



# Tidings of Joy



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

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3174 Jupiter Blvd. SE – Palm Bay, FL 32909

September 2024

## Staff

The Rev. Robert Endruschat  
Pastor

Steven K. Weiss  
Organist

## Worship Time(s):

### Sunday

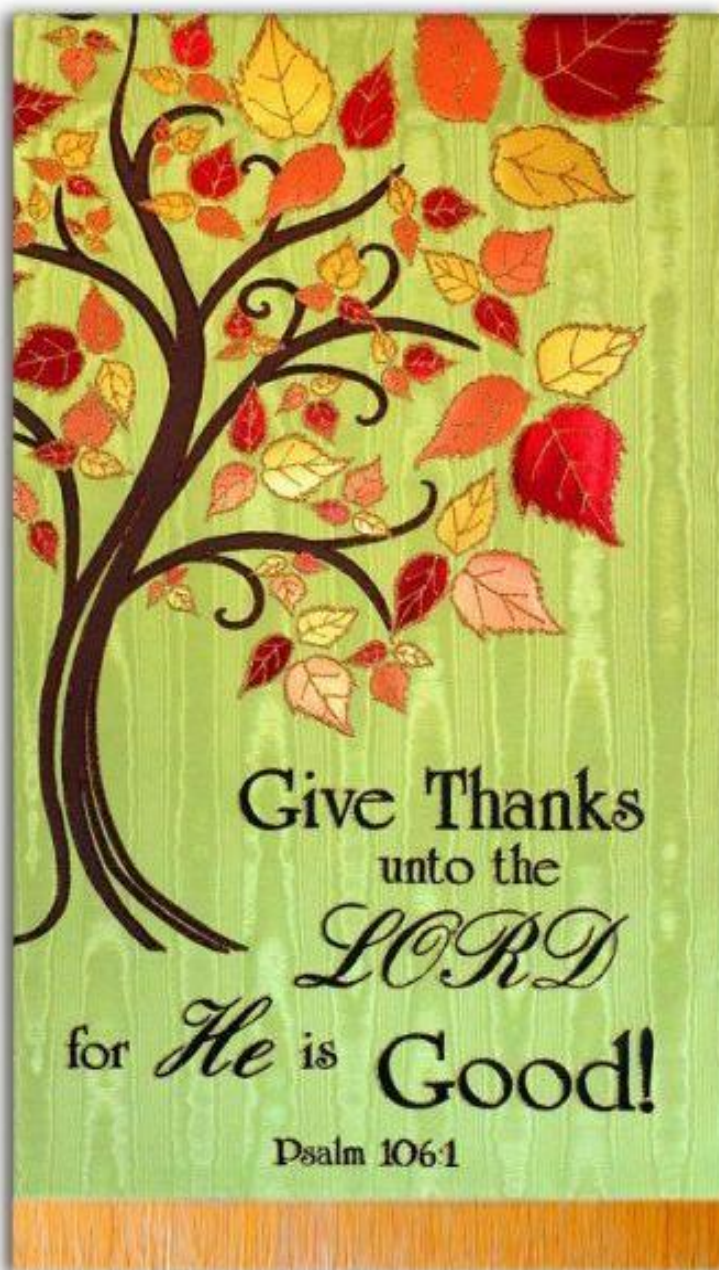
Traditional Worship Service  
10:00a.m.

**Church Office Phone:**  
321-951-0166

**Pastor's Email Address:**  
Not available currently.  
See Sunday Bulletin.

**Church Email Address:**  
joylutheranpb@gmail.com

**Church Web Site:**  
www.joylutheranelca.com



**"Office Hours:** Tues and Thurs 9am-2pm, and by appointment. It is strongly suggested to call ahead before dropping by. Pastor is off Mondays.

## Pastor's Point

Pr. John David Bryant

Friends,

Here is the final "Pastor's Point" from this guy. Soon, you will receive an interim pastor, followed by a pastor. That's the plan. One might call it "planned succession." Now is your time for deep breathing and hopeful praying, your time to grieve and celebrate. There are no perfect pastors just like there are no perfect congregations, just imperfect pastors and imperfect congregations seeking to be faithful together as they love others with the love of Jesus.

Your leadership is not asleep at the wheel. The Church Council is meeting the interim, and the interim has already interviewed this outgoing pastor for updates, areas of concern, and task responsibilities. Much preparing in advance has already been done to get JOY off to a new chapter in every favorable way possible.

Undergird these faithful efforts by praying ten times more than you grouse; by looking forwards ten times more than you look backwards, and by being subversive agents of kindness and love rather than stress bugs. God is up to good things at JOY Lutheran Church---believe it!

Whoever comes next will not be another Pr. Bryant. That person will be their own good commodity. They could no more be effective by following my path than I could be effective seeking to follow their path. No two people are exactly alike. Give that person the latitude and grace that you'd give your favorite pastor of all time. And remember, there are no perfect pastors any more than there are perfect congregations, or even congregation members. Yet, remember, there are faithful, loving pastors, congregations, and congregation members in the hands of a perfectly loving and gracious God.

God is with you as you prepare for change. But here's the thing...when are we not preparing for change? Right? The weather changes. New construction changes our neighborhood. Twice a year we suffer time changes. Always, people, places, and things are changing. How do we manage? We take a deep breath, trust God, consider positive outcomes, and look for the adventure that is heading our way. And if we find ourselves and others getting crabby, we find a kind way to tell self and others to, "Put a sock in it."

Being crabby about change is normal. It is a part of adjusting and getting accommodated to new patterns and personalities. Still, there's a fine line between being crabby and becoming a saboteur. Know the difference between being crabby and being like Bullwinkle's Boris and Natasha. And if you find yourself being Boris or Natasha, find a way to turn that frown upside down.

Thank you for being my longest tenured call yet. It has surely been fun, and it is a joy to know each of you. A new step is before us now. Let's remember what wise Martin Luther said to a person during a tense time, "You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." Keep a-stepping.

Peace---  
JDB+

## Did You Know?

Did you know.....it is because the ELCA has "[Full Communion Ministry Partnerships](#)" with various expressions of Christ's Church that Pr. Bryant was able to remain a Lutheran pastor who will now be serving in a Presbyterian congregation.

The ELCA has had a partnership in place with the Presbyterian Church-USA (PCUSA) since 1997. The component of *A Formula of Agreement*, the understanding between the ELCA and the PCUSA, that enables Pr. Bryant to serve in the Presbyterian congregation is called, "[The Orderly Exchange of Ordained Ministers of Word and Sacrament](#)." It is these sorts of arrangements that make it possible for us to upbuild the body of Christ and extend its mission.

At JOY, it is this sort of partnership that has made it possible for Pr. Pam McMillan (United Methodist Church), and the Reverend Amy Turner (The Episcopal Church) to serve at JOY.

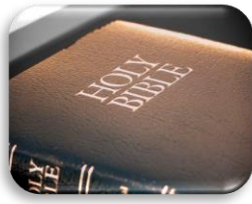
The agreement with the United Methodist Church has been in place since 1999. The agreement with The Episcopal Church has been in place since 2009.

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism. One God and Father of us all." Ecumenism is a good thing.

## Welcome Pastor Robert Endruschat

Pastor Robert Endruschat will begin serving as Interim Pastor of Joy Lutheran church on September 2, 2024. Pastor Endruschat is bringing God's Word and Sacrament to our congregation, providing pastoral care, and guiding us through the transition process which will culminate with the calling of a new pastor to lead our congregation. Pastor Robert has served as an ordained minister for 43 years after graduation from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. In late 2018 he retired from active service after serving parishes in Philadelphia, Long Island, and Boca Raton. He served the broader church in leadership positions as Dean in multiple conferences in multiple terms, in synodical worship oversight, Diakonia training oversight, as well as leadership of First Call Theological Education for the Synod. He served as Interim Pastor at Living Lord Lutheran Church, Vero Beach, from February 2020 to October 2020; he then served as Interim Pastor at Ascension Lutheran Church, Indian Harbor Beach, from September 2021 to November 2022.

Pastor Robert and his wife, Charlene, live in Vero Beach, Florida. They have been married for 43 years, have two adult children and two grandchildren.



Gospel Readings

**Lectionary "B" for September**

September 1 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
September 8 Mark 7:24-37  
September 15 Mark 8:27-38  
September 22 Mark 9:30-37  
September 29 Mark 9:38-50

**Fellowship Committee**

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be September 12, 2024, at 11:30am.

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

You can contact Barbara Herndon if you have any questions.



Council will be meeting on September 19th at 7pm. .

**Social Ministry**

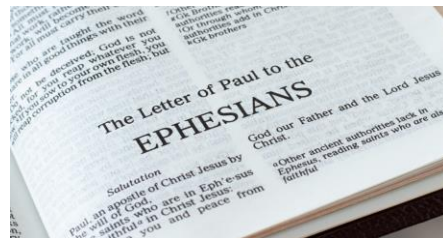
Social Ministry be meeting on September 19, 2024, at 11:00am.

If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please join us on Thursday.

You can contact Charlotte Abrahams if you have any questions.

**WELCA BIBLE STUDY  
September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m.**

**“Receiving grace: A study of Ephesians”  
by the Rev. Heidi Haverkamp**



**Session one: Is grace real?**

We often focus on how we fall short and deserve God’s judgment. What if, instead, we remember God’s continual gift of grace? God invites us to lead lives of love and wholeness.

What is grace, exactly? Grace does not take away the sin and suffering of this life. Yet grace offers us a way to live from love despite hardship.

**JUST FOR LAUGHS**

A Sunday School teacher said, “Lot’s wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt.” One of her youngsters said. “My mom looked back while driving and turned into a telephone pole.”



**Joyful Music Festival  
Joy Lutheran Church  
Saturday December 14, 2 p.m.**

Mark your calendar now. Tickets will be available in October. (Proceeds will benefit the organ fund.)


***Looking for bands, musicians, and storytellers to captivate our upcoming event with their creativity. Join us to craft a lively and cohesive ambiance. Reach out to Mary Sherman at 717- 582-2206 to share your ideas.***

## Message from Church Council President

With the resignation of Pastor Bryant, things may seem uncertain in the life of our congregation. Rest assured; we are doing our best to make sure we have a spiritual leader on staff. Church council will meet with the Assistant to the Bishop Nichole Eastwood and most likely by the time you read this newsletter, we will have an Interim Minister serving our church. Our next agenda item will be to form a call committee. The call committee will interview prospective candidates and recommend to Church Council their findings. Our church is in a very good place. We have a strong congregation and a strong Council. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Call Committee. Please talk to any council members, or me if you feel a calling to serve.

We are still in need of a Vice President for the remaining of this year and into next year. Please pray that we find someone that would enjoy helping to lead our council.

Mary Sherman  
Church Council President



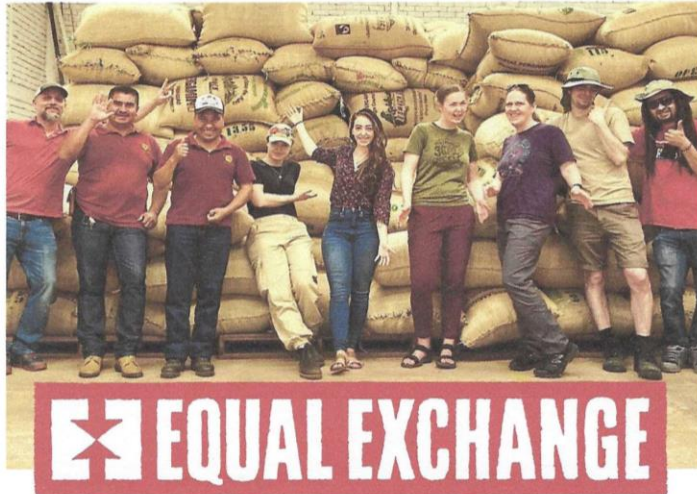
**SOLIDARITY  
Tastes Delicious**

**Fellowship Coffee \$12.00 per bag**  
**Fair trade tea. \$5.00 a carton**

**To purchase, see Linda Kratzer  
or Mary Sherman**

*Thank you for supporting farming families around the world.*  
Photo: Equal Exchange's Dary Goodrich and Julia Baumgartner with members of ACOPAGRO Co-op in Peru.

[equalexchange.coop](http://equalexchange.coop)



## Coffee that Reflects Our Values: Equal Exchange

When we serve Equal Exchange coffee during Fellowship Hour or sell it after services or for the holidays, we're making a strong statement about our values as a community. We're proclaiming that our congregation believes that it's vital to keep small farmers on the land providing food for their families and having some economic control over their lives; that it's important to work with indigenous producers and women; that sustainable agricultural methods are a vital way to address climate change.

In 1986 when Equal Exchange launched its organization, it helped to join a network of coffee farmers who were organized into cooperatives by Catholic priests trying to assist poor people to overcome poverty. It was a solidarity movement known as "Liberation Theology." By working directly with democratically run small farmer cooperatives and offering fair prices and pre-harvest financing, Equal Exchange saw that it could be part of an international movement that was improving small producers' access to worldwide markets so that they could survive and thrive.

Equal Exchange started its path with coffee from Nicaragua. Today, it partners with 24 farmer groups in 11 countries which produce high-quality organic coffees. EE purchases about 5.5 million pounds of green coffee beans each year from its partners to roast and sell to U.S.

coffee drinkers. Equal Exchange buys exclusively from small-scale farmer cooperatives and associations. The farmers who produce Equal Exchange organic beans are committed to providing U.S. consumers with the highest quality coffee experience.

Our congregation is proud to serve a brew that is both delicious and reflects our values of social justice. By choosing this fairly traded coffee, you are supporting a whole separate ethical supply chain—not huge corporations. Enjoy it at church, buy some to bring home, share it with friends.



Learn more at [equalexchange.coop](http://equalexchange.coop)

# Joy Lutheran Church



## HEARTS DESIGN CUSTOM EMBROIDERY

717-582-2206

470 Dolphin Circle

mary@heartstdesign.com

### ORDER INFORMATION

### CUSTOMER INFORMATION

NAME

ADDRESS

EMAIL/PHONE



**5.3 OZ., 100% USA COTTON  
MADE WITH SUSTAINABLE AND  
FAIRLY GROWN USA COTTON**

### PAYMENT METHOD

Cash or Check

Make Checks payable to  
Joy Lutheran Church

### Mens

Adult	Price	Qty	
S	20		
M	20		
L	20		
1X	20		
2X	25		
3X	25		
4X	25		
5X	25		

### Womans

Adult	Price	Qty	
S	20		
M	20		
L	20		
1X	20		
2X	25		
3X	25		



## Young at Heart ♥

Young at Heart will be meeting on **September 19th 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.

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.



### Daily Bread

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Worship and Music

**Communion** – Now that summer is coming to an end, we will be going back to receiving Communion at the Altar Rail beginning September 8th.

**Flower Chart** – The W&M committee has voted to add Communion Wine to the Flower Chart. The Chart will now include Flowers, The Eternal Candle, and the Communion Wine.

The Flowers will continue to be \$25 for the week, The Eternal Candle \$30 for the month and Communion Wine \$20 for the month. The chart will be out within a few weeks, and you can begin to fill it out for 2025. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Chris Allebaugh

**WHEN GOD  
BLESSES YOU  
FINANCIALLY, DON'T  
RAISE YOUR STANDARD  
OF LIVING. RAISE  
YOUR STANDARD OF  
GIVING**

~ Mark Batterson ~

## UPDATE ON NEW ORGAN

Get ready Steve. Our new organ has left the cabinet shop and has moved to the place where the inside of the organ is being assembled. We are right on time. It won't be long. According to plans, we should have an organ by the end of September. Speakers are to be hooked up Sept 9 and 10 and organ should follow soon after that. What a joyous time at Joy! "One Key at a time."

Our "Organ Fund" total to date is \$29,000.





**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sept. 18 Young at Heart @ 12:00
- Oct. 5 8:00 to 9:30 Pancake Breakfast
- Oct. 5 10:00 WELCA meeting
- Nov. 2 HOLIDAY FESTIVAL AND SILENT BASKET AUCTION
- Nov. 8-10 WELCA FL-BAHAMAS FALL GATHERING @ Methodist Conference Center, Fruitland Park, FL

**CIRCLE MEETINGS**

- Craft Circle (Crafts) First Friday of the month @ 10:00am. Come share your ideas.
- Eve Circle (Bible Study) – Bible Study 3rd Tuesday, August 20 @ 11:30 am
- Dorcas Circle (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00 am
- Rachel Circle (knitting/crocheting circle) - every Wednesday @ 10:00 am



- **Daily Bread Personal Care Kits.** We delivered 25 personal care kits to Daily Bread in July. Thank all of you for contributing to the kits & those who helped put them together. What do we need for personal care kits, here are suggestions: chap stick or lip balm, deodorant, fingernail clippers or nail file, gallon size zip lock bags, hair combs and brushes, women & men razors, hand sanitizer pkgs., shampoo men & women, shaving cream men & women, soap, sunscreen, toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths.



Holiday Festival Fundraiser (craft sale, bake sale and silent auction): Vendor spaces will be inside and outside the church under canopies. Baskets for Silent Auction will be on display Oct. 6 thru Nov 2.



We wish Pastor and Harriet the best on their new call. We are so thankful for all of Pastor's help and support. You will be missed.



*BACKPACK PROGRAM*

**“BREAD OF LIFE” BACKPACK PROGRAM”**

The “Bread of Life” backpack program for Turner Elementary School is a wonderful outreach to our community. We provide food for as many as ten families each weekend during the school year. The cost is approximately \$250 per week. This program is so very important, especially with families barely making ends meet.

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.



Ushers & Greeters



Ushers and Greeters are needed to serve on Sundays. If you are able and willing, talk to Chris Allebaugh or Barbara Herndon and they will see to it that you are scheduled.

**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 **October 2024 Tidings no later than September 24th.**

Email:  
David Steinhorst at [dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com](mailto:dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com) or provide a printed copy.



Do we have your e-mail address?

Receive your copy of “Tidings of Joy” along with other church news, by email.

Call the church office at (321-951-0166) or email us at [joylutheranpb@gmail.com](mailto:joylutheranpb@gmail.com), with your current email address. Your email address will not be distributed.

September 2, 2024



Labor Day is a special day. Even though it is not a religious celebration, we give thanks to all those that; provide care for the sick, produce food for our tables, and manufacture goods for our use.

We pray for all workers, that they will always have a worthy job, and for those that are seeking work, that they might find suitable employment.



### September Birthday Blessings

09/05	Haley Herndon
09/10	Barbara Sparks
09/13	Erik Maenpaa
09/21	Ruth Ann Ciecierski
09/22	Dennis Baudek
09/23	Arno Kuehnhold
09/27	Donna Burdick

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



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.



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 **\$25.00** 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”** (321) 768-7776.



#### 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 **\$30.00 for the month**.

#### 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.

## 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

## 2024 Church Council

**Pastor:** Pr. Endruschat

**President:** Mary Sherman

**Vice President:** "open position"

**Secretary:** Kelly Arner

**Treasurer:** Kim Tolley

**Financial Secretary:**

**Council Members at Large:**

Lori Embry

Sue Getter

Renee Harper

Linda Kratzer



## *Joy Financials*

GENERAL FUND	1st QTR	2nd QTR	January thru June
Income (pledged)	\$30,536.78	\$26,887.27	\$57,424.05
Income (unpledged)	\$9,052.25	\$5,996.63	\$15,048.88
Organ Fund	\$4,110.00	\$20,903.00	\$25,013.00
<b>Income - Total</b>	<b>\$43,699.03</b>	<b>\$53,786.90</b>	<b>\$97,485.93</b>
Expenses	(\$41,753.20)	(\$38,515.99)	(\$80,269.19)
Overage/(Shortage)	\$1,945.83	\$15,270.91	\$17,216.74
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1st QTR	2nd QTR	Year to Date
Income (pledged)	\$2,215.45	\$2,055.63	\$4,271.08
Income (unpledged)	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$140.00
<b>Income - Total</b>	<b>\$2,215.45</b>	<b>\$2,195.63</b>	<b>\$4,411.08</b>
Expenses	(\$1,915.00)	(\$2,006.38)	(\$3,921.38)
Overage/(Shortage)	\$300.45	\$189.25	\$489.70

## September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>Labor Day</b> <b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday  10:00am Craft Circle	
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	11:30am Fellowship Meeting	8:30am Property Workday	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting  11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	11:00am Social Ministry Meeting  7:00pm Council Meeting	8:30am Property Workday	
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10:00am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday  10:30am-1:00pm Daily Bread Team	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					
10:00am Worship						<i><b>Check website &amp; messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.</b></i>