

ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

February 2017

Volume 22 To sing the Praises of God, to Live the Grace of Jesus, to Share the Gift of the Spirit. Issue 1

A message from Pastor Kristin



February

At A-Glance

February 1- 3:00 p.m. Christian Outreach

February 4 -9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sub Sales

February 10 - 10:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen

March Newsletter Input Due

February 11 - 8:00 a.m. Mens Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

February 17 - 6:30 p.m.
Christian Singles
Valentines Day
Celebration

February 19Committee Reports Due

February 28 - 10:00 a.m. March Newsletter Assembly

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?"

On January 22 we read Psalm 27 and it seemed so appropriate. There are so many people going through difficult situations at home, at work and in the world. In this first verse from Psalm 27, the writer reminds us that the Lord is where we put our hope and we do not need to fear because in Him we have the promise of life - life now and life eternally. In the midst of stressful situations, unknown futures and fear - God is with us. We do not need to be afraid.

Easy to say - yes, but memorize this verse. Repeat it over and over and know that the one who has led you this far by faith continues to lead you and watch over you daily.

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God's Peace -

Paotu Kishi Wasky

Pastor Kristin Dubsky

Committee Reports are due February 19. Place them in the bin under the mailboxes outside the Office Manager's office.

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HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

Christian Singles will celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall beginning with a covered dish dinner. Each person is asked to bring a covered dish. All Adult Singles are invited for an evening of Christian fellowship and fun.

Men of the Congregation

News from the Men of the Congregation

The Men of the Congregation did not meet in January due to impending poor weather. The next meeting will be on Saturday, February 11, at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The topic of the day, "The Twelve Disciples," will be presented by Phil Short.

The Men of the Congregation generally meet on the second Saturday of the month. All are welcome to come for food, fellowship and devotions. For more information contact John Bucacink or Dennis Kniss.

QUILTS QUILTS QUILTS

We are going to try again!!

We have supplies to do about 12 more quilts for Lutheran World Relief. But again, we need your help. We are doing the fleece tied knot quilts and the Mission quilts. We put together 10 quilts last time.

When - March 6, 2017

Where - Church Fellowship Hall

Time - 9:00 am to Noon (or however long you can stay)

Bring scissors, thimbles (if you use them), and a 6 inch ruler.

First of all -

Thanks to the nine ladies who helped on the first sew day.

Thanks to the people who have donated material for our cause.

Thanks to those people who used their Thrivent Action Money to help buy supplies.

If you can't come on March 6th, you can –

Keep an eye out for used flat queen/king size sheets (plain colors preferred)

Look through your scraps of material for some you don't want (we make 11 inch squares)

Donate money to help defray the cost of sending the quilts – it costs \$2.25 for each quilt we take to LWR and we have to buy the batting for in the quilts.

At home you can cut squares or sew squares together to make the top of the quilt ((we will give you the material)

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN MARCH!!!

Questions - call or talk to Gloria Kniss - 717-359-7681



SUB SALE TIME!!

If you forgot to order your sub, contact David Ogg today! If you want to help at

sub sale, be here Saturday, February 4, from 9 until 12! Come join the fun! Sub Sales support Workcamp 2017 and the Jacob Armacost Foundation! Pick up your delicious sandwiches on Saturday, February 4 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 5 after each service! Youth will be selling desserts at the pick-up point! So plan on purchasing your dessert, too!

Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 25, 2017, 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *Sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church Work Camp Group.* \$8.00 in advance; \$10.00 at the door; \$5.00 for children 4-10; ages 3 and under eat free. Tickets available now. Call Bonnie at 410-857-8756.

Coming up in March...

Lent is coming soon! Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 1. Worship with the Imposition of Ashes at 12 Noon and at 7:15 p.m. There will be a soup supper at 6:30 p.m.

Keep the Date!!!! MAY 5 and 6: YARD AND RUMMAGE SALE

The Annual Spring Yard and Rummage Sale will be held on May 5th and 6th. Collection of donated items will be from Monday, May 1st thru Thursday May 4th. Details will be announced in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Anyone needing to donate items earlier are asked to contact Gloria or Dennis Kniss, 717-359-7681, 443-605-4963, or dennisrkniss@gmail.com. to make arrangements. We can begin accepting your "early" donations after March 1st.



Members of St. John's: Jacob Armacost, The family of Gloria Barnes, Dave & Loretta Basler, Bob Blauvelt, Frank Blauvelt, Amber Blubaugh, John & Betty Boone, Charles & Zadie Brehm, Pat Brehm, Shirley Daniels, Beverly Dutterer, Donald & Pat Heath, Marc Hoyer, Jeanne Joiner, Nancy and Harry Jones, Betty Knisley, Edith Linthicum, Harry Maempel, Yvonne Mathias, Bonnie Null, Claire Null, Muriel Sabo, Ken Seitz, Adelaide Sies, Richard Smith, Emily

Van Horn, Lorrie Wilson and Charles Zincon.

FRIENDS OF St. John's: Dennia Aldridge, Rita Bauhof, Ronald Boone, The Boone Family, The Bordenski Family, Norma Brown, Congregations of the Delaware/Maryland Synod, The Family of Austin Carey, Chad Carey Family, Patty & Jim Coolsen, Kathy Cornell, Ashley and Andrew Davis, Jerry Day, Mark Reshnet & Pam Dempsey, Barry Durm Sr, Sarah Egan, Jerry Farver, Jenn Freed and Family, Deb Freeland, Lily Glennon, Seth Goldsmith, Ginni & Len Gordon, Matthew Gordon, Jen Granek, Lee Gray and the Family of Gary Gray, Chuck Gyory, Marilyn Habicht, Mark Habicht, Natalie Halpin, Jeremiah Harlan, Ron Harris, Ellwood Hawes, Sr., Diane Heil, Governor Larry Hogan, Nancy Hollingsworth, Paula Holmes, Norma Hooks, Eila Howe, Ameilia James, Precious Johnson, Gary & Dennis Keirle, Gabriel Knepp, Rhoda Kniss, Family and Friends of Woody Kocher, Mamie Koontz, The Jim Kroneberger Family, Sara & Nick Lacasse & Gage, Cole & Nathaniel, Dave & Rachel Lal, Lazarus UCC Church, Richard LeDuc, Shirley Leisner, Edward Leister, Jeannie Leister, Gerry Long, Don & Charlotte Ludwig, Paula Martin, Sue Mencer, Wyatt Miller, Robyn Moses-Harney, Jeanne Mueller, Erin Murphy & The Haitian Timoun Foundation, June Murphy, Kay Murphy, Donald and May Nelson, Harold Nelson, Jackie Nelson, Mark Nelson, Troy Petty, The Pyle Family, Fred & Kathi Polanco, Eric Redilius, Irma Register, Beverly & Jack Rose, The Family of Matthew Ruppalt, Sue Schildwachter, Connor Schlude, Shirley Short, Wilda Simpson, Joshua, David, & Debbie Smith, Finley Smith, Madelyn Smith, Wendy Steil, Roger J. Stewart, Jim Sullivan, Nick Tasker, Bikiltu Wakgari Wakjira, Eileen West, Sarah and Jake Woodward, Paul Yeager, Signa Yingling.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Shane Anderson, Keith Blizzard, Marshall Brown, Barry Durm, PFC Cory Farver, Michael & Lucia Gaffney, Private Joshua Gaske, Katie & Brian Fenstemaker, Hannah Sisler, Pam Sisler, Capt. Corey S. Squires, Heidi Scherbarth Tompkins and Will Yingling.

This prayer list was updated on January 24, 2017.

Please help keep this list current and accurate. Contact the office at 410-848-6402 or office@stjohnswestminster.org with changes (changes include updates, corrections, deletions, new names).

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

Our next **Soup Kitchen** will be on Friday, February 10th. If you would be able to help out by making or donating a dessert for this, please contact Lisa Gavin at 410-857-1499 or Jackie Leister at 410-857-0505. Your support is much appreciated as we serve our community.

The **Soup Kitchen Committee** is in need of plastic containers with lids to be used for carry-out meals. Containers from lunchmeat or Cool Whip are good sizes. Please bring any clean containers/lids and place on the Blessings Closet shelf in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Gavin 410-857-1499 or Jackie Leister 410-857-0505.

The Shepherd's Staff Newsletter Team will meet to assemble the newsletter on Monday, Feb. 6th from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 7th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome to come help to spread news about The Shepherd's Staff and their programs. For more information contact Linda Sterner 410-596-3921 or sterner.newsletter on Monday, Feb. 6th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome to come help to spread news about The Shepherd's Staff and their programs. For more information contact Linda Sterner 410-596-3921 or sterner.newsletter on Monday, Feb. 6th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome to come help to spread news about The Shepherd's Staff and their programs.

Annual Spring Blood Drive. The Red Cross blood drive will be Saturday, April 8, 2017. Look for details in the March Epistle.

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT BIKILTU!

On February 5, containers will be available in the church for loose change to be used for the Sunshine Circle's "Adopt a Child" program. Thank you for helping change this young girl's life!

We will continue to share information on Bikiltu.

We received the following update from Bikiltu:

Hello my sponsor Audrey! How are you? I and my family are fine. I wish you a Happy Christmas Day. My village built potable water, and I have received a uniform and stationary. I am learning my education. Do you have rivers to swim in?

Thank you! Translated by Debera Qatoa

Please see the bulletin board in the Caring Corner of Fellowship Hall for Bikiltu's Christmas card with her note and drawings.

As you read this newsletter, we are already well into the Epiphany season and Christmas seems like a distant memory. But I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of St. John's for many things, particularly:

For welcoming my family and me into the congregation when I began my position in the summer

For the congregation's, and especially the choir's, willingness to try new music For the warm wishes, Christmas cards, and gifts that we received

As we move forward into 2017, we will continue to have a service with contemporary music once a month. If you would like to join us in singing or possibly playing an instrument for this service, please see me! We will rehearse on the Wednesday before the contemporary service.

Thank you, Wayne

THANKS THANKS THANKS

Dear Members of St. John's,

On behalf of my family and me, we would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and other acts of kindness shown to us **following Gloria's passing. A special thanks to Pastor Dubsky for** officiating the service and to the fellowship committee for the delicious luncheon. Your kindness during this difficult time was very much appreciated.

Sincerely, John Barnes & Children

To St. John's Church Council, Thank you very much for the gift. It's nice to be recognized as one of many volunteers at St. John's!

John Bucacink

Thank you to St. John's congregation for the many Christmas cards and generous Christmas gift. Your kindness and support are truly a blessing.

Frances DeBruyn

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Christian Education &	
Youth	Julia Wolfe
Evangelism	Loretta Basler
Fellowship	Karen Siegman
Stewardship	Carl Rebert
Property	Michael Grothe
Worship & Music	Dennis Kniss
Christian Outreach	Roxanne Malbrough
Finance	Janet Gross
	John Bucacink

Evangelism Committee

Evangelism News

February puts love in the air.

The Evangelism Committee sends the congregation a huge THANK YOU for making our goal of 100 eyeglasses for 2016. We actually collected 118 pairs, making our total for several years 1,945 pairs. You did it, and we thank you!

Our Senior Profile this month is Kenneth Siegman, found on Page 7. He and his wife Carol Lynn attend early church. May God Bless you both for continued good health and happiness. Please nominate any members over 75 years young to be added to our historian book for St. John's. We want to include all members who agree to be featured. We would love to eventually add all of our congregation.

Please note: The Senior Profile on Nancy and Harry Jones, which appeared in the December 2016 / January 2017 Epistle, was incorrectly credited to Loretta Basler. The article was submitted by Lavena Basler.

The Evangelism Committee sponsored the Super Bowl Submarine Sale making subs on February 4, from 9:00 a.m. till noon. Pick up time is 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. or after church on Sunday, February 5. The offering donations and profit will be divided between Jacob Armacost Fund and Work Camp 2017. Thanks for your prayers and support.

The "love" bags will be made and delivered to our shut-ins this month. If you know members who would appreciate a visit, please call the church office, 410-848-6402. Members of our committee go to see our homebound, pray with them and enjoy fellowship. We love these visitations of sharing our love and God's love.

Be kind to one another.

Loretta Basler 443-289-8938

CEMETERY PLOT PRICE INCREASE

Cemetery Plots - The Cemetery Committee has recommended a price increase on all cemetery plots. The increase was reviewed and approved at the September Council meeting and **became effective on January 1, 2017**. This is the first price increase in many years. Prices will be as follows:

Purchase of lot (member) \$650 Purchase of lot (non-member) \$1,000

Perpetual Care (amount charged when the grave is opened)

Member - Standard \$125 Member - Cremation \$100

Non-Member - Standard \$325 Non-Member - Cremation \$200

SENIOR PROFILE

Kenneth Richard Siegman 410-374-4872



I was born on October 24, 1936, at Hanover Hospital to Clayton M. and Ruth Shaeffer Siegman and baptized here at St. John's. I was the only one of their 10 children born in a hospital! [The children, according to age were: Mary Byer,

Grace Buschman, John, George, infant Clayton, Jr., Harry, Adelaide, Betty Hoff, <u>Ken</u> and Arlene Bakner. The last 4 are still living.]

I graduated from Manchester High School in 1954 and enjoy keeping in touch with many of my former classmates.

Because of medical reasons, I wasn't accepted into the military. I have paid bills showing \$279.10 for 26 days in the hospital and another one from the surgeon for \$150.00 – this was in September 1952!!

I married Carol Lynn Mays on September 20, 1959 in Greenmount E.U.B. Church (niece Wanda was our flower girl). Our first child, a baby boy, was born and died on September 27, 1961. We later became parents to a son Keith and a daughter Denise. Grandparents of four: Kenneth Michael, Kelli Virginia, Emily Carol and Joshua Kenneth. Keith and our daughter-in-law Debbie became grandparents twice in 2016 – making me a great grand-pap! Kelli and husband Ryan have a son named Riston Scott and Kenneth and wife Brittany have a daughter named Addison Lynn.

Our daughter and husband Bob live in Wisconsin – their Emily is now a freshman in college and Josh is 10 years old and home schooled.

I recall serving as an acolyte for a number of years along with Bob Tracey (Tom's younger brother). Much later, there was the church couples bowling team...as a pitcher for the men's softball team. I can't forget mentioning participating in the picnic plays. One I remember had me dressed as a woman wearing a wig and long flowered dress (my sister Adelaide made the dress). Over the years, I helped in various ways with the festival — lately taking Dale to purchase and deliver the already-picked berries.

I worked farming/milking cows with my brother Harry. Then full time for my brother George at Siegman's Texaco Service. In 2002, I retired from the vehicle maintenance department for the county.

Having moved off the farm, my biggest job now is to feed the birds!! I really enjoy watching humming birds when they come around.

You will find Ken and Carol Lynn at the early church service. Stop Kenny and share with him your favorite character he played on our church outdoor platform or Fellowship Hall stage. We have awesome memories of your acting ability. You made us laugh.

Submitted by Ken and Carol Lynn Siegman and Loretta Basler



February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			3:00 p.m. Christian Outreach 7:30 p.m. Choir	2	3	9:00a.m.—3:00 p.m. Sub Sales
5 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Melanie Martindale Pick up Subs	6 Shepherd's Staff 9:00 a.m2:00 p.m. 6:00-8:30 p.m. Carrolltown 4-H	7 **Newsletter* 9:30 a.m2:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Council	7:30 p.m. Choir	9 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use	10 10:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen March Newsletter Articles Due	8:00 a.m. Men's Group Break- fast In Fellowship Hall
12 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Dale Miller	13	14	7:30 p.m. Choir	16	6:30p.m. Christian Singles	All Day Scrapbooking
19 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Altar Flowers: COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE	20	21	7:30 p.m. Choir	23	24	25
26 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Lois Bankert	6:00 p.m. Coin Club	10:00 a.m. March Newsletter Assembly Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper				
Hassy Birthday	02/01 Langdon Parsley 02/02 Nancy Wright 02/05 John Gavin 02/06 Matthew LeDuc 02/08 Lisa Gavin 02/09 Carol Siegman 02/11 Jeffrey Siegman 02/14 Jonathan Corun 02/14 Ronald Leister		02/14 Julia Wolfe 02/18 Leona Dell 02/18 Miles Miller 02/19 John Bucacink 02/21 Jonathan Bean 02/23 Kari Gillman 02/24 Krystal Dean 02/24 Nancy Squires 02/25 Larry Huber		02/26 Jacob Armacost 02/26 William Corun 02/26 Derek Konsen 02/26 Dietrich Konsen 02/26 Deborah Schaefer 02/26 Robert Short 02/27 David Coppersmith, Jr. 02/27 Margaret Langdon 02/28 Matthew West	

February 2017 Worship Leader Calendar

DATE	SERVICE	Assisting Minister	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	USHERS/ OFFERING (10:30)	COUNT TEAM
02/5	8:00 a.m.	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford		Carol Lynn & Ken Siegman		Teresa McCulloh Donna Yeager
02/5	10:30am	John Bucacink	Teresa McCuloh	Christopher Short	Matt & Sandi West	David Ogg	Bryan eager
	8:00am	Maggie Langdon	Maggie Langdon		Della & Greg Dell		Genny Resch
02/12	10:30am	Julia Wolfe	Lori Bucacink	Christopher Gillman	The Brian Leister Family	Brian Leister	Pat Heath Donald Heath
02/19	8:00am	Jack Joiner	Jack Joiner		Linda & Stewart Sterner		Stewart Sterner
02/19	10:30am	Carl Rebert	Sarah LeDuc	Tate Gavin	Joan Phillips Jean & Ken Seitz	Genny Resch	Drew Dean
	8:00am	Paul LeDuc	Paul LeDuc		Lois & Larry Bankert		Deb Schaefer
02/26	10:30am	Pat Heath	Karen Siegman	Spencer Goodson	Lois & Phil Short	Carol Blubaugh	Michael Schaefer Dale Miller

For the month of February, the Altar Guild is Lois Bankert & Dale Miller (8:00 a.m.) and Barbara & Richard Smith (10:30 a.m.).

Pastoral Acts:

Baptisms—1/08/2017 Nikolas Winston Gay

New Members—1/29/2017 Melanie Oppat Stanley Parks

Recycling News.

Hanna paper Retriever Program, our recycling company, will now accept cardboard. Before placing your cardboard boxes into the recycle bin, please break them down first.

A list of everything that can be recycled will soon be posted on bulletin boards throughout the church.

THANK OFFERING FUND

Our Thank Offering Fund has had a great kick-off. On behalf of St. John's we are very happy and thankful for the congregation's response and offerings to this date. We all hope this fund can help our church mission go forward without many of the financial problems and needs that confront other congregations. Remember the creation of this fund is being used in the future to help balance a yearly budget or for other missions of the church that the Finance Committee and Church Council approve.

Below are several ways that a member can make a donation to the fund. This can be at any time in the future. This will be an ongoing fund that a member can contribute to at any time writing their request through church envelopes, E-giving or any of the other options suggested.

In the future there will be updates in the newsletter as to the growth of the fund. If anyone has questions please contact the church treasurer.

Ways that you can contribute to the ongoing spirit of Christ in our church!

Donation Cash or Check; Appreciated Securities; Real Estate; Bequests (Wills &

Trusts); Life Insurance; Qualified

Retirement Plans.

FINANCIAL NEWS/COUNCIL LIST/UPDATE

Keeping You Current

We would like to keep everyone current on our Spending Plan. Every Sunday in the bulletin, we publish the prior week's offering. Here is the update of the progress of our Spending Plan.

The average weekly current offerings needed to meet our 2017 Spending Plan are \$3,950 per week and the average weekly benevolence offering needs to be \$380.00.



JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2016			
Total Income	\$ 161,807		
Total Expense	\$ 180,180		
Net Income (Deficit)	\$(18,373)		
Improvement Fund Income	\$ 5,833		
Improvement Fund Expenses	\$ 4,554		
Benevolence Income	\$ 12,656		
Thankoffering	\$ 5,959		

The Altar Flower Chart for 2017 is located in the Narthex and is almost filled. Please place your name and phone number on the chart for the Sundays you choose. The cost for flowers remains at \$45.00.

Reminder for 2017: Electronic Giving is Easy!

As a way to automate your weekly or one-time offerings, Electronic Giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Electronic Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. This can be done in one of two ways: 1) Fill out an Authorization Form (found outside the church office) and send it to the church office, or 2) Go to the church website (www.stjohnswestminster.org) and click the green "Online Giving" button at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

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Articles for the March newsletter should be submitted no later than Friday, February 10, 2017! Please send the articles to Frances, the church Office Manager, at office@stjohnswestminster.org or place them in her mailbox.

Thanks!



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Make an impact with a Thrivent Action Team

If you are a Thrivent Financial member, you can bring people together for a one-time project to help others be wise with money and live generously.

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Learn more at Thrivent.com/actionteam and apply online.

Not a member of Thrivent? Share your service idea with me. Together, we can make a difference.

Contact us for more information:

Gloria or Dennis Kniss: 717-359-7681

443-605-4963

dennisrkniss@gmail.com

Information for Thrivent Financial Members

It's A New Year!!

Many thanks to every Thrivent Financial member who used their Action Team Money in 2016. Through your efforts, members of the local community or the larger community benefitted.

Now we have started a new year! It is time to think about using Action Team money in 2017. If you need some ideas for using your allocation (\$250), contact Gloria Kniss. We presently have the possibility of four projects under consideration. If you need assistance in applying, please contact Gloria, also.

Reminder—Please do not forget the Choice Dollars available through Thrivent for your allocation if you are eligible to do so. You have many choices available from local and global charities. You can also allocate your money to our Congregation. Please remember that Choice Dollars expire at the end of March. If you would like assistance in this matter, contact Gloria Kniss.

Council Highlights

- 1. Annual Congregational Meeting will be on March 26 after the 10:30 AM service
- 2. All Committee reports are due to the church office by February 19. They can be emailed in.
- 3. Mark your calendars Spring rummage sale will be held April 30-May 6.

- Sylvia Moklak

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Worship Schedule
8:00 am Holy Communion Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School (All are Welcome)
10:30 am Holy Communion Worship Service

Please contact the church office....

... if you move to a new address or your telephone number or email address changes.

... if you or a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so the pastor may schedule a hospital visit.
... when a member of your family leaves home for college.

... when your committee or group plans a meeting or an activity—the date needs to be cleared and the church calendar noted.

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