

THE HIGHLIGHTER

Highlights from Trinity United Methodist Church

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May 2021

From the Pastor's Pen...

Dear Trinity Church Family,

Included in this month's newsletter is some information about the Global Methodist Church (GMC) - a church being born out of the separation protocol being considered by The United Methodist Church. Trinity's leadership has been considering this information and wanted to make it available to the entire congregation. (See the GMC document on pages 8 and 9.)

I am studying the GMC as well. If you have any questions or things you'd like to discuss about it, I would love to talk with you.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim
Dr. James E. Swecker
Senior Pastor

TUMC Mission Statement:

"To ignite such a passion, for Jesus Christ and His teachings, that it sets our world on fire."

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Blessings, Thanks & Prayers

Prayers for Those Who Have Been Hospitalized Recently...

Fred Davenport, Marcia Early, Mickey Greene, Ken Ives, Thushara Rodrigo, Dave Stortzum (Mary Stortzum's brother-in-law), Guy Swecker (Pastor Jim's uncle), Charlotte Wood and Jack Woodford.

Welcome to the Trinity UMC Family...

- Norma Jean Welch, who joined us as a New Full Professing Member on March 27.
- † Thea Monroe Migliaccio, who was baptized on April 10. Nick and Caryn Migliaccio are her parents.

Our Sincere Sympathies to...

- † Connie Cosgrove and family, as they grieve the death of her aunt ~ Annie Elliott ~ on March 25.
- Joe Bell and family, as they grieve the death of his wife ~ Nancy Bell ~ on March 26.
- † Janet Hyde and family, as they grieve the death of her mother ~ Nellie Buynar ~ on April 26.

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Visitation List...

Glenn Conner - 165 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 Arlene Downs - 4540 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 Carole Jean Hutchins - 1710 Old Adelina Road, Pr. Fred., MD 20678 Chip Jaworski - 1960 Shiloh Lane, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 Betty Southard - 1665 Mallard Point Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Asbury Solomons - Solomons, MD 20688 Fred Davenport - 11450 Asbury Circle, #421 Bernie Fowler, Sr. - 11450 Asbury Circle, #224 Charlotte Hall - 11740 Asbury Circle, Apt. #1404 Margaret Hayes - 11740 Asbury Circle, Apt. #1308 Jane Schmidt - 11740 Asbury Circle, Apt. #1420

Fairfield Health & Rehab Center

Ron Sauer - 1454 Fairfield Loop Rd., Room 128, Crownsville, MD 21032

Flury House

Jason Gohn - 6045 Bauman Drive, Elkridge, MD 21075

The Hermitage at Solomons

Doris Benesh - 13325 Dowell Road, Solomons, MD 20688

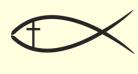
Sagepoint Gardens Assisted Living

Eddie Wood - 123 Morris Drive, La Plata, MD 20646

Solomons Nursing Center

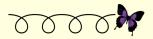
Ruth Everhart - 13325 Dowell Road, (P.O. Box 1509), Patuxent Room 16, Solomons, MD 20688





Thank you from Little Jack Woodford:

I am overwhelmed with the many acts of love that was shown to me during my recent stay at Calvert Health Medical Center. I received many expressions of agape love from you all through social media, email, text messages, phone calls, Pastor Jim's morning prayer time, cards, intercessory prayers, and a couple of visits from Trinity members that work at the Hospital.





If you are currently attending our virtual service, don't forget to prepare for Communion on the first Sunday of each month.

Prepackaged (sealed) sets of wafers and juice are available in the church office

Monday through Friday from 8 am-4 pm.





Calendar for Bible Study Groups

<u>Tuesday</u> Ladies of Grace Women's Bible Study

> 10 – 11:30 AM on Zoom Sue Clark

<u>Wednesday</u> Open Bible Study

10 AM and 6:30 PM on Zoom Pastor Jim and Friends



After COVID-19 Restrictions have been Lifted

Sunday New Covenant Adult Sunday School Class 9:15 AM – Parlor

9:15 AM – Parlor Rick Cox

Special Needs Young Adult Sunday School Class 9:15 AM – Room 312

Thursday
Men's Bible Study
5:30 AM

At the homes of: John Godfrey Morris Hawkins



Health Ministry Minute

The month of April was busy and there were good things that happened. COVID-19 vaccines are now more accessible and Maryland is in phase 3, so residents over the age of 16 can pre-register if they want a vaccine.

Also, April was National Autism Awareness Month.

There are additional important issues that have awareness in the month of May.

National Stroke Awareness Month

https://newsroom.heart.org/events/may-is-stroke-month

Remember to think FAST to recognize signs of a possible stroke.

F - Facial drooping

A - Arm weakness

S - Speech difficulty

T - Time to call 911.

National Melanoma Skin Cancer Awareness Month

https://www.aad.org/public/public-health/awareness-campaigns/practice-safe-sun

Things to look for in moles, in which you want to consider seeing a dermatologist:

Moles that are unevenly shaped

Moles that have blurry borders and/or multiple colors

Moles that have a diameter $> \frac{1}{4}$ inch across

Moles that change, swell, bleed, itch or scab.

National Mental Health Month

https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month

Please, if you feel like you need help - reach out and get help. Do not suffer in silence. There are local programs in Calvert County that can assist you.

Look for information and handouts that will be made available at the church this month. The Health Ministries Team is still new and looking for help. We are blessed and would like to thank Susan Midgett and Allie Hummel for answering the call to join the team. If this is something you might be interested in, have a calling for or have questions, please contact us. Thank you for your patience and support. Stay tuned!

Kendra & Erik Johnson

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Food Pantry Donations are being accepted during regular Church Office hours.

Trinity's Virtual Schedule...

- **Sunday Worship Service**: To access the worship service on Sundays at 10:30 am, visit www.trinityumchurch.org (Trinity's website) and click on LIVE STREAM. This service can be viewed throughout the week. The service is also available on You Tube ~ see below.
- † Open Bible Study: Open Bible Study will be conducted via ZOOM on Wednesdays. For the 10 am gathering, use https://us02web.zoom.us/j/wde2XM3cERVYXhoVjE1djVyMFpJUT09 with Meeting ID: 852 2651 3848 and Password: 011371. For the 6:30 pm gathering, use https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81695972777? pwd=ZUIJUXFPcTOwOVNIL0RhYmZjTXBQZz09 with Meeting ID: 816 9597 2777 and Password: 010135.
- Youth Group: The Youth Group will meet in the parking lot, or via ZOOM if weather is inclement, on Sunday evenings from 6 7:30 pm. Contact Janet Swecker at firstladyjanet@gmail.com if you would like to participate.
- † Young Adults: The Young Adults are meeting via ZOOM on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Contact Ruthie Lewis at ruthielws@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.
- † **Daily Prayer**: Pastor Jim is recording a Prayer each weekday morning. Visit www.trinityumchurch.org and click on *Daily Prayer*. You can also see past recordings on Trinity's YouTube channel (see below).
- YouTube Channel: The Sunday Worship Services and Daily Prayers are recorded and available on YouTube. Visit www.trinityumchurch.org and click on YouTube Channel. Closed Captioning is available by clicking on the "CC" in the bottom right of the video screen (to the left of the cogwheel).

Farming 4 Hunger Egg Cartons



Farming 4 Hunger can make good use of your empty egg cartons!!!

They now have 450 laying hens and hope to help families in need with eggs from the new hens.

Place your empty egg cartons in the Farming 4 Hunger box located in the Gathering Room.

https://www.farming4hunger.com/ Thank you!!!

WHEN WE CRIED OUT TO THE LORD,
HE HEARD OUR CRY AND SENT AN ANGEL...
NUMBERS 20: 16



Trinity's next Blood Drive is May 19 from 2pm to 7pm.

Contact Dawn Rice (410-474-6477) for more information.

Discipleship Model

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



3. Serve Seriously

2. Meet Monthly

1. Worship Weekly

- 1. **Worship Weekly** (not weakly): being a disciple of Jesus means regularly and faithfully worshiping the Lord to stay connected to Him and His people. Illness or out of town obligations can often prevent us from being with the Church when it gathers on Sundays, and we understand this. Our goal is to be as faithful as possible being in God's house for worship. The scripture says Jesus Himself worshiped regularly. SCRIPTURE: Luke 4: 16-17 and Hebrews 10: 24-25
- 2. **Meet Monthly**: become part of a Bible Study or some other small group. Followers of Jesus study His word, not in isolation, but with the help of other disciples seeking to be closer, deeper and more effective. You may want to participate in your Bible Study or small group more than monthly, but at least consider this minimum standard for keeping your life with Christ fresh, active, living and growing. SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119: 105, Acts 2: 42-47, 2 Timothy 3: 14-16, Hebrews 10: 24-25 and Matthew 18: 15-20
- 3. **Serve Seriously**: serving others is a part of following Jesus in the world. Serving the needs of other people and witnessing to the love of Christ are part of the same motion, taking the Gospel outward into the world. Witnessing is a part of serving, and spreading the good news of Jesus happens as we feed the hungry. Faith without works is dead, so an active, growing, vibrant faith must have SERVING as a regular component. We recommend serving locally at least 4 times per year (every 3 months) and ask you to consider serving outside our local community once each year, if possible.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2: 32-37; Psalm 100: 2a and Matthew 28: 16-20



visit globalmethodist.org for more information

JOHN WESLEY, THE FOUNDER OF THE METHODIST MOVEMENT, PROCLAIMED, "THE WORLD IS MY PARISH." EVER SINCE, THE PEOPLE CALLED METHODIST HAVE COMMITTED TO SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST WITH PEOPLE ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

IN THAT SPIRIT, FAITHFUL METHODISTS HAVE BEEN PRAYING AND WORKING TO DISCERN GOD'S WILL FOR A NEW CHURCH ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE AND THE HISTORIC AND LIFE GIVING TEACHINGS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

WHAT IS THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH (GMC)?

It is a church committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. We believe the Global Methodist Church will be filled with warm-hearted, Jesus loving, and Holy Spirit inspired people. They will be grounded in Scripture and the life giving confessions of the Christian faith as found in the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed.

WHAT IS THE MISSION & VISION OF THE GMC?

The Mission of the Global Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

The Vision of the Global Methodist Church is to join God in a journey of bringing new life, reconciliation, and the presence of Christ to all people, and to helping each person to increasingly reflect the character of Christ.

WHY IS THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH IN FORMATION?

The Global Methodist Church has not been legally formed and is not operating as a church at this time. When legally formed, the Global Methodist Church will be as outlined on these pages. We expect the Global Methodist Church will be legally formed and begin to operate as a church when the General Conference of The United Methodist Church adopts the Protocol for Reconciliation and Grace through Separation which anticipates and allows the creation of new Methodist churches. Alternatively, if it becomes apparent that the leading bishops, centrists, and progressives who covenanted to support the Protocol no longer do so, then the GMC Transitional Council will consider bringing the new church into existence without delay.

WHEN WILL THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH BEGIN?

It is widely assumed that the delegates to The United Methodist Church's next General Conference (August 29-September 6, 2022) will approve a plan for the denomination's amicable separation. Once that plan of separation is approved, the Global Methodist Church's Transitional Leadership Council will officially launch the new denomination. Alternatively, if it becomes apparent that the leading bishops, centrists, and progressives who covenanted to support the Protocol no longer do so, then the council will consider bringing the new church into existence without delay. For approximately one year, the Global Methodist Church will be a church in transition as it prepares for its convening General Conference. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 pandemic induced travel and meeting restrictions, it is not possible to provide an exact date for the official beginning of the Global Methodist Church.

WHAT ARE THE CORE BELIEFS OF THE GMC?

That the one God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - has created all things; that Jesus Christ, through the power of his cross and Resurrection, is the Lord and Savior of all the world; and that the Holy Spirit empowers the people of his church to worship and praise God and to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world in word and deed. (For a full accounting of the church's core beliefs see its Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline, pages 4-19 -available at globalmethodist.org.)

WILL THE GMC BE ETHNICALLY & RACIALLY DIVERSE?

Yes! As a truly global church the denomination will be ethnically and racially diverse and will insist on the equal treatment of all the church's members.

WILL THE GMC HAVE WOMEN CLERGY?

Yes! Women, like men, will be called to serve in the Global Methodist Church and will be entitled to serve at all levels of the Global Methodist Church.

WHEN CAN CHURCHES JOIN THE GMC?

Local churches will be able to join the Global Methodist Church shortly after it is officially organized. (See paragraph 352 in the Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline for further details on when and how a current local UM church or other churches can join the Global Methodist Church.)

WILL LOCAL CHURCHES THAT JOIN THE GMC OWN THEIR PROPERTY & ASSETS?

According to the Global Methodist Church's Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline local churches will own all their property and assets. Since it is widely assumed that the local churches, and annual conferences and central conferences that are strongly inclined to join the Global Methodist Church do not want to be part of a denomination with a "trust clause" (i.e., where local church property is held in trust for a general church), it is almost certain that the Global Methodist Church will never adopt one. Therefore, local churches in the Global Methodist Church will own all their property and assets in perpetuity.

WHERE WILL THERE BE GMC LOCAL CHURCHES?

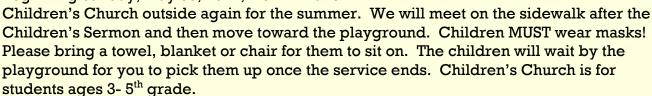
Within two years of its official initiation date, we believe the Global Methodist Church will have local churches in countries all around the world. Most local churches will initially be in Africa, Europe, Eurasia, the Philippines, and the United States. However, the Church is fully committed to becoming a truly global church, and so having local churches in as many countries as possible.

WILL THE GMC HAVE BISHOPS?

According to the Global Methodist Church's Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline (see paragraph 516.2) bishops will only serve for defined term limits. Once they serve their terms they will either return to ministry in a local church or to some other area of service in the general church. It is widely assumed the delegates to the Global Methodist Church's convening General Conference will endorse term limits for bishops. As well as enhanced accountability for bishops to uphold the new Book of Doctrines and Discipline.

Christian Education at Trinity

Beginning Sunday, May 30, 2021, we will have







Congratulations to Makenzie who competed in her first solo dance competition and placed 6th overall. Way to go Makenzie!!

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Take a look at the pictures on the following pages to see how our friends celebrated Easter and springtime! And then — check out the VBS information and registration form.

In Christ,
Janet Swecker
firstladyjanet@gmail.com

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Vacation Bible School Information

Due to COVID-19 Protocols, we will have to do things differently this year. We will be meeting on the front lawn at Trinity. We will have two sessions and space will be limited. The same material will be covered in both sessions, so all you need to do is sign up for the time that works best for your family. Session One will be from 9AM-12PM and Session Two will be from 1PM-4PM.

From May 1, 2021 through June 15, 2021, members of Trinity UMC will be able to reserve spots for their children. If there are any spaces remaining, we will open registration to the community from June 16- July 10, 2021. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate walk-ins this year. Due to COVID-19 Protocols, we will be putting together all of the supplies in individual bags to be given to each participant, so we really need to know who is coming to join in the fun.

We really need your help to make this Vacation Bible School a success. Please provide the following items for your child(ren):

- A mask
- A blanket, towel or chair for your child to sit on
- A bottle or two of water
- A little snack, in case it is needed
- Please apply sunscreen to your child before bringing them to the front lawn.

We will not be able to break up into age groups this year, so we will be placing the children in their family groups. There will be more than one family group in each Station, but there will be the required distancing protocols in place for the safety of all involved.

Depending on what the protocols are in July, we may or may not be required to take temperatures upon arrival. We will follow the CDC and Calvert County Health Department protocols at that time.

The Registration Form is included on the following page for your convenience.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL'S "OLYMPIC HOPEFULS":

JESUS LOYES THE LITTLE CHILDREN...RUNNING FOR THE PRIZE FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 YEARS OLD -5™ GRADE REGISTRATION FORM



LAST NAME OF FAMILY					
CHILD(REN'S) NAMES					
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:					
PHONE NUMBER:					
MOM'S NAME AND CELL PHONE NUMBER:					
DAD'S NAME AND CELL PHONE NUMBER:					
WHICH SESSION WILL YOU BE ATTENDING? (CHECK 1)					
SESSION ONE: 9:00AM-12:00PM					
SESSION TWO: 1:00PM-4:00PM					

Youth Ministry & Fellowship



We are so glad that the weather has warmed up enough for us to be outside again. We have had some rousing games of kickball and Rock, Paper, Scissors with Hula Hoops. The youth really enjoy being together and we will continue to meet outside, weather permitting, until May 23, 2021. Then, we will take a break for the summer. We will plan something special in July and August, so watch for emails and announcements in the bulletin and newsletters.

This year, we will be saying goodbye to more of our Awesome Youth!! Jacob Bush,

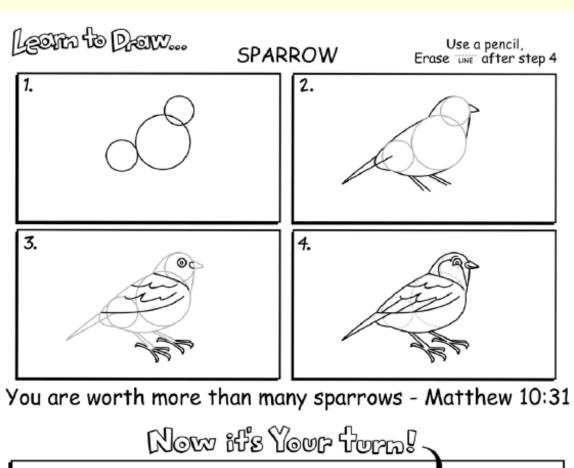


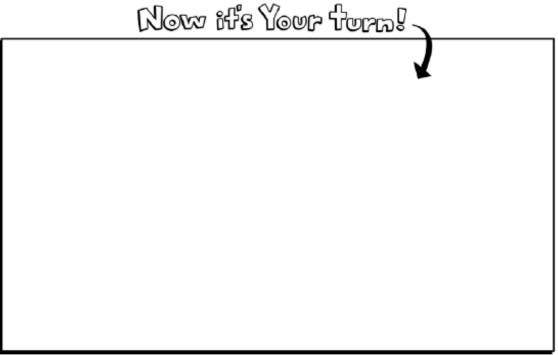
Jackson Carswell, Erinn Diehl and David Lozier. As we say goodbye, we would like to wish them all the best in their college careers! May God go with each of you and prepare you for college and jobs out in the world in the near future. It has been a pleasure to get to know these fine individuals and we can't wait to see where life takes them. I know God has important plans for each of them.

Congratulations to Karin Lozier!! Karin participated in the NJROTC Virtual National Championship along with other members of the Calvert High School Air Rifle Team. Karin shot a personal best of 514 during the competition. Keep up the great work Karin!!

In Christ, Miss Janet







Happy Birthday

to Our Trinity Family

May 1: Christopher Holt

May 2: Amanda Curran

May 2: Karli Hawxhurst

May 3: Rob Carter

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May 3: John Whitten

May 4: Eric Curran

May 4: Greg Veit

May 6: Carly McCarthy

May 7: Rhonda Buckler

May 7: Aaron Saberan

May 8: Patricia Bowen

May 8: Michelle Vieley

May 9: Angela Denton

May 9: Charles Joseph

May 10: Fred Davenport

May 10: Ashleigh Harms

May 10: Kim Lusby

May 10: Amanda Ocker

May 10: Cheryl Quesenberry

May 11: Chuck DeBolt

May 12: Megan Williams

May 13: Brandi Hutchins

May 13: Ethan Matteson

May 13: Kim Rallo

May 14: Katie Stephens

May 15: Joshua Bush

May 15: John Godfrey

May 17: Nicole Curran

May 17: Caryn Migliaccio

May 19: Kendra Hutchins

May 19: Joy McCarthy

May 19: Crystal Willson

May 21: Winston Warner

May 22: Jeffrey Besse

May 22: Renée Stadelman

May 23: Steven Houchin

May 25: Mike Latham

May 25: Jenny Swecker

May 26: James Hall

May 27: Hayden Haller

May 27: Samantha Pfeiffer

May 28: Kaitlyn Jones

May 28: Jack MacMillan

May 29: Janet Hyde

May 30: William Bradley

May 31: Andrew Mason





Listen to the Words...

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

* Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh, my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
Oh, my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

* Bless the Lord, Oh my soul...

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
10,000 reasons for my heart to find

* Bless the Lord, Oh my soul...

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
10,000 years and then forevermore

* Bless the Lord, Oh my soul...

Yes, I will worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before
Oh, my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Jesus, I will worship Your holy name
I'll worship Your holy name.



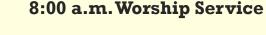
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TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. (on ZOOM)

Sunday Schedule





10:30 a.m. Worship Service (live-streamed - www.trinityumchurch.org and on Trinity's You Tube channel)

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

Sharon Godfrey Financial Secretary
William Jenifer Sexton
Becki Nelson Bookkeeper
Kathy Pinkowski Administrative Assistant
Janet Swecker Coordinator of Christian Ed
and Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Jack Woodford Certified Lay Minister
Leah Woods Director of Music Ministries

Jim Swecker.....Lead Pastor

For Highlighter questions, comments or article submissions, contact Dawn Rice at cdr727@aol.com.



MAY 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2	Trustees Meeting 7 pm	Missions Meeting 6 pm	5	6 National Day of Prayer	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	Worship Meeting 6:30 pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	Church Council 6:30 pm	Blood Drive 2-7 pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Summer Worship Schedule (see page 3)	Memorial Day Church Office Closed					

Weekly Ministries

Sunday		Wednesda	<u>y</u>
8:00 am	Worship Service	10:00 am	Open Bible Study ~ Zoom
10:30 am	Worship Service ~ Live Streamed	4:00 pm	Stroller Strong
6:00 pm	Youth Group	6:30 pm	Open Bible Study ~ Zoom
7:00 pm	AA Meeting	•	•
Monday 9:00 am	Church Staff Meeting	_	Praise Team Rehearsal Young Adult ~ Zoom
Tuesday	Women's Rible Study ~ Zoom	<u>Saturday</u>	

Women's Bible Study ~ Zoom 10:00 am

9:30 am Stroller Strong 10:30 am **Stroller Strong**