

THE FAMILY VISITOR



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Hike for Hope to Benefit Lazarus House on October 5

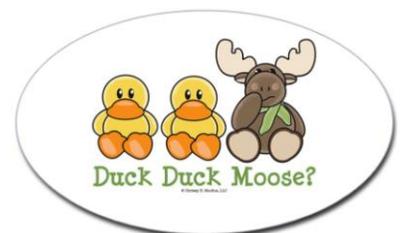
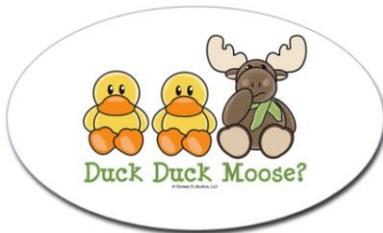
It is not too late to join or help sponsor Old South's team for the Hike for Hope. This year, the hike will be a three mile loop around the town of Andover and concludes with a barbecue and celebration. The walk is stroller friendly for younger children. Registration is \$15 and can be found online at: <http://www.lazarushouse.org/hike-for-hope>. (Be sure to note that you are part of the Old South UMC team.) If you are interested in walking or in making a donation, please contact Hilary Trismen (hkopp4@gmail.com or 978-618-3428).

Mission of the Month

The Outreach Committee has chosen World Mission Shares for the months of October through December. For October we are highlighting Dr. Belinda Forbes of Accion Medica Cristiana, an agency within the New England Conference's Covenant with Nicaragua, serving as International Liaison for Community Health. Old South supported her efforts many years ago when she began going to Nicaragua to pull teeth and teach dental hygiene during her vacations from her dentistry practice. She now lives there with her family and develops dental health programs, trains dental promoters who can extract teeth and provide dental care to natives in remote areas, and mentors young missionaries. For more information, please watch Dr. Forbes Itineration Video 2013 about her work at www.belindagbm.blogspot.com. You can also contact Dr. Forbes at belindagbm@gmail.com. Please consider supporting the important work of Dr. Forbes, the Nicaragua covenant, and other important mission work of the United Methodist Church by making a contribution to the Mission of the Month using the mission envelopes in the pews. All contributions will go towards Old South's World Missions Shares for 2014.

*You are invited to a
Baby Shower/Gender Reveal Party
for
Carol & Greg Van Buskirk*

*Saturday, October 11 at 2 pm
At Old South United Methodist Church*



*They are registered at Babies-R-Us, Amazon.com, and Diaper Lab in Somerville.
Hand-made and hand-me-downs also appreciated.*

*You may RSVP to the church office by Oct. 5:
office@oldsouthumc.org or by calling 781-944-2636*

Acolytes

Our faithful crew of worship assistants is back in action. We are delighted to welcome our new acolytes this year: Meghan Hubbard and Mason Moreira! In addition to bringing in the Light and the Word on Sunday mornings, the acolytes met for training in September, and will be taking a field trip for fun in October. Please pray for our acolytes, and thank them for their service. If you know someone in grades 4-8 who would like to be an acolyte, talk to Pastor Carol.

Youth News

A group of youth in grades 6-12 met in September over pizza to plan events for the year. The planning session was a success and the group has several events planned for the year, including just-for-fun activities and service projects. Contact Rev. Carol for details about upcoming youth events, or to volunteer.

New MOPS Ministry

We have successfully begun a new ministry for Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) here at the church. The group offers parenting support and fellowship for women with young children, as well as quality childcare. We are meeting the first and third Friday of the month, from 10:30am to noon. We could use help with hospitality, mentor-moms, as well as donations to help cover operating costs. Talk to Rev. Carol to get involved, and please spread the word to any young parents you know.

Book Club

At our October meeting, we will read and discuss "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachael Joyce. This is an unusual book and very readable and enjoyable. There are many twists and turns. The meeting will be at the home of Nancy White on Thursday, October 23 and begin at 10:00. Refreshments and beverages will be served.

**Deadline for the
November Family Visitor:
Oct. 10**

If possible, please send by e-mail to:
office@oldsouthumc.org Thank you!

A Month of Sundays - 10am

Child Care provided and W.O.W.
(Worship Our Way for children age 4 - grade 4)

Oct. 5 - One Thousand Gifts:

Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are
World Communion Offering
Exodus 20:1-4,7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
"An Emptier, Fuller Life"

Oct. 12 - One Thousand Gifts

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23;
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
"Keeping Count In Season and Out of Season"

Oct. 19 - One Thousand Gifts

Laity Sunday
Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;
I Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
"We Thank God For All of You"

Oct. 26 - One Thousand Gifts

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6,13-17;
I Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46
"Living FULLY with JOY"

Food Pantry News

Our food pantry needs this month are highlighting the need for personal items and pet food. Each month we review the shopping lists of our clients and have seen an overwhelming need for help in feeding their pets. Many of our clients rely on their dog or cat for companionship. Lots of people lack daily contact with human beings but their pet is always with them to give love and encouragement. In the last six months, **DRY DOG AND CAT FOOD HAS BEEN THE NUMBER ONE REQUESTED ITEM THAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN-IN ON OUR SHOPPING LIST.**

We are also asking for personal care items: Kleenex, toilet tissue, soap, shampoo and toothpaste. Everyone wants to be able to take care of their personal needs. (These items cannot be purchased with food stamps!)

FALL CLEANING IS COMING UP AND OUR CLIENTS REQUEST CLEANING PRODUCTS: **ALL-SURFACE WINDEX, LYSOL, PINE-SOL, SIMPLE GREEN**, etc. or your favorite cleaning product. (Food stamps cannot be used for these items.)



One Thousand Gifts: A DARE to live FULLY right where you are

How did October sneak up so quickly? Maybe it's my imagination, but it seems this fall is even more jam packed than last year. My inbox is crammed full of notices of great learning, serving opportunities and invitations to compelling events, often happening at exactly the same time in different places. And I'm not chauffeuring to soccer, field hockey, cross country, swim, or band practice any longer. So how are we to find every day, amazing grace in the midst of the schedule, deadlines, debts, drama and daily duties?

New York Times best-selling author Ann Voskamp pondered these questions and responded to a friend's DARE to name one thousand blessings – one thousand gifts in her life. The Gift List was not of the gifts she wanted, but the gifts she already had. She started small.

1. Morning shadows across the old floors.
2. Jam piled high on toast.
3. Cry of blue jay from high on spruce.

Writing it down was like unwrapping a gift. Now imagine what it is like to unwrap one thousand gifts!

During October at Old South UMC we have the opportunity to find out for ourselves. Sunday, October 5th kicks off our very own DARE challenge. One thousand gifts: a Dare to live Fully right where you are. How about it? You are invited to start naming one thousand blessings- one thousand gifts you already have. Start small. Notice the everyday ordinary gifts of God's grace. Jot them down. See what happens. Be surprised!

This worship series offers practical help for giving thanks for the life you already have, to find the life you've always wanted. October 5 begins with "An Emptier, Fuller Life." "Keeping Count In Season and Out of Season" addresses how we can find blessings despite the ups and downs life holds on October 12th. Lay speakers will share some of their list of gifts experienced at Old South UMC as we celebrate Laity Sunday on October 19th. "Living FULLY with Joy" celebrates lives of gratitude that unfold into transformation of enlarged hearts and expanded souls on October 26th.

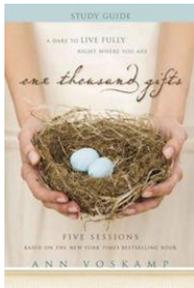
There is a mobile app available for people to capture gifts and blessings. It invites people to share their joy as it happens on the way to discovering their one thousand gifts. It invites photos and texts of gifts to motivate, inspire, and provide a way to share with friends and family to help inspire others on their way to their own one thousand gifts.

Two opportunities are available to participate in a five-session small group Bible study of one thousand gifts. Groups will meet Wednesday mornings or evenings beginning on October 8th. Sign-ups and books will be in the vestry.

So I DARE you to start counting....one thousand gifts!

Deep blessings and thanks for all of you,
Rev. Janet Smith-Rushton

One Thousand Gifts



Just like you, Ann Voskamp hungers to live her one life well. Forget the bucket lists that have us escaping our everyday lives for exotic experiences. 'How, ' Ann wondered, 'do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, and daily duties? What does the Christ-life really look like when your days are gritty, long---and sometimes even dark? How is God even here?' In One Thousand Gifts, Ann invites you to embrace everyday blessings and embark on the transformative spiritual discipline of chronicling God's gifts. It's only in this expressing of gratitude for the life we already have, we discover the life we've always wanted ... a life we can take, give thanks for, and break for others. We come to feel and know the impossible right down in our bones: we are wildly loved --- by God. Let Ann's beautiful, heart-aching stories of the everyday give you a way of seeing that opens your eyes to ordinary amazing grace, a way of being present to God that makes you deeply happy, and a way of living that is finally fully alive. Come live the best dare of all.

In the five-session small group Bible study, *One Thousand Gifts*, best-selling author Ann Voskamp ponders the question of finding joy in midst of everything from the typical grind of daily chores and deadlines to the calamity every person eventually faces.

How, Ann muses, do you break the bondage of fear that has white-knuckle control on your life and instead embrace the everyday blessings that immerse you in Christ's fullness? How can you live life with a heart overflowing with delight?

In this five-session, video-based small group bible study, Ann encourages participants to take on the life-changing discipline of journaling God's gifts to find the good in life in all circumstances. It's only in this expression of gratitude for the life we already have, that we discover the life we've always wanted a life we can take, give thanks for, and use to serve others. In it, we come to feel and know the impossible right down to our core: We are wildly loved by God.

Embark on this personal, honest and fresh exploration of what it means to be deeply fulfilled, wholly happy, and fully alive. Two opportunities are available to participate in a small group: Wed. mornings from 10:00-11:30 or Wed. evenings from 7:30-9:00 beginning on Wed. Oct. 8. Books and sign up in the vestry.

- Sessions include:
1. Attitude of Gratitude
 2. Grace in the Moment
 3. All is Grace
 4. Trust: The Bridge to Joy
 5. Empty to Fill"

Down Memory Lane

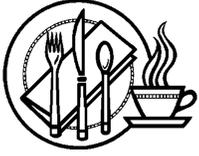
Old South United Methodist Church has a rich and amazing history. At present, we do not have an appropriate site to house our collection of items that are scattered in many places. We are in search of just the right spot. In the meantime, you could be of invaluable help in several ways:

1. Help us search for and gather the collection we presently have. Let me know if you are able to help.
2. Donate anything that pertains to what we have been doing for the past 125 years or so. We are looking for pictures, certificates of any sort, programs, picture directories, mission trips, building projects, etc. ---you get the idea. You can drop them off at the church office.

God bless you for helping us with this important task!
Joan Spence -781 944 2144 / erjospence@gmail.com



Harvest Celebration Dinner
Saturday, November 15, 5:30 p.m., Higgins Hall



Come celebrate our Old South community at a special Harvest Celebration dinner on Saturday, November 15th. Chef Chris Krebs will be creating something delicious for us once again, and that in and of itself, is something to look forward to! We also look forward to the opportunity of simply socializing and having some fun together.

The evening will also feature a silent auction and live auction. The funds raised from the auction will go directly to support Old South and our many program ministries. Jen Brickett, Martha & Henry LaMontagne, and Suzy Axelson will be seeking auction items in the coming weeks. If any of you would like to donate something to either the silent or live auction, please email or call one of us. We are looking for items that will entice people to bid. Some examples might be a weekend at a vacation home, sports tickets, gift certificates to a restaurant, or a service of some kind. Let your imagination be your guide! These evenings get really fun when there are exciting items to bid on.

Please RSVP and pay by Sunday, November 9th.

There will be a table after Sunday worship service, staffed by a committee member beginning a few weeks before the event. Also, checks can be dropped off or sent to Carol Rogerson at the church office. Please make checks payable to Old South United Methodist Church, with "Harvest Celebration" in the memo section.

Evening Schedule:

5:30 – 6:30	Hors D'oeuvres and Silent Auction Viewing and Bidding
6:30 – 7:30	Dinner
7:30 – 8:30	Live Auction
8:30 – 9:00	Clean up

Cost for Attendance:

\$10 for individuals/\$25 Family Maximum if payment is received before Sunday, November 9th.

\$15 for individuals/\$30 Family Maximum, at the door.

We are encouraging people to pay in advance to give Chris an accurate headcount for planning purposes. I hope you will mark your calendar right now for November 15th and then will join us!

Suzy Axelson
suzyaxelson@verizon.net

Planning Committee:

Steve & Paula Perry, Jen Brickett, Chris Krebs, Martha & Henry LaMontagne , Bruce Maxwell, Holly Stanieich, Brian Tam, Elaine Webb, Suzy Axelson

Music Notes

Hello Everyone! Here is the text to a communion song we're learning. The Men's Choir sang it during the summer, and the Chancel Choir sang it for Communion Sunday in September. We like it so much that the choir shall sing it again, to a different tune, on World Communion Sunday in October.

A Place at the Table

*For Everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.*

*For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.*

*For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live.*

*For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.*

Refrain:

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

Old South Hand Bell Choir has been honored with an invitation to ring with the Reading Community Singers for their annual Christmas concert. We will have the music soon to begin practicing. If you'd like join us, now is the time!

Special Christmas Music - We are planning a special Christmas music concert, including all our musical groups, for one of the Sundays in December. We'll keep you posted when the date is final. This is a great time. Come and ring, sing, or otherwise join in!

REHEARSAL TIMES:

CHANCEL CHOIR: Regular rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:00PM and Sundays at 9:00am (8:30AM for those who missed Thursday),

HAND BELL CHOIR: Rehearsals every Tuesday in the sanctuary at 7:00PM (**This is a new time!**)

OLD SOUTH BRASS AND ORGAN: Our brass quintet rehearses every Wednesday in the sanctuary at 7:30PM

CHERUB CHOIR: Rehearsals every Sunday in the parlor with Marcy Nelson at 11:00AM

**REMEMBER TO CHECK THE CHURCH WEBSITE AND CALENDAR
FOR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**



These photos were taken at some recent musical events here at Old South.



Collection of Children's Clothing for Haiti Orphanage

In November, the Outreach Committee will be collecting children's clothing and shoes for the children at the orphanage in Haiti where Rachel Vinciguerra is working this year. If you have children who have outgrown some of their summer clothes and you are not sure what to do with them, please hold on to them for this collection effort. More details on sizes and highly needed items will be coming soon but with 500 children of all ages, the clothing needs are great! Thank you in advance for any contributions.

Living Nativity - November 30th



We're trying something new this year to celebrate Advent. Instead of a Christmas musical, we will have a living nativity during the Reading tree lighting. Children and adults are all welcome to come and dress up as the nativity characters, and serve a shift out front along with live animals as we re-enact the scene of Christ's birth. Then come inside to warm up with hot cider and Christmas crafts. We are hoping this will be a great outreach to the community, so be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to stop by. If you would like to help build the set, provide hospitality, or lead a craft, talk to Rev. Carol.

Christian Cooperative Preschool



On October 6 & 7, children in the 3 and 4 year old classes will be going to Boston Hill Farm for our annual apple picking field trip. The children love the hayride out to the orchard, picking a few apples, and eating a fresh apple cider doughnut for snack! Some more CCP fall favorites that we're looking forward to are; making friendship cake, making apple brownies, decorating pumpkin cookies for Halloween, and of course Aiken Drum . . . Happy Halloween!

*CCP has limited spaces available in the 3 and 4 year old classes.
Call Gina @ 781-944-0612 for more information.*



Eagle Scout Service Project

For the Old South United Methodist Church

*By Eagle Candidate
Alex Gousie, Life Scout, Troop 702*

Project Summary

Re-vitalize the landscaping in front of the Church, specifically the section beneath the steeple, between the two railings.

The existing bushes will be removed, a retaining wall built, and two levels of plantings installed: low-growing Holly bushes (upper) and decorative perennials, such as Creeping Phlox (lower).

The work will be done in a few stages in late September/early October, targeting times of good weather and site availability.



To Donate...

I appreciate donations in any amount to cover the cost of materials and equipment.

Please make a check payable to: Troop 702 and send c/o Alex Gousie, 746 Pearl Street, Reading, MA 01867

For More Information or to Volunteer an Hour or Two
Please email Alex at alexgeagle@verizon.net



On the Wings of Love: Powered by Presence and Service

Church Conference and worship – Tuesday, October 7th at 7pm

“The annual meeting in a discipleship congregation is shaped to serve the mission and vision of the community of faith.” [p. 148] “Annual meetings in a discipleship congregation are concerned with much more than approving budgets, receiving reports, and electing officers. First and foremost they are about the spiritual life of the church. Worship, therefore, is first on the agenda at the annual meetings of discipleship congregations.” [p. 148] From Power Surge, Michael Foss.

This Church Conference welcomes all friends and members of Old South UMC. All church members have a voice and vote in a church conference.

October 29, 2014 at First UMC in Westborough - Bishop Devadhar’s Day on the District. Clergy of the district meet with the Bishop from 2:30pm-5:30pm. Dinner is at 5:30pm. At 6:30pm, all laity are invited to meet with the bishop. There is no cost to this event, but a contribution for dinner would be appreciated.

Opportunities for Growing and Expanding the Vision 20-20**Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4**

“In the Midst of New Dimensions 2014” conference will be held at Lexington UMC. Through fellowship and workshops, the conference will prepare clergy and laity with hands-on skills for providing ministry at the intersection of race, gender, and sexuality. Workshops will provide opportunities for theological study as well as practical applications that can help congregations practice radical hospitality. Information and registration can be found at www.newdimensions2014.com.

Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5

Global Harvest Festival, 10am-4pm, Heifer Farm, Rutland, MA

Pack a whole van to join the festivities at just \$10.00 per vehicle and enjoy a tour of the Global Village where we stayed in the spring, hayrides to the pumpkin patch, hands on activities, meet the farm animals, a workshop on goat milking and cheese making, farm made lunch or bring a picnic and the Dale Perkins Horse Show. Visit www.facebook.com/heifercenters.

Saturday, October 18, 2014 at Wesley UMC in Worcester:

BILL EASUM, a nationally known author and consultant, will be leading the one day event on creating disciple-making churches that grow healthy congregations.

The cost is \$10/person, which covers continental breakfast and lunch.

Sunday, November 2 from 2-4pm at Hancock United Church of Christ, 1912 Mass. Ave. Lexington, MA

You are invited to Heifer International’s Beyond Hunger Communities of Change – Celebrating 70 years of Sustainable Family Farming with Stories of Heifer’s work, Alternative Gift Market for early holiday shopping, refreshments grown and prepared by Heifer Farm, Animal exhibits, activities and displays.

Register at www.heifer.org/communities.

November 14-15 at Grace Chapel and Lexington UMC, Lexington:

New England School of Congregational Development “Rippleffect” offers gifted speakers from across New England and the U.S. leading workshops on evangelism, worship, preaching, church planting, stewardship. Jack Levison will be the keynote speaker. Pre-registration is required for workshops at www.rippleffectne.com. Worship sessions do not require pre-registration.

February 28, 2015 at Leominster UMC:

BOB FARR, director of congregational excellence for the Missouri

Annual Conference and Founder of the Healthy Church

Initiative, will be the main speaker for the Central District event.

Educational Ministry

Bible Study - Watch for special program details.

Nursery Care

Provided on Sunday mornings for infants to age 3 in Room 103 of the Educational Wing from 8:45 through the 10:00 worship service.

Sunday School - Meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00. For age 3 through senior high.

Sunday School Staff

Pre-K: Charlotte Harlan, Kristina Smith, Karen Roscoe, and Lauren Hubbard
Elementary: Holly Stanieich, Jody Donahue, and Paula Perry
Middlers: Jennifer Brickett and Dianne Meyers
High School: Jim Roscoe and Chris Krebs
Parenting Group: rotating leaders

WOW – Worship Our Way for children 4 years to grade 4 meets following the children’s message.

Christian Cooperative Preschool - Infants to pre-K. Meets weekdays 9am-12pm.

Director: Gina Azulay
Infants: Jessica Aiello
2 year olds: Donna Bramhall
3 year olds: Eileen McTaggart
4 year olds: Cindy Petrucci



Opportunities for Nurturing the Body, Mind, and Spirit

Yoga - Gentle Yoga meets Monday nights at 6:00 in the Choir Room with Linda Preston. Each class is \$8.00 and payable to Linda. Newcomers and walk-ins are always welcome.

TOPS - "Take Off Pounds Sensibly" meets in the Youth Room on Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

Julia Circle - 3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Dorcas Circle - 3rd Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Book Club - 4th Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Men’s Breakfast - 4th Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the back vestry.

Call church office at 781-944-2636 for more information.



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Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of Evelyn Bosworth and Tom Johnson.

Memorials

Donations to the *Memorial Fund* were received in memory of Evelyn Bosworth.

Baptism

If you are interested in having your child baptized, please speak to Rev. Jan.

Thank You

Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to thank the members of the Dorcas Circle for the many lovely cards I have received. It is so nice to be remembered. Blessings to all.

Eloise Shannon

Prayer Chain

Members of the Old South Prayer Chain are: Lois Tulikangas (781)944-9316; Shirley Buzderewicz (781)944-3577; Nancy White (781)944-6269; Nathalie Nordstrand (781)944-4252; Liz Barnes (781)944-6907; Jody Donahue (781)944-0819; June Meserve (781)944-9416; Grace Palmer (781)944-4069; and Tina Waldroup (781)246-1054. As always, we welcome new people to join us at any time.

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**Because
we care...**

If you are hospitalized, please let the church office or one of the pastors know. Also, please list Old South United Methodist Church as your church upon admission.

If you know of someone else in our church family who is in the hospital, please let us know. Contact the church office at 781-944-2636 or office@oldsouthumc.org.

On Sunday, Sept. 7, shoes were collected during Old South's Stand for Peace.



October 2014

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
<p>Every Sunday 8:30AM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9AM - Sunday School 10AM - Worship 11AM - Cherub Choir Rehearsal 11AM - Coffee Hour</p>	<p>Christian Cooperative Preschool Monday-Friday 9 AM - 12 PM</p>		<p>1 7:30 PM Brass Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>3 10:30 AM MOPS 3:00-6:30 PM Farmer Dave</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 World Communion Sunday 1:00 PM Hike for Hope</p>	<p>6 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>7 6:00 PM Staff Parish Relations 7:00 PM Church Conference 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Gifts Study 7:30 PM Gifts Study 7:30 PM Brass Rehearsal</p>	<p>9 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>10 Newsletter Deadline 10:30 AM Food Pantry 3:00-6:30 PM Farmer Dave</p>	<p>11 2:00 PM Baby Shower</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 Columbus Day ~ Church Office Closed</p>	<p>14 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Food Pantry 7:30 PM Church Council</p>	<p>15 10:00 AM Gifts Study 7:30 PM Gifts Study 7:30 PM Brass Rehearsal 7:30 PM Finance Committee</p>	<p>16 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>17 10:30 AM Food Pantry 10:30 AM MOPS 3:00-6:30 PM Farmer Dave</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Laity Sunday 11:30 AM Laity Team</p>	<p>20 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>21 9:30 AM Dorcas Circle 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Commission on Education</p>	<p>22 10:00 AM Gifts Study 7:30 PM Gifts Study 7:30 PM Brass Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 10:00 AM Book Club 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Trustees</p>	<p>24 10:30 AM Food Pantry 3:00-6:30 PM Farmer Dave</p>	<p>25</p>
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