

March 2010

Steeple Talk

Trinity Presbyterian
Church, Santa Cruz



Lenten Knitting

I am a knitter. My mother taught me to knit when I was a child, but knitting did not become a passion of mine until I was in my mid 20's and had a mentor who coached and encouraged me through several projects. I have been an off and on knitter through most of my life. In recent years I have returned to the hobby, once again finding relaxation in the rhythmic repetition of the stitches and challenge in new patterns, yarns and designs. I have also come to discover that there are quite a number of knitters among the Trinity community, ranging from beginners to seasoned masters. So there is the joy of a shared knitting community here at Trinity as well!

I have thought about this practice of mine as we are moving through the season of Lent these weeks. Maybe you too have a hobby or practice you do on a regular basis that is relaxing, challenging and joy-full for you as well. Biking? Needlecraft? Reading? Walking/Hiking? Writing? In our Christian faith tradition the season of Lent is a time we are particularly mindful of practices in our lives that help us to focus on our relationship with God and where and how God is at work in us and through us. The practices are meant to open us up to God.

Now, while I know that knitting is not among the recorded practices of the early church fathers and mothers, I am finding that the practice of knitting is teaching me a lot these days. Where *else* in my life do I need to remember that the process is at least as valuable as the end result? Where *else* in my life can I see simple, ordinary elements becoming beautiful creations? Where *else* in my life is slow better than fast? Where *else* in my life do I need to remember that what seems impossible can be possible when I ask for help?

Practices become spiritual for us when they lead us to a deeper relationship with God and open us up to God in us and in the world around us. What are your practices and where are they leading you in your journey of faith this Lenten season?

In Faith,
Evie

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Meetings:

Administration Committee, March 4, 4:00 pm, Library

Mission Committee, March 11, 6:00 pm, Fireside Room

Spiritual Enrichment Committee, March 9, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room

Fellowship, March 9, 6:30 pm, Fireside Room

Deacons, March 10, 4:00 pm, at Joanne Clever's home

Session, March 18, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room

Dates to Remember:

Sweet Pea, March 13
9:00 am—2:00 pm, Youth Room

Officers Retreat, March 13

New Members Class, March 14,
12:00 pm, Fireside Room

Lenten Studies March 2, 10, 16,
and 24, 6:00 pm at various locations

**St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser
Dinner**, March 17

Book Club, March 22, 7:00 pm,
Fireside Room

Trinity Committee News

Session

February Meeting

The February 25 Session Meeting took place at the home of Emily Duffus. Moderator, Evie Macway, opened the meeting with prayer. Wayne Norton, Evie Macway, Kathleen Eschen-Pipes, and Darrell Yeane attended the January 23 Presbytery meeting in Salinas. At Presbytery, one official youth representative was selected to attend General Assembly in Minneapolis, but the presbytery voted to send Emily Macway also to take part as an observer.

The Session received various committee reports. Some highlights include the following:

- Frank Miller is the new chair of the Stewardship Committee.
- The Administration Committee has decided to move the church's funds to a local bank. The church officer's retreat will take place March 13.
- The Outreach Committee is working on new 'Friendship Pads' for the pews in the sanctuary for people to sign when they attend worship. The committee is also working on a brochure to be available for visitors to the church.
- Paul Seever has agreed to be the church's webmaster and many changes are in the works for the church website.
- The Blanchards will once again host the Easter Sunrise service.

Spiritual Enrichment

The Lenten dinners and studies continue through the month of March. Check the calendar on page six for specific dates and locations.



Prayers

Please keep the Bob Hope family in your prayers. Bob Hope died on February 14. A memorial service was held at the church on March 28.

Deacons

The February 11th meeting of the Deacons began with a delicious pot luck dinner to welcome new Deacons - Katherine Macway, Karen Wichelmann, Kate Miller and Joanne Clever and to send off the retiring Deacons - Jane de Vette, Dolly Bass, and Ann Collins. Many thanks to Jane, Dolly and Ann for their tireless work and devotion to their Deacon duties! You may now enjoy a well deserved rest !

The regular meeting began with Evie reading from the Book of Order the section explaining "What a Deacon Is". Pastors Report and Parish Reports were given and new Deacon assignments were announced: Sally Walters - Moderator, Kate Miller - Vice Moderator, Joanne Clever - Recording Secretary, Pete Halper - Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Elizabeth Bunch - Deacon to the Deacons, Bookie Nichols - Paper goods and Supplies Coordinator, Karen Wichelmann - Fellowship Committee Liaison, Sally Walters - Nominating Committee, Katherine Macway - Flower coordinator.

New Parish lists were passed out, so you should be hearing from your Deacon soon!

The next meeting of the Deacons will be on Wednesday, March 10th, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at Joanne Clever's home. Plan to stay on for the Lenten supper and study to follow.

Per Capita

Our per capita payment is due to the Presbytery on February 4, 2010. General Assembly receives \$6.15, the Synod receives \$5.10, the Presbytery receives \$16.25, and Voluntary Emergency Assistance receives .50 for a grand total of \$28.00 per church member. Please make your check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church with a note that it is per capita.

Year to Date Finance Report

January through January 2010

Total Income	\$38,395.59
Total Expense	11,086.20
Net Income	27,309.39



Presbyterian Women On The Move!

Spring Gathering, *"Beyond Boundaries . . . Breaking Barriers: Women and Religion in America"*, March 13, 12:00 noon—3:00 pm at Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church. Includes lunch so please RSVP by March 8, 2010 to Claudia Hamm at 408-356-6665.

Holy Week at Trinity

Mark your calendars for these special services in the life of the church.



- March 28 **Palm Sunday Service** 10:30 am, Sanctuary.
- April 1 **Maundy Thursday Service** 6:00 pm, Sanctuary.
- April 4 **Easter Sunrise Service** 7:00 am at the home of Harry and Mary Blanchard. 2-2780 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz.
- Easter Sunday Worship** 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. One Great Hour of Sharing will be received.

Officers Retreat

The annual church officers retreat will be held Saturday, March 13 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at the home of Lee and Emily Duffus. Keep our Elders and Deacons in prayer as they gather to study, plan, and pray for Trinity for the coming year.

“Living the Questions” March 7

We will be engaging again with this stimulating conversation at 12:00 pm after worship on the above date. A light lunch will be provided. The March session will be on Paul. If you come, you may find that there are more ways to think about this than you have ever heard about in Sunday school or in sermons! To get an advance copy of the discussion notes, send an email to pseever@prodigy.net

Trinity Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays

- 5 Audrey Beach
7 Louise Pollard, Kent Imai
19 Barbara Morris
22 Kate Collins
23 Evie Macway
29 Michael Christie

March Anniversaries

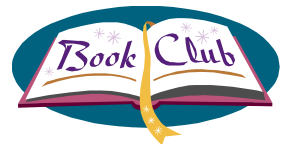
- 3 Hal & Barbara Morris



If you don't see your Birthday or Anniversary listed and would like it to be, please email the office at trinitysc@sbcglobal.net or call 423-8995 and let us know!

Trinity Book Club

The Book Club continues its gatherings on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 o'clock, now meeting in the Fireside Room at Trinity.



- March - *"Stones For Schools"* by Greg Mortenson
April - *"Olive Kitteridge"* by Elizabeth Strout
May - *"Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet"* by Jamie Ford
June
June - *"People of the Book"* by Geraldine Brooks
July - *"The Help"* by Kathryn Stockett

Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held on March 17th at 6:00 pm. This dinner is a fundraiser for the church's general fund. It will be a traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner with corned beef, cabbage, salad, dessert and beverages. The cost is \$7.50 per adult and \$5.00 per child.



An Invitation

Everyone is invited to Dancing Keys, a piano and clarinet recital performed by Elizabeth Bunch and Cathy and Joe Parisie at La Posada, 609 Frederick St., Santa Cruz, on Saturday, March 13 at 4:00 pm. The music will represent dance styles for three centuries!

Attention Knitters

Don't forget the basket on the table in the narthex waiting for preemie hats to go to the Neo Natal program at Dominican Hospital. There are patterns in the basket if you need one. These tiny hats don't take very long to whip up, are a good use for your odds and ends of yarns, and are needed to keep the heat in the tiny bodies of God's littlest babes (preemies lose heat through their heads.) So, when looking for a way to use an hour or two wisely, get those needles clicking—and don't forget to knit a bit of love in every stitch!



Bouquets of Thanks

Woe, was it less than a month ago when we had a Work Day? Seems much longer than that.

Many thanks to all of you who turned out on the somewhat rainy Saturday to tackle needed tasks. Gutters were cleaned out; succulents were planted; the portico area was power washed; windows were washed in the Fellowship Building, Evie's office, and the nursery; two truck-loads of trash were hauled to the landfill; one truck-load of reusable items was donated to Goodwill; office cabinets and Evie's credenza were cleaned out, generating lots of recyclable paper; burned out lights were replaced; the storage shed was cleared of "stuff"; and the Christmas decorations were stored. Thanks also to Harry for the apple fritters and to Sally for the coffee.

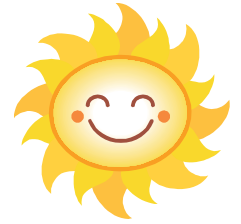
The mighty workers were: Bookie Nichols, Sally Walters, Mary Ann and Russ Hobbs, Karen and Tom Wichelmann, Evie Macway, Emily and Lee Duffus, Charlie and Gwen May, Lenore Spalaris, Mary and Harry Blanchard, Barbara and Bob Scott, and Frank Miller. Thanks to one and all.



The Administration Committee will be considering several painting jobs, and special work days to accomplish these tasks will be scheduled in the near future.

Things That Make Us Happy. . .

- To hear that Krishani and Seneca Weserakara have received their license from the state to run the Children's Preschool of Santa Cruz at Trinity. The school is officially theirs now. Congratulations and welcome once again to Krishani and Seneca.
- Jacob May, son of Charlie and Gwen, has accepted a position as sports reporter for the flagstaff Daily Sun and is moving to Flagstaff, Arizona, from Eugene, Oregon.
- Jenny Edwards, Gayle Larson, Kent Imai, and Elizabeth Bunch performed with the Cabrillo choruses at Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco on February 25.
- To see that Barbara Scott has been nominated as a 'Star Knitter' as part of the 25th anniversary celebration of The Knitting Guild Association. She is nominated for her excellence as a master teacher.
- To see ten people taking part in the membership exploration classes meeting this month.
- To hear that the Presbytery of San Jose is going to send Emily Macway to the PCUSA General Assembly in Minneapolis this summer as a youth observer.



Endowment Meeting with Skip Herbert

Trinity's new Endowment has now been explained in broad terms by the Endowment Committee of Gary Edwards, Lee Duffus and Russ Hobbs, and in detail by our Development Officer of the Presbyterian Foundation, Skip Herbert. Skip is part of a skilled network of development officers and support staff with highly trained specialists in gift compliance, accounting, investment management, law and gift administration. Skip is available to assist us in making the most of the resources we have to invest.

As you prayerfully consider your charitable giving, feel free to contact Skip at 888-233-0060, or email him at geh@fdn.pcusa.org with your questions or speak to one of the members of our endowment committee here at Trinity.

TIMELY THOUGHTS FROM BOB

In going through some of Bob's files, Vera came upon a steno pad with Bob's comments on the Lenten season, written sometime in the winter of 1996.

I came to observe Lent rather late in life because I grew up in a fiercely anti-catholic environment. I hardly knew Lent existed. The old Scots I sprang from had little truck [for this] ritual. Still, today a worship service in the Church of Scotland, Presbyterian, is undoubtedly the dullest service ever. We knew of Palm Sunday and Easter, and that was it. Protestants went astray at the time of John Calvin. And with the dour John Knox, Presbyterians were doomed. At that time we abandoned all the imagery, all the pageantry, and the church went intellectual.

We thought, and still do, that with enough study and thought we could answer all our questions about something that is largely mystery. So with that background my early memories of Lent are at best shadowy. Palm Sunday and Easter stand out as islands in a sea of gray. Feeling the drabness of our worship our mothers tried to hide the barrenness of our churches by floral decoration — palm fronds on Palm Sunday — lilies for Easter. Our mothers were not skillful at flower arranging so they made up for it by quantity. We hacked down palm branches along Morrissey Blvd. and our fathers hauled them down to the church on Pacific Ave. Before Easter we gathered calla lilies from the vast fields of them in Live Oak. We carried arm loads to Dave Owen's truck until it was heaped high. Then we cut freesias until the fragrance overcame us. These were not the colorful but anemic freesias of today, but old species freesias with the most powerful of aromas.

Somehow they packed them all into the church. More was always better. I had gotten to the place where I thought I was exaggerating the number. Recently I found an old picture of the church at Easter. It was more overwhelming than I had remembered.

In thinking about it now I realize it was a hunger for beauty, a hunger to do the physical thing, rather than an intellectual exercise to mark this most important event of the Christian calendar.

So the revival of marking and celebrating Lent — the Anglicans always remembered but they came from a different tradition — has encouraged us along the way. Before Vera and I attended Trinity regularly, we made a special effort to be here on Wednesday evening during Lent. It supplied something that was missing in our lives. Something we needed.

A good many years ago 1st Pres Church and Calvary Episcopal planned a joint Lenten celebration — 3 evenings at Calvary, 3 evenings at First Pres. Some notable Pres. minister, I believe it was David Illingworth, spoke at Calvary and gave some eloquent and thought provoking sermons of which I remember not a word. The next 3 were at 1st Pres. At this time the Bishop of the SF diocese was the very flamboyant Bishop Pike. He spoke at 1st Pres. The first night he strode to the pulpit, threw back his arms, and shouted out, "Christ is risen!" The startled Presbyterians said not a word, the few Anglicans feebly replied, "He is risen indeed." Pike leaned over the edge of the pulpit and demanded, "Don't you Presbyterians believe He is risen? Let's try that again." This time we did a little better, but the Bishop wasn't satisfied. Once more he threw back his arms and cried out, "Christ is risen" — and we shouted back, "He is risen indeed!" Of what he said during the rest of the service I remember not a word, but I can still see him standing there, his arms outstretched and shouting out, "Christ is risen," and I know what to reply.

Last weekend some of us were at Calvin Crest when Bill Dodge made the same point, saying that he could stand there and tell us how to ski, elaborate on the fine points of the diagonal stride, how to make a wedge turn, and we still wouldn't know how to ski. Unless we went out there on our skis, on the snow — falling, getting up, and falling again. Only then would we learn to ski.

After the resurrection, Luke tells the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus meeting with the risen Christ. They talk of the events of the past few days. Jesus points out that the death and resurrection was the fulfillment of the prophesied event. But [it is not] until they eat and he breaks and blesses the bread that they realize who their companion is. So it is at communion, when the bread is broken and wine is poured. In this familiar ritual I am caught up. All my doubts melt away and I buy it all. So it is with marking the Lenten season. I hear the old stories, take part in the ancient rituals. It's show and tell at its best.

Session:

2010 -- Emily Duffus, Juanita Stock (Clerk of Session)

2011 -- George Bunch, Wayne Norton

2012 -- Ellen Bauerle, Charlie May, Frank Miller

Pastor (Moderator)

Committees of the Session:

Administration:

The Administration Committee oversees the following functions of the church, along with the contact person (s): Buildings - Harry Blanchard and Sally Walters; Finances - Bob Scott; Grounds - Charlie May, chair for 2010 - Emily Duffus. Stewardship is a sub-committee of Administration. The committee is made up of representatives from all the other committees and is chaired by Frank Miller in 2010.

Committee members are:

Harry Blanchard, Emily Duffus, Russ Hobbs, Charlie May, Bob Scott, Sally Walters, Frank Miller.

Personnel:

This committee works with and supports the paid staff of the church. The committee is made up of one deacon, one session member and is chaired by the chairperson of the administration committee.

Emily Duffus (chairperson), Wayne Norton, Ann Collins

Nominating:

This committee is elected by the congregation and is charged with nominating members of the congregation to serve as officers in the church. The officers are elected each year by the congregation.

2010 nominating committee members are: Juanita Stock (chairperson), George Bunch, elder, Sally Walters, deacon; Meghan Collins, Tom Wichelmann, Mary Blanchard, and Mary Ann Hobbs as members at large.

Spiritual Enrichment:

This committee is responsible for the Christian education and worship of the church.

Committee Members are:

Ellen Bauerle (chairperson), Michael Christie, Juanita Stock, Darrell Yeaney

Mission:

This committee oversees the traditional "mission" work of the church -- both local and international. Committee members are:

Charlie May (Chair), Nancy Abbey, Sheena Adams, Lee Duffus, Kate Miller, Barbie Schaller, Lenore Spalaris, Wayne Norton, George Bunch.

Outreach:

This committee has responsibility for "evangelism" and, in that capacity, we provide oversight for the church website and advertising. We also write notes to all visitors and look for opportunities to welcome new people into the life of the church.

Committee members are:

George Bunch (chair), Lee Duffus, Lenore Spalaris, Dave Macway, Kate Miller, Elizabeth Bunch, Paul Seever.

Deacons:

2010 -- Joanne Clever, Sally Walters, Bookie Nichols

2011 -- Elizabeth Bunch, Mary Gilliland, Pete Halper

2012 -- Katherine Macway, Kate Miller, Karen Wichelmann

Pastor

Committee of Deacons:

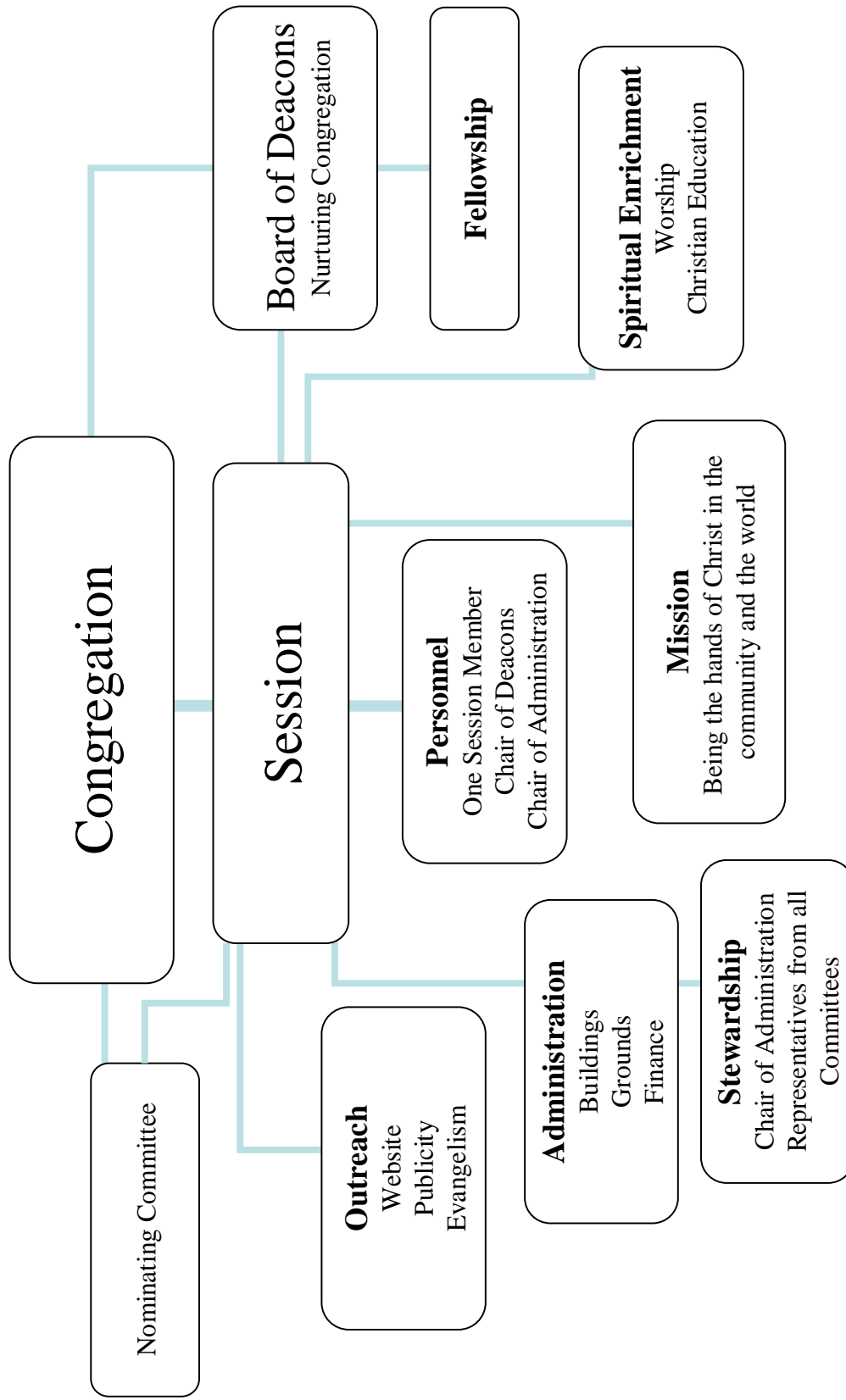
Fellowship:

We plan activities for each month including lunches and dinners, hikes or walks, special celebrations.

Committee members are:

Ann Collins, Thelma Dalman, Mary Ann Hobbs, Gwen May, Jane Beach, Karen Wichelmann, Betty Gangware, Chairperson

Trinity Presbyterian Church Committee Structure March 2010



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Sunday Saints



March 7 Communion Servers
Elders— Ellen Bauerle and Emily Duffus
Deacons— Karen Wichelmann and Katherine Macway

Greeter

Coffee

Usher

	Greeter	Coffee	Usher
March 7	Katherine Macway	Jane Beach	The May Family
March 14	Wayne Norton	Darrell and Sue Yeane	Russ and MaryAnn Hobbs
March 21	Scott Whitley	Frank and Kate Miller	David Gomez
March 28	Bookie Nichols	Bob and Barbara Scott	The Blanchards or Scotts

April 4 Communion Servers
Elders— Charlie May and Frank Miller
Deacons— Kate Miller

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> Office Closed AA 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	<i>2</i> Boy Scout Parent Meeting, 6:30 pm, YR, Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH AA 5:00 pm, FH Boutique 10 am YR Lenten Study, 6:00 pm	<i>3</i> Lenten Study, 6:00 pm	<i>4</i> Bible Study 1:00 pm, FS Admin. Meeting, 4:00 pm, Library AA 7:00-9:00 pm, YR	<i>5</i> Office Closed AA 7:30-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> Worship 10:30 am "Living the Questions" - 12:00 pm, Fireside Room Youth Group, 12 pm - 1:30 pm, YR	<i>8</i> Office Closed AA 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	<i>9</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH AA 5:00 pm, FH Spiritual Enrichment, 5:30 pm Fellowship Meeting, 6:30 pm, FS	<i>10</i> Deacons Meeting, 4:00 pm, at Joanne Clever's home Lenten Study, 6:00 pm at Joanne Clever's home	<i>11</i> Bible Study, 1:00 pm, Fireside Room Mission Committee, 6:00, Fireside Room	<i>12</i> Office Closed AA 7:30-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>13</i> Sweet Pea 9:00 am— 2:00 pm, Youth Room Church Officers Retreat, 9 - 2 at the Duffus home
<i>14</i> Worship 10:30 am New Membership Class, 12:00 pm, Fireside Room AA 8 am - 9 pm, FH	<i>15</i> Office Closed AA 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	<i>16</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH AA 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall Boutique, 10 am - 12 pm, YR Lenten Study, 6:00 pm, Fireside Room	<i>17</i> S.C. Neuropathy Group, 1:00 pm, Fireside Room St. Patrick's Day Dinner	<i>18</i> Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm Bible Study, 1:00 pm, FR AA 7:00-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall Session, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room	<i>19</i> Office Closed AA 7:30-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> Worship 10:30 am AA 8 am - 9 pm, FH	<i>22</i> Office Closed AA 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall Book Club, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room	<i>23</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall AA 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>24</i> Ombudsman 12:00—2:30 pm, Fireside Room Lenten Study, 6:00 pm, at the Duffus home	<i>25</i> Session 5:30 pm, FS Bible Study, 1:00 pm, Fireside Room AA 7:00-9:00 pm, YR	<i>26</i> Office Closed AA 7:30-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> Worship 10:30 am Palm Sunday AA 8 am - 9 pm, FH	<i>29</i> Office Closed AA 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	<i>30</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall AA 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>31</i>			
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