



The Clarion Call

*Love God, Love Everyone,
No Exceptions*



*From the
Pastor*



So there was this *theologian* who was telling folks that God was doing something new, surprising and controversial, something God had never done before. Someone pointed out to this *theologian*, “*What you are saying goes against what is written in the scripture.*” The *theologian* agreed. Then they asked the *theologian*, “*Can you show us in the scripture where what you are saying is written?*” The *theologian* responded, “*No, I cannot. It is something brand new, and never revealed before until now.*”

They were growing impatient with the *theologian* and they straight out asked him, “*Give us one good reason why we should believe you and embrace this ‘new teaching,’ that seemingly goes against scripture and you have admitted yourself, it is not written anywhere in the scripture, but in fact scripture seems to speak against it.*” The *theologian* said, “*Here is why you should believe it and believe me, God revealed it directly to me.*”

How would you feel? Would you believe the *theologian*? Would you embrace this “*new teaching?*”

I think two responses would cover most of our responses to this scenario. First, we would either say to the *theologian*, “*I need to know more.*” And we would discuss it further. Ask for details. And then ask more questions and possibly think about it. Pray about it. Talk to others who might be able to shed some light on the subject. Maybe we would apply what Methodists call the Wesleyan Quadrilateral; that is we would weigh this “*new teaching*” against Scripture, Tradition, Reason and Experience. And then maybe pray some more, talk some more, listen some more. Or, the other possibility is we would simply say, “*I can’t find in in scripture and scripture seems to speak against this ‘new teaching,’ therefore I reject it and I reject you.*”

Well, the story is true. The *theologian* in this scenario is the Apostle Paul. And one of the “*new teachings*” he was asking the church to embrace was that Gentile Christians in Galatia, or elsewhere, no longer needed to be circumcised. And good religious’ folks were quick to point out to Paul (Genesis 17:13-14).... *12*Generation after generation, every male must be circumcised when he is eight days old, including those born in your household and those purchased from a foreigner—even those who are not your offspring. *13*Whether they are born in your household or purchased, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh will be an everlasting covenant. *14***But if any male is not circumcised, he will be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.**”... And so for hundreds of years, this was followed and adhered to. And now the Apostle Paul was asking the church to embrace something else, something new, something not considered or heard of before, based solely on his own revelation, (Galatians 3:11), *11* I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. *12* **I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.**

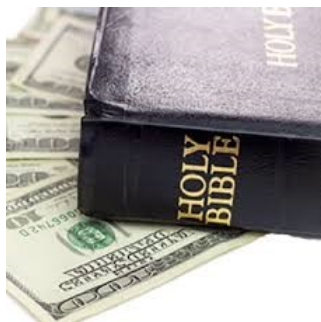
Paul goes ever further and says that until this time, this new revelation had remained hidden, for God knows all things and all time, and God was choosing to reveal this *new teaching* to this generation. (Ephesians 3:2-6) *Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,⁵ which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.*

Church I share all of this to say, *keep talking, keep listening, keep praying, keep communicating, keep seeking counsel, keep reflecting and then do it all over again.* We live in days where folks do not want to communicate. Days where we want to reject anything that doesn't resemble or sound like what we have always been taught. Days when we forget Jesus' words, *"Behold I am making all things new."*

There is this wonderful exchange that was preserved for us in the Book of Acts chapter 5, the text speaks for itself... ³³ *When the members of the Sanhedrin heard Peter and the other apostles, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.* ³⁴ *But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while.* ³⁵ *Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men.* ³⁶ *Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing.* ³⁷ *After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered.* ³⁸ *Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail.* ³⁹ *But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."*

God is bigger than all of our disagreements, I am sure of that. In the meantime, keep communicating, keep praying, keep talking, keep listening, keep seeking out counsel, and then do it all over again...for we never know, God just may be behind something that has remained hidden and revealed until now, to this generation.

It's a privilege to be your pastor...always,
Pastor Mike



Did you know that Jesus had a lot to say about managing our money and how that applies to our daily lives? It's true. Jesus understood there are many pitfalls and cultural traps when it comes to managing our resources. So he said things like, *"Do not worry about what you will eat or what you will wear. God knows and will take care of your needs. Eventually all material things turn to rust and decay. Put God first and then everything will fall into place afterwards."* (Matthew 6). Biblical wisdom and basic money management principles are essential if we are to achieve financial peace and accomplish God's greater purposes for our lives.

This past week, our Wednesday evening study class looked at and discussed Six Key Financial Principles. We hope you will take some time to reflect on these, discuss them over a meal, or even better, join us on Wednesday evenings. Here they are:

1. Pay your tithe and offering first.
2. Create a budget and track your expenses.
3. Simplify your lifestyle (live below your means, not above it).
4. Establish an emergency fund.
5. Payoff your credit cards, use cash/debit cards for purchases, and use credit wisely.
6. Practice long term savings and investing habits.

By simplifying our lives, it will enable us to be even more generous and experience the joy that comes from living for something and someone beyond ourselves.

Protect your every day.

RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF TERRORISM-RELATED SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED THREAT

Threatening to commit a crime that could harm or kill people or damage a facility, infrastructure, or secured site



SURVEILLANCE

A prolonged interest in or taking pictures/videos of personnel, facilities, security features, or infrastructure in an unusual or covert manner



THEFT/LOSS/DIVERSION

Stealing or diverting items—such as equipment, uniforms, or badges—that belong to a facility or secured site



TESTING OR PROBING OF SECURITY

Investigating or testing a facility's security or IT systems to assess the strength or weakness of the target



AVIATION ACTIVITY

Operating or interfering with the operation of an aircraft that poses a threat of harm to people and property



BREACH/ATTEMPTED INTRUSION

Unauthorized people trying to enter a restricted area or impersonating authorized personnel



ACQUISITION OF EXPERTISE

Gaining skills or knowledge on a specific topic, such as facility security, military tactics, or flying an aircraft



ELICITING INFORMATION

Questioning personnel beyond mere curiosity about an event, facility, or operations



MISREPRESENTATION

Presenting false information or misusing documents to conceal possible illegal activity



CYBERATTACK

Disrupting or compromising an organization's information technology systems



RECRUITING/FINANCING

Funding suspicious or criminal activity or recruiting people to participate in criminal or terrorist activity



SABOTAGE/TAMPERING/VANDALISM

Damaging or destroying part of a facility, infrastructure, or secured site



MATERIALS ACQUISITION/STORAGE

Acquisition and/or storage of unusual materials such as cell phones, radio controllers, or toxic materials



WEAPONS COLLECTION/STORAGE

Collection or discovery of unusual amounts of weapons including explosives, chemicals, or other destructive materials



SECTOR-SPECIFIC INCIDENT

Actions which raise concern to specific sectors, (e.g., power plant) with regard to their personnel, facilities, systems, or functions

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Letter & Photo

October

SHOEBOXES For the Month of October



Time is getting close. Y'all might consider writing a short, thoughtful note to the children your packing for. You might even include a picture. You can include your name and address. Why, you say? You just never know if they'll write you back. A couple of years ago I received a sweet letter and picture from one of the kids who received our box. Boy, was that ever awesome. What a blessing.

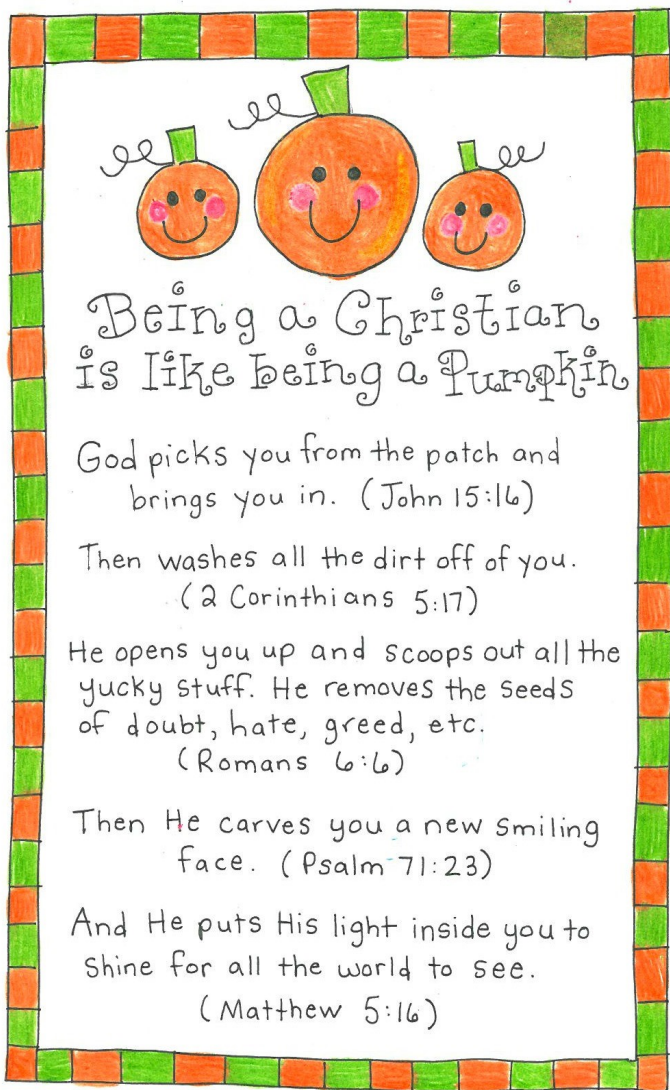
NOT ALLOWED—Breakables, food products, chocolate, medicine, liquids, candy, toothpaste, body wash, lotion, used or dirty items, money (except \$9 shipping), war-related toys and games, pocket knives, paint sets, bubbles, hand sanitizer, balls with glitter liquid inside, drink mixes, seeds

If you would like the opportunity to serve with this ministry, please contact

Debbie Weiss, 304-258-8831. Also we are always looking for ways to raise money for this mission. Won't YOU be a part of this heartwarming mission to bring children all over the world, closer to God? You won't be disappointed.

Please Remember to Bring Empty Shoeboxes for us to use.

**“Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.”
PSALM 96:3**



Happy Home Fairy

Nurse's Corner October 2019



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Cancer occurs as a result of changes in the cell called mutations. These mutations can affect cell growth by causing the cell to grow out of control forming a tumor. A tumor can be benign or non cancerous. These tumors grow slowly and resemble the original cell. They do not spread to other areas of the body.

Malignant tumors are cancerous and do not resemble the original cell. They also spread to other parts of the body and are fast growing cells. Cancer can occur in any cell. Breast cancer is cancer in the breast cells. As we all know this disease, whether in the breast or other body part is devastating to the person and the entire family. Treatment can be very harsh. Please encourage your wife, mother, sister, daughter, friends to get their yearly mamogram. For more information on breast and other cancers go to the American Cancer Society website or just look up that particular cancer.

Blessings, Kim.



MISSION MONTHLY



The month of October, we want to highlight Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, has touched the lives of millions of hurting children since 1993 by distributing gift-filled shoe boxes and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in crisis areas of the world. There are still millions more hurting children waiting to hear that God loves them—and it all starts with us!

Operation Christmas Child distributes the shoe boxes to children in over 100 countries and works in and through local churches where possible, offering children Gospel literature and culturally appropriate evangelical and follow-up programs.

The shoe box gifts open doors for presenting the Good News of Jesus Christ. Union Chapel will once again be participating in this endeavor.

It's never too early to start planning and buying for our Shoeboxes.

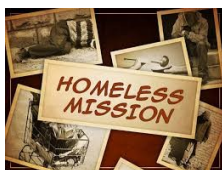



Share the love of Jesus, through the power of a simple gift, with children around the world.

In order to operate the Church van, you are required for insurance purposes to be approved by Close Insurance Company. In order for this to happen, you will need to provide a copy of your valid driver's license to Dave Fink or Harry Weiss. Dave or Harry then will submit the license information for approval. This process takes approximately 1-2 days. Those without prior approval are NOT permitted to operate the van. Any questions see Dave or Harry

DC Homeless Mission

Cooler weather approaching we will be needing these items for the homeless men and women, light weight jackets, jeans, blankets, sheets, backpacks, small carry bags on wheels and shoes. We will soon start our glove collection for the winter months. Thanks for all you do to make these trips possible. If you would like to go see and experience first hand what the DC Homeless Missions is all about just let Arnie or Vickie know and we will save you a spot in the van.



Again Thanks

Stewardship Gatherings

Please look for the lunch and dinner get together sign ups in the Narthex. Come and be part of one of the four gatherings at different homes and enjoy lunch or dinner as we share and discuss what stewardship has meant to our lives and our church. Bring no food, everything will be prepared and served, just simply sign up for lunch or dinner that will occur on October 28th & October 29th. If you have questions please talk to Pastor Mike, Dave of Kay Fink, Debbie Weiss or Jill Leedom.



Recycle your *Upper Room* and *Daily Bread* booklets. There is a labeled container in the Narthex for the used booklets. They will be included with meals for the homeless when the church members visit DC each month.

To join the Church's e-mail **prayer chain**, or to submit your own prayer request for a friend, family member, or neighbor, contact Darlene Unger (304) 671-0340 atlantaplus5@aol.com

CHURCH USERS
 If you raise or lower the temperature in the space you are using, please read the posted temperature settings located under each thermostat throughout the Church. Thanks, Your Board of Trustees

ATTENTION FELLOWSHIP HALL USERS
 When you leave the hall please ensure that the blinds are left open. This is necessary so that the Sheriff and the Deputies can see in when responding to a security issue here.
 Thank You, Your Board of Trustees

“SAVE THE GIRLS”
 “SAVE THE GIRLS” Help ladies who need: bras – new or fairly new, underwear – new or fairly new, Always pads, tampons. There will be a collection box for donations of these items in the Narthex. Cash donations will also be gratefully accepted. May God Bless You Contact Joyce Kline 304-258-5199

Kathy Zeigler, our Administrative Assistant will be working in the church office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please email her at ucumcvv@gmail.com with Newsletter information and Bulletin information.



Ladies Exercise Class
 Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9am at Cacapon State Park
 Inquiries made to Ratih Hughes 443-822-3899

ATTENTION—
 If you see any areas of the Church that need attention, either inside or outside, please contact Dave Fink at: dave.finkucumc@gmail.com or Harry Weiss at: harryweis-sucumc@aol.com or any members of the Union Chapel Board of Trustees

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Mission Request
For October
Cans of Peas**

Have some Free Time? Ralph Booth at Berkeley Center would LOVE some visitors..In person or by phone, 304-258-1602



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Tuesday December 3rd Ladies are meeting at the Country Inn at 11:45am for a holiday lunch. December 3rd is 'give back day' with 20% of all lunch and dinner tabs to be donated to starting points family resource center. Remember to support your community by eating out in Berkeley Springs.

There is a new 'drawer' in the Narthex for Berkeley County Shenandoah Women's shelter. Please donate microwave food, shampoo, and clothing that is stain free and in good condition (babies, children, adolescents, and women). In addition there is a baby at the shelter so they are also looking for bottles, diapers, bibs, etc. Thank you for your generosity.

Karen Shoemaker	10/2
Ron Ridgely	10/2
Christy Strosnider	10/6
Charles Johnson	10/7
Deidre Omgs	10/8
Frances Taylor	10/8
John Brown	10/10
Melinda Seals	10/11
Ed Bender	10/12
Kathleen Gibson	10/12
Wayne Omgs	10/12
Gary Fallin	10/13
Jeri Mahan	10/13
McKenna Saville	10/17
Cheryl Henry	10/19
Anthony Daley	10/20
Joseph Bonner	10/21
Sandy VanDeMark	10/23
Marguerite Fischer	10/25
Carson Stotler	10/26
Gloria Schaffeld	10/26
Robin Horner	10/26
Donna Selby	10/27
Mary McChesney	10/28
Taylor Yost	10/28
Larry Hammond	10/28
Lonnie Letz	10/28
Georgia Long	10/29
Lee Shoop	10/31

Backpackers Mission:
2nd Thursday of each month (during the school year)
Starting Points:
2nd Monday of each month from 1-5 pm
4th Tuesday of each month 3-5 pm



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Goodwill Fund



Donations accepted in wooden box at Back of Sanctuary. Goodwill Fund is collected the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

Just a reminder, we email the monthly newsletter in a PDF File, if a paper copy is needed please let Kathy know. Please make sure Kathy has your correct email address for electronic information.





Union Chapel Ladies' Ministry Fall Update

Thank you to the many Union Chapel ladies that attended our fall planning meeting on September 16th. We are very excited to share our events and wish to encourage everyone to mark your calendar for great fall and winter fellowship.

Just a few reminders on our regularly scheduled events-

CRAFT WEDNESDAYS are held at 10:30. POC is Deb Weiss. Deb will appreciate your help as she prepares for many upcoming Christmas events. See more details in the monthly bulletin.

FITNESS WALK continues at Cacapon State Park on Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00. POC is Ratih Hughes.

Please sign up to bring food for **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP SNACKS** following our 8:45 service. We need your help to provide a healthy snack or drink. To make it as simple as possible we encourage three families to sign up each week to bring either a dairy, vegetable tray or sweets. Sign up in the Narthex. POC is Becky Miller.

September 29- Ladies Ministry provides snacks for both services.

	First Service	3 needed
	Second Service	3 needed
October 6		3 needed
October 13	Judy Dekker	2 needed
October 20	Sandy VanDeMark, Dianne Yost	1 needed
October 27		3 needed
November 3	Kathy and Jean Meyers	2 needed
November 10		3 needed
November 17	Terry Freiheit, Becky Miller	1 needed
November 24		3 needed

Our church will be hosting the **CHARGE CONFERENCE** on Saturday, November 2. Ladies Ministry has been asked to provide light refreshments after this conference at 5:00 p.m. Please see the sign up in the Narthex.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS – See signup in the Narthex.

Ladies Ministry Fall Potluck Tuesday, October 22 at 6:00

Bring a favorite dish to share with friends at the church. POC is Ratih Hughes and Jeri Mahn.

Sub Sale at Gat Creek Thursday, October 10.

Help is needed to make the subs on October 9th at 9:00 am at church.

POC is Deb Weiss. Proceeds to help shipping cost for Christmas boxes.

Holiday Luncheon in Berkeley Springs Tuesday, December 3 at 11:45

Ladies are meeting at the Country Inn for a special holiday gathering. 20% of all lunch and dinner tabs will go to a Local women's shelter. POC is Terry Freiheit.

Back by Popular Demand is our **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**. Please mark your calendar for this several part series as we explore "The Story" of the Bible. Our leaders, Judy Dekker and Nancy Jordan are excited to have you join us for this several part series starting as a morning study on January 8th thru February 19th. Part II will be an evening study starting in April. Cost will be \$5.00 for materials. Please contact Judy or Nancy if you would like to lead this study.

VALENTINE CANDY SALE- Also back by popular demand.

Date for this yummy offering is Sunday,

February 9 after each

service.

NEXT LADIES MINISTRY planning meeting is Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 p.m.



September got off to a fun start with a day at Delgrosso Amusement Park celebrating the Last Blast of Summer. We had good food, good fun and good music provided by Bonray and Tauren Wells. However, the best music of the night happened in the car on the ride back home!

The Youth had a successful fund raiser when they sold sub sandwiches on the Sunday opener for the NFL season. Thank you all for your contributions to our youth fund. We raised \$530!

In October we will celebrate fall with our annual Student Fall Festival. Details to be announced.

There are some changes being made to the programs and duties of the Student Ministry Coordinators. In order to be able to provide Sunday School in the future, the students need mentors to teach them. There are 3 Sunday School Classes currently available for our students: K-2nd grade, 3-5th grade and 6-12th grade. There are sign up sheets available for you to indicate which Sundays you are available to volunteer. All of the materials you might need are in the classroom. Please donate a couple hours of your time, weekly, biweekly, or once a month. You will be blessed!

"Why did God call me to teach? Perhaps because I had so much to learn."

(Beth Moore)



MORGAN COUNTY BACKPACKS



BAG CHILD HUNGER

Morgan County Backpacks Desired Food Donation List

Meals*

- Pasta Can Meals (such as Chef Boyardee)
- Canned Chili with Beans
- Pork and Beans/Baked Beans Cans
- Canned Soups
- Macaroni and Cheese Boxes

Fruits*

- Individual Applesauce/Fruit Cups
- Individual Packs of Raisins/Dried Fruit

Breakfasts

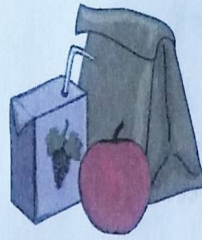
- Individual Cereals (boxes or bowls)
- Granola Bars/Fruit and Grain Bars
- Individual Instant Oatmeal

Snacks

- Peanut Butter Jars (Plastic)
- Cheese Cracker Packs
- Individual Packs of Pretzels/Crackers/Cookies
- Individual Pudding Cups

*Most needed and biggest expense, so we stress the need for these.
Items can be dropped off at Starting Points,
the Morgan County Schools main office or local schools.

Thank you!



Morgan County Backpacks Bag Child Hunger

Did you know that many Morgan County school children go hungry every weekend, because they do not have enough food to eat when they are not at school?

These kids need your help!

Morgan County Backpacks provides bags of food each week to send home with children who have little or no food to eat over the weekend. Each student in the program gets a bag containing nutritional, child-friendly food every week.

The program is designed to help severely at-risk students get the assistance they need without drawing any attention to themselves by placing the bags in their school backpacks, blending in with other students' backpacks.

How you can help:

1. Donate money. For about \$20 a month, or \$200 per school year, you can help feed a hungry Morgan County child.
2. Donate time. Volunteers are needed to help fill the bags each week and deliver them to area schools.
3. Donate nonperishable food items. These items can be used to help fill the bags of food for the children. Needed food items include single-serving pasta cans, macaroni and cheese boxes, fruit cups, applesauce cups, single-serving cereals, granola bars, healthy single-serving snacks, pudding cups, etc.
Items can be dropped off at Starting Points,
the Morgan County Schools main office or local schools.

Morgan County Backpacks is sponsored by Morgan County Schools, Morgan County Starting Points and other area organizations and volunteers. Donations should be made through Starting Points, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations. Please make checks payable to Starting Points, with "Backpacks" designated in the memo line.

For more information, please contact Starting Points at 304-258-5600
or Susan Caperton at scaperton@mac.com.

Thank you for your support!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Ladies Exercise 9am Holiday Dinner Meeting 6:30pm Emmaus BOD Mtg 7pm	2 Crafts 10:30am Simeon & Anna 1pm	3 Men's Prayer Group 8am Ladies Exercise 9am Emmaus at Wesleyan 6pm	4	5
6	7 SPRC Meeting 6:30pm	8 Ladies Exercise 9am Holiday Meeting 6:30 Lay Leadership Mtg 6:30pm	9 Crafts 10:30am Simeon & Anna 1pm Safety Meeting 6:30pm	10 Men's Prayer Group 8am Ladies Exercise 9am Backpackers Sophie's Packing Party 5pm	11	12
13 Blood Pressure Screening	14 Starting Points 1-5pm Men's Meeting 7pm	15 Ladies Exercise 9am	16 Crafts 10:30am Simeon & Anna 1pm	17 Men's Prayer Group 8am Ladies Exercise 9am Emmaus at UC 6pm	18	19
20	22 Church Council Meeting 7pm	22 Ladies Exercise 9am Starting Points 3-5pm Trustees Mtg 7pm	23 Crafts 10:30am Simeon & Anna 1pm	24 Men's Prayer Group 8am Ladies Exercise 9am	25	26
27 DC-Homeless Trip 3pm	28	29 Ladies Exercise 9am Starting Points 3-5pm	30 Crafts 10:30am Simeon & Anna 1pm	31 Men's Prayer Group 8am Ladies Exercise 9am		

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