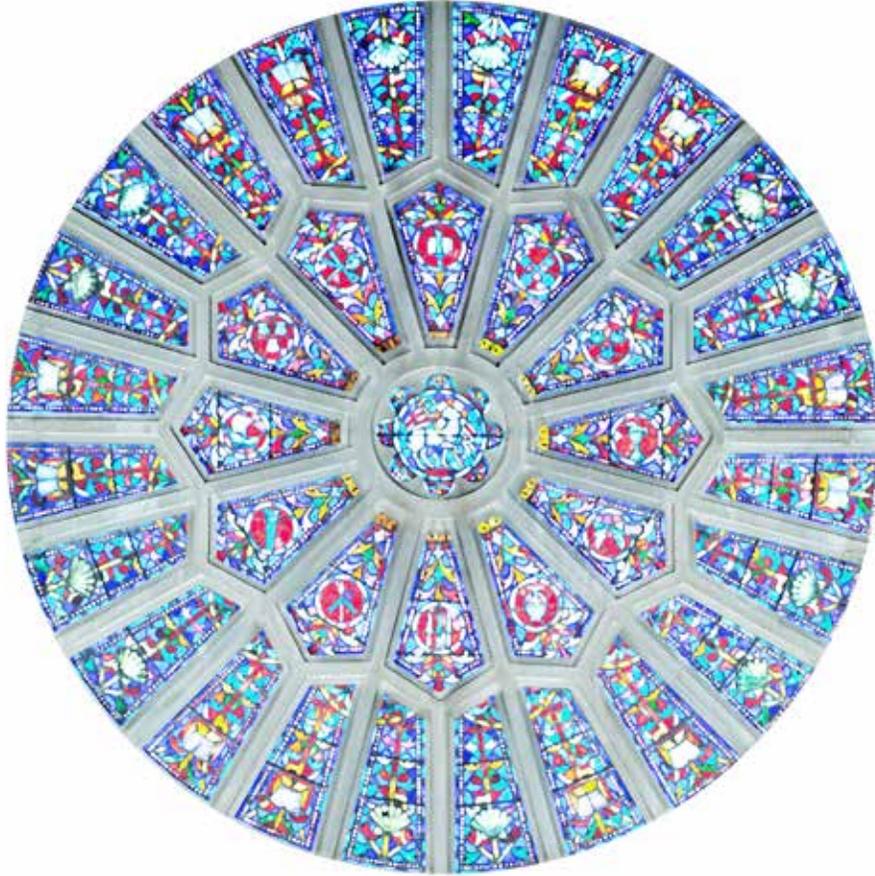
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SERVING HERE, NEAR & FAR AWAY

# NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>9am Worship 9am Sunday School: Children, Middle &amp; High School 10:30am Jazz Worship 10:30am Confirmation</p>	<p>7pm Scout Troop 14</p>	<p>11:30am Day Guest Lunch 11:30am Kiwanis 1:30pm Staff Meeting 8pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>5pm Wednesday Night Supper 5pm Chapel Choir &amp; Wesley Singers 6pm Chancel Bells 6pm Wednesday Worship 6:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11:30am Day Guest Lunch</p>	<p><b>NOTE: The first row of items occur every week and will not appear on daily listings (except in case of schedule change)</b></p>	
					<p><b>1</b> 8am Farmer's Market 4:30pm Immerse</p>	<p><b>2</b> 4pm BakerYouth Sleep Out Saturday</p>
<p><b>3</b> <b>Missions Silent Auction Begins</b> 9 &amp; 10:30am Immerse 11:30am Immerse 12pm Men's Football Fellowship</p>	<p><b>4</b> 11:30am Immerse 1pm One O'Clock Book Club 6:30pm Immerse* 7pm Spiritual Formation &amp; Discipleship</p>	<p><b>5</b> 11:30am Immerse 3:30pm Lazarus House Cooking 6pm YA Immerse @ Arcedium 6:30pm Immerse</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9am UMW Leadership 6pm Family First Wednesdays 6:30pm Immerse</p>	<p><b>7</b> 7:30am Immerse 6:30pm Immerse</p>	<p><b>8</b> 8am Farmer's Market 4:30pm Immerse</p>	<p><b>9</b> 8:30am Pre-Mar- riage Workshop 4pm Young Adults @100 Grapes</p>
<p><b>10</b> 9 &amp; 10:30am Immerse 11:30am Immerse 4pm MS Fellowship</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>Veteran's Day</b> 11:30am Immerse 6:30pm Immerse* 7pm Strategy &amp; Admin Team</p>	<p><b>12</b> 11:30am Immerse 3:30pm Laz House Cooking 6pm YA Immerse @ Arcedium 6:30pm Immerse</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9am Phoebe Circle 6pm Baker Kids 6pm Church Mouse Packing Party 6:30pm Immerse</p>	<p><b>14</b> 7:30am Immerse 6:30pm Immerse</p>	<p><b>15</b> 6am Midwest Distribution Center day trip 8am Farmer's Market 4:30pm Immerse</p>	<p><b>16</b> 8:30am Esther Circle</p>
<p><b>17</b> 7:30am UMM Men's Breakfast 11:30am Immerse 4pm HS Fellowship</p>	<p><b>18</b> 9am NIL Food Bank 11:30am Faith Friends 6:30pm Immerse 7pm Strategy &amp; Admin Team</p>	<p><b>19</b> 5pm Woman's Emmaus (<i>off-site</i>) 6pm YA Immerse @ Arcedium 6:30pm Immerse</p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>Carillon Articles Due</b> 1pm Sarah Ruth Circle 6pm Baker Kids</p>	<p><b>21</b> 1pm Women's Emmaus 6:30pm Immerse</p>	<p><b>22</b> 8am Farmer's Market</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9am Baptism Class 6pm Lydia Circle</p>
<p><b>24</b> <b>United Methodist Student Sunday</b> 12pm Men's Football Fellowship 4pm MS Fellowship</p>	<p><b>25</b> Directory Photos Taken 11:30am Faith Friends</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <i>Church office closed</i></p>	<p><b>29</b> <i>Church office closed</i> 8am Farmer's Market</p>	<p><b>30</b> 5pm Community Prayer Tree 5:30pm Electric Christmas Parade <i>plus</i> BakerYouth popcorn &amp; cocoa fundraiser</p>



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