



The Good News

February 2019

PIGGS is now renamed

FEAST!

Friends, Eating, And, Sharing Together.

Sign ups need to be completed and put in FEAST basket no later than February 3, 2019.

Time frame for this fun event will start February 10.

It is a special time to renew friendships and make new ones and create family memories! Because we ARE a family!!!

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The Fellowship Committee would like to extend our Gratitude and Love to the First Presbyterian Women’s Circles for the many years of service providing amazing treats and coffee for our congregation as we have “Fellowshipped” during Coffee Hour. You have provided a warm, welcoming and nourishing space for both Newcomers and Members alike.

Starting in January 2019, the Fellowship Committee invites all church members to participate in Coffee Hour by hosting a Sunday. Signup sheets will be posted in the Fellowship hall. Hosting can be done by individuals, couples, families, committees, Circles ...anyone can do it! A member of the Fellowship Committee will help set up and clean up every Sunday. You can do it yourself or enlist your friends. Cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, your favorite recipes are all welcome.

See Jeri Joy or Kathy Lundberg for more info.



Greetings Everyone.

February, the month associated with LOVE!! Wikipedia has a wonderful article telling about the origins of the celebration, some of its history as well as its key players. Here it is.

Valentine's Day ... is celebrated annually on February 14. Originating as a Western Christian feast day honoring one or two early saints named Valentinus, Valentine's Day is recognized as a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and romantic love in many regions around the world, although it is not a public holiday in any country.

Martyrdom stories associated with various Valentines connected to February 14 are presented in martyrologies, ^[2] including a written account of Saint Valentine of Rome imprisonment for performing weddings for soldiers, who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire.^[3] According to legend, during his imprisonment Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his judge,^[4] and before his execution he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell.^[5]

The day first became associated with romantic love within the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the 14th century, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "*valentines*"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.^[6] In Europe, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children, in order to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine's Malady).^[7]

(For appropriate references please refer to the original article in Wikipedia)

As many of you know, there are four Greek words all given the English definition of 'love.' *Eros* is the Greek word for erotic love. *Storge* is the Greek word for family love. *Phileo* is the Greek word for brotherly love (Philadelphia). *Agape* is the Greek word for sacrificial love. Each plays a role in the human condition, but *agape*, is the word used of God's love for us through Jesus. Here is part of the Holman Bible Dictionaries article on *Agape*.

Prior to Paul, ...the Greek term *agape* was little used... Paul took the seldom-used term and filled it with Christian meaning. This love of which Paul wrote ... is not simply an emotion which arises because of the character of the one loved. It is not due to the loving quality of the lover. It is a relationship of self-giving which results from God's activity in Christ. The source of Christian love is God ([Rom. 5:8](#)), and the believer's response of faith makes love a human possibility ([Rom. 5:5](#)).

It seems that St. Valentine understood and was motivated by this "*agape*" love. It certainly is reflective of how Jesus lived his life among us. It is also what Jesus expects of us as we live as his disciples. Remember the **John 13:34-35 (NRSV)**

I give you a new commandment, that you **agape** one another. Just as I have **agaped** you, you also should **agape** one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have **agape** for one another."

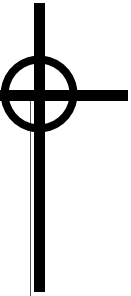
It is also the direction given by the Apostle Paul to those early Christians in Rome that we have been studying. He told them

Let **agape** be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 12:9 (NRSV)

So, this Valentine's month, let's keep learning and growing in our ability to **AGAPE** one another. It is by our *agape-ing* that all people will know the one we are following.

Agape-ing with you.

Pastor Paul



February is the month of love. How do you show love to your spouse, special someone, kids, co-workers, etc? I am sure that you don't show a friend that you care the same way that you show your special someone. Do you remember who should you how to express your love? Good chance is that no one specifically said to you, " This is how you show your friend(s) (or whoever) you care." You learned by observation. Learned by doing and seeing what reaction you get.

Recently Brenden celebrated a birthday, I asked Ottis what he wanted to do for Bubba. Ottis said to make him brownies (We didn't just make any brownies, but Mississippi Mud brownies with caramel on top.) I asked him why he wanted to do that for him, he told me because Bubba like brownies and I wubb him. Well can't argue with that logic. Ottis had watched us and learned that this is something special we do for someone we care about. We also give hugs, kisses, and say it quite a bit.

With everything that has been going on in the world today, it is easy to forget that there is love shared among us. I have relatives that have difference in opinion in pretty much anything political. I have seen the angry words shared back and forth and I am worried. How are we to come together and love one another if we have this hate? How do we fix what is broken in our society? How do we return to the roots that Jesus taught us, to love our neighbors? Maybe it is doing the small things like baking brownies for someone you know. Buying a coffee for that person who has that annoying hat/shirt/ tattoo or whatever it is. Or maybe giving a sandwich to that person who is protesting something you are against, saying, "Hey, I may not like what you are saying/doing/protesting, but you are a child of God and I am not to judge you."

When showing love, caring, and understanding most of the time it isn't the words that people remember it is the action or feeling that goes with it. When I think back to the pastors and other teachers I had it isn't what they taught me or showed me. It was the feelings that they sparked in me, the good, the bad, and the ugly. For example, I was in 8th grade Sunday school/ confirmation class and my friend was talking to me and the teacher called me out (I am sure it was both of us) but I remember feeling embarrassed and a little ashamed. I ended up have that teacher when I was in high school and you can bet I did not talk in class. On the other end of the spectrum I remember driving to confirmation camp and singing songs the whole way there with the youth pastor singing right along with us. She laughed and joked with us and taught us a lot that year. I knew that she loved us.

"They" say that children are born to love. They have to be taught the difference of love and hate, that children model the behavior of the adults in their lives. You may not have children in your every day lives, but there are children out in the world that are still watching and learning from you. What are your actions teaching them? Are they getting the message that it is okay to lash out at someone who is different than they are? That it is okay to not help that person. What is your face saying when you are talking to someone that might need help?

There is the song line that goes," they will know we are Christians by our love, by our love they will know that we are Christians by our love" Maybe ask the question, how am I showing my love?

This past Sunday at Logos we talked about how we are the light in the world. We talked about how our actions show that the spark of Jesus is in us and that by kind deeds and treating others nice we show that Jesus loves us. There were a couple of kids that said that it isn't just people that need help sometimes but animals too. With that in mind, they voted to donated the money raise at the Souper Bowl to the Dog and Cat Shelter. I think that some where along the lines that someone must have shown them that God's love isn't just reserved for the 2 legged but also for the 4 legged. I was also informed that the no legged animals need as much love as the 4 legged. I am struggling with that one, but I told them that I would work on it.



Pat Gallagher whips up pancakes like a pro on Men's Day to serve a delicious brunch at Lunch Together in January. A big Thank You to all 13 men who served throughout the week. And of course all you loyal ladies who keep coming back.

Lunch Together serves again March 11 -14, 2019 at First Congregational Church. New volunteers are always welcome.

Blessings,

Tina Anderson 751-4810

Jan Leupold

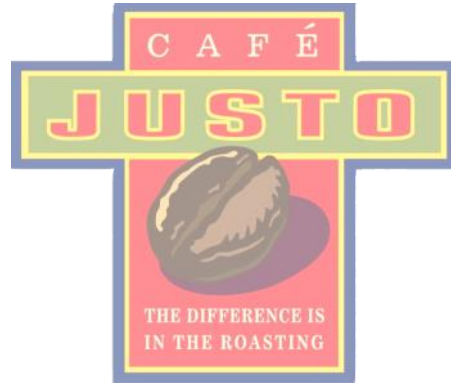
Doug Moore

Mary Ludemann

Mitzi Knapp

Su Rappleye

Janis Devore



Gift certificates are available. Contact Doug Beagle.

Thank you to all who have been coffee sponsors in 2018. It has been a great year!!

Over 300 pounds of coffee sold!

There is a new sheet for 2019 at the information center, some dates already spoken for!!!



Happening Sunday, Feb. 3.

The **Super Bowl of Caring** utilizes **Super Bowl** weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Its vision is to transform **Super Bowl** weekend (the weekend of the first Sunday in February) into America's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Boxes will be available to donate to, the proceeds will go to the Sheridan Dog & Cat shelter this year.



For their service to the church during the month of January the Worship Committee would like to thank these faithful servants...

Worship Leaders: Teresa Williams, Kim Wells, Dave Engels, Louise Semino, Darcie Lyon

Communion Servers: Susan Smith, Jan Leupold, Jeri Joy, Janis DeVore, John & Kathy Lundberg

Flower Guild: Carol Maloy, Diane Peterson, Jane Gallagher, Jerilea Phillips

Audio/Visual Systems Operators: Elwyn Maloy, Rick Semino, Chris Smith, Jim Blaha, Loren Ruttinger

Sugarland Worship Leaders: Paul Hayden, Jan Leupold

Head Ushers: Jean Morgan, Tina Anderson

Greeters: Carolyn Griffith, Mary Hutton, Jeff & Denise Mueller, Fitzpatrick family, Jon & Rene Botten

Communion Preparation: Denise Mueller

Coffee Fellowship: PW Circles/ Fellowship/Session

Meal Deliveries– Tina Anderson, Denise Mueller, Carla White, Ron Patterson, Jan Leupold, Brooke Holstedt

Coffee Sponsors: Leonard Hurst, Sandy Browne, Roger Barrett, Shelley Barrett

Session Members and Committees

Budget & Finance

Beth Bailey, Carol Davis, Kim Wells

Clerk of Session

Susan Smith

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Tod Windsor, Chris Smith

Christian Education

Judy Garber, Shelley Barrett

Fellowship

Jeri Joy, Kathy Lundberg

Membership & Evangelism

Tina Anderson, Jean Morgan

Mission & Outreach

Doug Beagle, Jerilea Phillips

Personnel

Teresa Williams, Jim Lyon, Beth Lenz

Properties

Doug Moore, Howie Fitzpatrick, Brett Burtis

Worship

Linnet McGoodwin, Cheryl Kelsey

Keep them in your prayers

Jack Elliott, Margie & Art Elkins, Jim Litle & Margaret Litle, Karen Townsend, Wilma Browne, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Mary Holstedt, Dorothea Doerr, Larry Mueller, Doug Osborn, Jim Arzy

Pastor Paul Hayden's email address:

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Let's keep current!!

If you have changed your:

Phone

Mailing address

Email

Let us know!! :)

fpc@actaccess.net/ 672-1717

Online Giving

First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan will soon offer an online giving option on the website <http://sheridanfpc.church/>.

The online giving program is offered through the Presbyterian Foundation (the Foundation). As this program is implemented, the Business and Finance Committee want to inform you of how the process of online giving will operate.

There will be an online giving icon on the website that can be selected to activate a transaction. A 2% processing fee will be charged with each transaction. The funds will be collected by the Foundation and then transferred to First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan. Because the initial funds are received by the Foundation, the annual giving report will come from the Foundation, not First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan. However, the Foundation will provide a monthly itemized giving report to First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan and all giving will be tracked.

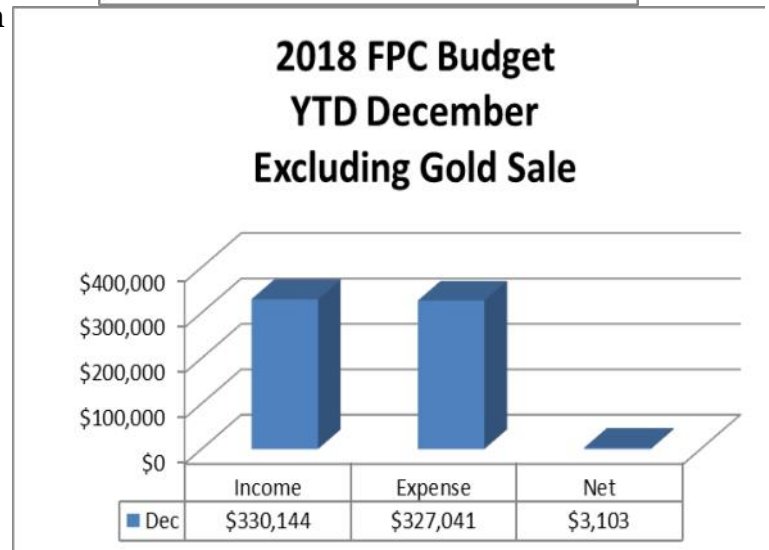
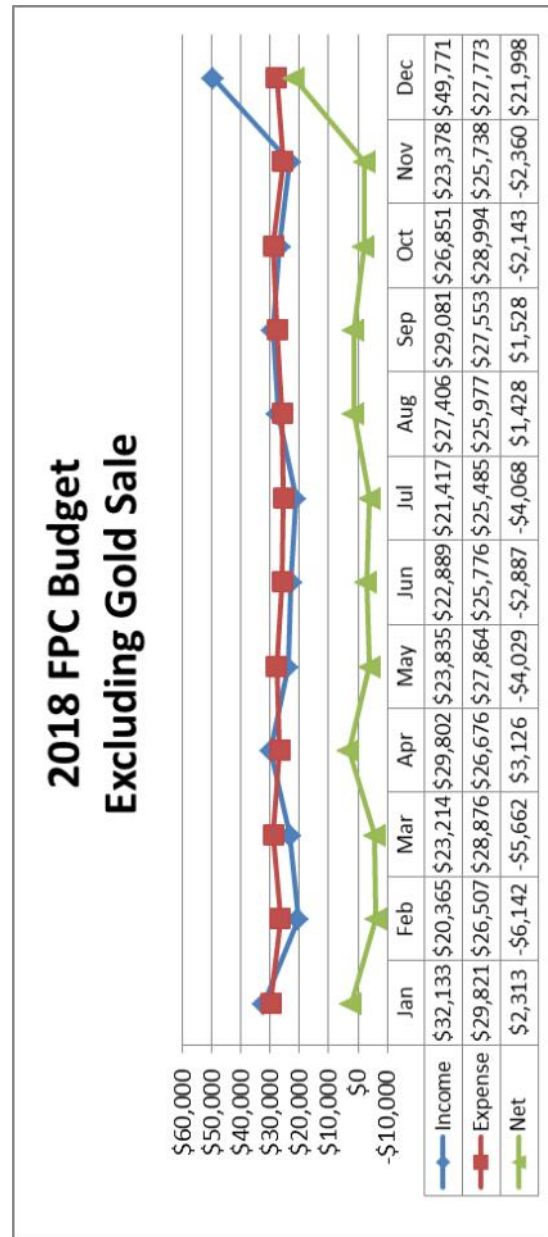
The online giving will provide an alternate option for tithing to First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan. This will also add convenience for visitors and memorial giving for people who may not attend First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan on a regular basis.

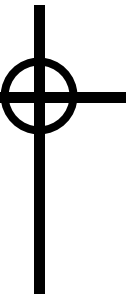
Giving statement changes

With much discussion the Budget, Finance and Stewardship committee has decided to only send out giving statements once per year after the first of the year to include year end contributions.

If you find that you need information on your giving you can contact Dennis Heizer and he can help you with any information you may need.

This change will help in cutting costs.





PW members, women in the congregation and friends are invited to the 10:00 am monthly meeting and brunch in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 6. The program will be presented by *Bought Beautifully*, a local small business that provides a market place for quality handmade goods inspired and created by talented international artisans who seek dignified economic justice. Their website says, “*Bought Beautifully* searches the globe to find ministries, organizations, artists, entrepreneurs and individuals who are living out God’s call to LOVE without judgement or discrimination.”

Circles will meet on February 20, the third Wednesday continuing the study, God’s Promise, I Am with You:

Circle 1 meets in the Parlor
10:00 am

Circle 2 meets in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 am

Circle 3 meets at 4B’s on N. Main ST
12:00 pm

DID YOU KNOW? There are 50 women who are active PW members.

SAVE THE DATE: PWP SPRING GATHERING MAY 2-4, 2019, SHERIDAN, WY, GUEST SPEAKER: MARY NEAL, author of 7 LESSONS FROM HEAVEN

At the January PW meeting it was announced that Louise Semino was honored as recipient of the Honorary PW Life Membership. She was presented with her pin and certificate on Sunday during 10:00 worship. Membership in the PW Life Membership Program is conferred upon the honoree in recognition of faithful service in some area of church work. Funds derived from Honorary Life Memberships finance the PW Leadership Development Grant Program. Grants from this program provide financial support to individuals and groups engaging in leadership development opportunities.

Louise and her husband, Rick, have lived in Sheridan since 1978. They have two daughters and five grandchildren. Louise retired from nursing having worked at Natrona County Hospital for 2 years, the Sheridan County Memorial Hospital for 25 years and 8 years at the Sheridan VA Hospital.

Since joining First Presbyterian Church in the late 1990’s, Louise has been volunteering and working in many areas of church ministry. During Logos Leaders Training she was introduced to involving youth in worship with Bell Ringing. She has been ringing bells for some 20 years now and is the current Bell Choir Director at FPC. With involvement in worship she has taken the lead for many years in the annual Hanging of the Greens at Christmas. Louise has faithfully been the Chancel Choir Director for the past several years.

Louise is a member of Circle Two. She also has taken the vice moderator position of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery. She has the responsibility of coordinating the 2019 Spring Gathering that will be hosted by Sheridan PW and traveling with the Moderator around the state supporting PW work and mission.

Her hobbies are flower gardening, jigsaw puzzles, crazy quilting and of course music of all kinds.

Congratulations, Louise.

The mission of the Fellowship Committee is to promote congregational fellowship and FUN. To fulfill our mission, we work with other committees and church groups to facilitate fellowship and FUN opportunities. The goal is to bring people together through a variety of activities and events in order to strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ and with each other, His family.

2018 was a fun filled year! Join us for more in 2019!

There are plans in place for many new and different events for the upcoming year of 2019. Some possible events are star-gazing at Ft. Phil Kearney Observatory, Bingo night, Fly fishing, hiking in the Big Horns, play at Wyo - "9 to 5", Paint Post, Cooking class, and Talent show!!! Everyone is encouraged to attend and invite other members of the congregation to join in these activities and we are always open to hearing NEW ideas!

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP - The only thing missing is "U"!!!! **Spiritual Fellowship** - Next to daily meditation, one of the most important things a **spiritual** aspirant can do is to seek out **spiritual fellowship** with like-minded truth seekers.

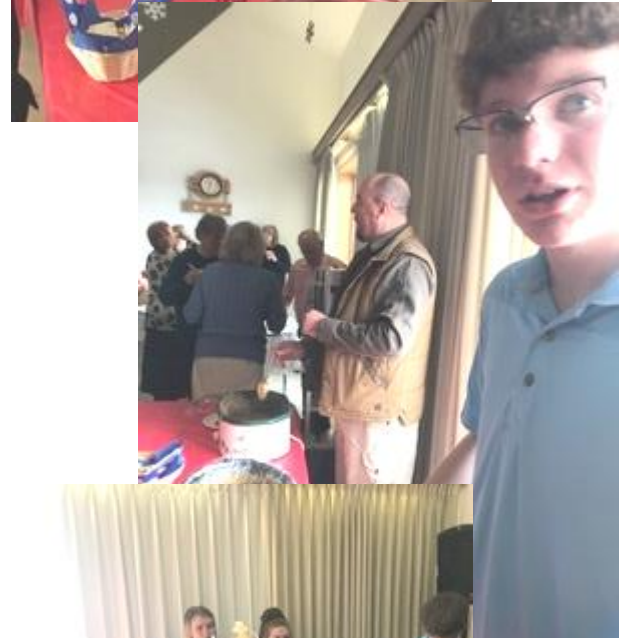
Our heartfelt thanks to the many, many people of the congregation who stepped up and helped out. Without them the fellowship functions would not have been possible.

First Presbyterian Church's mission statement is, Glorify God, Follow Jesus Christ and be His Light in the World. One of the ways we can accomplish this is being involved in fellowship events!!!

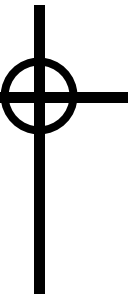
John 10:9 - I am the gate, whoever enters through Me will be saved.....I have come so they might have Life and have it to the full.

Respectfully submitted, Jeri Joy, Elder

The chili Cook-Off was a great success!



The Youth Group brought home the Golden Ladle prize!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1– Heather Sutherland
- 2– Laurie Graves
- 3– Tod Browne
- 8– Jay Bergstrom, Karen Townsend
- 9– Griff Milner
- 11– Wilma Browne
- 12– Gareth Dixon
- 17– Dave Motsick
- 20– Maxine DeTavernier
- 22– Brad Steidley
- 23– Erin Osborne
- 24– Carolyn Griffith
- 25– Joe Laughton
- 26– Jane Gallaher, Wyoma Sampson, Carter Wells
- 27– Bob Koester, Lynn Porter, Heidi Smith
- 28– Scott Davis
- 29– Julianne Blaha

Be sure and visit the church website! The first sermons are now online!!! Check out Pastor Paul's blog!

sheridanfpc.church



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

Per Capita for 2019 is: \$44.27



Bring non-perishable food items to church on the **3rd Sunday** of each month and help FPC support your local Salvation Army.



Happy Anniversary!

7– Lloyd & Karol
Meineke

12– Mike Stoll & Tina
Anderson

15– Richard & Effie
Rexroat

The office will be open during these hours.

8-noon- Monday– Friday

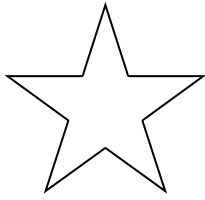
Please call ahead for office availability in the afternoon.

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Church web site

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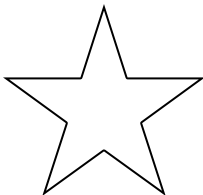


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Air Force

Jason Browne (Son of Sandy Browne)

Ryan Laughton (Son of Gary & Sherry Laughton, Grandson of Joe Laughton)

Howard (Ace) Shrum (Grandson of Dorothy Shrum)

Damon Sevier (Son of Patty Usher)

Kai Grimmell (Nephew of Gloria Stresky)

Bryce Williams (Son of Mike and Teresa Williams)

Brennan & Sydney Negrete (Grandson & Granddaughter-in-law of Elwyn & Carol Maloy)

Megan Price (Granddaughter of Karen Fosher)

Captain Rory Montgomery (Great Nephew of Harvey & Linda Johnson)

National Guard

Allen Price (Son-in-law of Karen Fosher)

Carsie Mitchell (Grandson of Jim & Dianne Perry)

Navy & Navy Reserves

William Ferries (Son of Jane Buell)

Army & Army Reserves

Kyle Jennings-(Grandson of Bernice Jennings)

Ethan & Johnna Hall (Grandson & granddaughter –in-law of Elwyn & Carol Maloy)

Marines

Zachary Fitzpatrick-(Son of Howie & Sandy Fitzpatrick)

If you would like to have your loved-one in the military listed on this page, or if you would like to have their address printed in the newsletter, or their picture on our picture board, please give the information to Sue in the office.

February 2019

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3 One Service 9 am– Sunday School all ages! 10 am– Worship, Communion Souper Bowl Sunday! 11:30– Bible study	4 7 pm– Bells	5	6 10 am– PW Brunch	7 11 am– Properties 6:30 am– Breakfast study 7 pm– Choir	8	9
10 8 am– Worship 9 am– Sunday School 10 am– Worship 11:30– Bible study 1-3– Confirmation class 3 pm– LOGOS	11 7 pm– Bells	12 12:30 pm– CE 4:30 pm– Fellowship 5 pm– Mission 11:30– Personnel, 5:30–BF&S, Tech 6 pm– Worship	13 1 pm– Membership	14 6:30 am– Breakfast study 7 pm– Choir	15	16
17 8 am– Worship 9 am– Sunday School 10 am– Worship 1:30– Brookdaleworship 4 pm– Youth Group	 18 7 pm– Bells	19 7 pm– Session	20 9:30, 10 & Noon– Circles	21 7 pm– Choir	22 	23
24 8 am– Worship 9 am– Bible study 10 am– Worship 1-3– Confirmation class 3 pm– LOGOS	25 6 pm– Stephen Ministers 7 pm– Bells	26	27	28		

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