



MESSENGER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE
206 S. HOPKINS AVE, TITUSVILLE, FL 32796

MARCH 2019



Spring is coming which means Lent is coming to the church. Lent traditionally is a time of fasting that began around the time of the council of Nicaea in 325AD. It has been celebrated in more and less structured ways over the centuries. In the early centuries, only one meal was to be eaten per day—meat was prohibited even during that meal. Today we don't typically fast...at least not as they fasted in the early centuries. Actually, today, other than the celebration of Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, lent is not a concept we typically consider except for the change of the paraments in worship to purple. Lent is to be a time that we prepare ourselves to receive the grace offered to us by the empty tomb. The grace that encompasses not only forgiveness but also everlasting life that is offered by that same empty tomb.

As the Lenten season begins this year I want to challenge you to enter a time of introspection and reflection on who you are and how you are loving your neighbor. This can be a fearsome task: to ask the same hard questions of ourselves that we often look for in others. I am reminded that Jesus called those present to him as he was giving the Sermon on the Mount to "first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye." Matthew 7:5 NRSV I need to examine my own life, my motives, my desires, and my actions before I examine the lives of others. My dear sweet Granny often reminded me to "sweep around my own doorstep before I start sweeping around someone else's. She was telling me that maybe I had done as bad or worse than they had and needed to pay attention to myself before judging their actions. I call us this Lenten season to do just that; to do a vigorous examination of our lives before we examine others.

John Wesley believed this practice to be of such importance that he didn't just require the members of the Holy Club to make examination during Lent but every day. Below are the questions Wesley required of those participating to answer for themselves. I offer these as a means of helping us all to examine our lives and find the places we need to grow during Lent in order to be ready to accept the grace of Christ when the resurrection is upon us.

As we move toward Easter, I hope we can find a deeper place of growth as we seek to become disciples of Jesus Christ and as we learn more fully to offer the grace, we have received from Him to others in our lives.

Holy Lord, Come and fill us with your grace. Open our eyes to the things in our own lives you desire us to change. Give us the strength to change and grow to be who you made us to be. Help us to offer grace more freely to those around us and to love them as you have loves us. Amen

Blessed to Be Your Pastor,

Wayne Cook

Everyday Disciples: John Wesley's 22 Questions

These are 22 questions the members of John Wesley's Holy Club asked themselves every day in their private devotions over 200 years ago.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate? | <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence?4. Can I be trusted?5. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits? |
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6. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
7. Did the Bible live in me today?
8. Do I give it time to speak to me everyday?
9. Am I enjoying prayer?
10. When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?
11. Do I pray about the money I spend?
12. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
13. Do I disobey God in anything?
14. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
15. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
16. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?
17. How do I spend my spare time?
18. Am I proud?
19. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican?
20. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?
21. Do I grumble or complain constantly?
22. Is Christ real to me?

Sermon Series

3/3 Taking Care Our Finances
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

3/10 Didn't See It Coming—Cynicism
John 1:43-51

3/17 Compromise
Guest Pastor: Gene Yotka

3/24 Disconnection
Psalm 22:1-2

3/31 Irrelevance
Acts 10:9-16

Lay Liturgists/Readers

March 3 — Jerry Copeland

March 10 — Faye Kikta

March 17 — Mike Mustard

March 24 — Linda Russell

March 31 — Jennifer Evans

Prayer Focus

“Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.”

— Mahatma Ghandi

March 3–9 — Healing in the heart of our Church

March 10-16 — Prepare our hearts for the Lenten Season

March 17–23 — Understanding

March 24–30 — Our Natural Resources

March 31–April 6 — Children in Poverty



DIDN'T SEE IT COMING

Didn't See it Coming:
*Overcoming the Seven Greatest
Challenges That No One
Expects and Everyone
Experiences*



A 7-week Book Study starting
Tuesday, March 12th @ 6:30pm and
Wednesday, March 13th @ 4pm
in the Fellowship Hall - Led by
Pastor Wayne Cook

This will be a study that expands on the sermon topic of
each week during Lent.

The founding Pastor of one of North America's most influential churches, Carey Nieuwhof wants to help you avoid and overcome life's seven hardest and most crippling challenges: cynicism, compromise, disconnectedness, irrelevance, pride, burnout, and emptiness. These are challenges that few of us expect but that we all experience at some point.

We will study this amazing book together for 7 weeks. Book Cost is \$13.60 Kindle Version \$12.00 Please sign up at the Adult Studies Table by March 6.



Titusville-Area United Methodist Churches

"Don't Give Up..."

The five Titusville UM congregations will worship together each Wednesday during Lent, travelling from church to church (note: each church will hold their own Ash Wednesday Service). The schedule will be:

March 13 (6:00 p.m.) Mims United Methodist Church, hosting

Wayne Cook, preaching "Don't Give Up...on Love."

(The time is earlier for this week because you are invited to dinner at Mims UMC at 5:00 p.m. – Corned Beef and Cabbage - \$8. Call 321-267-6202 to let them know you plan to eat. Arrive early!)

March 20 (6:30 p.m.) First UMC Titusville, hosting

John Gill, preaching "Don't Give Up...on Community"

March 27 (6:30 p.m.) First UMC Port St. John, hosting

Bill Corristan, preaching "Don't Give Up...on Forgiveness"

April 3 (6:30 p.m.) St. Andrew UMC, hosting

David Charlton, preaching "Don't Give Up...on the Church"

April 10 (6:30 p.m.) Indian River City UMC, hosting

Patricia Pena, preaching "Don't Give Up...on Joy"

An offering to support the Foster Children/Families served by Brevard Family Partnership will be received at each service.

Join Us for Worship!

March Birthdays

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| 1 Jan Lichtenwalter | 16 Louise DeTorres |
| 3 Dale Mays | 16 Charlotte Rose |
| 5 Jim Clark | 17 Betty Snyder |
| 6 Emily Hermanson | 19 Debbie Preston |
| 6 Judith Riddle | 20 Randy Coleman |
| 8 Billy McLean | 21 Kessandra Jeanty |
| 10 Debbie Huether | 23 Selina Bowling |
| 12 Florace Hensley | 23 Joshua McKelvin, Jr. |
| 12 Linda Russell | 26 Jeanne Mays |
| 13 Gene Burgess | 29 Keith Cooke |
| 13 Michael Waring | 30 Christine Cooke |
| 14 John Stephens | |

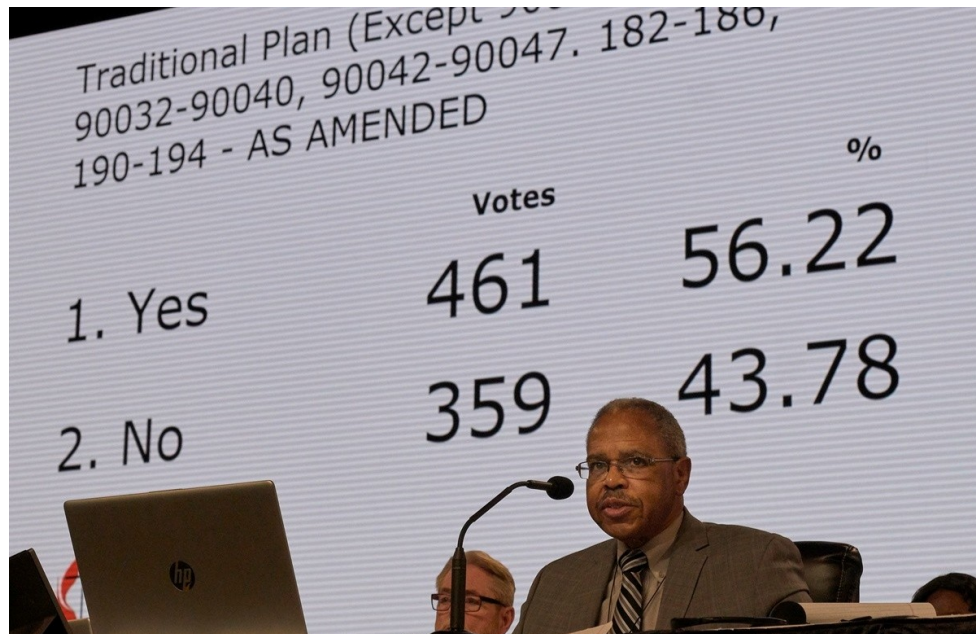


March Anniversaries

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| 1 John & Sally Bradford | 17 Jerry & Carole Copeland |
| 1 Frank & Ann Kennedy | 20 Fred & Carol Henn |
| 11 Richard & Brenda Patterson | 27 Jeff & Beth Williams |
| 13 Ed & Ingrid Patterson | 29 Daniel & Angela Mayer |



Attempt to revive One Church Plan fails



As the Rev. Joe Harris presiding over the legislative committee, the results of a vote approving the Traditional Plan as amended by 461-359 are displayed before being approved by the plenary session on Feb. 26, the final day of the special session of the 2019 General Conference of The United Methodist Church in St. Louis. Photo by Paul Jeffrey, UMNS.

By Kathy L. Gilbert
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<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/gc2019-daily-feb-26>

After passionate speeches, prayers and tears, the “one, last shot” for the One Church Plan was defeated by a vote of 449-374 at The United Methodist Church’s 2019 General Conference.

The Rev. Tom Berlin, Virginia Conference, spoke for a minority report for the One Church Plan that was submitted last night. A minority report is a substitution for the report of the legislative committee. Delegates opposed the bishops’ recommended One Church Plan by a vote of 436 to 386 on Feb. 25. That vote was 53 to almost 47 percent.

“I have a love of the church that sometimes I do not even understand,” he said in presenting the report to the denomination’s top lawmaking assembly. “Sometimes I get emotional when I talk about it because I catch a glimpse of what we can be with God’s help.”

Berlin told delegates that approving the One Church Plan did not force any pastor or church to perform same-sex marriages, nor did it force anyone to change what they believe about the Bible. But the plan would allow conferences to ordain LGBTQ pastors, as well as allowing churches to host and pastors to officiate at same-sex marriages.

“If the Traditional Plan is voted in, it will be a virus that will make the American church very sick,” he said. “Many pastors are going to leave, many annual conference will leave. ... There will be trials, and they will be on the news.

The only news about the church will be about people we don’t serve.”

And he warned the virus would cross oceans and make the whole church sick.

However, other delegates stood to talk about following God’s “true word.”

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Nancy Denardo, Western Pennsylvania, cited Scriptures in her argument against the One Church Plan.

“Friends, please stop sowing seeds of deceit,” she said. “I’m truly sorry if the truth of the Gospel hurts anyone; I love you and I love you enough to tell the truth.”

Lyndsey Stearns, West Ohio, a young person who described herself as a future pastor, spoke in favor of the One Church Plan and told the body in the past 24 hours, 15,529 young people had signed a statement in support of unity.

The statement says young people are not all of the same mind about LGBTQ people.

“And yet through working together, sharing stories, and worshipping side by side, we have seen each other’s gifts and fruits for ministry! We have witnessed the incredible ways that God is working through each of us in our own unique contexts.”

Stearns said, “I read John 17 and it ruined me. I could not unhear the words of Jesus.”

Aislinn Deviney, Rio Texas, who described herself as a young evangelical delegate, said many young people “fiercely believe marriage is between one man and one woman.”

“We are here at the table because of our dedication, not because we demand a place because of our age,” she said. “We speak for ourselves. We all have family and friends who are LGBTQ that we love and value.”

The Rev. Cara Niklas, Oklahoma, in speaking against the One Church Plan, said people supporting the Traditional Plan have been called mean-spirited.

“That is a false narrative,” she said. She talked about the love she has for a niece who is a lesbian. “When gay persons become convinced I don’t love them because of their behavior, it causes damage with our relationships.”

Rey Hernandez, Philippines, said cultures are not the same around the world but the One Church Plan is “beautiful in our unity.”

“With the help of the gifts of Holy Spirit, I believe what we are trying to agree on is to spread the Gospel,” he said.

Before the vote, Berlin once again told delegates to follow the Golden Rule of Jesus.

“Be consistent, and modify the Book of Discipline to eliminate all the divorced, all those who cohabit before marriage and apply those standards to yourself first,” he said.

There are clergy and bishops who would have to surrender their credentials for violating those Scriptures, he added. “But I don’t think that’s the church you want.”

The Rev. Joe Harris, chair of the legislative committee, addressed the delegates.

“After all the passionate debate, all I can say is God is with us and God will be with us and the Holy Spirit will guide us. Continue to do what you said you wanted to do yesterday, reject One Church Plan and continue on Traditional Plan.”

Delegates and bishops left their seats and drew close together for a prayer.

Bishop Sharon Brown Christopher prayed, “Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, Holy Spirit, come.”

As they went back to their seats those gathered in the stadium were singing, “This Little Light of Mine.”

Gilbert is a reporter for United Methodist News Service. UMNS reporters Heather Hahn and Joey Butler contributed to this story. Contact them at (615) 742-5470 or newsdesk@umcom.org. To read more United Methodist news, subscribe to the free Daily or Weekly Digests.

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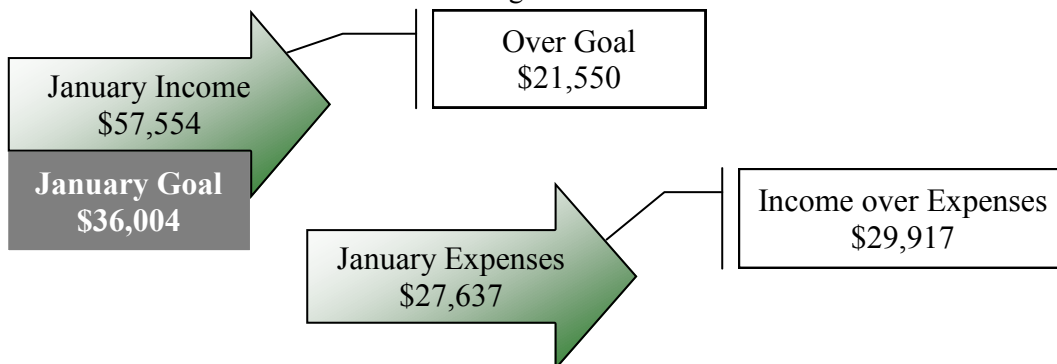
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The Church's Budgeted Finances

The Finance Committee appreciates your contributions and donations. With your support we will be able to continue sharing God's love with those around us.



The budget for 2019 is **\$432,047** which, divided evenly, makes each month's goal \$36,004 rather than being weighted differently throughout the year.

What's Happening!

COME JOIN US FOR A DAY ON CAMPUS!!! Saturday March 16, 2019

Attendance at the Day on Campus (DOC) event provides a personal connection with the Children's Home. It is a festive day, which includes tours of the campus, a program featuring the residents, a picnic lunch under a big top tent and the fellowship of other United Methodists from around the Conference. It is a great way to introduce people to the Children's Home. If you wish to attend, please call Ingrid Patterson @ 321-268-5628 or Kitty Baldwin @ 321-269-0761. We will meet at the church at 8:30am and take the bus or carpool.

COME JOIN US!!!!!!

Smartphone/Tablet 1-on-1

SIGNUP IS MANDATORY

Adult Studies Room – Various Dates in March @ 11:00 am

Do you have questions on using your smart phone or tablet? Is something not working for you? Something you would like to learn? Would you like a live person there to help you? Nancy Burgess is offering customized individual or small-group sessions. Available dates and times are listed.

Sessions are usually 1 hour in the Adult Studies room.

Here are the dates I will be available

March 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, & 28

All sessions will be 11am unless otherwise requested.

Questions? 321-607-6453 or nancy.burgess@cfl.rr.com

Message from our Bishop

Dear Florida Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Some are grateful for the results of the Special Session. And others sought a different outcome. All of this will take some time to process. Human sexuality is a topic on which our people have differing views. As evidenced by the vote of the special session, we are a global church with very different contexts. We were not able to achieve contextual differentiation as envisioned by the Commission on a Way Forward. By a majority vote, we passed the Traditional Plan, with some parts ruled unconstitutional. It now goes to the Judicial Council for review at their next meeting but our existing Discipline language is maintained.

We are a global church. This is a great gift in that God blesses us with diversity and the gospel is lived and shared across cultures. This is a great challenge in that we have different understandings of the LGBTQ community and, indeed, the LGBTQ persons in our own churches.

By a majority, the U.S. church seems to favor the One Church Plan that would have more openly welcomed pastors from the LGBTQ community and allowed for same-sex marriage. And, an overwhelming majority of the Council of Bishops endorsed the One Church Plan.

I am a person of evangelical and orthodox faith and respect those who see this primarily as a matter of scriptural interpretation. I will continue to live my promises of consecration as a bishop by abiding by the Book of Discipline as a resource for oversight and supervision in support of the church's mission (BOD ¶403).

Some believe the arc of history is moving towards more acceptance of LGBTQ people, not less. Pew Research teaches us that younger generations in the U.S., especially under 45 and more so under 30, will not participate in a church that rejects the LGBTQ community. A letter from United Methodists under the age of 35 was shared at the Special Session, with over 15,500 signatories. A greater number of LGBTQ voices were heard on the floor of the Special Session than ever before. Many of these were younger voices.

I offer the following words to the LGBTQ community:

Please know that you are of sacred worth. You are not the problem. You are not "out there." You are present in our churches. You bless us with your faith and your gifts strengthen the church. And my calling, for you and all people, is to remove the obstacles to your experience of the grace of God, and especially in the life of The United Methodist Church.

I also offer these words to the evangelical community:

Please know that your faith is a great gift to God and to your local churches. Too often, your stances have been misunderstood as driven by hatred, as opposed to being of deeply held faith. Your lives have been changed by the good news of Jesus, and you have a deep desire that others know this grace. Our denomination is blessed by you and needs your gifts in our calling to share God's love across the world. Our conference includes at every level of leadership evangelicals who are of the utmost integrity.

We remain a denomination that is open to people of all nations, ethnic groups, ages, and sexual orientations. We hope to find better ways to embrace our diversity and be on mission together. Our POV process continues to be a resource available to you.

Despite our differences, we will continue to work together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and to share God's love with all people.

The peace of the Lord,

Ken Carter

Bishop, Florida Conference

Note: To hear more reflection please join Bishop Carter for a webinar with Delegation leaders on Friday, March 1st at 11 AM (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3792781150045777675>)

March Adult Ministries

KNIT WITS — Every Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

CHAIROBICS — Every Tuesday @ 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

LINE DANCING — Every Thursday @ 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

PATCHWORK FRIENDS – Wednesday, February 6th @ 9:00 a.m. in the quilting room

— PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES —

LADIES DAY OUT – Thursday, March 7th @ 11:30am – Andre's at the Indian River Preserve
Please sign up by March 6th

This restaurant is a Titusville favorite with great food! Please call Carol Stephens at 321-267-2600 or sign up at the rear of the church to reserve your ticket.

To reserve a space, call Carol Stephens at 321-267-2600 or Rayelynn at 321-269-7631.

You can also sign up at the rear of the church.

LADIES DAY OUT – Thursday, March 21st @ 9:30am – Old Downtown Melbourne
Walking tour of Downtown and lunch at a great restaurant. Put on your comfy shoes and let's take a historic tour and eat lunch. We will meet at the church and carpool and/or take the bus.

To reserve a space, call Carol Stephens at 321-267-2600 or Rayelynn at 321-269-7631.

You can also sign up at the rear of the church.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP – Friday, March 29th @ 5:30 pm — Durango's Steak House
A great steakhouse....they also have a good selection of moderately priced entrée's. Come and have a great meal with wonderful friends. Sign up at the rear of the church.




**To sign up for any of these programs, check the table in back of the sanctuary
or**

call Rayelynn at 321-269-7631, ext. 206 and leave a message.

It's very important to sign up so we can prepare for the program.

March 2019

First United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
3 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:15am Volunteer Luncheon	4 1:00pm Learn to Sew 3:00pm Worship Design	5 Shrove Tuesday 11:00am Knit Wits 1:00pm Line Dancing Rehearsal 2:30pm Chairiobics 5:00pm Handbells	6 Ash Wednesday 10:00am Bible Study 9:00am Patchwork Friends 7:00pm Chancel Choir  ASH WEDNESDAY	7 9:00am PEO Meeting 11:30am Ladies Day Out 1:00pm Bible Study 2:30pm Line Dancing Class	1 Word Day of Prayer 12:00pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	2 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
10 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	11 1:00 Sara Fernandez 1:00pm Staff Meeting 1:00pm Learn to Sew 3:00pm Worship Design 5:30pm Finance Meeting	12 Shrove Tuesday 10:00am UMW Meeting 11:00am Knit Wits 1:00pm Line Dancing Rehearsal 2:30pm Chairiobics 5:00pm Handbells 6:30pm Lenten Book Study	13 10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Lenten Book Study 6:00pm Lenten Service - Mims UMC 6:00pm Ladies Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir	14 1:00pm Bible Study 2:30pm Line Dancing	15 12:00pm Band Practice 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	16 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 8:00am A Day Apart
17 St. Patrick's Day 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 	18 3:00pm Worship Design 7:00pm Trustees Mtg.	19 11:00am Knit Wits 2:30pm Chairiobics 3:30pm Dove Circle 5:00pm Handbells 6:30pm Lenten Book Study	20 10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Lenten Book Study 6:00pm Ladies Choir 6:30pm Lenten Service - FUMC Titusville 7:00pm Chancel Choir	21 9:00am PEO Meeting 9:30am Ladies Day Out 1:00pm Bible Study 2:30pm Line Dancing 6:00pm Movie Night	22 12:00pm Band Practice 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	23 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
24 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	25 1:00pm Learn to Sew 3:00pm Worship Design	26 11:00am Knit Wits 2:30pm Chairiobics 5:00pm Handbells 6:30pm Lenten Book Study	27 10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Lenten Book Study 6:00pm Ladies Choir 6:30pm Lenten Service - FUMC Pt. St. John 7:00pm Chancel Choir	28 1:00pm Bible Study 2:30pm Line Dancing	29 12:00pm Band Practice 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 5:30pm Friday Fellowship	30 7:30am UMM Breakfast 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
31 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship						

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