



Tidings of Joy

"Joyfully Reaching Out to Others in Christian Love and Service"
Joy Lutheran Church, ELCA



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Worship Time(s):

Sunday

Traditional Worship Service
10:00a.m.

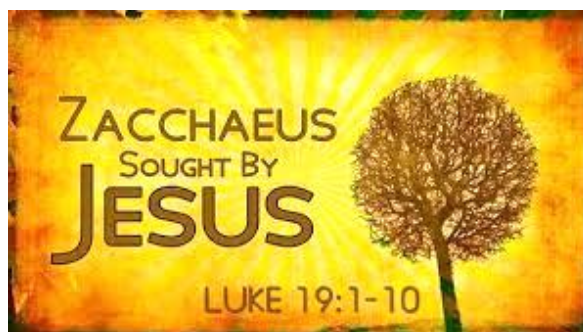
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OCTOBER "THE GOSPEL OF LUKE"



"**Office Hours:** Weds and Thurs 9am-2pm, and by appointment. It is strongly suggested to call ahead before dropping by. Pastor is off Mondays. Best means to contact pastor is 321-312-7339 or pjdbryant4tide@gmail.com."

Pastor's Point

Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends,

As is our denomination's custom, amidst harvest-time, Fall brings us Stewardship Month. Sometimes, because Florida has a year 'round growing season, this connection may seem weak to us. It might seem stronger were our parish in rural Pennsylvania where the seasons are rather distinct.

Since last year, part of my "personal stewardship discipline" has been to deepen my own understanding of what it means to be a faithful steward. I selected a faithful Pennsylvania pastor's website to be my guide. The website it is: <https://thestewardshipguy.com/author/rcblezard/>

Please allow me to open our 2022 Stewardship Month by sharing Pr. Rob Blezard's "*The Bedrock of Stewardship*" Reflection:

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."
---Acts 2:42-47

Wouldn't it be great to live in perfect harmony with your neighbors? To have all that you need? To be more loving, more generous, more spiritual than you ever imagined possible.

Impossible? It seems so to many of us, yet this is how the first Christian community lived. Read the Acts passage again. Pretty amazing, huh? They lived with such love for one another that the very idea of property ownership was out of the question. They held possessions in common, and those who owned things sold them to give to the poor. What a radical vision of generosity and love for neighbor!

What could make a community so generous? Notice in Acts what God's people are doing:

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- Devotion to the apostles' teaching
- Fellowship
- Breaking bread
- Prayers
- Sharing possessions
- Spending time in the temple
- Praising God

These are not only the foundation stones of every Christian community, but also the disciplines that every follower of Jesus Christ embraces to grow in faith and spirituality.

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Perhaps not surprisingly, they are also the building blocks of good stewardship, both for an individual and for a community of Christ. The more people grow in faith and love for God and neighbor, the more generous they become. The reason is simple: As people draw closer and closer to God and their neighbor, the lure and attachment of money and possessions grow weaker and weaker.

In the first Christian community, the bond between God and neighbor was so strong, the folks could give up all they had for the good of others. And, of course, in the process of helping neighbors they also made themselves more secure because others were there to help them if need should arise.

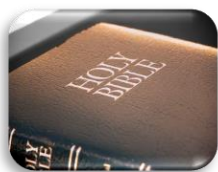
We see the principle still at work today. Across the Christian church there's a direct correlation between a congregation's spiritual vitality and the generosity of its members. Congregations that are the most focused on Jesus and raising up disciples are the least likely to experience serious problems with money. Challenges, perhaps, but not crises.

So, although every congregation needs thoughtful stewardship education and a diplomatic but unapologetic "ask," more importantly we need to raise up disciples, focus on Jesus and build everything on bedrock of generous stewardship, as the first church did:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ... Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people."¹

God bless.
JDB+

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Gospel Readings

Lectionary "C" for October 2022

October 2.....Luke 17: 5-10
October 9.....Luke 17:11-19
October 16.....Luke 18:1-8
October 23.....Luke 18:9-14
October 30.....Luke 19:1-10



Next meeting:
October 19th at 7:00pm

Women's Bible Study
Oct. 18th @ 11:30



**Fall 2022: Jesus and nature:
Teachers of Faith**

October 2022, Session 2: "Soil," will dig deeply into the parable of the soil (otherwise known as the parable of the seed, Matthew 13) and other Biblical accounts that relate to care for this part of creation, while looking at models of growth that involve wholeness and wellness.

PET BLESSING SERVICE
Saturday, October 1 at 10 AM



**EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE BLESSED REDEEMER
1225 DeGroodt Road SW
Outside in Front of the Church
Building
All people and pets are welcome!**



**Community Fellowship Service
&
Free Pancake Breakfast**



Sunday, October 2, 2022, JOY will be hosting a "Community Service" followed by a free pancake breakfast. Invite your friends and neighbors. Please pick up some door hangers at the church and distribute them in your community. Help us get the word out that all are welcome. Service will begin at 10:00 am with the pancake breakfast to follow service.



**JOY ANNUAL HOLIDAY
CRAFT SHOW
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2022
JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH
3174 JUPITER BLVD., S.E. PALM BAY FL, 32909
9AM – 2PM
Craft Show
Silent Auction
Bake Sale
Fall and Christmas Items
Vendor Spaces Available
Hot Dogs, Soda, Chips, and Coffee**

**All proceeds to benefit
JOY WELCA
(Joy Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)
Contact: Marjorie Maenpaa
(321-327-8400)
Email: marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com**

Property Committee

We continue our weekly mowing of the lawn around the property. Our riding mowers are starting to show their age and are requiring more service and work to keep them running. During this past month we have replaced belts batteries, spindles, and blades. The bottom door sweeps on the new front doors were replaced as the rubber sweeps had broken and slipped off the track. The paper towel holders in both bathrooms at Narthex of the church were placed in closer proximity to the sinks. Our plan for the end of September is to paint the Narthex, the two restrooms and assist the Community Breakfast Committee in setting up for the event on the Friday before the event.

Erik Mäenpää



MISSION PARTNERS 100

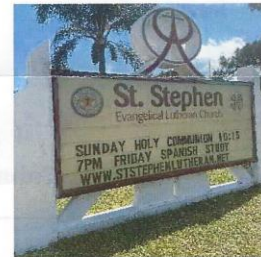
Fall 2022



September 1, 2022

St. Stephen in Pompano Beach will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2024 and is preparing to begin the next chapter with renewed passion and vision. In the time immediately before COVID, the congregation reaffirmed our purpose of "Encouraging and strengthening faith in Jesus and sharing the joy of God's love." We need to get out the word about what God is doing at St. Stephen Church!

- The Holy Grill - A thriving ministry with the homeless and working poor of the community, in partnership with the local Episcopal church,
- Volunteers serve meals on Wednesdays along with providing a significant clothing pantry, mail services for about 45 individuals, and emergency assistance and bus passes.
- St. Stephen hosts *Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center*, offering infant day care through afterschool programs in the education wing for community children.
- In partnership with the Office of the Bishop and Broward-Bahamas Conference, six months ago the church began San Esteban—a Latino outreach, led by Pr. Oscar Restrepo, worshipping in the sanctuary each Friday evening.
- St. Stephen is home to three large AA groups, a weekly community service quilting group called *Threads of Love*, and will sponsor community events this fall such as Yoga for Seniors.
- Weekly bible study is open to the community.



The church is situated in a high visibility and traffic location on the 14th Street Causeway on the way to the barrier island and beach. The large street sign monument is now 47 years old and literally falling apart. St. Stephen's mission plan includes replacing the aging sign with a contemporary new two-sided monument and LED sign. Such a sign will cost about \$50,000 to fabricate and install.

Help us achieve the goal of getting this sign replaced to make a clear statement to the community that St. Stephen is a vital place engaged in God's work in multiple ways in the Pompano Beach community.

Your Mission Partner 100 gift will help us announce in an eye-catching way that St Stephen is engaged vibrantly in encouraging God's people, strengthening faith, and sharing the love of Jesus Christ with all as we strive to make a difference with the gospel in Pompano Beach. We thank you for your generosity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Carlson'.

Pr. Rob Carlson
DEM/A2B, North

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Khader El-Yateem'.

Pr. Khader El-Yateem
DEM/A2B, South

Over the years, Mission Partners 100 program has been able to make a difference in our congregations and new developments of the Florida-Bahamas Synod. Over the last two years these congregations have benefitted from this wonderful program, and a total of \$45,113.48 has been raised:

- St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pensacola – New church sign.
- St. John's Lutheran Church, Jacksonville – Repairing of the facilities & expansion of the food pantry.
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Tampa - Repair & renovation of main entrance and bathrooms.
- The Community, ELCA, Babcock Ranch – Worshipping community building.

Please fill in and detach the box below and insert it with your check made out to the Florida-Bahamas Synod in the enclosed envelope OR you can go online to the website: <https://fbsynod.com/> and click "Give Now!".

**Count Me as a Mission Partners 100 for
Florida-Bahamas Synod Mission Development/Special Emphasis**

Please print clearly and mark below how your gift should be used.

Make your check payable to *Florida-Bahamas Synod* and add "*Mission Partners 100*" in the notes.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Congregation/City: _____, _____

Enclosed is my donation in the following amount designated for **St. Stephen, Pompano Beach**

(Check one):

___ \$100 ___ \$200 ___ \$300 ___ \$500 ___ \$1,000

Enclosed is an additional \$100 for *Mission Partners Plus*: (check one)

___ Again for St. Stephen, Pompano Beach ___ Other Development Ministries

___ Multi-Cultural Development ___ Vitality Process

09/01/2022

Shepherd's Center of South Brevard,
Program beginning Oct. 13 through Nov. 17, 2022

On Thursdays , Oct. 13 - Nov. 17 the Shepherd's Center of South Brevard once again invites adults to join their casual learning classes, which will include:

- Russian History and Culture with Mary Anne McMillen
- Astronomy beyond your back porch with Dr. Jim Collins
- Sign Language with Donna Hall and Lisa Ottolungano
- Revealed Knowledge with Pastor Trexler
- Musical History Tour with Rick Rakauskas
- Making Bead Jewelry with Minnie Vazquez
- Writing your Life with Linda Jump (2 hours)
- German for Travelers with Helga Bromm
- Using eBay with Dan Wagman
- Tin Whistles with Cindy Wagman

Classes will be held at Peace Lutheran Church
1801 Port Malabar Blvd NE,
Palm Bay, FL 32905

Tuition, as always, is \$ 20.00, whether you take 1 or more classes. Brochures will be mailed to those for whom we have addresses, as well as email addresses. Brochures and additional information are available on-line at www.shepherdcenterofsb.org. We're looking forward to greeting our "old" friends and are hoping to make many new friends.

Men of Joy

Our men's group continues to meet for our social breakfast outings at local diners (such as Sunshine Café, IHOP and Chec Marks) on the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. We normally announce this in the previous Sunday's service announcements and by an email reminder. If you haven't been receiving the email, please see Jim Collins to be added to the list. We were planning to run a white elephant table again for the WELCA craft sale in November, but WELCA's plans have changed; so, we'll need to put this off until the spring possibly as a stand-alone event. Even if you haven't participated in other men's group activities, please join us at one of our breakfast socials to get acquainted with other Men of Joy outside the setting of our Sunday morning services.

Recording Secretary

Jim Collins,

A Stewardship Moment

Giving of your Time, Talent, and Treasure is a spiritual discipline that we practice as followers of a generous, loving, and abundant God. Giving is a way of life and A Matter of the Heart. Your gifts will make a vital difference at whatever level is meaningful for you. We can do so much more together to return to the Lord than we could ever do individually.

Your financial pledge is also important, as it allows church leadership to make plans for how our church serves to deliver a part of God's bounty to this community and to the world.

STEWARDSHIP – A MATTER OF THE HEART



Finance Committee

As you probably know, our congregation and our congregation's budget weathered the pandemic fairly well even though some other churches were overwhelmed. This was a real blessing for us. Even though we were closed for a while and then opened with significant precautions, our members stayed with it, kept the faith, and watched the services on live stream until we could gather again in person. We also continued with our gifts and offerings through some new mechanisms that I described in the last Finance Committee article.

For several months now, we've gathered on Sundays and for other activities with few restrictions, but a new problem now presents itself to us. You've probably noticed that we have had several funerals over the past year. These signaled the passing of friends and family members who were part of our fellowship for many years. Many of these brothers and sisters were also regular givers of their work in Council, committees, WELCA and work groups and in offerings. Unfortunately, this will likely continue due to our age distribution. The most effective means that we have to address this problem is adding new people to our membership (including young people and young families). Personal invitations and recommendations to our neighbors, friends and family are the most effective means to attract new people to our fellowship. This also addresses the church's mission to serve others and give witness to the Gospel.

As long as we look around on Sunday morning and see vacant seats, there is room for more. When that room runs out, we can set more chairs; and when all the chairs are filled, we can open another service. JOY has a lot of potential to do good both for its members and for its neighbors, but we are the Lord's hands in this.

Jim Collins, chairman

DAILY BREAD INC.
815 E. Fee Ave, Melbourne, FL

FREE hot meals are served 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 7 days a week

JOY Lutheran Church Team serves meals the 4th Friday of each month. Please contact Chris Allebaugh (321-388-2555) if you can help. Thanks to each of you for your support of this ministry. Please remember DAILY BREAD depends on volunteers.

Volunteers are needed for dining hall, outreach center and warehouse – help needed 7 days a week.

Request from Daily Bread: On average, over 50 individuals are taking showers on our campus, daily. We are in need of; men's pants and shorts (sizes 30-34), men's spray deodorant, women's pants, and shorts (sizes 0-6), bug spray, and razors. Please donate! Your help is appreciated!

Fun fact about Daily Bread: Daily Bread acts as a mail stop for our homeless neighbors seven days a week.



BACKPACK PROGRAM

"BREAD OF LIFE" BACKPACK PROGRAM"

The "Bread of Life" backpack program for Turner Elementary School is a wonderful outreach to our community. So, please be generous in your monetary donations, as we provide food for as many as seven families each weekend. This program is so very important, especially with families barely making ends meet. The cost is approximately \$190 per week.

Thank you everyone for your donations and helping with the packing and delivery of the backpacks.

See Charlotte Abrahams for any further details concerning this great outreach program.

Young at Heart ❤️

Young at Heart will be meeting on **October 20th at noon**. All are welcome, especially those 55 and over. Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. Lunch will be potluck, so please bring your favorite casserole or dessert to share.

Be sure to stay afterwards for fellowship. We always have a wonderful time getting to know each other. So, please come out and join us. Always check Sunday's bulletin for any changes.



JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 1, 2022: WELCA Meeting @ 10:00am

October 20, 2022: YOUNG AT HEART @ 12:00pm

October 21 & 22: FRESH GROUNDED FAITH EVENT-All Ladies Invited, held at Calvary Chapel, West Melbourne

Nov. 11-13: FL-BAHAMAS Synodical Women's Organization FALL GATHERING @ LAKE YALE (near Leesburg, FL)

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Eve Circle (Bible Study) –3rd Tuesday, @11:30am, October 18th – Bible Study

Dorcas Circle (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00am

Rachel Circle (knitting/crocheting circle) - every Wednesday @ 10:00am

Ruth Circle (crafts) – Meets on 1st Monday @ 10:00am – all crafters welcome – come, share your crafting ideas – Questions, contact Ruth Ann Ciecierski, 321-676-0499, email:

ruthannciecierski@gmail.com

DAILY BREAD hygiene kits. Rachel Circle packed up 23 health/hygiene kits for Daily Bread in Sept. Pr. Norm Holm (Ruth Holm's son) of Calvary Chapel donated items for the health kits – a BIG THANK YOU to him. Contributions are Very Welcome. Health kits are made up of deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes, shaving cream, hair combs and brushes for women & men, razors for men & women, wash cloths, chap stick or lip balm, finger nail clippers or nail file, sunscreen, gallon size zip lock bags, small (individual) hand sanitizer



NOVEMBER 5th

WELCA HOLIDAY FESTIVAL and SILENT AUCTION COMING SOON!

Anyone interested in donating a basket for the Silent Auction or a gift card can bring them to the church any Tuesday or Wednesday morning from 10:00-11:00 or Sunday mornings.

Baskets go on display the beginning of October.

Craft vendors are needed for our craft show on November 2nd deadline.

AN AREA-WIDE WOMEN'S EVENT. FOR EVERY WOMAN

FEATURING
JENNIFER
ROTHSCHILD
*best-selling
Bible study
teacher*



**FRESH
GROUNDED
FAITH**

MELBOURNE 2022

**OCTOBER
21 & 22** FRI 7:00PM-9:30PM
SAT 9:00AM-12:30PM

LOCATION
Calvary Chapel Fellowship

AND SPECIAL GUESTS

**KELLY
MINTER**
*best-selling
author*



**MICHAEL
O'BRIEN**
*recording
artist/
worship leader*



Dates: October 21 & 22

Times: Friday 7:00 – 9:30 pm – General Entrance & Product Tables open at 6:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 12:30 pm – General Entrance & Product Tables open at 8:00 am

Where: Calvary Chapel, 2955 Minton Rd, West Melbourne, FL 32904

For more information or to register, visit

<https://www.calvaryccm.com/connect/news-and-events?eventId=43162>

Special Pricing: First 900 tickets purchased *can use the code 'CHAPEL' and get a reduced price of \$35.*

Individual Tickets – All tickets are General Admission unless an Upgrade is also purchased.

\$54 Early Bird Individual | \$59 After Early Bird Individual

Early Bird Deadline: September 26, 2022

\$69 At Door *Plus per ticket processing fee.

This event is for information only and an invite on behalf of Calvary Church.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be October 12, 2022, at 11:00am.

If you would like to learn more about this committee, please join us on Wednesday.

You can contact Barbara Herndon if you have any questions

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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Coffee, Snack, and Cold Drink after Worship.

If you enjoy the "Coffee Fellowship," consider signing up to host a Sunday. The signup sheet is in the narthex.

Newsletter

Tidings of Joy is only as good as the input received from Church Council, WELCA, Men's Group, Various Committees, Circles, etc. Please provide David Steinhorst with your news, thankyou's, updates, etc. for the **November 2022 Tidings no later than October 24th.**

Email David Steinhorst dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com or provide a printed copy.

Are you Ready for some fun?



Saturday, Oct 15th, with Potluck and Bunco, at 5:30 pm

The evening of fun begins with a potluck dinner at 5:30pm.

Note: If you have a card table, we could use it.

Online giving is an option for us, and for others visiting our website.

A link to our online giving portal is found on the JOY website. The secure link to that portal is:

<https://www.joylutheranelca.com>

Scroll down to the purple box that says, "online giving." Feel free to check it out, even if you do not elect to use it. What can it hurt to learn about something new, right?

Again, this is an option, not just for us but for others beyond JOY. Participate if you feel so led. Do not participate if you are not so led. Give in whatever way works best to suit you.



We care about you!



If you so desire, please let us know when you or your family is in the hospital. If you want to have information about your hospitalization and basic condition released to Joy Lutheran Church, you need to inform the hospital. Also, please have someone call the church at 321-951-0166 and let us know if you have been hospitalized.

Please contact the church office, if you would like to have a visit from Pastor Bryant, or a Stephen Minister, or would like to be listed for prayer support.



We especially pray for Friends, Family, and Members of Joy.

WHO ARE:

- Suffering the loss of a loved one.
- Suffering from pain or illness.
- Suffering from depression or loneliness.
- Recovering from illness or surgery.

Lord, look upon those in need with eyes of mercy. May Your healing hand rest upon them, may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of their body and into the depths of their soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

JOY CORE VALUES

Worship: Joyfully experiencing Christ through word, music, sacrament, and prayer

Property: Providing the physical means to fulfill the spiritual needs of church and community

Outreach: Extending Christ's compassion and care to others

Fellowship: Enjoying each other's company

Welcoming: There is a place at Joy for everyone

Education: Getting to know the Word

Relationships: Everyone is worthy of care and respect

2022 Church Council

Pastor: Rev. John David Bryant

President: Marjorie Mäenpää

Vice President: Barbara Herndon

Secretary: Kelly Arner

Treasurer: Kim Tolley

Financial Secretary: Church Secretary

Council Members at Large:

Chris Allebaugh

Kristina Deyette

Sue Getter

Linda Kratzer

Gary Krause

Mary Sherman



October Birthday Blessings

10/02	Norman Barmen
10/10	Steve Pooran
10/14	William Stremel
10/14	Mark Walton
10/16	Lori Embrey
10/18	Elizabeth Planding
10/23	Gary Sherman
10/30	Joy Sorensen

Notify the church office, if corrections need to be made to the Birthday List.



The Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex. If you would like to have flowers in honor of or in memory of someone please choose the Sunday and sign up. You may put your check for \$20.00 in your offering envelope and indicate that you are paying for flowers. There may be some dates blocked out by Worship and Music, for the Festival Sundays. If someone has already signed up for the date you wanted, please choose a date close to the one you want, or let the church office know you have signed up, so two vases of flowers can be ordered. Flowers are provided by "**Emma's Flowers.**"



Eternal Candle

If you would like to provide the **Eternal Candle** you may also sign up on the Flower Chart for the month you wish. The cost is \$5.00 weekly.

Joy Financials (See Sunday Bulletin for latest information.)

GENERAL FUND	January - June	July	January thru July
Income	\$95,021.19	\$15,094.03	\$110,115.22
Expenses	\$102,772.25	\$11,751.94	\$114,524.19
Overage/Shortage	(\$7,751.06)	\$3,342.09	(\$4,408.97)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	January - June	July	January thru July
Income	\$5,537.83	\$865.93	\$6,403.76
Expenses	\$1,122.36	\$0.00	\$1,122.36
Overage/Shortage	\$4,415.47	\$865.93	\$5,281.40

*May income includes the transfer of \$20k of funds, by CT, from MIF acct. back to the General Fund.

OCTOBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						10:00am WELCA Meeting 9:00am Men of Joy Social Breakfast @ Sunshine Cafe
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10:00am Community Worship Service Free Pancake Breakfast Follows	10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00am Worship	10:00am Ruth Circle Crafts	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 7pm Council Mtg	12pm Young at Heart	8:30am Property Workday	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday Daily Bread Team 10:30am-1:00pm	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
10:00am Worship						Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.