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Hello Friends,

The words below come from Albany Presbytery's e-news:

“Hilarious. That’s probably not a word that most folks would equate with faith. The Jesus way of life is filled with sacrifice and dying to self, with confession and repentance, right? Faith is more comfortable in rooms filled with chanting and candles, or folks with arms lifted high enraptured by the goodness of God. Sacred. Holy. These are words that don’t hang out with hilarious. Hilarious belongs down in the pub, lubricated by a pint, joking around with friends.

There is only one use of that word in the Bible. Not that finding it is very easy. Translators tame it down a lot. They make it dignified, pleasant, respectable, or ROTFLing (that’s millennial for rolling on the floor laughing) Hilarious is hiding under the comfortable, under-control word ‘Cheerful’ in 2 Corinthians 9:7.

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Cheerful? The word just is not strong enough. Hilarious is better, joy-filled, pressed down, overflowing, out-of-control. God loves hilarious giving. God loves to join in on the joy. God knows that we cannot out give God. God knows that when we call one another to give beyond our comfort-level, we are calling ourselves to let God be our security. When we risk losing control, we are more open to trusting God to meet needs - through us. God wired us that way. When we stay on the generous side of life, we behave like Jesus who gave his life so that we could live abundantly.”

As we hear about this year’s stewardship goals in the coming weeks, keep the above words in mind. Listen prayerfully to the requests to increase both the numbers of people turning in their estimates of giving for 2020 and the estimated giving total value. Listen excitedly as we hear messages about how the church uses the money in service to Jesus. Listen respectfully as we hear about efforts to ensure resources not just for today but for our future. Listen with smiles as God joins in on the joy. It will be hilarious in the Biblical sense.

Peace,
Pastor Bill



And - A Personal Thank You from Pastor Bill

One of the most enjoyable rewards in ministry is when things come together in ways that lift the spirits, and I get to watch and share in the joy. That was my experience on Sunday, September 8. Rick Spalding helped set a wonderful tone in worship with a meaningful sermon. Before and after church, people pitched in to help with set-up, serving and clean-up for the picnic. The weather was bright and comfortable. There was a spirit of genuine fellowship and joy. And I got to enjoy it all. My only regrets were for those who couldn't be here that day, and sadness for those who chose not to stay.

“Weaving our Future Together”

Stewardship at Westminster

Our 2020 Stewardship theme celebrates *“Weaving our Future Together.”* We have spent the year celebrating our rich Westminster history in a variety of ways. On June 2, we celebrated Westminster as Woven Together in History with a historic style communion on the 100th anniversary of the first communion after Third Presbyterian Church merged with State Street to form Westminster Presbyterian Church. Recently, we celebrated “Weaving Together Lives of Faith” as Rick Spalding preached at the start of Sunday school September 8th and on October 27 we'll look ahead “Weaving Our Future Together” during worship with Rev. Jim Reisner.

We have much to celebrate this Stewardship Season as we celebrate Westminster's past and future. How can we individually contribute toward this complex, beautiful Westminster weave? Let us prayerfully consider our time, talents and treasures and how we can use them toward Westminster's resources to ensure long term sustainability in our growing faith and culture.

Stewardship confronts our culture. Westminster is called to be the community of those who put their trust in God, indicting the materialism and self-centeredness of our culture. Yet even as we stand apart from our world, we choose to serve the world as trustees of God's good gifts.

Matthew 6:25-33; Luke 12:16-21; James 5:1-6. Furthermore, God demands responsibility. God has assigned each of us the task of managing the resources we have been given - including time, money, abilities and care of the earth. God will hold each person responsible for the faithfulness of her/his stewardship. ***Genesis 1:27-30; Luke 16:10; Matthew 25:14-30.***

As you prayerfully contemplate your stewardship, please join us **November 17th for Dedication Sunday**, where you will have an opportunity to include your Estimate of Giving with the regular Sunday collection and we will celebrate our collective giving together. You can also provide your Estimate of Giving online at wpcalbany.org/give

Your 2020 Stewardship and Budget Committee: Kelly Crisfield, Leif Hartmark, Pastor Bill Schram, Dixon Southworth and Larry Volk



Heritage Potluck Dinner: Saturday, October 26

Reception at 5:00; Dinner at 6:00

Special Guests - the Reisner Family

Plan now to participate in this celebration of our various cultural backgrounds by contributing a dish that reflects your family heritage! Prepared in our many homes and shared together in our church, these foods reflect who Westminster is today.

Sunday mornings, October 6, 13 and 20, armed with clipboards and baking tins, Fatmata Hilton, Nancy Ost, and Linore Southworth will greet you, asking you to sign-up and give us an idea of what you will prepare... no money, just food like your grandparents may have once prepared! A special note: *If you cannot bring such a dish, please feel free to bring anything you like - call it "International!"*

A second special note: Might you dress in clothes from your heritage - the more colorful the better?

Friday, October 25, volunteers will set-up the Assembly Room. We gather Saturday at 5:00 for a time to warm the food (in those tins if possible) and to greet our guests of honor: the Reisner family - Jim, Martha, Joseph and Charlie.

Then we eat - serving ourselves from the various dishes, hopefully labeled by the cooks, perhaps with notes describing from whence they came. After dinner, the Reisners tell us of "Life After WPC."

Well fed, woven together by memory and hope, we will go out into the night to rest for the coming Sunday. But... not before assisting Fatmata Hilton and Kris Wilhelm in picking up, putting away!

For more information or to volunteer, contact Linore Southworth or Sue Barwig from the Centennial Committee. You can also contact Fatmata Hilton, Kris Wilhelm and Nancy Ost from the event team to learn how you can best help. Some tasks include: set-up Friday morning; and help on Saturday in the kitchen, during dinner, or clean-up.

Centennial Celebration Worship - Sunday, October 27

Westminster is rightly proud to say it fosters broad diversity and radical hospitality today, and honors the traditions and faithful life of our forebears in faith. We will close our Centennial Year Celebration with worship on October 27, Reformation Sunday. We will celebrate a fuller understanding of the Reformation faith, consistent with our values. Much of our American Presbyterian roots came from Scots Presbyterians, so we will again celebrate with bagpipes and the tartan banners. Plan to arrive early to hear the bagpipes at 9:45 on State Street. We will add to the procession the new banners representing our Reformed/Presbyterian mission partners overseas. The presentation table will have tartans and cloths representing the wider reach of Presbyterianism. We will celebrate the faithful whose past actions have made us who we are today.

Helping us do this will be the Rev. Jim Reisner. We welcome Jim back to the Westminster pulpit for this celebration. The worship will celebrate what Westminster has woven together in the past - threads from different predecessor congregations, from different ages, and from different backgrounds. We will also celebrate that we are still weaving our future together. Join us to appreciate Rev. Reisner's contribution to our Centennial Celebration and to look ahead to our future.

We would love you to help out! To carry a banner, contact David or Sarah Hershey. To bake shortbread or assist with the reception following worship, please contact Valerie Shanley.



Pastor Nominating Committee Update

by Committee member Larry Volk

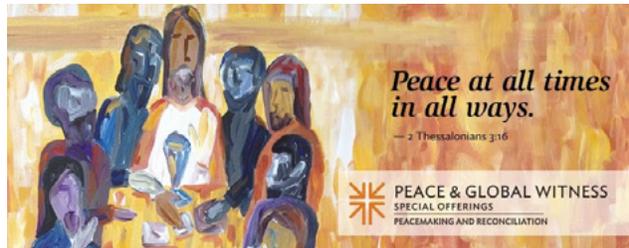
Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was busy through the summer. We worked our way through completion of the required Mission Information Form (MIF). The draft was then discussed at a special Session meeting called by Pastor Schram, with members of the PNC in attendance. There was general agreement on how the Committee had chosen to answer the questions and the discussion and the perspectives offered were great. The Committee took the comments and suggestions and did one last revision to the MIF, submitted it to Session for review and obtained their approval.

The last part of this step in the process is getting Presbytery's approval from the Committee on Ministry and Congregations (COMAC). COMAC met on Thursday, September 12 and also approved MIF. The MIF information was then entered into the PCUSA website by Lynne McKee to begin the matching process. The Committee has also met to prepare for the process of interviewing candidates. This is a major step forward in our process of searching for our new permanent pastor!

We remain grateful that you have given us this opportunity to serve you and our Lord.

Christabel Abban, Ervin Ashburn, Beth Coombe, Lily Mercogliano Easton, Caleb Karkari-Mensah, Lynne McKee, and Larry Volk

Peace and Global Witness Offering



Sometimes the church talks about the work we do as an obligation or a duty. But try to remember 'invitation' instead. Every time we are asked to give of ourselves, our time, our talent and our treasure, it helps to think of it

as an invitation to imagine and be a part of God's reign on earth. And on World Communion Sunday, I can think of no more appropriate word than 'invitation.'

Christ invites, and we also offer ourselves to the world-wide pursuit to end violence and bring about reconciliation through the Peace and Global Witness Offering. And this offering will support the work of Albany's "My Brother's and Sister's Keepers" program, directed by Willie White, with the 25% that we retain in this congregation.

It is one of the ways we RSVP 'yes' to Christ's invitation and offer, as the words in 2 Thessalonians say, 'peace, at all times, in all ways.' At Christ's table, and in these gifts, we are invited to believe those words. But for peace to truly be offered 'at all times, in all ways' we will start at THIS time and in THESE ways. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. The offering will be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 6.

Peace,
Pastor Bill

Join Our Conversation on Fellowship

Sunday, October 6

One of members' priorities that emerged from our CAT congregational study, was increasing opportunities for fellowship. This included everything from events open to the whole congregation, to small groups. Help us take the next step in addressing this priority. On October 6, the Second Hour will be a discussion on ideas for fellowship activities. We will list ideas and then try to determine which has enough support to be among the first things tried. It's one thing to say, "someone should" in a study. It's a blessing when people say "we can and will."

Church Directory Update

Good news! The much-awaited new Westminster Family Directory will be delivered in early October. Remember, all those who had photos taken by Lifetouch will receive a free copy. A new feature to be introduced is the Lifetouch Mobile Directory option that can be used to view the directory on smartphones or other electronic devices. Stay tuned for details in our online news emails and bulletins!



Capital Campaign: Chapel Renovation Project

Westminster's small chapel is being transformed! Your Capital Campaign Committee has worked hard under the coordination of Valerie Shanley and Forrest Holroyd to revitalize this small room into a multi-purpose setting. The room has been freshly painted, the floor riser has been removed and base board carpentry repair work complete. Window hardware (brass) was restored to its original finish and the window chains have been improved, making the windows operable again. Flooring installation was done in early September. The windows have been measured by an installer for cellular shades. We continue to shop for light fixtures, media solutions and stackable arm chairs. In addition, we are studying the placement of our treasured memorial plaques.

We anticipate completion of our chapel renovation this fall; please stop by and take a look!

Music News

Capital Chamber Artists Westminster's resident chamber ensemble, the Capitol Chamber Artists, has announced its 51st annual season of concerts. The first of these, on October 20, will focus on works written for the solo violin by Vivaldi, Bach, and Massenet. The second, on November 17 will feature the organ more prominently in solo and ensemble roles. CCA's complete calendar of performances is as follows:

Sunday, October 20
Sunday, November 17
Sunday, December 15
Sunday, February 23
Sunday, April 26

All concerts begin at 3:00 PM, and admission is free for members and friends of Westminster Church.

Monday Musical Club On Sunday, November 3, at 3:00 PM, the venerable Monday Musical Club will return to Westminster Church for its annual Artist-Members concert. The Monday Musical Club has played an important role in the musical life of the Capital Region for well over a century. All proceeds from their concert at Westminster will benefit the club's scholarship fund, which helps young local musicians pursue their musical career goals in colleges and conservatories.

Church School News

We look forward to another great year of Church School at Westminster. Students and leaders have started conversations on different ways to show kindness to everyone. Check out the wall by the stairs leading up to the Third Floor, join in this conversation, and earn a "Be Kind" key ring.

Parents, please do bring the children to church and stop by whenever you have the availability. Children are always encouraged to invite their friends to come to church school.

Schuyler Inn Book Distribution: October 16

A Schuyler Inn Book Distribution has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. We're happy to report our book-donating partner in these distributions, Grassroot Givers, moved over the summer to their new, permanent location at 522 Washington Avenue at the corner of Quail.

A Book Distribution will also be part of the holiday party at Schuyler Inn on December 14th.

We continue to try to give \$10 gift cards for either Price Chopper or Walmart to each resident family at these events. Donations of these gift cards are always welcome and can be given to Allan Tedrow.

Gail Garrison wants to thank the Westminster members that assist with the distributions: Mary Jean and Allan Tedrow, Ned Trudeau, Nancy Ost, and Lynne McKee.

African Family Night Family Night: Saturday, November 9

Join us on Saturday, November 9 for the Annual African Night fundraiser, from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Hear keynote speaker Willie White and learn how donations to Westminster are making a difference in West Africa.



We are delighted that our own Willie White will be the keynote speaker. Willie has been closely involved in our African Mission initiatives. He was a member of the 2013 and 2016 teams sent to Ghana, and helped entertain WPC visitors from Tema in 2014 and 2018. Willie is a native of Mississippi who has lived in the South End of Albany since 1967. He founded AVillage Inc. in 2009 - a community organization whose aim is to engage and empower the community, reclaim neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for residents of the South End and beyond. Important accomplishments of AVillage include restoring city budget funding for youth programs, creating safe spaces for children youth, and successfully advocating for bus service in the South End. Through his leadership, AVillage was able to partner with numerous community organizations to improve community life and opportunity. According to a Times Union article Willie “led or participated in nearly every significant battle for racial equality and social justice in the city’s South End over the past decade.” After leaving AVillage in 2018 he joined the City of Albany where he now serves as a Senior Employment Training Specialist as well as the Executive Director of the Albany’s *My Brother’s & Sister’s Keeper* Program.



Enjoying the new well at Hope Mission School, Liberia

Westminster Presbyterian Church's African Family Night Saturday, November 9, 2019

5:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Dish-to-Pass Dinner

Keynote Speaker at 6:15 pm

Willie White
Executive Director of Albany's
My Brother's and Sister's Keeper Program

“Restoration of a Nation”

Transforming the Lives of Children
in Ghana, Liberia & Sierra Leone



WESTMINSTER \$10,000 Fundraising Goal
— Presbyterian Church

Kindly respond by Tuesday, November 5: 518-436-8544 • office@wpcalbany.org

Sign-up online: wpcalbany.org/upcoming-events

Parking & Donations: 85 Chestnut St. Albany, NY 12210

Give online: wpcalbany.org/give

wpcalbany.org

Checks payable to: Westminster Church (“African Dinner” in the memo line)



Updates on African Mission Partnership Outcomes

One Well & Six Toilets Help Change a Liberian Community

Westminster and its FACE Africa partner have joined together to bring safe water and toilets to a community in Liberia since 2011. On each project Westminster has donated 1/4 to 1/3 of the cost; the balance has been raised by FACE Africa. An August FACE Africa report sent to the Church by Executive Director Saran Kaba Jones shows the newly updated facilities and describes what the facilities have meant to the Hope Mission School and surrounding community.

In a beautifully illustrated report, FACE Africa notes that the original well and six toilets, completed eight years ago, significantly improved the conditions at the school of 60 students and the surrounding community of 300 residents. "Since then, both the school and community have seen rapid and exponential growth, thanks in part to FACE Africa's WASH intervention. Today the school enrolls 309 students and the community counts over 3,000 residents, 10 times what it was when FACE Africa constructed the well and latrines."

MoonCatcher Project Inspires Program in Nyitawuta, Ghana

After she participated in an Albany area MoonBee, Barbara Asempa, our partner at the Home of Care and Protection (HOCAP) in Tema, Ghana, conducted a menstrual hygiene needs assessment in rural communities known to HOCAP and to our Tema Redemption Church partner. The two partners requested and received funding from WPC for menstrual hygiene projects in two communities (Nyitawuta and Okushibri). Westminster sent the MoonCatcher curricula (for both girls and boys) to HOCAP. Barbara and her team have since started educating girls and boys, as well as parents and teachers.

In Nyitawuta HOCAP recently found a seamstress to teach sewing, purchased three sewing machines, and started making pads, to the delight of local teenagers. More information on this project and photographs of the girls participating in the sewing program can be found on the following blog: mooncatcher.org/new-blog Barbara now has \$450 of the \$1,450 HOCAP wants to raise this year to support the sewing program in Nyitawuta through February 2020.

To learn more about how Westminster is working with partners to do mission in West Africa, come to the second hour on Sunday, October 20.

Save the Date! Festive Schuyler Inn Family Party with Santa: Volunteers Needed

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Contacts: Nancy Ost regarding the week day winter clothing giveaway nancyalfs@yahoo.com; Lois Wilson, regarding the party LWilson502@aol.com



Volunteers Needed for Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter

How Can You Help?

The Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter, operated by the Capital Area Council of Churches (CACC) at First Lutheran Church in Albany, will open its doors again for the season on November 1st to serve up to 18 men. The Shelter is scheduled to remain open through April. See more details about the Shelter wpcalbany.org/capital-region. Westminster provides volunteer services on Sunday nights throughout the cold season. Volunteers serve on a rotating schedule. There are two great options for getting involved in this ministry of service to homeless men in our community:

- Provide on-site hospitality: Join the team of WPC volunteers who welcome guests on Sunday nights and serve meals.
- Prepare nourishing dinners: WPC volunteers team-up to prepare and deliver meals for guests to enjoy on Sunday nights.

For more information or to sign-up to help, please contact:
Valerie Shanley at 518-366-8747/vshanley@nycap.rr.com
or Sheila Wrede at 518-419-7324/smwrede@gmail.com

Report from Session

Session joyfully received Kristen Broad, Darlene Comproski, Wileen (Lynn) Chick, Charles Lim, and Margaret Sheriff as members of Westminster Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith during a June 9 Special Session Meeting. We didn't hold regular Session meetings in July and August. However, we did hold a special meeting in August with members of the Pastoral Nominating Committee to review the Ministry Information form prepared by them. We gratefully acknowledge the many hours they have devoted so far to their task of searching for our next Pastor. The MIF was subsequently approved by Session. At our September meeting, we approved a new investment manager, James Coker of Merrill Lynch, recommended by the Investment Committee and the Board of Trustees. Prayerful consideration continues as we enter stewardship season and preparation of our 2020 spending plan. We are already immersed in the energy that the fall brings!

Thanksgiving Service

Our Thanksgiving worship tradition continues again this year. The interfaith Union Thanksgiving Service will be held at Congregation Beth Emeth the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, November 26th at 7:30 pm, 100 Academy Road in Albany.



Worship & Second Hours

Sunday, October 6

10:00 Worship
"Is a New Humanity Possible?"
Second Hour: Congregational Sharing fellowship thoughts and ideas

World Communion Sunday

Rev. Bill Schram leading worship
Ephesians 2:11-22, Luke 18:15-17

Sunday, October 13

10:00 Worship
Rev. Kate Kotfila, Presbytery Moderator will preach at Westminster
Second Hour: led by Kate Kotfila

Pulpit Exchange

Sunday, October 20

10:00 Worship
"In Memory of ..."
Second Hour: African Mission

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Bill Schram leading worship
Numbers 13:26-33, Romans 7:14-16

Sunday, October 27

9:45 Bagpipes on State Street
10:00 Worship
Reception following worship

Centennial Year Reformation Festival

Rev. Jim Reisner preaching

Sunday, November 3

10:00 Worship
"You Asked For It: Why I'm Still a Presbyterian"
Second Hour: Stewardship/Budget Presentation

Sunday After Reformation Day

Rev. Bill Schram leading worship
Ephesians 2:4-9, John 8:31-36

Sunday, November 10

10:00 Worship
Second Hour: Responding to Addiction Program-Part 1

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Preacher Rev. Paul Randall
Luke 19:1-10

Sunday, November 17

10:00 Worship
"The Intrusion of Life"
Second Hour: Responding to Addiction Program-Part 2

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

Rev. Bill Schram leading worship
1 Chronicles 29:10-13, Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, November 24

10:00 Worship
"The Death of Thanksgiving"
Second Hour: Simplifying Christmas

Thanksgiving Sunday

Rev. Bill Schram leading worship
Colossians 1:11-20, John 6:24-35

Tuesday, November 25

7:30 pm Worship

Union Thanksgiving Service

Congregation Beth Emeth
100 Academy Road, Albany, NY



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OCTOBER

1
7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express
6:30 pm Tai Chi

2
7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express

3
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

4
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

SUNDAY October 6
9:00 am Sunday Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Church School
11:15 am Second Hour

7
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

8
7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express
6:30 pm Tai Chi
6:30 pm Session

9
7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express

10
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

SUNDAY October 13
9:00 am Sunday Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Church School
11:15 am Second Hour

14 **Columbus day**
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

15
7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express
6:30 pm Tai Chi
7:00 pm Compassionate Friends
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

16
7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express
6:00 pm Pine Bush Dinner

17
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

18
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

19
1:00 pm Capital Chamber Rehearsal

SUNDAY October 20
9:00 am Sunday Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Church School
11:15 am Second Hour
11:15 am Deacons meeting
3:00 pm Capital Chamber Artists Concert

21
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

22
7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express
6:30 pm Tai Chi

23
7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express

24
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

25
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

26
5:00 pm Heritage Potluck Dinner

SUNDAY October 27
9:00 am Sunday Bible Study
9:45 am Bagpipes on State Street
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Church School
11:15 am Reception

28
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

29
7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express
6:30 pm Tai Chi

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7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express

31
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY November 3
Daylight Saving Time ends
9:00 am Sunday Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Church School
11:15 am Second Hour
1:30 pm Monday Musical Club Concert

4
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

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7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast
6:30 pm Tai Chi

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7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast

7
7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

8
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

9
5:00 pm African Family Night

SUNDAY November 10
9:00 am Sunday Bible Study
10:00 am Worship

11:15 am Church School
11:15 am Second Hour

11 **Veterans Day-Office Closed**
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

12
7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast
6:30 pm Tai Chi
7:00 pm Session Meeting

13
7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast

14
7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

15
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

SUNDAY November 17
9:00 am Sunday Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Church School begins
11:15 am Second Hour
11:15 am Deacons Meeting
3:00 pm Capital Chamber Artists Concert

18
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

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7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast
6:30 pm Tai Chi
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

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7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast
6:00 pm Pine Bush Dinner

21
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

22
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

SUNDAY November 24
9:00 am Sunday Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Church School
11:15 am Second Hour

25
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class
7:15 pm Union Thanksgiving
@ Beth Emeth

26
7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast
6:30 pm Tai Chi

27
7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast

28 **Thanksgiving Day**
Office Closed
7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast

29
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

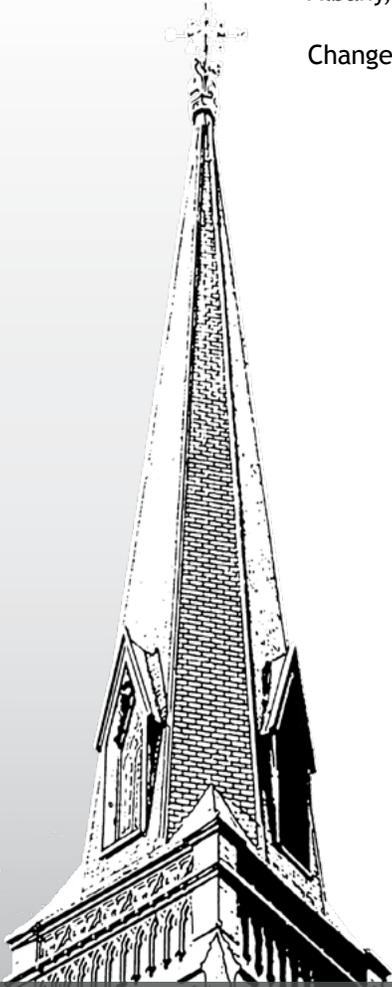


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