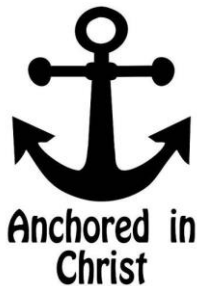


*Hope Anchor*  
*for April 2024*



**211 Elton Adelpia Road**  
**Freehold NJ 07728**



***Growing in Faith, Love and Service***



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[www.hopefreehold.org](http://www.hopefreehold.org)

## ***Council meeting March 18, 2024 7pm***

Those present were as follows: Sue, Pat, Debbie, Matt M, Pastor Ed, Brian, Bill, Mike, Steve W, Sarah, Dave, and Michelle

**Devotions:** Pat shared devotions focusing on prayer. Praying to God is a conversation, like with a trusted friend. You can trust your worries with Him, and have faith that He is listening and is responding to your needs.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Debbie to accept Council meeting minutes of February 21st, 2024. Second by Sarah, motion carried.

**Hope Christian School Report:** Judy Canfield sent her HCS newsletter to us via email, and will send an update on the bathroom renovations with the HCS report in the coming days.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Della Rosa submitted his report via email.

Our insurance premium will most likely be increasing about 11%. Church Mutual Insurance will be following up with Mike on a few lines of coverage we may want to add, such as wrongful termination.

The Building Finance Committee will be meeting again on April 10th, hoping to update us for the April council meeting. Reach out if you have any info you think the group should consider!

The church finance committee will begin meeting soon to work on our budget for the new fiscal year.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Kropa will be sharing his written report via email.

Our offerings have increased in the new year in comparison to last year.

Josh is increasing his workload little by little, hoping to get his clearance to return to work soon.

**Old Business: Status / Updates (if available).**

*Generis initiative update. Postponed until September.*

*Architectural design / update (Bill to circulate latest feedback from Wagner)-* Eric and Rich sent updated floor plans, and an estimated cost. After the finance committee meets next month, we will have a meeting to just focus on the renovation. We can also consider any info Judy can provide on additional income more classrooms could provide. We will decide if we are ready to present something to the congregation in June.

*Administrator's title and salary consideration request.-*

Sarah updated the job description and handed it out. She combined Cheryl's previous job descriptions of administrator, as well as bookkeeper. Job title of Executive Administrator. Edit back to 35 hour workweek. We are editing the salary to \$55,000 retroactive to January 1st. Dave makes a motion to accept the job description with the changes as presented above. Debbie second, motion carried.

**New Business:**

*HLC HR booklet update consideration -* A subgroup of council (Sarah, Pat) will begin the project of updating the employee handbook from the 2018 version.

*Sidewalk concrete repairs / replacement* - Cheryl is gathering info to get this started. The sidewalks are uneven or sinking.

*Donation consideration to Mary Jane Center* - The facility was completely destroyed in the fire. They are working out of trailers as of now. Debbie makes a motion to donate \$5000 to the Mary Jane Enrichment Center. Pat second, motion carried.

*Bear Creek Camp*- Rebekah requested assistance in sending her 3 children to summer camp at Bear Creek. She is asking for about \$1,440. Pastor makes a motion to accept this request of \$1400, second Michelle. Motion carried.

*Online Giving Options*- We discussed the various options, we are going to ask TD about the option of Zelle for our bank account.

Adjournment at 9:00. Pastor closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Council Meeting: April 15th Devotions: Steve



All 2023 Giving Statements were mailed Friday, January 26. Let me know if you didn't receive one or if you see a

correction that needs to be made!



*2024 offering envelopes are available!!  
Please dispose of your old 2023 envelopes  
(unless we already spoke!!) and use your  
**NEW** ones starting January 1, 2024*



*The Women of Hope will meet at 9:30 on April 6<sup>th</sup> in the church kitchen.* We will have an inspiring little devotion about God's plan for our lives, sample tasty snacks, and discuss our plans for 2024. All the women of the congregation are invited to join us wacky, wonderful women working for God! Please come for fun and fellowship --- the more, the merrier!

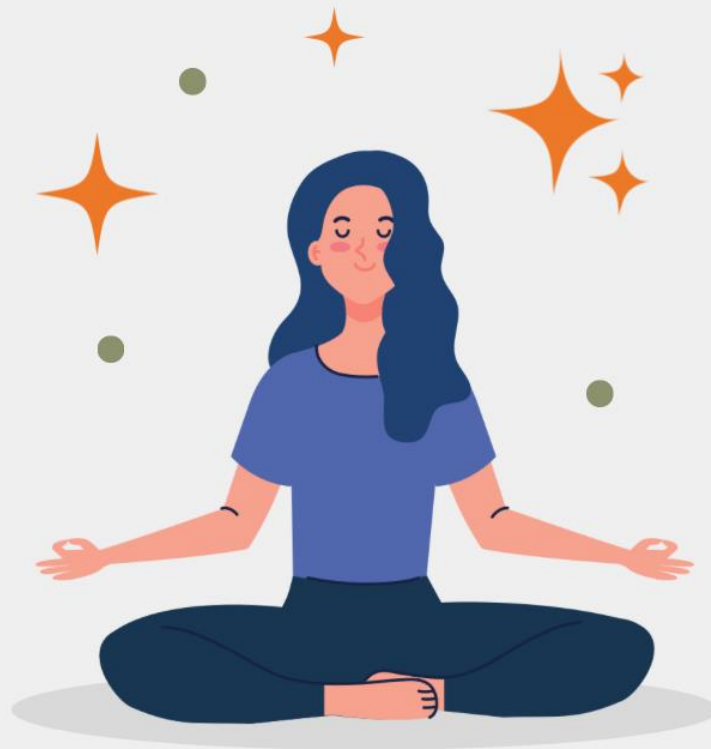
For more information about Hope Lutheran's Women of Hope group, please call 732-513-8804 or email [madamepeters@gmail.com](mailto:madamepeters@gmail.com)



Men's Fellowship

**Gathering of Men**

**Next meeting is Saturday,**  
**April 13, 2024 at 9am**



# MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS

Hope Hangout April 14 10am

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Limited to 10 participants  
Email Jess @ [Jessicaaacker@gmail.com](mailto:Jessicaaacker@gmail.com)  
with questions or to register



We will be having a special Fellowship  
to honor all of our volunteers!

There will be refreshments, a gift raffle  
and guest speakers to honor and  
thank all of the volunteers that make  
up the Hope Family

Sunday, April 21 @10AM

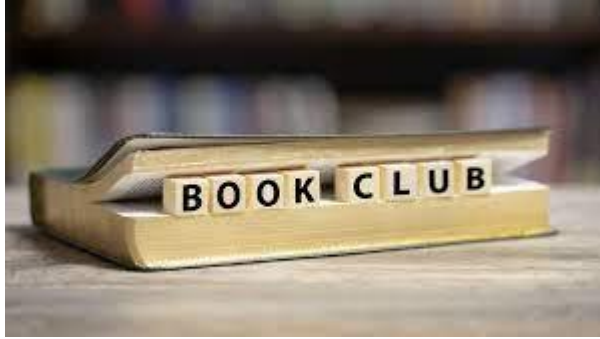
Bring a friend, ALL ARE WELCOME!!







**Our next Outreach Meal is  
Friday, April 26, 2024 -  
[Hope Lutheran Church: April 26 Outreach Meal](#)  
[\(signupgenius.com\)](#)**



Our Next meeting  
will be:  
**Sunday, April 28**  
*between the services*  
in the *Kitchen* and we  
will be discussing....



We joined the 21<sup>st</sup> century and went online  
with our book club if anyone is curious to  
keep up with what is going on and join us  
sometime!!

[About Our Club \(bookclubs.com\)](http://bookclubs.com)



# USED BOOK SALE

## JUNE 19 - 22, 2024



A Freehold tradition since 1973

AAUW Freehold Area (NJ) Branch

Visit our Two Websites

[www.facebook.com/BooksFreeholdNJ](http://www.facebook.com/BooksFreeholdNJ)

[Freeholdarea-nj.aauw.net/fundraising](http://Freeholdarea-nj.aauw.net/fundraising)

Book Sale Location is at the  
First United Methodist Church  
91 West Main St, Freehold NJ 07728

*Wed. is Preview Sale Day*

June 19, Wed. 1 PM to 7 PM

Admission (Anyone over 12 years old): \$10.

*Free admission Thurs., Fri., & Sat.*

June 20, Thur. 9 AM to 7 PM

June 21, Fri. 9 AM to 7 PM

June 22, Sat. \* 9 AM to 3 PM

\* BAG SALE Saturday...\$5 per bag

### Prices

Paperback \$.50

Trade size \$1.50-\$2.00

Hardcover \$2-\$3

Children's \$.25 and up

Special Price Room

(as marked)

Cash or check accepted

with proper ID



No Strollers

Animals Anthropology Audiobooks-on-CD Art Biography CDs Children Classics  
Cookbooks Crime DVDs Entertainment Education Fantasy Fiction Gardening Geography  
History Humor Horror Hobbies Language Math Medical Military Movies Music Mystery  
Nature New Jersey Parenting Plays Poetry Politics Religion Romance Self-Help Sci-Fi  
Science Sociology Sports Teacher-materials Travel Westerns

## AAUW Freehold Area NJ Branch Book Sale

# Vacation Bible School

AUGUST 12 - 16 | 9AM - 12PM

*Get ready for an incredible voyage into faith and fun  
at Hope Lutheran Church's Vacation Bible School this summer  
from August 12-16 at 9am-12pm*

*Our VBS invites kids to explore awe-inspiring Bible stories showcasing  
courageous trust in God.*



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Time for VBS sign ups! The registration form is attached to this Weekly email and hard copies will be available in Sunday School and at the round Welcome Table when entering Church!**

# **HOPE CONGREGATION'S CONTINUING GENEROSITY**

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE:**

How blessed we are that Hope can provide assistance beyond our physical boundaries. All our Ministries continue to be a source of pride and are recognized throughout our local communities and our giving provides global support for those suffering and in need.

There are countless ways the Hope Congregation continues to contribute toward God's message about helping others to thrive and grow due to your generous generosity:

- We provided funds (\$5,000) to assist with the mission provided by Edna Williams (**Mary Jane Enrichment Center**). As many of you know the center had a fire and was totally destroyed. Ms. Edna has already started the process of restarting this mission that Hope has supported for many years.
- Provided three youngsters with funds to attend **Bear Creek Camp** this summer. Both Bear Creek and Crossroads provided summer camping experiences for youth that may not be able to participate due to financial issues.
- **End of year donation (2023) from the remaining Social Ministry budget (Community Projects budget) to the Advocacy Program (\$3,000)**. These funds will go directly to client needs coordinated by Erika Wood. These needs include utility bills, bus tickets and housing needs.
- **Crop Walk** As we have for many decades Hope again fielded a "walking Team" and contributed financially to this ongoing effort to curb hunger and reduce food insecurities in our local communities.
- **Hope Christian School**. After the creation of Hope Lutheran Church, our next longest ministry is our Hope Christian School that has served generations of youngsters since Hope was founded in 1967. The school and the teaching staff, with the established curriculum, prepare our youngsters to migrate directly into a learning environment along with having a spiritual starting point in a Christian life.

- **Community Projects** included donations to the following start-up Congregations:
  - Christus Evangelical Lutheran Church in Camden NJ and
  - Santa Isabel Lutheran Church in Elizabeth NJ.
- **Community Projects** included donations to the “180 Turning Live Around” organization of Monmouth County to overcome domestic violence and sexual assault.
- **Undesignated Benevolence (for emergency situations)**. This year included donations to the following emergency situations:
  - Lutheran World Relief to support Ukrainian relief.
  - Lutheran World Relief providing direct support to earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey.
  - Lutheran Disaster Response for flooding and fire situations.
  - Lutheran Disaster Response for the devastating fires in Maui Hawaii.
- **Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program (EHAP)**. This is another long-running ministry at Hope that provides support to those most in need in our community. For close to 20 years **Emergency Housing** has been supported by seven houses of worship that are part of the Freehold Clergy Association. This program has moved from a “housing” program toward a “meal” program providing additional weekday meals to the community. The housing program for the 2023>24 winter season was suspended because of having no funds made available to support the program along with a lack of volunteers in some houses of worship. **The Advocacy Program** includes many areas of support to those most in need, including securing transitional and permanent housing along with assisting in securing employment and government benefits. They also coordinate with medical and mental health agencies for counseling, medication management, detox and substance abuse treatment and medical care.
- **Education** that includes Vacation Bible School (VBS) that started in 1967 with sixty-seven students! We also conduct Sunday School each week.
- **Open Door** This is another long-term ministry that supports those who have food needs in our community. Food stuffs are provided with no questions asked a few times a week.

- **St Peters Outreach Meals** Each of the churches that are part of the Freehold Clergy Association take turns during the year to prepare and serve meals at St Peters in Freehold Borough. This has become an incredibly significant community project and again supplies those in need that suffer from food shortages.
- **Facilities Usage**. Almost every night our facility is used as a meeting place for those in need. Whether 12 Step or other similar needs there is always a meeting place. We also have a group called the “Stroller Moms” who conduct exercise classes and enjoy a social outing. And of course, let us not forget Tuesday night Yoga!

*Bill Unger, for the Congregation Council*



***Sunday, May 5 – Craft Workshop***

***Sunday, May 19 – Confirmation***

***Wednesday, May 22 – HLC/HCS BBQ***

***Sunday, May 26 – Memorial Day***

**Weekend, back to one service**

**930am until Labor Day!**



*March's Giving (final!)*

*Online - \$ 2184.04*

*Worship - \$ 14605*

***TOTAL MONTHLY OFFERING = \$ 16,789.04***

**Amount needed each month to reach budget =**  
**\$15,000**

***GOAL REACHED with one more EASTER offering to go!!! Thank you all!***

**SUPPORT HOPE'S  
MINISTRIES**

DONATE ONLINE  
PAYPAL



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 HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH





# Freehold Area OPEN DOOR

## Most Needed List

### Featured Items of the Month

Granola Bars, Juice Boxes, Sugar

Ketchup  
Mustard  
Mayo  
BBQ Sauce  
Canned Mushrooms  
Canned Beets  
Olives  
Pork & Beans  
Sauerkraut  
Spam  
Canned Tuna  
Canned Chicken  
Paper Towels  
Tissues  
Wipes  
Granola Bars  
Cookies

Black Beans  
Salt & Pepper  
Jello/Pudding  
Cake Mix  
Cake Frosting  
Brownie Mix  
Pancake Mix  
Grits  
Salad Dressing - Ranch & Italian  
Sugar (up to 5 lbs)  
Bread Crumbs  
Ensure, Boost, Glucerna  
Cooking Oil - No jumbo sizes please  
Vinegar - No jumbo sizes please  
Juice Boxes/Pouches  
64 oz Juice Bottles

**\*\*All above items are greatly needed\*\***

Nonperishable Donations Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at our back door in the Broad Street parking lot entrance behind our building at 39 Throckmorton St.

**Kindly do not leave anything outside when we are not here.**

You may also drop off non-perishable items at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine 61 Georgia Road, Freehold Daily 7am to 7pm. Look for the designated area inside the main gathering area.  
Please call us at 732-780-1089 or email us at [info@FAOpenDoor.org](mailto:info@FAOpenDoor.org) to schedule any perishable donations.

Updated  
1/08/24



**Rainbows is an international non-profit organization fostering emotional healing for children in grades K-8 (ages 5-14) children who are grieving from a life altering crisis, due to death of a loved one, divorce, separation, illness, incarceration, deployment, or other painful family transitions.**

Rainbows trained facilitators use age-appropriate curriculum for children support groups which have helped over 3 million of our youth over the past 32 years. Children are provided with a safe environment to express their feelings and realize they are not alone. The program helps children develop problem solving and appropriate behavior management skills.

*Rainbows is non-denominational and completely free of charge. It is open to all families in Monmouth County from all economic, racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds, and from two-parent, single-parent, or foster-parent families.*

Meetings are held on Wednesdays at St. Robert's Parish Hall in Freehold.

**For more information please contact:**

**Sue Della Rosa**

**[Sdell425@optonline.net](mailto:Sdell425@optonline.net)**

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## AAUW Book Sale



**We are ready to accept donations for the Local AAUW book sale!**

**Drop off any new, or used books you'd like to donate to the cause, we take care of the rest!!**



**We take bike donations here at Hope, and John Drager so graciously will pick up any donations to get them to Asbury Park so they can be put to good use!!**



We take lots of pictures at our events and post them on our website and social medias to show our community how we help others and what we offer as a Church Family. If you do **NOT** want your picture taken and posted please let Josh know by sending an email requesting not to have any of your pics posted to [hopelutheranmusic@gmail.com](mailto:hopelutheranmusic@gmail.com)



We are looking to bring back Fellowship Hour!!! That's that time between the services that runs from 10am – 1050am. The ladies of the Altar Guilde make the coffee and tea that Hope provides but we could use some refreshements (***NO NUTS please!***) to compliment the beverages!! Please let us know if you are interested in signing up to help! A Sign up Sheet will be out in the Narthex – Please join us for some fellowship!!

## **COMMUNICATING & COMMUNICATIONS**

From time to time there is feedback received that leads us to believe there may be better opportunities / facilities to communicate with the Congregation. This was also raised at the recent June Congregation meeting where a few members mentioned we could communicate better.

***Currently*** we use email programs and send the Weekly Update, the monthly Anchor and during the month several other email communications. These email addresses are received from you as we update the Hope directory yearly. We also have our website, Facebook, and Instagram messaging. Several members choose to receive their communications via USPS, if that is your preference, please let Cheryl know!! While attending services there are also other printed communications made available in the Narthex that provide valuable information and programs at Hope.

***So, the question I am asking*** is what other methods, styles or vehicles of communication are you looking for?

***This will become even more important*** as we look to developing focus groups to assist the Congregation when we have data received from the engineering firm on exactly what facility changes are being considered. Your voice and interactions will be critical to our continued success.

PLEASE IF YOU HAVE IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS ON COMMUNICATING SHARE THAT WITH CHERYL, JOSH, PASTOR, OR A MEMBER OF YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL.

Thanks,

Bill for the Congregation Council

## **HOPE FAMILY PRAYER LIST**

**Stefany Coulter's** friend, **Brandon** and his family **Brandon** passed on to Life Eternal suddenly and tragically...

**Diane Kless'** brother in law; The **Corn Family** grieving the loss of Rita's mother; The **Kropa Family**, navigating **Kaitlin's** Leukemia diagnosis; **David Kropa** struggling with some health complications; **Janice** and **Bill Seifert**; **Josh Staudinger**; **Gerry Bergh**; **Bill and Janice's** daughter, **Lynne Palumbo**; **Dan Denef** is home but still in need of many prayers; **Steve Corn** keep those prayers going for health and healing; **Wayne Kless'** sister, **Jacqueline White**; **Justine Brozyna**, friend of the **Corn Family**; **Kuehn Family Friend**, **Deena Harmon**; **Deloris Laub**; **Bonnie Palamara**; **Pastor's** former parishioner, **Eric Westberg**; **Dolores O'Brien**; **Bob Zarilli**, family friend of **John** and **Debbie Bonanno**; **Pat Fensham's** brother in law, **Patrick DePiano**; **Gary Rosenberg**; **Valrie McGinn**; **Willy** and **Marilyn Wolter**, **Cindy Lynch's** mother and father; **Margaret Holen**; **Erin Bereheiko**; **Jim Mulligan** ; **Dani Hulsart** family friend of the **Donmoyer Family** ; **Pam Renouff**;

**Those serving as first responders and in the armed services.**

# CONGREGATION COUNCIL

<b>President</b>	Bill Unger
<b>Vice President</b>	Sarah Kozak
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mike Della Rosa
<b>Secretary</b>	Michelle Miele
<b>Education</b>	Jessica Somodi
<b>Worship</b>	Debbie Crawford
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Sue Hu
<b>Open Door/ Alternate</b>	Rebekah Heilman/Pat Fensham
	Matthew Sprunger
<b>Architecture Team</b>	Brian McMillin
	Matthew Malanuk
<b>Maintenance Team</b>	Steve Weiss
<b>Maintenance Team</b>	David Peters

	<i>Assisting</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Altar</i>	<i>Counting</i>
<i>Jan 7</i>	Sue H		Debbie U	<i>Fenshams</i>
<i>Jan 14</i>	John D	Ryan	Rachel R	<i>Weiss/Tyrrell</i>
<i>Jan 21</i>	Tom T		Pat F	<i>Ungers</i>
<i>Jan 28</i>	Rita C	Ryan	Barbara T	<i>Della Rosas</i>
<i>Feb 4</i>	Rebekah H	Harper or Riley	Christine H	<i>Crawford/Bondo</i>
<i>Feb 11</i>	Bill U	Joey or Adrianna	Rebekah H	<i>Weiss/Tyrrell</i>
<i>Feb 18</i>	Debbie U	Ryan	Diane K	<i>Ungers</i>
<i>Feb 25</i>	Sue H		Debbie U	<i>Fenshams</i>
<i>March 3</i>	John D	Ryan	Barbara T	<i>Della Rosas</i>
<i>March 10</i>	Rita C		Pat F	<i>Crawford/Bondo</i>
<i>March 17</i>	Steve W		Rachel R	<i>Weiss/Tyrrell</i>
<i>March 24</i>	Tom T		Diane K	<i>Ungers</i>
<i>March 31</i>	Bill U			<i>Fenshams</i>
<i>April 7</i>	Rebekah H			<i>Crawford/Bondo</i>
<i>April 14</i>	Sue H			<i>Della Rosas</i>
<i>April 21</i>	Debbie U			<i>Weiss/Tyrrell</i>
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<i>May 5</i>	Rita C			<i>Fenshams</i>
<i>May 12</i>	Steve W			<i>Della Rosas</i>
<i>May 19</i>	Tom T			<i>Crawford/Bondo</i>
<i>May 26- <u>930</u></i>	Bill U			<i>Weiss/Tyrrell</i>



	<i>Ushers 9am</i>	<i>Ushers 11am</i>
<i>January 7</i>	Ken B	Mark B
<i>January 14</i>	Rebekah H	Matt S
<i>January 21</i>	Bill U	Chuck M
<i>January 28</i>	Matt M	Deb C
<i>February 4</i>	Mark A	Mark B
<i>February 11</i>	Ken B	Matt S
<i>February 18</i>	Rebekah H	Chuck M
<i>February 25</i>	Bill U	Deb C
<i>March 3</i>	Matt M	Mark B
<i>March 10</i>	Mark A	Matt S
<i>March 17</i>	Ken B	Chuck M
<i>March 24</i>	Rebekah H	Deb C
<i>March 31</i>	Matt M	Deb C
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<i>May 12</i>	Bill U	Matt S
<i>May 19</i>	Matt M	Chuck M

**ONE SERVICE 930am starting Memorial Day -**

USHERS continued....

<i>May 26</i>	Deb C/Mark A
<i>June 2</i>	Mark B/Ken B
<i>June 9</i>	Matt S/Rebekah H
<i>June 16</i>	Bill U
<i>June 23</i>	Matt M
<i>June 30</i>	Mark A



# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 730p- Choir	<b>2</b> 7p- Yoga	<b>3</b> 7p- 12 Step	<b>4</b> 5p- Counseling 730p- 12 Step	<b>5</b> 730p- 12 Step	<b>6</b> 930a- WOH 12p- Counseling
<b>7</b> 9a- Traditional 10a- Sun School 11a- Contemp 630p- Confirm	<b>8</b> 730p- Choir	<b>9</b> 7p- Yoga	<b>10</b> 7p- 12 Step	<b>11</b> 5p- Counseling 730p- 12 Step	<b>12</b> 730p- 12 Step	<b>13</b> 9am- GOM 12p- Counseling
<b>14</b> 9a- Traditional 10a- Sun School <i>Mindfulness</i> 11a- Contemp 630p- Confirm	<b>15</b> 7p- Council Mtng 730p- Choir	<b>16</b> 7p- Yoga	<b>17</b> 7p- 12 Step	<b>18</b> 5p- Counseling 7p- Finance Mtng 730p- 12 Step	<b>19</b> 730p- 12 Step	<b>20</b> 12p- Counseling
<b>21</b> <i>Volunteer Appreciation Day!</i> 9a- Traditional 10a- Sun School 11a- Contemp	<b>22</b> 730p- Choir	<b>23</b> 7p- Yoga	<b>24</b> 7p- 12 Step	<b>25</b> 5p- Counseling 730p- 12 Step	<b>26</b> <i>OUTREACH MEAL</i> 730p- 12 Step	<b>27</b> 12p- Counseling
<b>28</b> 9a- Traditional 10a- Sun School <i>Book Club</i> 11a- Contemp	<b>29</b> 730p- Choir	<b>30</b> 7p- Yoga				

