



The Chimes



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Worship Schedule

August 4, 2019

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion

Corn Boil

Psalm 107:1-9, 43; **Hosea 11:1-11**

"With Bands of Love"

Rev. Laura

August 11, 2019

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Band

Luke 12:32-40; **Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23**

"Give Thanks"

Rev. Laura

August 18, 2019

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blood Pressure Screening

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; **Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

"Therefore....."

Rev. Laura

August 25, 2019

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 71:1-6; **Luke 12:49-56**

"Jesus Made Her Able"

Rev. Laura



Youth and Parents Brainstorming Meeting

August 25th

11:00 am

Room 105

Avanti's gondolas will be
provided
Everyone Welcome

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August Calendar

Church Leadership**Session****Laurie Hartshorn, Clerk of Session****Class of 2019**

Charlotte Cronin

Mary Jo Mays

Kathy Nordvall

Betty Pugh

Class of 2020

Tim Cole

Deb Hanson

Don Hartshorn

Pam Madden

Alexis Maloof

Class of 2021

Christie Cook

Ellen Grohovena

Judy Helm

Jerry Randall

Jim Sullivan

Board of Deacons**Class of 2019**

Theresa Bender

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John Madden

Sue McGill

Rick Noetzel

Deb Paul

Nancy Pogue

Bev Ranson

Myrna Schwarz

Class of 2020

Judi Beck

Audrey Beeney

Pat Bensing

Theresa Buley

Betty Downard

Ann Gropp

Megan Marsh

Kathy Nixon

Nancy Thompson

Class of 2021

Alice Bremner

Eva Grubbs

Erin Heilman

Rich Lansdowne

Jan Mooberry

Kim Murray

Stephanie Randall

Mary Vetter

Julie Watson

Session Committee Moderators & Liaisons

Church Life

Charlotte Cronin

Hospitality & Growth

Ellen Grohovena

Christian Education

Pam Scranton/Cindy Shipley/Betty Pugh

Human Resources

Pam Madden/Deb Sullivan

Member Care

Mary Jo Mays /Deb Hanson

Mission

Christie Cook/Jenna Hague

Properties

Bob McDowell/Don Hartshorn

Stewardship & Finance

Megan McKeighan /Tim Cole

Worship & the Arts

Mark Hanson /Jerry Randall

Preschool

Pam Scranton/Kathy Nordvall

Nature Connections

Judy Helm

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Les Boswell, Mark Hanson, Sean Jennings*, Nicole Livsey, Alexis Maloof*, Sally Maubach, Stan Strickler; *Co-Moderators

Foundation

2019-Ellen Grohovena, Richard Kern

2020-Theresa Bender, Fred Roland

2021-Evan Hague, Rich Helm

The Pastor Nominating Committee is hard at work searching for who God will call to our ministry here at UPC.
For updates, check the Chimes or Weekly Ringer.

Interested in joining United Presbyterian Church?
Contact the pastor or visit our website at: www.unitedpc.org.

LETTER FROM LAURA

Someone asked me the other day how we can measure strength in a church and I remarked that sometimes it's tricky – we often can “feel” it but sometimes it's hard to quantify and measure. And because we're human, we are always in process, never finished, despite our best intentions and efforts. Yet we can feel the joy bubbling up here at UPC, can't we? This is a happy, purposeful church with a lot of different things going on. Lots of moving parts.

Most churches want to stand on four strong pillars: worship, mission, fellowship/pastoral care and study of the Bible, with an organizational structure that serves the mission of the church. Post WWII, many churches got into serving church structure rather than having the structure serve the church. We have flipped into structure serving mission and ministry here. It took a lot of hard work to do it.

We have a passion for worship here and it's the one event the majority of us have in common. Our volunteer effort that has been poured out this summer on worship is a witness to the investment so many have made here of being part of the solution, part of what makes UPC the energetic community it is.

And didn't we have a grand time on Sunday, July 28th? How good to have Faith in Action back, with clarity in its structure, drawing together all ages and abilities to be the hands of God in Peoria. Kudos to our Missions committee leading us to express care in concrete ways both near and far.

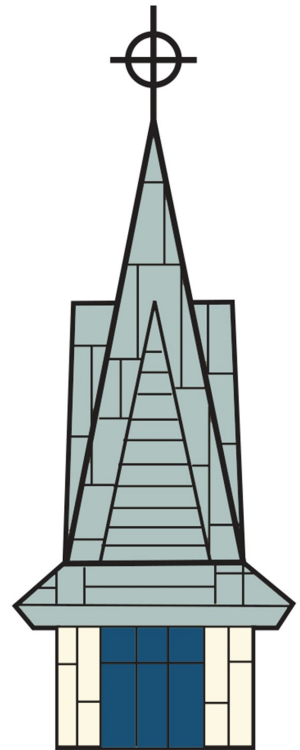
The organizational restructuring done with Pastor Patricia for the Board of Deacons and now in its third year of practice finds our connections being strengthened more and more as the 27 deacons and the faith community nurse lead us in ministries of compassion. And the FUN committee (aka Church Life) brings fun into our life together at every turn.

While baking with the preschoolers this spring, I was immersed in the learning environment that saturates the preschool. The emphasis on dreaming/imagining an idea, transforming the idea into action and sustaining what works has meant a steady deepening and building up of the school these first 8 years. We started with one classroom, twenty children, two teachers. We added variety: afternoon programs, before and after care, a toddler room and suddenly 2019 became the time to consider a new shared classroom space. If you run up to 201 today, it's hard to remember how dirty and underutilized it was just 5 months ago. The strength and growth in our preschool is now being carried over to CE. Every time we experience Godly play in our morning worship, we have a taste of what our preschoolers have for up to seven hours each day. Since this spring, we have more folks on the CE committee, a summer experiment going with worship, the youth group rebuilding, a mission trip to plan and new adult offerings in September. UPC is following the Apostle Paul's advice:

God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth, and tell it in love – like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.
(Ephesians 4:15-16, *The Message*)

Congratulations for all these robust signs of life in your midst!

Rev. Laura



Mission

Faith in Action Sunday- Thank you!

Thank you for your participation in Faith in Action Sunday on July 28th! Together our congregation partnered with our neighbors to pursue relief and restoration through faithful action and by loving others as Jesus first loved us. Our acts of love included:



Lunch prepared for residents at New Hope apartments



Labeling books for Look It's My Book



Updating visit rooms at Lutheran Social Services



Interior work at Common Place



Making fleece tie blankets for Share the Warmth



Packing Journey Bags for foster children with essentials



Assembling Snack Packs for children at Northmoor Elementary



Family Christmas Shop

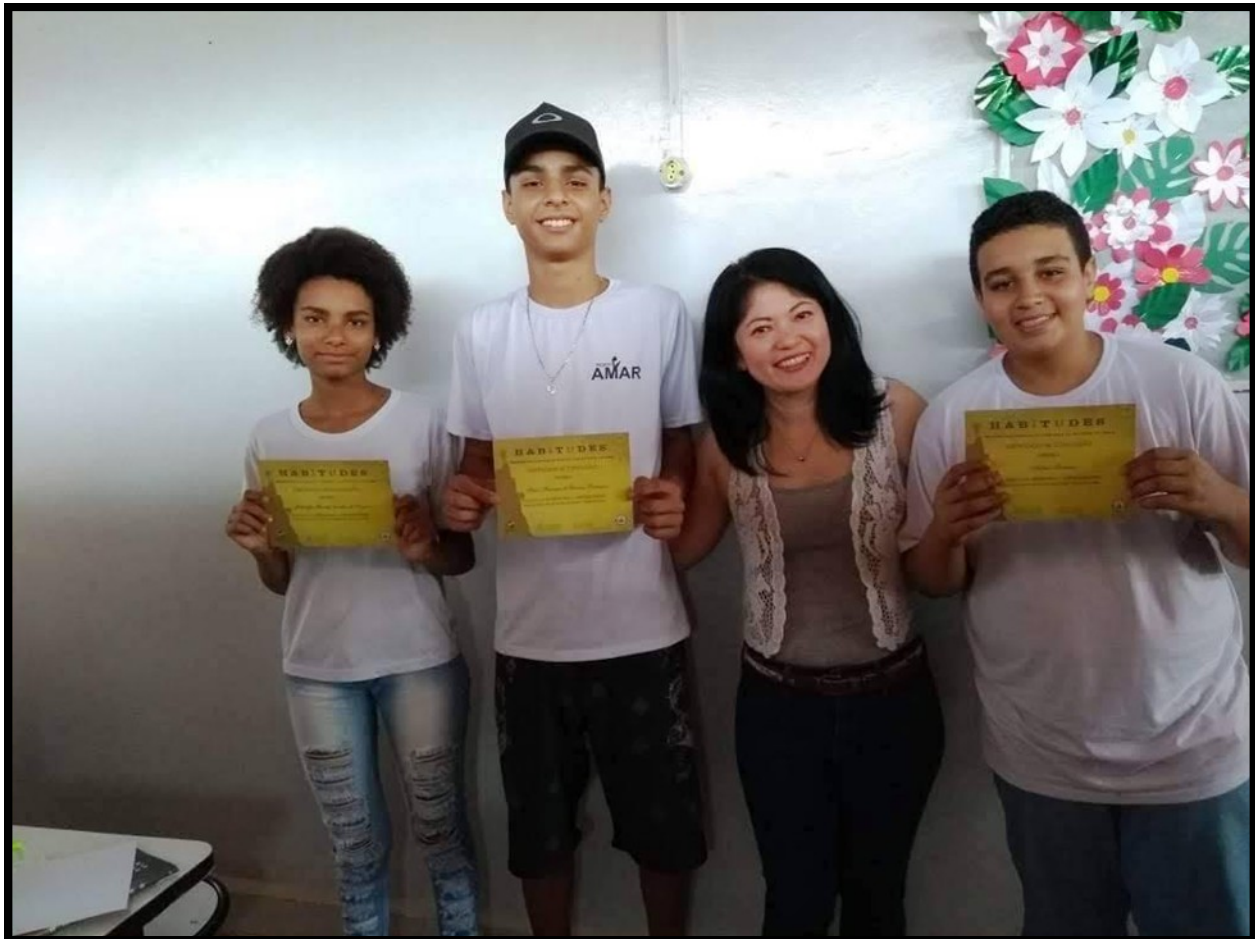
Believe it or not, your Mission Committee is already looking ahead to this year's Family Christmas Shop! This annual event provides gifts for families in our community at no cost to them. In addition, the families are able to enjoy an afternoon of holiday treats, family photos, and activities for the kids. If you are interested in helping plan this wonderful annual event, contact Jennie Boswell at jennie.boswell@gmail.com or 980-225-4477. The planning group will meet once in September and then start its work in earnest in October and November for our big event taking place on Saturday, December 7! You won't want to miss out on this great way to serve families right here in our community!

Projeto Amar Love Offering

Thank you so much for your ongoing love, prayers and support for our sponsored Learning Center program in Brazil, Projeto Amar. The Missions Committee is excited to take this month to not only raise money for our annual Love Offering for the school and VisionTrust, but also to provide updates, photos and information on the work that God has been doing through the staff, VisionTrust, and children at Projeto Amar. The ongoing need for our Learning Center program in Brazil is funding for programming and teacher salaries. Your contributions go directly to Projeto Amar to assist with these needs. In addition to the Love Offering we will be collecting through the entire month of August, there will also be information about a new way to connect with Brazil through child sponsorship; a great way as a family or small group to directly bless the life of a particular child and their family to support their faith journey and participation in school and programming at Projeto Amar. Our prayer is that you will be blessed and inspired by these updates and the works that have been happening in Brazil, made possible by the support of United Presbyterian Church.

Our goal this year is to raise \$3,000 for the ministries of Projeto Amar, and to have two (2) new children sponsored by members of our congregation. Projeto Amar's goals for the 2019 year:

- Increase volunteer leadership at Projeto Amar 1
- Support adequate salaries for staff to meet governmental requirements through local support, increasing child sponsorships, and partnerships with congregations/groups such as UPC
- Improvements continuously for the building to meet government standards
- Garner support from local entities to support the program by publicity, donations and volunteering
- Growing programming for students in areas of emotional and psychological services
- Increase discipleship and engagement of the older youth through a variety of programs and trainings



Church Life

Ladies Night Out

Place: Chicago Grill

814 W Pioneer Pkwy, Peoria

Date: Thursday, August 15, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

Any lady is invited and bring a friend too. RSVP to Eunice Andrews @ 688-8458 or Betty Pugh @ 822-8500. Come early and visit. If a ride is needed contact Betty Pugh.

News and Notes

Secure Donation

Want to make a secure donation? Please use the locked donation box at the back of the sanctuary by the center doors to assure your intentions ending up at the correct destination.

Opportunity

Currently there is a "like new" electric lift chair that needs to find a new home. If interested, call the church office for more information.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Rob and Clay Lohnes as they welcome the newest addition to their family: Ethan Gabriel Lohnes. They are all settling in well in their new home in NC and send love and greetings UPC's way!

You can get their new address through the office.

PNC

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Human Resources

UPDATE from Human Resources

We continue to focus on establishing standard processes and procedures for our financial practices at UPC. Kenton Bowles, with the volunteer assistance of Trish and Theresa Bender, has now gotten us established with a payroll service and transitioned us to a new software system for bookkeeping. We are pleased with this major updating and standardization.

Please note that the email for UPC financials has remained the same for several years:

finance@unitedpc.org We will continue to use that for our bookkeeping functions and all bookkeeping and payroll questions should be sent there. This email address should not be used as a way to reach Theresa Bender for Deacon or any other committee business. Please check your personal address book and update it as needed so that Theresa's email is going right to her. Thank you!

Please note that you will no longer find a mailbox labeled "bookkeeping" in the office. There is a mailbox labeled "Treasurer" in the bank of mailboxes in the workroom that are assigned to elders, the Preschool, etc. Receipts, reimbursement requests and so forth should go there. Money should be placed in the secure donation box by the center sanctuary doors or turned in to the Office Manager during office hours.

Lastly, we realize that with all the updating we've been doing this year in our financials, we may have inadvertently dropped a practice or report that you were used to receiving out of the Finance office. Since mind reading is not a gift of the Holy Spirit, we ask that you bring this to our attention so we are providing what's needed to assist with your work.

Thanks for your support as we continue to upgrade the administrative practices of the church.

Pam Madden

Thanks

Thank for the congregation of United Presbyterian church for the generous donations of school supplies and for serving as a drop-off location for school supply donations for children in foster care. The Mission Committee and The Forgotten Initiative

Dear Church Members,
I must thank Bev Ranson for her visit with me this week. She was so sweet to bring me a beautiful berry muffin. I'm not able to attend church, but I'm with you in spirit.
Mary Zentgraf

Thank you UPC for thinking of us and sending us a card congratulating us on our new baby! We feel so blessed to be a part of such a caring church. Thank you so much for all you do.

Thanks again,
Jessica Foster & Family

Dear Church Family,

This thank you is both long overdue and ongoing. It has been a difficult year for me with my lengthy spine fusion surgery, the two surgeries that followed due to a deep infection in the incision, two months of daily strong antibiotics at the infusion center, having to return to work full time after 6 weeks, twice weekly physical therapy to find and strengthen a new center of balance, ongoing issues with a small but significant leg length difference, and lots of orthotics visits for build-ups and inserts. In addition, I experienced the deaths of my father, and an uncle and aunt, and my mother had two episodes of struggling with serious illness. I have also been dealing with the knowledge that my current job is over at the end of September, and I am in the job search process, weighing pros and cons of different options, while helping train my replacement.

I really can't put into words the appreciation I feel for the many people who have supported me and the many ways I have received assistance. The church sent a rose and loaned me medical equipment, several people visited and made calls to check in, I received many greeting cards, my Deacon stayed in touch, and I know I was surrounded and embraced by so many prayers! I am finally starting to feel that there are ways I can begin to give back, again, after receiving so much!

With deep gratitude,
Penny Brower

Session Policy

Building Being Re-Keyed

The exterior doors are being re-keyed after the Rummage Sale is over. The number of exterior door keys in circulation is being greatly reduced. In general, if you are not in a role that means you need daily and/or emergency access for entry at times the office is not open, you will not be receiving a new key. For example, some group leaders have had door keys for years, but need access once a month or less. We will not be issuing keys to such users. Instead, they will be able to check out a key to use on an as needed basis.

If you will be receiving a new outside door key, you will receive a letter this week asking you come into the office and sign some paperwork so a new key can be issued.

This does not mean your current key is no longer useful. For example some preschool staff, will use their current keys to open all the doors they open each day such as classrooms, supply room and gym. However, they do not need outside door keys and will not receive them.

When in doubt, do NOT throw it out! Please direct any and all questions to the office (693-2002). A current key should either be retained by you because of its interior usefulness or returned, receiving the privilege of being able to check out a key on an as needed basis.

Prayer Corner

Please keep the following people in your thoughts:

Eunice Andrews
 Marilyn Bain
 Mary Buesing
 Penny Brower
 Dana (Jones)
 Betty Downard
 A'Miyah Eakle
 Mary Everett
 Pat Hagenbuch
 Geneva Hall (Gulley)
 Jes Hall
 Harrison & Ryleigh
 Kent, Dawn & Ryan Higgins
 Doug Jackson
 Mary Jermac
 Michelle Johnson (Kelley)
 Ann Jones
 Dwight Jones
 Betty Keller
 Mike Kelley
 Rina Krall
 Debbie Kutter
 Michelle Martin
 David McDowell
 Larry Mercier
 Dean Peoples
 Christy & Jeff Presseau (Maloof)
 Projeto Amar I and II
 Jeff Rickett
 Joan Sathoff
 Janet Shepler
 Dave Smith
 Larry & Sara Stotts
 Josh Swank
 Jack Umdenstock
 Felicia Vallosio
 Parker Waldschmidt
 Richard West
 Jon Wrigley
 Ruthie Yingling
 Young man battling cancer



Prayers of Christian sympathy for Jason Carr and family on the death of his father, Gregg Carr on June 28th.

Prayers of Christian sympathy for Marilyn Bain and family on the death of her husband Ernie on July 3rd.

Worship & Arts

Slides for Worship Services

Have an upcoming event you need a slide to be displayed before worship services? Complete the form on the link below and turn it in. Thank you for help during this transition time.

<http://bit.ly/UPCSlides>

Worship and Arts Updates

The search team of Joe Bender, Pat Bensing, Erin Cole (Chair), Sue Hulin and Craig Mousty have been hard at work updating the job description and advertising to fill the Director's position. They have been meeting frequently, reviewing all applications they receive, following up leads and making contact with applicants. They are hoping to soon be able to identify the next UPC Worship and Arts Director and make a recommendation to the Session about hiring. We are really appreciative of them doing all this work in the midst of their own summer plans.

In addition, they have been working behind the scenes to line up special music and musicians for each Sunday and recruit Charlie Vetter to direct the Community Choir. Jon Wrigley, Evan and Jenna Hague, Charlotte Cronin and Trish have kept up with Media Shout, the Website, Facebook page, Instagram, worship slides, bulletins, and worship leadership recruitment.

The Worship and Arts Committee hosted our recent concert in the parking lot with the Peoria Municipal Band and did a great job organizing and managing that event.

I'm grateful to be partnered with folks so willing to step up and do a piece to help preparing for worship week by week.

Blessings,
 Rev. Laura

Something's Coming and It's Really Big!

Circle Sunday, October 6, 11 – 2 pm. on your calendars and be sure to you don't schedule over it! Nature Connections is again sponsoring **Monarch Day at UPC.** If you came several years ago you know it is a truly magical fun event celebrating God's Natural World.



- Free butterfly pork chop lunch!
- (Nature Connections treat!!!)
- Tagging/release of hundreds of Monarchs raised by our preschoolers. Watch them all soar!
- Information booths on Pollinator Gardens and Monarchs
- A photo booth with costumes
- See the Award winning documentary, *Flight of the Butterflies* on our big screen.

New this year!! Tickets to give to your family and friends. If they come and their ticket is drawn you and your friends win fabulous door prizes!

Mark those calendars, warn your friends and family! **UPC October 6, the place to be!**



Faith Community Nurse

Meningococcal Disease

Every year as children start back to school, we hear a lot about the importance of immunizations. One such immunization is the Meningococcal vaccine.

Meningococcal disease, caused by the bacteria *Neisseria meningitides*, is a rare but very serious illness. The disease can cause meningitis and bloodstream infections, both of which can be deadly. The infections typically appear 3 to 7 days after a person is exposed to the bacteria. Death can occur as quickly as in a few hours. Consequences for people who do recover can include deafness, brain damage, loss of limb(s), and nervous system problems.

Meningococcal meningitis causes the tissue covering the brain and spinal cord to become infected and swollen. Symptoms include headache, fever, and stiff neck. Additional symptoms can include nausea, vomiting, and confusion.

In a bloodstream infection, the bacteria enter the bloodstream and multiply. This can cause damage to the blood vessel walls which can cause bleeding into the organs and skin. Symptoms can include fatigue, vomiting, diarrhea, fever or cold chills, cold hands and feet, rapid breathing; pain in the joints, muscles, chest, or abdomen; and a dark purple rash.

Meningococcal disease is spread by throat and respiratory secretions during close or lengthy contact. Transmission can occur through coughing and kissing. Young adults, teens, and babies have higher rates of this disease than people of other ages do. Antibiotics are used to treat meningococcal disease and should be started as soon as possible. Medical care should be sought immediately if this disease is suspected.

In order to prevent meningococcal disease, a vaccine is recommended. All teens and preteens should be vaccinated. Preteens age 11 or 12 years should receive one dose of the vaccine. A booster dose of the vaccine should be given at 16 years of age. This should allow protection from 16-23 years of age. It is important to talk with your healthcare provider about this vaccine and any vaccines which your child might need. Please see the education board and table in the Welcome Center for immunization information.

<https://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/downloads/17-275138A-meningococcalDisFS.pdf>

Keli Briggs, MSN, RN
Faith Community Nurse

Bereavement Support

Just a reminder the UPC, in conjunction with OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, offers two bereavement groups.

- Parent's Bereavement meets at UPC at 1:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month. This group is primarily for parents who have lost adult children.
- Another bereavement group offers two options, one at 3:00 p.m. every Tuesday and another at 6:00 p.m. every Thursday at UPC. This group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one.

There is no sign up necessary; just come to whichever group meets your needs.



Blood Pressure Screening

Blood Pressure screening for August will be on the third Sunday, August 18th. Please stop by and have your blood pressure checked.



Christian Education Upcoming Events



Sunday, August 25: Join us after church for a planning session for Youth Group and parents. Let's dream and plan for the youth of United Presbyterian Church! Avanti's gondolas for lunch! RSVP to Lindsey Hanson and Anne Swanson

Sunday, September 8: Fall Kick-off for Christian Education! Join us upstairs to dedicate the new classroom, recognize all the hard work of our Properties committee, and see the new Sunday School spaces. Passport game and prizes!

Please join us as we work, plan, and dream for the children and youth of United Presbyterian Church!



Highlights

Looking ahead:

July 29th – Aug 3rd – Rummage Sale

Aug. 4th -- Corn Boil

Menu includes: chicken, pulled pork, baked beans, mashed potatoes, lettuce salad and fresh corn.

The suggested donation of \$10/adult, with children under 5 free, will benefit the youth mission trip in 2020.

Aug. 18th –Vision Trust/Projeto Amar

Love Offering Collected (see page 5)

Aug. 25th Youth Group and Parents

Brainstorming Meeting with FOOD

Sept. 8—First Day of Sunday School

Sept. 11—Connectiong Point Begins

Sept.15—Church Picnic

August 2019

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4 Communion Corn Boil 8:30 PNC 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:00 Library Open	5 8:30 Exercise 9:00 Home Communion Visits 5:30 Member Care 6:00 Tai Chi 6:30 Properties 6:30 Church Life	6 No PASG Gen Mtg 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:30 Families Anonymous	7 8:30 Pastors' Bible Study 6:00 Tai Chi	8 8:30 Exercise 11:30 PASGDTS No Tai Chi 6:00 Bereavement 6:30 Stewardship & Finance	9 1:00 Mah Jongg	10
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