

PASTOR'S LETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2020



Greetings Friends!

As I look out the window while writing this the church lawn is covered in a blanket of snow. I have not had a proper winter in about seven years since I lived in the South. I forgot about the beauty that snow can bring. I know it can be a pain to scrape the car and I am sure those sentiments will come back to me as we move into winter. For now, I am trying to be thankful for the little things.

As we move into November, I challenge us to all be thankful for the small blessings in our lives. It is still weird being in a pandemic. Life is not the same as it used to be, but God is still at work. I keep repeating it because it is true. We must look for the blessings in our lives

I hope many of you will take the opportunity to grow in your faith and join our Zoom Bible Study! We are meeting on Tuesday mornings at 10am and Wednesday nights at 8pm. The week of Thanksgiving we are meeting on Monday November 24 at 8pm and Tuesday November 25 at 10am. Join us as we explore the themes of peace, hope, generosity, and love.

I also hope to see you at the Kasson Community Christmas Tree Lighting at Veterans Park on November 20 at 6:00pm. I will be providing the blessing for the Christmas tree lighting.

Thanks to everyone who has continued to make our worship services happen on Facebook and the DVDs. I am so very thankful for Ann Driver, Gayle and Dan Kaufeld, Sheryl Scholer, Arlin Brigham, Paul Riggs and Amy Borgstrom.

I am thankful for every single member of this church. Thank you for your support and kindness over these last few months. This was not the way any of us pictured my beginning at the church would look like. Thank you for the kind text messages, the thoughtful cards, the wedding presents, and the overall support. I appreciate it more than you know.

My verse for us this month comes from Psalm 100:4-5:

“Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.”

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda

December Newsletter
Deadline November 25th
- 8 AM



Nov. 1	Greta Rausch
Nov. 5	Stacey Erwin
Nov. 6	Chris Wanous
Nov. 8	Paul Leisen
Nov. 10	Robert Gransee
Nov. 14	Olivia Willert
Nov. 15	Ambra Andrist
	Kristy Johnson
Nov. 17	Joel Alberts
	Arlin Brigham
	Hartley Duff
Nov. 18	Derek Frodermann
Nov. 20	Owen Abbott
Nov. 22	Dan Kaufeld
	Paulette Riedel
Nov. 25	Deborah Dodds
Nov. 30	Casey Hesar
	Charlie Hesar

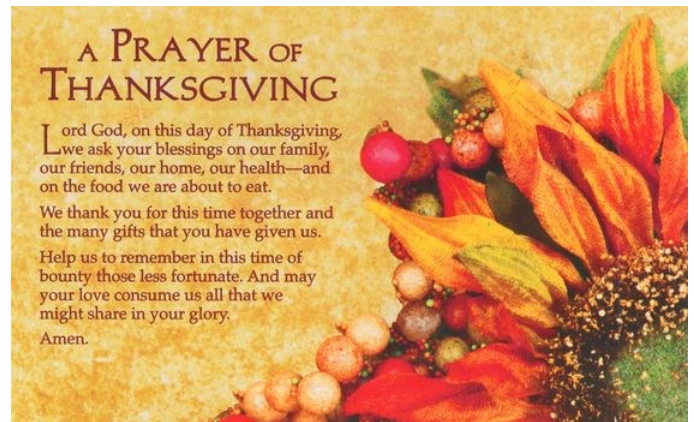


Nov. 1	Wayne & Rosalie Trom
Nov. 10	Howard & Elaine Gransee
Nov. 16	Casey & Jessica Erwin
Nov. 20	Randy & Lisa Carlsen
Nov. 26	Don & Jane Hesar



Pray for those who are serving our Nation's defense: Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force at Hickam A.F.B, HI. And Peyton Wilke, at Camp Pendleton MCRD.

Please keep our church family in our prayers.



November Session Meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:30 pm.



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 11th at 7:00 pm using Zoom. Members will receive an invitation to the meeting in their email.

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	W 9am—noon, and by appointment.
Secretary office hours	
	Wednesday & Friday 8am—noon
Worship	10:00 am

PW CORNER

Greetings all PW's,

Well, here we are once again; another month has come and gone, my how the time does fly!! Mother nature is certainly playing a trick on us with all this white stuff that is on the ground and still falling from the sky, and it isn't even Halloween yet!!! She certainly must have a strange sense of humor. Hopefully this white stuff will be gone in a couple days. The fall colors were wonderful this year and I hope many of you were able to take a ride around to observe the beautiful leaves in the area.



The PW event for November would have been the annual Prayer Service, Thank Offering and election of officers. We would also have been setting up for the Holiday Luncheon – hopefully we will be able to resume these activities next year. In lieu of being able to meet in church and collect the Thank Offering, we would like to ask everyone to send your offering to the church. Please make your check payable to PW Thank Offering and if you prefer to give cash you may bring that to the church in an envelope marked PW Thank offering and you may leave your donation on the counter in the church office.

Our Thank Offering Prayer

Holy Father, you've commanded us to give, and you've instructed us to give generously and joyously, we thank you for the virtue of generosity. You have taught us to be generous in our giving to God's work. You've taught us to be generous to those in need. As we give, remind us that generosity to others enriches us in many ways. May our offering be used together with that of others to help those in need and to further your kingdom. In Thy name we pray, Amen

As for the election of officers, the nominating committee will be working to secure the names of two women to serve as secretary and treasurer for two more years. Hopefully those who currently fill those positions will agree to continue for another term. On another note, our church will be responsible for delivering Meals On Wheels for the week of November 9 – 13. If you are contacted to help with this vital mission, please kindly say yes.

Our prayers are needed all year long, but with all the unrest and medical issue currently troubling our country, they are needed more than ever. Please pray for all in service to our nation, those in health care, public safety and those who lead our country, for all in our church who are sick or grieving. Pray for peace and brotherly love for the whole world.

Since November will soon be here and of course Thanksgiving, here is a recipe from the kitchen of Jane Carlsen. It has been served at women's meetings in the past and it is delicious!!!

PUMPKIN PIE SQUARES

1 cup flour	2 eggs
½ cup oatmeal	¾ cup sugar
½ cup butter	½ tsp. salt
½ cup brown sugar	1 tsp. cinnamon
1 15 oz. can solid pumpkin	½ tsp. ginger
1 12 oz. can evaporated milk	¼ tsp cloves

Combine first 4 ingredients; press into 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake 15 minutes at 350 deg. Combine remaining ingredients; beat well. Pour over top of baked crust. Bake 35 To 40 minutes longer at 350 deg. Serve with Cool Whip. ENJOY!!!



GRATITUDE REMEMBERED

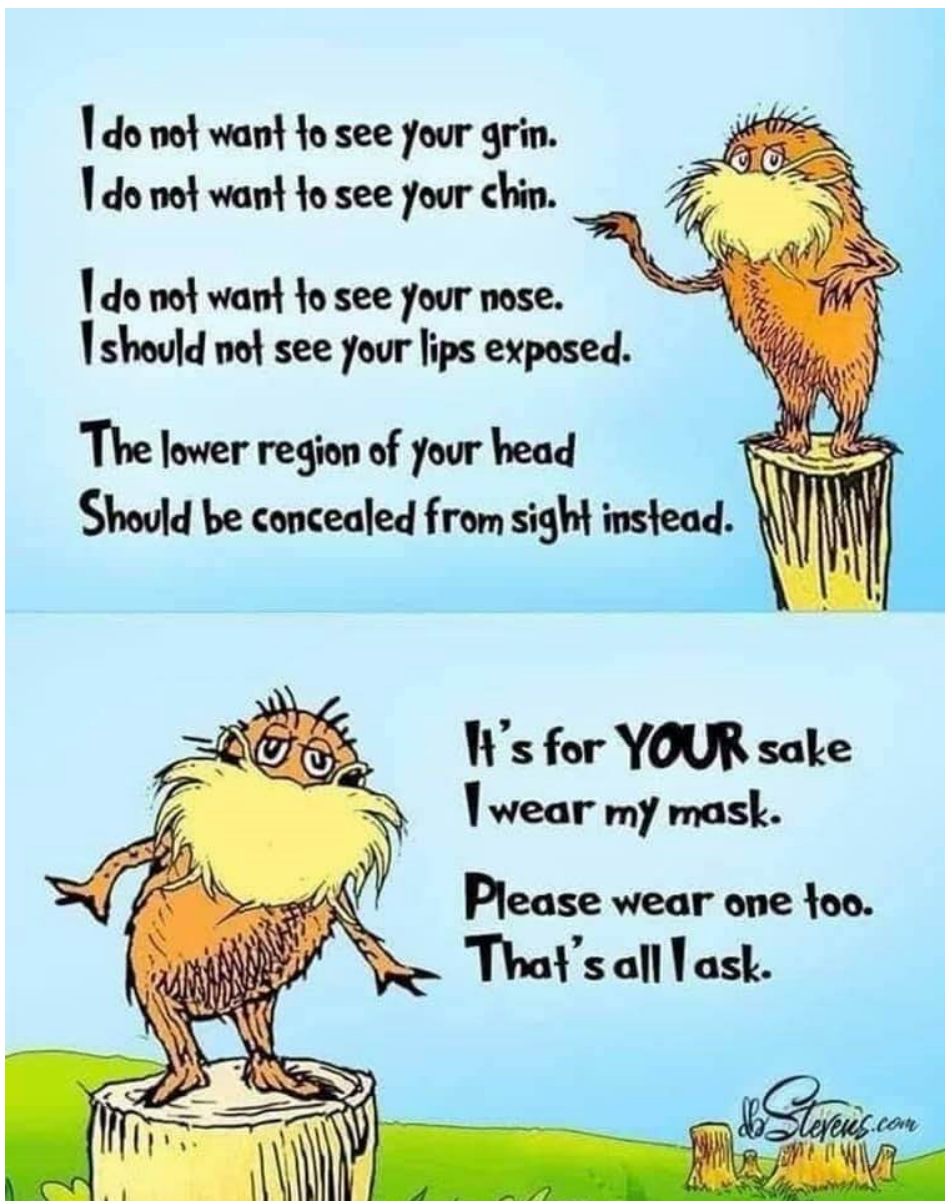
June Masters Bacher

We used to gather round the fire – To join our hands in prayer;
Thanksgiving time was drawing near – The feel was in the air.
The roof was patched, the cellar filled, - The winter wood piled high;
The cabin chinked against the cold – Why fear the darkening sky?
Our hearts were filled with gratitude – For garnerers of the fall,
And for the God in heaven who provided for us all.

God bless each and everyone of you. Carol and I send you warmest wishes for a truly thankful and blessed Thanksgiving. May you enjoy the comforts of family, friends and bounteous food.

Blessings all,
Carol and Sue,

A fun reminder of the importance of wearing a mask correctly.



Psalm 31:21-22

Praise the Lord,
for he has shown me
the wonders of his un-
failing love.

He kept me safe when
my city was under at-
tack.

In panic I cried out,
“I am cut off from the
Lord!”

But you heard my cry
for mercy and an-
swered my call for
help.

Welcome to our Church Family!

We welcome Carl & Carrie Brevig of West Concord to our church family. They joined our church on Sunday, October, 11th. They have an infant daughter, Caitlyn.



Ethan Gruhn, son of Dan & Catherine Gruhn was baptized at our September 27, 2020 outdoor service by Pastor Amanda,



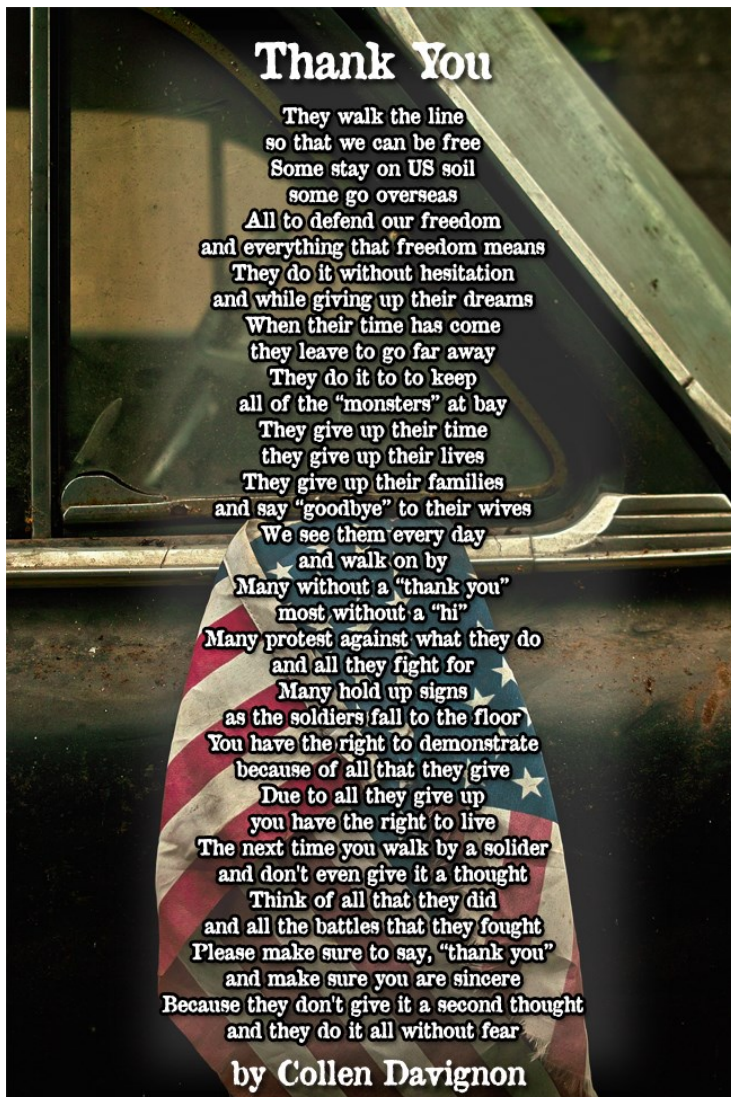
Congratulations to our Pastor Amanda. She was installed as the pastor of our First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 18, 2020. The session presented her with a special Pastor's Gift Edition of the new Glory to God hymnal in honor of the occasion.

Her installation service is available to watch on our Facebook page.

<http://www.facebook.com/presbykasson>

Celebrate Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 11, 2020



Soup and Chili Supper

**Soups, chili, sandwiches, bars, coffee, water
and milk will be served**

Wednesday November 11, 2020

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Dodge Center American Legion

Hwy 34 West, Dodge Center, MN

Hosted by the CCW Ladies of St. John Baptist de la Salle

All you can eat

All Veterans Eat Free

Free will offering

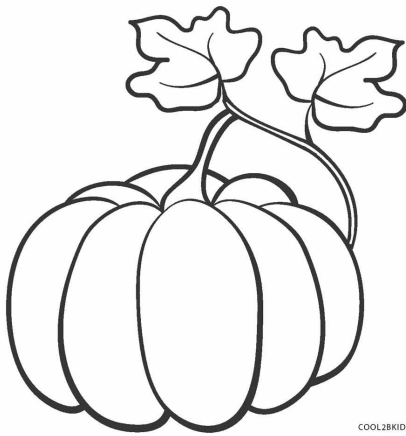
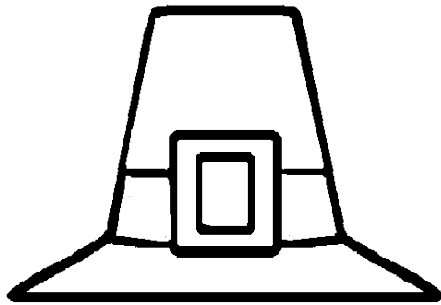
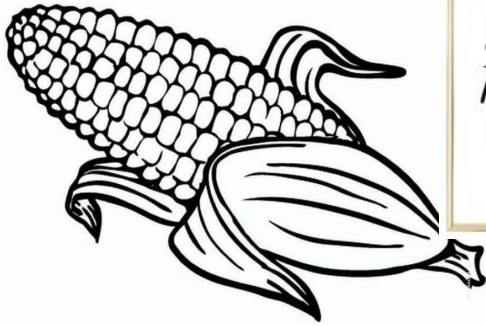


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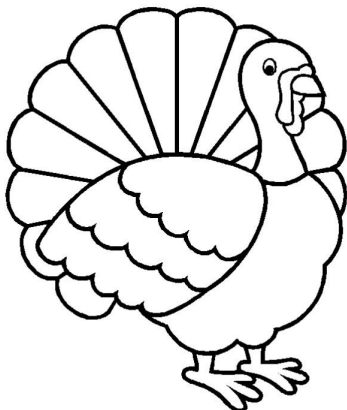
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All COVID-19 Guidelines will be followed

Thanksgiving Bible Verses



COOL2BKIDS.COM



RaisingOurKids.com



Thankful for Who God Is Secret Code

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

Jeremiah 32:17

Code key

A 1	J 10	S 19
B 2	K 11	T 20
C 3	L 12	U 21
D 4	M 13	V 22
E 5	N 14	W 23
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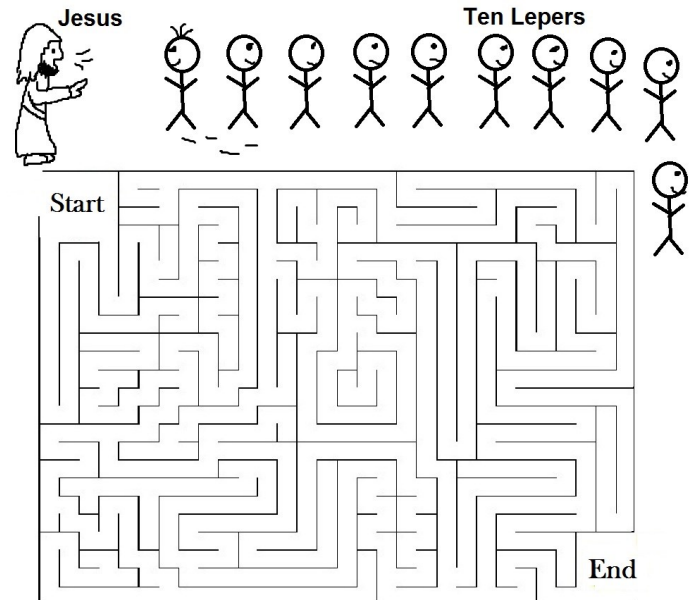
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You can be thankful because of God's

16 5 18 19 15 14



One Thankful Man Maze



Ten Lepers, but only one was thankful to Jesus for his healing.

Luke 17:16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

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Quinita Kase, Organist

Don and Jane Heser, Custodians

Amanda Frodermann Parish Nurse

Jennifer Mittelstadt, Treasurer

Elders & Committees

Randy Carlsen-Clerk of Session

Thelma Givan– Membership, Mission, Personnel

Robert Gransee– Property

Tami Hanson-Christian Ed, Personnel, Worship

Gayle Kaufeld– Christian Ed, Nominating, Worship

Jennifer Mittelstadt– Christian Ed, Membership, Personnel, Stewardship

Mike Prenzlöw-Property

Paulette Riedel-Nominating, Membership, Missions

Sheryl Scholer– Christian Ed, Worship

Deacons & Committees

Sue Alberts– Stewardship, Worship, Nominating

Steve Johnson-

Paul Riggs– Membership, Stewardship

Roma Stromme—

Wayne Trom– Property

Michelle Willert– Mission, Property

Pastor Letter by Rev. Clint Patterson

“Up Lifted by Prayer”

This past year my left hip became very painful. I resisted going to the doctor thinking my leg would get better. One day, I limped into the library. The librarian noticed my limp and asked me how I was doing. It was then that I started to talk about my pain. As I told her about my bad left leg, a total stranger, a man in the library said to me, “You need a hip replacement.” He then told me that he had a hip replacement that solved his pain and he was now a new man. We talked about what his hip surgery was like and he gave me encouraging words.. The librarian told me she would “pray for me.” This chance conversation was a “God Moment”. It encouraged me to go to the doctor and to ask for prayers. I left the library with a new attitude about seeing the doctor. I phoned my MD for an appointment. Usually, it takes a week or two to get an appointment, but the lady on the phone said, “We have just had a cancellation, can you come in this afternoon?” I said “Yes”. The doctor listened to my complaint, believed I had a big problem and ordered x-rays and set up an appointment for me to see the surgeon. He said it would be a couple of weeks before I could see him. Amazingly, the surgeon had an opening and I was seen in a few days. The surgeon said the surgery was necessary. I agreed. He ordered a pre-surgery health examination with my regular doctor. I passed this health exam as healthy enough for surgery. Surgery was scheduled. I am amazed at how quickly all of these exams went after I first phoned the doctor.

When I first thought about hip surgery, more than one person told me “horror stories” of people whose surgery went bad. This scared me enough to start asking people to pray for me. I contacted the churches I have served and my friends for prayer. An amazing result was the feeling of peace that came over me. I believe the prayers were a big help in my successful surgery. They gave me the confidence to see the doctor and have the surgery. The “fast track” for my surgery is God’s help. A new surgery technique spared me cut muscles and allows for a faster recovery. As I went for the surgery I “felt” people praying for me and for the medical staff to do their best. I felt the power of prayer giving me courage to face the surgery, peace that it would go well, and a profound sense of being loved and cared for. According to the doctor, the surgery went “perfect”. My recovery has been steady.

Judy is a big help, canceling a week of work to take me to the hospital and helping me recover at home. Friends also offered to help anyway they could. I felt confident going to the hospital for the surgery and was calm entering the surgery room. Waking up, I received good news that the surgery went well. The doctor showed me x-rays of my leg with the artificial hip. I was given a t-shirt to wear that said “Bionic Man-Part Human and Part Machine.” My recovery at home has also gone well.. At my two week check up I was shown new x-rays how the artificial hip is in place and my healing is making good progress. I still feel God helping me when I lose patience with not getting well as quickly as I want. Each step along the way the Lord was opening the way forward.

Some people would say that I had “good luck” with my surgery. I say it was answered prayer that gave me the good luck. Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, get well cards, emails and visits. I still need prayers for a complete recovery and patience to let my body heal. I look forward to leading worship at First Presbyterian Church in Hayfield for World Wide Communion Sunday, October 4.

Zoom Bible Study is Happening!

The Zoom link will be sent out via email. We are offering two different times each week; the same Bible study will be offered at both sessions.

Tuesday November 3 at 10am and Wednesday November 4 at 8pm - Peace



For this week's Bible Project Bible Study, we are exploring the Hebrew word shalom. This word means "peace" and carries with it the idea of wholeness and completion. As we consider the painful realities of our broken and incomplete world, we can recognize our great need for shalom. Let us reflect on this word and reconsider its importance in our modern lives.

Tuesday November 10 at 10am and Wednesday November 11 at 8pm - Hope



In this week's Bible Project Bible Study, we reflect on how the biblical theme of hope speaks to us in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the Bible, hope is about waiting, not for circumstances to change but for God himself. The only option we are left with in times of uncertainty is to cultivate the difficult virtue of patient hope in God's promises.

Tuesday November 17 at 10am and Wednesday November 18 at 8pm- Generosity



In this week's Bible Project Bible Study, we look at the biblical theme of Generosity. Something happens inside of human beings in times of crisis. Jesus taught that our obsession with self-preservation not only makes us more miserable and anxious, it actually creates more of the thing that we're trying to avoid.

Monday November 23 at 8pm and Tuesday November 24 at 10am- Love



In this week's Bible Project Bible Study, we are looking at the Hebrew word for "love" in the Old Testament, ahavah. What we learn from the story of the Bible is that Yahweh not only feels love for all the world, he also acts from love. God's love is a gift to share.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daylight Savings Ends Set clocks back All Saints Day 1	2	Bible Study 10 am—Zoom  3	Bible Study 8 PM—Zoom 4	5	6	7
8	Meals on Wheels ----- Session Mtg 5:30 pm 9	Bible Study 10 am—Zoom 10	Veteran's Day Bible Study 8 PM—Zoom Worship Comm. @ 7 PM by Zoom 11	12	13	14
15	16	Bible Study 10 am—Zoom 17	Bible Study 8 PM—Zoom 18	19	Community Tree Lighting Pastor Amanda At Veterans Park-6:00 PM 20	21
Communion 22	Bible Study 8 PM—Zoom 23	Bible Study 10 am—Zoom 24	Deadline for Newsletter 25	 26	27	28
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