

# January 2024 NEWSLETTER

#### **COVENANT United Methodist Church**

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#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### Looking Back 2023

We are approaching the New Year 2024. Looking back to 2023, the Covenant UMC community experienced many unexpected events in that year. Especially since last October, when I came back from my medical



leave due to nasal surgery, we have had many unexpected and somewhat depressing events.

First, our faithful church members left us and joined the eternal communion with God successively within this short period. It was the most surprising and disheartening event of all in 2023. Many church members, including me, felt loss and emptiness because all five of these were long-standing and faithful ones who had dedicated themselves to church worship, mission, and ministry. Moreover, we had heard about several church

members who suffered from grave illness. To make things worse, two staff members suddenly resigned for personal reasons. All these things happened in the last three months, from October to December, which was the church's busiest month of the year. To be honest, I was discouraged. I was worried about the church. I did not know how to comfort church members, simultaneously encouraging them to move forward with all these missions and ministries before us.

However, I realized that I was not the one who led the church. My concerns and worries about the church were unnecessary. This is because Covenant UMC is God's church. God leads and builds the church,

not the pastor. Despite all these surprising and disheartening events, many church members did not lose their hearts. Instead, they stepped up for the missions and ministries of the church, considering them as a spiritual legacy the deceased church members left. Covenant UMC has done Soup Supper, Stewardship, Loaves and Fishes, Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Service, Combined Charge Conference, Angel Tree, Christmas Children's and Youth Program, and Cookie Walk in the last three months. We had not just done these missions. We completed these missions successfully, beating previous records in many cases. We also completed the big building project, replacing the two entrances in the educa-



tional building at this time. We even started a new mission, having the monthly community worship service in Lake House, an assisted living facility. Regarding church staff positions, SPRC (Staff-Parish Relation Committee) members worked hard so that we had more than 80 applicants for two positions. Now, they are in the process of interviewing them. They expect these new staffs to begin working from the beginning of 2024.

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All these things were just a part of what we have completed in the last three months. How could the Covenant UMC, this small church, deal with these countless missions and ministries despite all adversities? I do not know how to explain, except for one: God works among us and through us. When we welcomed and celebrated six new church members in the middle of December, I once again experienced God's boundless love for Covenant UMC and His unexpected guidance. As an Angel told Mary and Joseph, God also tells us: "Do not be afraid. Emmanuel. I am with you."

#### **Time to Connect**

All our busy season passed. Personally and communally, we will have fewer events and gatherings than in the past three months. The cold weather will encourage us to stay home. In this silent and serene season, I suggest the following to our church members: *Connect!* This is the time to connect to God. We have fewer distractions this season. Let's try to be alone in our comfortable places and deeply connect to God through reading the Bible and prayer. What God really wants from us is not a lot of missions or accomplishments but a loving relationship with you through this alone time with God. This New Year, try to connect with God by being alone with Him.

Furthermore, this is a great time to connect with other church members. Our church members are not those we occasionally see and greet in the worship service. They are spiritual family members who walk the way of Jesus Christ together. They are essential relationships for our spiritual journey. Try to connect with them by praying, calling, sending cards, having a meal, or inviting them to your house. Try to build up authentic and meaningful relationships with each other. Among us, we have family members of the deceased church members. Please connect to them first and find a way to comfort them. This is one of the most challenging moments of their lives. Secondly, connect to new church members. Joining a new faith community is not easy. Show your hospitality! Lastly, connect to the church members whom you do not know much. Building a good relationship with church members was the key to the relationship with God.

#### New Sermon Series: "Thinking Christian"



Do you remember that we took a survey about sermon themes in 2022 winter? Many church members faithfully participated in this survey and carefully answered all its questions. I have used this survey result to plan sermon series since then. In this survey, there was a short-answer question at the end, asking *'what are your pressing spiritual and life questions?'* Much more than I expected, many church members shared their spiritual questions about their life and God. Among them, I will choose five questions and talk about them based on the Bible as a new sermon series: 'Thinking Christian' in January and February. I do not think I know "the answer" to the church members' struggles and pressing spiritual questions. Also, these struggles and questions are complex and multifaceted, so it is hard to answer them simply. (If there was the one who claimed they knew the answer, this person would be too foolish or too arrogant.) However, at least I can wrestle with our church members over these life-pressing questions, consulting with the Bible, Christian History, books, and personal experiences. While discussing these questions openly, I believe we can see God's will for each of us more clearly and vividly. The schedule of the sermon with questions is the following:

DATE	CALENDAR	SERMON	WORSHIP
1/7	The Baptism of the Lord Epiphany	<ul> <li><b>-Thinking Christian 1:</b> <i>"Why do the innocent suffer?"</i></li> <li>Bible: Luke 13:1-9</li> </ul>	- Communion - Nursery - Reaffirmation of Baptism
1/14		<ul> <li><b>-Thinking Christian 2:</b> <i>"How should we see other religions?</i>"</li> <li>Bible: Matthew 2:1-12</li> </ul>	- Choir - Church Leader Installation
1/21		<ul> <li><b>-Thinking Christian 3:</b> <i>"Why do our prayers go unanswered?"</i></li> <li>Bible: John 15:1-8</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Bell Choir</li> <li>Sunday School Teacher</li> <li>Installation</li> </ul>
1/28		- Guest Preacher: Denise Retzleff	- Choir
2/4		<ul> <li>Thinking Christian 4: "How could we love our enemies?"</li> <li>Bible: Matthew 5:38-48</li> </ul>	- Communion - Nursery - New Member Ceremony
2/11		<ul> <li>Thinking Christian 5: "How should we live in a divisive world?"</li> <li>Bible: Job 38:1-11</li> </ul>	- Choir
1	TAT		Submitted by Pastor Ho Lee

#### January Sermon and Worship

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### Church Visioning & Planning Meeting

We will have the church visioning and planning meeting on <u>January 23<sup>rd</sup></u>, <u>Tuesday, at 9:00 AM at Fellowship Hall</u>. In this meeting, we will envision the future of the church by discussing the church's direction, priorities, goals, and vision. In addition, we will make detailed plans for 2024. All church leaders are expected to attend the meeting. Everyone is welcome to join if you are interested in the church visioning process.



# Happy New Year from Church Council

Christian unity is a blessing. Our church family works together to share the word of God with a dangerous world. May we bring his hope to the hopeless and peace to the brokenhearted. We as Christian brothers and sisters with one another can share our joy as we worship the Lord in harmony. As a church family we seek unity with each other to accomplish the task the Lord sets upon us. So with God as our leader, may we be prepared to live another year under His guidance.



Prayer: Dear Lord, help us as a church family to find opportunities to have a closer relationship with you, so we can accomplish the task you set before us in this coming New Year. Amen

Happy New Year!

Tom Retzleff, Church Council Chair

### **Care Committee Report**

The mission or goal of this committee is to provide support, hope and caring for our church family during difficult or challenging times in their life. Over the past several months, our congregation has had numerous members facing issues such as illness, operations, and deaths. We would like to ask for volunteers to help meet our goals. We would like to establish a list of members willing to assist in the following needs:

- 1. Meal
- 2. Phone calls
- 3. Visits
- 4. Greeting Card Ministry
- 5. Transportation to appointments
- 6. Shopping

The Care Committee

Please consider signing up for one or more of these by letting Jan Andrews or Dea Hebel know.

Submitted by Jan Andrews

#### TRUSTEES

At this writing, the Marr St. entry doors and windows replacements are coming closer to completion. As with many construction projects, our current times often have materials on back order. This is an annoying problem however; we will hopefully get everything completed this month. We are in the process of making our main women's bathroom a more user, handicap friendly facility. Please bear with us during this change over. Since we are currently without a custodian, we would appreciate our congregation's help in keeping our Church as clean as possible when using our facilities. The Trustees greatly appreciate all the help that has been given to maintain our facilities until a replacement custodian can be found. May each and every one of you have a BLESSED and JOYOUS Christmas season. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Submitted by Bill Averbeck, Trustee Chair







#### **Stewardship Reflection**

Throughout the month of November each weekly worship focused on thanksgiving for all that God provides. We celebrated All Saints Sunday by acknowledging the seeds of faith that were planted by

former generations of believers. We expressed gratitude for the spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, reading scripture, and service that they modeled for others. On the second Sunday we highlighted the small groups of this congregation and how they are helping us grow in our love of God. During the third week we rejoiced for the many and varied missions of our congregation that demonstrate love in action. On the final week, and in the following days, you brought forth your financial commitment card. To-date we have received 41 commitments with \$128,156 pledged to support the budget of Covenant UMC. Thank you for giving of your time, talent, and resources.

#### Interested/Skilled in Finances?

Our faithful sister in Christ, Eleanor King, has gone to join the Saints in heaven. She leaves behind a legacy of service to our church and community. We are already filling in her footsteps on the mission committee, loaves and fishes co-chair, and UWF responsibilities. But there's more... She served as chair of finance committee and was back-up-book keeper to Debbie Christian, if needed. Might you have an interest in finance committee chair? This person puts together the agenda for meetings (with input from the church financial secretary Sue Strong, church treasurer, Debbie Christian, and Pastor Ho Lee) and runs the monthly meetings. Or, might you have an interest in serving as a back-up book keeper? Debbie already does the bookkeeping, but we always have a second person know how to carry out these responsibilities on an as-needed basis. Please pray about these two positions (finance committee chair, back-up bookkeeper) and indicate your interest to the pastor.

#### Missions

We have changed the name of the Sending Forth Committee to Missions to avoid confusion and because we are all about Missions. Marilynn and Eleanor were co-chairs of this committee so their loss is deeply felt. May Balson and I will now co-chair the Missions Committee. Our loose offering for the month of January is Pacto de Gracia. This is another way that we can help Reverend Janet and her members. In February we will give to the Warming Shelter and Help for the Homeless. In addition, we will collect hygiene items for the homeless. If you have any suggestions for Missions, please let me or Mary know. Submitted by Diane Weider

#### MISSIONS

### **Gifts for Families**

This year we adopted seven families, five from Chegwin and two from Pacto. We needed to purchase 86 gifts for these families. We don't have as many shoppers in our congregation as we used to but your generous donations made up for that. Courtney Allickson and I went shopping for gifts and cleaning supplies. Those gifts needed wrapping and we had a group of elves come in to help complete that task.

In addition, you filled 20 grocery bags with food that will be distributed to the families. The generosity of this church never ceases to amaze us. We pray that you all had as good a Christmas as you provided for these families. Thank you very much.



Submitted by Shelli Dekker and Diane Weider

#### **Covenant UMC**

#### **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ecumenical Service**



As a member of the community of believers you are invited to an ecumenical service on **Sunday, January 14, 2024 at Ascension Lutheran Church**, 901 County Rd. V, FdL at 3 pm. We will remember the life of civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The King holiday, celebrated on the third Monday of January, serves multiple purposes: It honors the legacy of King; focuses on the issue of civil rights; highlights the use of nonviolence to

promote change; and calls people into public service. Join the ecumenical service for uplifting music, to celebrate diversity, to pray for peace, and to reflect on how King's dream continues to inspire people. Submitted by Denise Retzleff

#### You Can Usher in the New Year as an Usher

Yes, you are needed to serve as a Sunday morning usher. A minimum of two, but three people are preferred to serve as ushers. You play an essential role of welcoming worshippers, and assisting them as needed. We have dedicated volunteers already, but are in need of others to rotate help. What does an usher do? He or she (yes, both men and women are being sought) arrives by 8:30 am, passes out bulletins, helps people be seated, passes the offering plate, and collects attendance sheets after the service.

For more information contact Pastor Ho Lee, a current usher, or Lay Leader Denise Retzleff, or signup on the form in the narthex.



## Covenant Cares About People (C.C.A.P)

After receiving 2 anonymous donations in November, C.C.A.P sent 288 pairs of kid's gloves to the 4 schools in need, and they were greatly needed. In early December, C.C.A.P bought boxes of cereal from Pick n Save and delivered them right after the Banana drop. The cereals were given out and taken home. This is all done from donations from Covenant. Thanks. Still in need of any kid's size coats, snowpants, and especially Boots. If you get them to me, I will make sure they get where needed. Please let me know If anybody ever wants to do a ride-along on Banana Day.

A quote: "I trust the next chapter because I know the author."

Submitted by Darrell Jewson, C.C.A.P chair.

#### The United Methodist Men (U.M.M) Report

The United Methodist Men, UMM, met Saturday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at Rolling Meadows, always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 8 AM. Eight men present. We have a remarkable group of men here. In November, the men spent \$876.00 on socks, underwear, sweats, leggings for the four schools in need. I blew the budget the men gave me, but they knew why and covered the excess, great men. The UMM sent \$250.00 to the Pantry project because we know it's needed. Thank you, men of Covenant.

Heard on Radio, "Your life is not useless, you can always be a Bad Example."

Submitted by Darrell Jewson, UMM chair.

• Upcoming Event: UMM Spaghetti Dinner on Jan 16<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm

• Serving spaghetti (of course) with or without tomato meat sauce, Salad, bread sticks, and desserts.



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• All for a goodwill donation.

#### SARA Circle Update

SARA Circle met Dec. 6th with a pot luck lunch. We began with a moment of

silence remembering our dear departed members Marilynn and Eleanor. Prayers continue for recovery for Marilyn Stillings and Sandy Kilmer. Suzy shared our devotion. We've use the \$300 allotted to food pantry from our funds. We received a donation of \$90 from our district president to use for Solution Center; that is a blessing in addition to the donations we bring as individuals for the shelter. Dea will deliver those. We will update our annual book early January. Suzie will be our spiritual growth coordinator. We will need a co-chair to lead the group and someone to coordinate the reading program.

Each year we are required to empty our treasury so we voted to donate another \$400 to food pantry and \$400 to Youth mission trip. We filled bags for 12 shut-ins and members will deliver them. Cookie walk final decisions completed. January meeting will be Jan. 3 at 10:45. New members are welcome and this is a good time to start. It will be our pledge service for 2024. Submitted by Dea Hebel

### COOKIE WALK REPORT

It was an amazing success which was due to many people participating. If you baked any of those wonderful cookies or made candy, told friends and neighbors about it, came and shopped, or were one of many who worked a shift Saturday and/or Sunday we THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. The crew that came Thursday to set up was such a help, and those who

stayed and helped put things back in place Sunday morning (including Pastor Ho Lee) did it very efficiently. Friday plating cookies and doing final prep was like a bee hive of workers---thanks so much.

Our advertising efforts and good weather added to the final result which was \$2000 profit! Praise the Lord. This amount will be divided between missions committee and Sara Circle for mission work like Loaves & Fishes and Little Food Pantry as well as other mission projects. Submitted by Dea Hebel

# LOAVES N FISHES

Covenant has served at Loaves n Fishes several times this past year serving meals for those in need at Church of Peace on Military Rd. on Wednesday evenings. Our last meal served for 2023 was November 8<sup>th</sup> with 95 carry out meals provided. Our next serving date will be Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at Church of Peace 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for help with serving, baking cookies, making scalloped potatoes, (we use boxed scalloped potatoes) and of course, any monetary assistance that anyone would like to provide to help defray the cost of the PUMP n PANTRY chicken that we provide. It is a pleasure to have our faithful crew work at this important event.

Anyone is welcome to help and all help is greatly appreciated.

God Bless!

Submitted by Mona Averbeck

### **Attention Cancelled Stamp Savers**

I hope every had a nice Christmas and are ready for a great 2024. I imagine many of you have cancelled stamps from all the Christmas cards you received. Please bring them to church and give them to Nina Krueger or Marilyn Stillings on any Sunday or if you see us in between, that will work, also. You can also drop them off in the church office. Thank you once again for your faithfulness in helping the United Women in Faith with this mission By doing this help the Marion Mission send medical supplies, clothes, shoes, bedding and other items to the needy people in Africa

Remember do not save prepaid postage type stamps as they are not accepted



Submitted by: Marilyn Stillings

Women in Faith



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#### Food Pantry Update

The weather has changed but the people using our little box continue to need help. I go there often to put things in and have met with several who tell me how much it helps their families and it is so appreciated. Two men come on bikes regularly. I just want to thank you for continued donations whenever you are able. We are not putting canned vegetables in. fruits in heavy syrup will not freeze as easily, but all dry goods are so helpful. Granola bars, cereals, pancake mix, dry soups that only need water to make, ramen noodles, and quick mac & cheese products. Hygiene products always are taken, as are Kleenex and toilet

tissue. In closing I want to share a thank you note I found one Wednesday before Bible study. The writer said they hadn't had "real potatoes" in one and half years! Last fall, we put fresh produce like potatoes, apples, squash in as often as we could. It warmed my heart on the following Sunday when that gentleman was there as I came at 8AM to fill pantry box again. He thanked me again! We are helping people in our community! Submitted by Dea Hebel

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#### **Welcoming New Residents**

It's 1 pm on Sunday afternoon. I'm meeting in the church choir room with two young moms from Honduras. We're working on understanding the difference between "here" and "there". For fifty minutes we study simple English words, their spelling, meaning, and how to use them. The ladies leave with homework, which is what we'll start with next week. What a joy to see the accomplishments over the weeks, as the students go through the workbook and progress in their language comprehension.

I commit my time for class, as well as a bit of prep time each week. I've been doing this about four years and feel like I'm making a difference in someone else's life. When a person can read, write and speak in the primary language of the country they live in, they can access so much of the world around them. I feel as though I am living out the scripture from <u>Leviticus 19:33-34</u>:

#### 'Don't mistreat any foreigners who live in your land. Instead, treat them as well as you treat citizens and love them as much as you love yourself. Remember, you were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God'

You too, can welcome those who are English language learners. As a tutor you receive training, the needed materials, and meet with 1 or 2 students. Class time is about one hour per week in a public location, such as the church or library. Talk to me, Denise Retzleff, or Pastor Janet Martinez to explore how to get involved.



Submitted by Denise Retzleff

#### **Taxi service to Church**



Anyone needing a ride to church to attend worship or other church events, please remember Covenant UMC has an agreement with Quality Cab to provide taxi service. Contact the cab company at 920-929-8888 to make arrangements and tell them the charge is to the Covenant account. Wheelchair cab service may be available on week-days, but not on Sunday mornings.

## What are We Talking about in Bible Study?

For <u>the first four Wednesdays of January (3, 10, 17, 24)</u> we are studying Joseph, the father of Jesus. Although there is limited information about him in scriptures, we will discuss God's call to Joseph to serve as Jesus' earthly father, and what God calls us to be.



- \* From Jan. 31-Feb 14 (for three weeks) we will use the Upper Room devotional guide to focus our conversation topics and/or we'll re-read the scripture from the previous Sunday and discuss the sermon.
- \* **Starting Feb.21**, Pastor Ho Lee will lead the session using the book, *Draw the Circle*. This will be a five week Lenten series on prayer.

You are invited to any or all of these conversations. We meet on **Wednesday at 9:30 am in the choir room**. Please feel free to drop in. Submitted by Denise Retzleff

#### Winter Youth Retreat





Youth Group plans to join the winter youth retreat at Lake Lucerne Camp & Retreat Center from January 19<sup>th</sup> (Friday) to 21<sup>st</sup> (Sunday). Youth members will have a chance to connect to God, each other, and other church youth members while enjoying all the winter activities such as sledding, broomball, large indoor group games, camp-style worship, faith exploration, and so on. The original cost for this retreat is \$ 140. However, you can join this retreat for only \$25 because the church decided to support the rest of it. All youth members and their friends are invited to this great opportunity.

CAMP & RETREAT MINISTRIES /ISCONSIN CONFERENCE | UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Please get in touch with pastor Ho Lee, Diane Weider, or the church office by January 10<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in this retreat. Submitted by Pastor Ho Lee



# **Mission Trip**

Due to an error when signing up for our Mission Trip to South Dakota, we were unable to go to Lake Traverse this summer because they didn't have enough room for us. In meeting with the parents and youth it was decided to wait until 2025, get our reservations in early, and let the youth choose the location. This gives us 18 months to fundraise rather than six. If you have any fundraiser ideas for us, please let me know, we are open to suggestions. Submitted by Diane Weider

> **2024 New Sunday School** Orientation is on Sunday Jan.7th at 10:15 AM Starting is on Sunday Jan. 14th at 9:15 AM



Our dedicated Sunday school teachers are preparing this New Sunday school. However, we are looking for more assistant teachers to make this program more effective and provide a safer environment for children. To be an assistant Sunday School teacher, you do not have to commit yourself every Sunday, but only once a month or every other month. If you are interested in strengthening the Sunday School program as parents, teachers, or assistant teachers, please come to Sunday School Orientation on January 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, at 10:15 AM at the small chapel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the educational building.

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#### **Christmas Program**



The Sunday school children and Youth did an amazing job with their Christmas Program "Follow the Star". The Youth volunteered for solos and took their roles seriously. The younger kids were able to choose whatever role they wanted and stepped into some tough positions. I was so proud of their hard work, they brought me to tears several times during their performance. This performance would not have been possible without the help of Mona, Tami, Shelli, Julie, Miyeon, Pastor Ho Lee, and Donna. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped. Submitted by Diane Weider





#### **January BIRTHDAYS**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Casey Averbeck
10 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Beardsley
13 <sup>rd</sup>	Nickas Averbeck
13 <sup>rd</sup>	Joyce Kurtz
18 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Sherman
19 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryl Abitz
20 <sup>th</sup>	Karla Kahlhamer
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jan Andrews
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jackson Goldapske
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29<sup>th</sup> Liona Brockway

## **Mission Offerings for January**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday (1/7)	Pacto de Gracia		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday (1/14)	Pacto de Gracia		

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (1/21) Pacto de Gracia
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (1/28) Pacto de Gracia

#### January ANNIVERSARIES

12<sup>th</sup> William and Shelli Dekker23<sup>rd</sup> Doug and Judie Duitman



### **January Worship Volunteers**

DATE	Liturgist	Children's Time	Ushers	Acolyte	Live-Streaming	PPT/Sound
1/7	Denise S.	Pastor Ho L.	David G./ Bill A.	Charlie A.	Mona A.	Tom R.
1/14	Shelli D.	Mary B.	Sandy T./GUS	Jin L.	Denise R.	Tom R.
1/21	Diane W.	Bill A.	Shelli & Bill D. /Gus	Charlie A.	Denise R.	Tom R.
1/28	Mary B.	Shelli D.	Gary M./ Gus	Jin L.	Mona A.	Sloan A.
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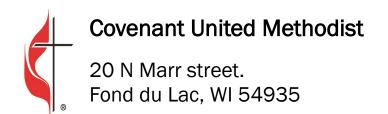
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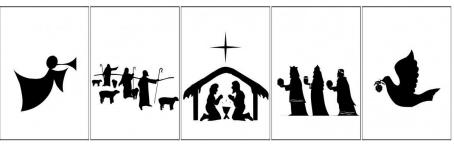
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 AM—1 PM; Pastor office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00AM - 3PM

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Saturday	6 Pastor off day	13 Pastor off day 8:00AM Men's Breakfast	20 ——Youth Retreat ——— At Lucerne	27 Pastor off day	
Friday	5 Pastor Sabbath	12 Pastor Sabbath	19 <youth retreat<br="">At Lucerne</youth>	26 Pastor Sabbath	
Thursday	4	11 10:00AM Visitation	18 4:30PM Finance Meeting	25	
Wednesday	3 9:30AM Bible Study 10:45AM Sara Circle 4:00PM New Member class	10 9:30AM Bible Study 10:30AM Mission Committee 4:00PM New Member class Youth Retreat Application due day.	17 9:30AM Bible Study 4:00-6PM Loaves N Fishes 5:30PM-8:00PM : Champions Bingo	24 8:00AM Women's Breakfast 9:30AM Bible Study	31 9:30AM Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30PM Trustee Meeting	σ	16 5:00-7:00PM : UMM Spaghetti Dinner	23 9:00AM – 12:00PM : Church Visioning & Planning meeting	30
Monday	1 Happy New Year! Church Office closed	8 10AM Community Worship at Lake House 1PM Staff meeting 6:15PM Bell Choir Practice 6:30PM Shepherding meeting for Pacto de Gracia	15 10AM Worship Committee 1PM Staff meeting 6:15PM Bell Choir Practice	22 1:00PM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Bell Choir Practice	29 1:00PM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Bell Choir Practice 6:30PM Church Council
Sunday		7 9:00AM Sunday Worship 10:15AM Choir Practice 10:15AM Sunday school orientation	14 9:00AM Sunday Worship 9:15AM Sunday school start 10:15AM Choir Practice 3PM Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ecumenical Service	21 9:00AM Sunday Worship 10:15AM Choir Practice Youth Retreat> At Lucerne	28 9:00AM Sunday Worship 10:15AM Choir Practice

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