



Chimes

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Bethel United Methodist Church
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Greetings in the Lord,

Did you hear the one about the Rabbi and the New England minister who were getting to know each other? Proudly, the minister exclaimed, "One of my ancestors signed the Declaration of Independence," to which the Rabbi responded, "One of my ancestors signed the Ten Commandments." I can still remember the pride I felt when I discovered that one of my ancestors, Richard Stockton, was one of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence.

With the 4th of July coming soon, we can all be proud of the words penned in the Declaration of Independence. "When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation." Thus begins the Declaration of Independence, signed in the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Did you know that this important document didn't come into being until a day of fasting and prayer had been called and observed beforehand by the members of the Continental Congress?

While I was in Washington DC last month for a Pastors' Conference, I was blessed to be able to attend a tour of the Capitol Building led by David Barton. During the three hours of the tour, he shared over and over the rich Christian heritage of our nation. I was both blessed and troubled. Blessed to hear of the spiritual legacy that our founders handed down to us and troubled to realize how far we as a nation had drifted from these biblical roots.

Through the following vision for our church, God has called us not only to fight to stop this drift, but to also reverse it:

"Inspired by God, our vision is an America that affirms and practices Christian values rooted in biblical authority. Empowered by God, we will be a church that awakens, informs, energizes, equips, and mobilizes Christians to be the catalysts for the biblically-based transformation of their families, churches, communities, and nation."

During the month of July, I will be preaching a sermon series entitled, "Sound the Alarm," to challenge us to live into God's vision for our church. Each sermon will be a clarion call for what God is wanting us to do:

- "Call to Fall" sermon focusing on the importance and power of prayer

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J.D. Young—Assistant Pastor of Family Life Ministry

JULY'S MEMORY VERSE

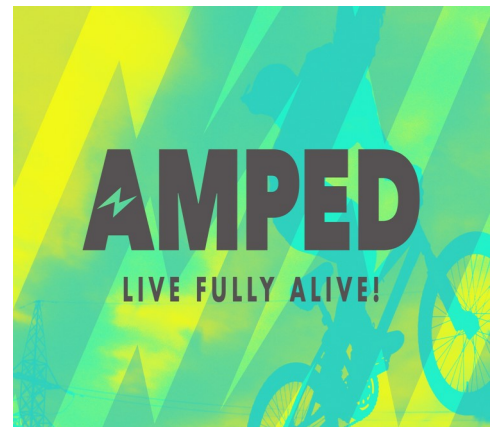
"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

Children's Ministry



Vacation Bible School begins Sunday, July 8, starting at 6:30 p.m. and concluding at 9:00 p.m. VBS will end on Thursday, July 12. Look for the yellow registration forms (available in the pews) to hand out to your family, neighbors and friends. If you are unable to help with VBS, please consider assisting with one of the meals throughout the week. Food needs and a list of donation requests will be available on Sunday, July 1, in the lobby.

God is stronger than anyone and He can do things that would be impossible for you or me. He has proved this throughout history; but nowhere is this more evident than in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Because of what Jesus has done, we can have confidence. And when you put your faith in Jesus, you can live fully alive. Our theme for the month of July is "Amped." We encourage you to pick up a parent cue sheet in the lobby, and be sure to download the parent cue to continue the conversation at home.



Don't miss Gym Games on Sunday, July 22, with Mr. Bob and Miss Nancy. This special time of fun and learning takes place during the 9:15 a.m. Sunday School hour. We hope you will join us as we discover God's love for us through exciting games and hands-on learning.

YOUTH



BigStuf 2018 was an incredible experience for the youth of BUMC. God definitely prepared our spirits and minds for this amazing week. Here is just some of what our youth had to say about BigStuf:

How did your relationship with God grow as a result of BigStuf?

- “My relationship with God was restarted this week. At the middle of this week I realized I needed to talk to God and figure out things with Him alone. I feel so strongly that this week pushed me to fix my relationship with God and get things straight.”
- “I have a new outlook on how my relationship should look. I need to be original and be who God created me to be!”

How did you see God at BigStuf?

- “Oh, I mean besides the absolute beauty and wonders of PCB...God truly showed Himself through worship, sermons, and for me, personally, quiet time.”
- “I saw God through the amazing creation that was PCB. On night one, Sojo (speaker), made me look at all God’s creations differently. God is marvelous and I saw him through everything He created.”

How was God revealed to you this week?

- “God was revealed to me through others this week because in almost everything we did, I realized there was something wrong with my relationship with God. It was like only Him ‘doing the work,’ and BigStuf helped me realize and then fix this.”
- “The speakers this week were so real and raw that it made me look at God completely differently. The points they made, made so much more sense and they really talked like they were speaking from God.”
- “God gave them (the speakers) the words we needed to hear! It wasn’t Bible talk; it was real life talk tied into the Bible.”

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Three Baptized at Youth Camp!



- “Call to Fight” sermon focusing on the importance of spiritual warfare
- “Call to Faith” sermon focusing on the importance of religious freedom

In order to be the kind of catalysts for change in our nation that our vision calls us to be, we must have the courage to stand for God. “Do not be afraid; Keep on speaking out, do not be silent” (Acts 18:9b). In a world full of ideas and beliefs that go against God’s Word, God wants us to have uncommon courage and stand up for Him. Why is it so important to stand up and speak the truth? In Matt. 10:32, Jesus says, “Stand up for me against world opinion and I’ll stand up for you before my Father in heaven.” That’s how important it is. Won’t you stand together with us in this spiritual battle for the soul of America!

Greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world.

Pastor Doug Stockton



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Psalm 33:12 (NIV)

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.



2018

West Ohio Conference

The United Methodist Church

The first session of the 2018 West Ohio Conference convened Sunday evening, June 3, at Lakeside with a laity (That's us, Folks!) session and an emphasis on the importance of sharing our talents. (Have you submitted a talent survey?) As essential as our clergy and staff are to the Church, we are all part of the body from which His hands and feet are extended. I was reminded of how grateful I am to be part of BUMC where so many give so much especially in terms of time and service. But I also realize that the needs of our community and world keep changing; consequently, the discussion suggested that we may be called upon to serve in different ways.

We began and ended each day with worship, and the music accompanying each service was beautiful, varied, and a blessing. The theme for the 2018 Conference was, "Fear not; there is enough," and initially I assumed that it was inspired by verses such as Philippians 4:19: "But my God shall supply all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Although Monday was dedicated to the business reports, nominations, and recognitions, by Tuesday having heard numerous speakers, it was evident that there was an assumption and another underlying message to the theme. The message seemed to infer that dissenting opinions were the result of a covetousness on the part of the dissenter prompting a reassurance that if we would agree with proposals, we would always be blessed with "enough" to share. Recommendation 6 entitled, "There is Enough for the Stranger," which

passed overwhelmingly for example, called for Methodists to support churches who offer sanctuary to illegals, a reminder perhaps that we pray for our lawmakers trying to find a way through this situation.

The good news is that there are some wonderful missions working in Ohio and world-wide through the Methodist Church. With the horrific 2017 hurricane season, we celebrated UMCOR's Disaster Response teams who distributed thousands of the flood buckets. According to the Mayor of Coalton, Ohio (near Jackson), the Methodist recovery teams were the answer to prayer last summer when their small town flooded, and the teams were a presence in Puerto Rico as well. Heath Initiatives and related programs affected as many as one million children around the world in the past year, and calls for the necessity for more prison ministry, addiction programs, and military suicide counseling were reported.

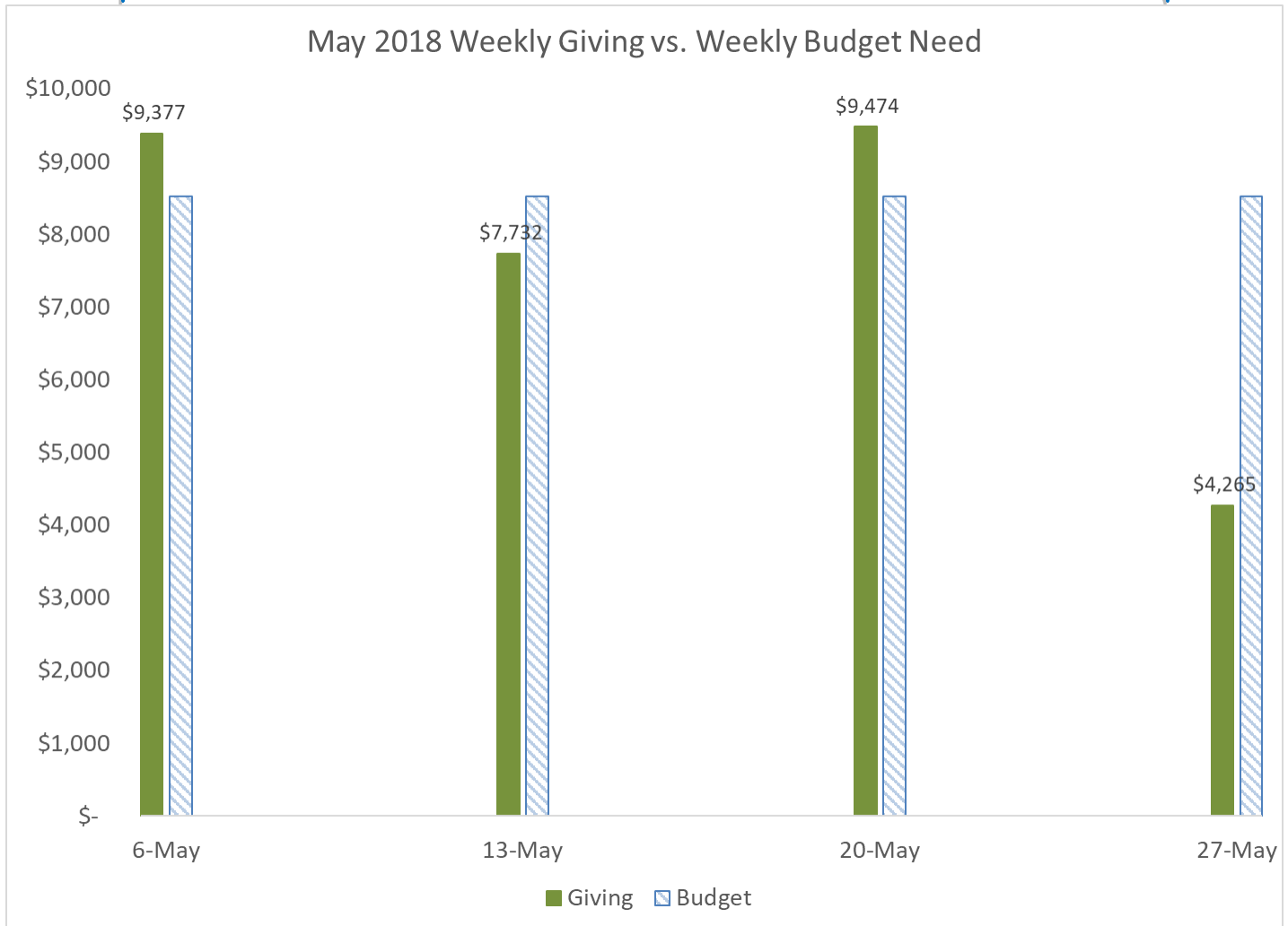
The assembly of the West Ohio Wesleyan Covenant Association was comforting as leadership emphasized that their goal was not division but to cling to and enforce the Book of Discipline based on Biblical teaching. We should be in prayer for the petitions which are due in July 8 to be presented in St. Louis on February 23-26, 2019. Thank you and remember to pray!

Submitted by your BUMC Lay Delegates,

Georgia Daria

Terrie & Jim Koeppe

FINANCE COMMITTEE



Happy 4th of July! Summer in Cincinnati—what a fun time. Summer is a busy time for our church with camps, retreats and VBS. Sounds like a lot of kid activities. Well you better bet it is. Keep all of these activities in your prayers for safety and the opportunity for BUMC to reach new kids for Christ.

At the end of May, we were behind budgeted need by nearly \$12,000. Please keep the leadership

of BUMC in your prayers as we look to a glorious future serving God and seeking His direction.

As always, we appreciate your gifts and your tithes. God Bless!

If you have questions or suggestions for the Finance Committee, please contact Debby Redden 513-257-7709 (10:30 Service).



MISSIONS: Stuff the Trailer

The BUMC trailer arrived in Jackson County on June 14 “stuffed” with goodies. We don’t have an official count of items at this time, but it is likely the most we have taken since we began this mission. As always, the workers at the pantry were glad to have shelves filled. Along with the load of food and personal and cleaning products, our congregation donated \$1,159 that can be used to buy other needed products.



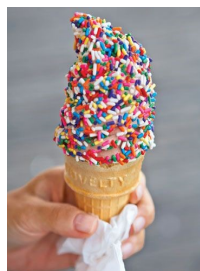
Thank you so much for supporting this mission so generously. Thank you to:

- Larry Pelfrey and Sam Taggart for getting the trailer out and for hanging the banner;
- T. J. Spencer and Scott Childers for delivering the food to Jackson County;
- the youth for organizing the tools that must be taken out of the trailer so it can be used for the mission; and
- the committee for all their hard work in organizing the products for the trailer.



Christmas in July collections will begin the second week of July. New this year...you may not include toothpaste or food. Stop by the Mission table for a list of suggested items for the boxes and the tag for boy or girl. We do this collection early in the year. Keep in mind that the boxes are not delivered until November. We will take boxes until that time.

BUMC Ice Cream Social!

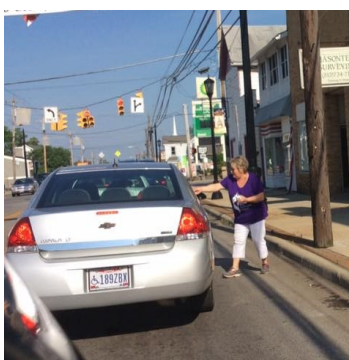


Come and join in the fun at BUMC’s Ice Cream Social in the church parking lot on Sunday, July 22, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Chairs,

tables, and the shade from canopies will be provided. The Evangelism Team hopes you will join us for a great time of food, drinks, kids’ games with prizes, pickles on a stick, ice cream, and live entertainment by the Locust Creek Band. This is a church outreach event and everyone is invited. We encourage you to bring a friend and spread the Word! Can’t beat the price, either—it’s free!

Outreach

On Saturday morning, the 9th of June, the Evangelism team connected with 215⁺ people at the cross roads of Route 125 and



Route 133 by giving away packs of gum imprinted with the Bethel United Methodist name and times of services. This is only one way we are planting seeds for Christ. You never know where a small thing such as a smile, a hello, or a pack of gum will lead a person, but they’re examples of something for the Holly Spirit to use to work in a person’s life.



Summer Is Here—Be Safe at Home and at Work!

1) **Understand SPF and Use Sun Protection**

Know your SPF numbers and what sort of SPF protection to buy for your family. Extra-high SPF numbers aren't nearly so important as careful, effective application on all exposed skin.

2) **Practice Proper Water Safety**

A vast number of unfortunate summer deaths are caused by drowning. If you or your families are enjoying pool activities or water sports, always go in pairs and make sure that kids are under constant adult supervision.

3) **Protect Against Mosquitos and Other Threats**

Mosquitos carry some of summer's worst diseases (Lyme, Zika, etc.), but they are also very difficult to avoid without proper care. If you are going to be spending time near open water, especially standing water, protect yourself from mosquitos by covering arms and legs, and using effective repellents like deet. While bright colors are a good idea in the forest, in other environments try to stay away from bright or floral patterns, which are an attractor for stinging insects.

3) **When It Heats Up, Plan Hydration Carefully**

Dehydration is no fun at best and deadly at worst. If you are heading into hot temperatures, make clear plans for water. If it is particularly hot, make sure you frequently stop in the shade and take a drink of water to keep from sweating out too much.

4) **Be More Careful in the Car**

Summer is a more dangerous time to be on the road. The combination of drivers new to the area, drivers who may be acting more careless, and more bikers can lead to disaster. So remember to check your car, follow local traffic laws, stay safe on the road, and **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILD UNATTENDED IN THE CAR FOR A MINUTE!** Within one minute your car can increase by ten degrees. Under no circumstance should your child or pet be left in a vehicle.



Dear Church Family,

Dona and I have been so blessed by the gifts, cards, and check that was given to us on our special day of Farewell and Appreciation. We waited until that evening to open them all because it was too much to take in one morning. It was quite overwhelming and heart-warming at the same time. We truly wish that we could have talked to everyone of you but, as you know, that was pretty much impossible. Again, we have treasured getting to know and love each of you and your families. May God's hand always be upon you and Bethel UMC!

God bless,

Pastor Steve & Dona

P.S. Several of you and our Shut-ins have asked where in the world is Maineville UMC. It's kind of between Loveland and Kings Island, just off of State Route 48 in Maineville. Here's the address:

Maineville UMC

60 E. Foster-Maineville Road

Maineville, Ohio 45039



Calling All Intercessors!

Every Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. sharp, a group of intercessors meets in the old office area of the church (the door to the left of the main entrance) to lift up the concerns of the church. We pray for individual needs, our church, the community churches, local missions, our leaders in the church, the community, and the nation. Intercessors can pray out loud or pray silently while others pray.

Please consider joining this important time of prayer as we thank God for His blessings, His answered prayer, and for the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is amazing how quickly this one hour of prayer goes by. Fellowship at McDonald's follows for those who are interested!



July Birthdays

- 1: Chris Gabbard, Becky Beyer, Aiden Kilgore, Allison Steger, Linda Stockton
- 2: Tom Taylor, Kevin Sampson, Allyson Moorman, Jeff Smith
- 3: Jim Brannock, Ethan Sieting
- 4: Ann Kretzer, Eden Myers
- 5: Christopher Bauer, Sue Hauck
- 6: Jonathan Waldmann
- 7: June Dreher, Derek Dotson, Olivia Tiemeyer
- 8: Chris Martin, Brandon Davidson, Nicholas Moorehead, Jadelyn Jenike
- 9: Wilma Cluxton, Debra Reeves
- 10: Alexa Meeks, Alice Busick
- 11: Carol Chaney, Paige Jones, Janet Richardson
- 12: Pat Brannock, Chelsea Zahlen
- 13: Morgan Dahlheimer, Mike Kilgore, Carley Sampson
- 14: Jeremiah Luke, Julia Dick
- 15: Raymond Courts, John King, Betsy Weeks, Tonia Bloomfield, Jeff Davidson, Danny Smith
- 16: Paul Luyster, Nancy VanderWoude, Linda Marquette, Betty Lange
- 18: Kathy Brannock, Calvin McCall, Ronald Paine, Rocky Mitchell
- 19: Noah Marcum, Carson Haney, Julia Bowen
- 20: Thelma Leonard, Tom Snedeger, Ryan Beyer, Bonita Bristle
- 21: Kenny Bailey, Eric Brink, Brooke Jenike, Logan Doss, Miaya Koeppe
- 22: Josephine Hency, David Leonard
- 23: Jody Kruse, Colton Broach, Anna Schlechty, Terry Waters
- 24: Zachary Beyer, Scott Childers, Patricia Dempsey
- 25: Kenny Cann, Esther Brown, Julie Fletcher, Kyle Hensley, Eli Northern, Pam Allen, Ralph Harmon IV
- 26: Connie Bolar, Philip Bowdle, John Cox
- 27: Camryn Hall, Rhonda Bennett, Andrea Young
- 28: Mike Brannock, Kim Desfosses, Estelle Hall, Griffin Woudenburg
- 29: Louie Rose
- 30: Vivian Broach
- 31: Peyton Foster, Bethany Johnson



July Prayer Calendar

- 1: Brian, Cheryl, Jacob & Lillie Webb
- 2: Dusty, Betsy, Trenton, Fayth, Isaiah, Tanner, Clayre & Landon Weeks
- 3: Barbara White
- 4: Carl, Ashley, Nora & Lincoln White
- 5: Mariem White
- 6: Joe Young
- 7: John-David, Lisa, Anna & Sarah Young
- 8: Serena Young
- 9: George & Suzanne Zimmerman
- 10: Dorothy Abrams
- 11: Freda Adams
- 12: Kathy Adams
- 13: Jim & Pam Allen
- 14: Ron & Judy Alsept
- 15: Ron & Cindy Alsip
- 16: Jimbo, April, Dylan & Ryder Anderson
- 17: Roger, Cassie, Dale, Derrick & Alexis Anderson
- 18: Robert & Margie Armstrong
- 19: Jim & Dixie Ast
- 20: Alan & Sharon Ausman
- 21: Joel Ausman
- 22: Ken & Ellie Bailey
- 23: Kenny & Debby Bailey
- 24: Helen Baker
- 25: Lonnie, Lee Ann, Allison, Kaiden & Carson Barker
- 26: Joey, Fallon, Braydin & Tiffany Barnes
- 27: Brad & Jillian Barnett
- 28: Joshua, Kimberly & Jessica Barth
- 29: Lamont & Teresa Baudendistel
- 30: Greg & Sandy Bauer
- 31: Chris Bauer



Kinner Express Coming to BUMC

Mark your calendars! Kinner Express, the Appalachian-style band, will share their talent with us on August 12 at both services.



Christmas Cantata

Our choir director, Rhonda Bennett, is busy making plans for this year's Christmas Cantata and we want to invite you all to come and lift your voice in praise to our Lord. She's previewing a few different cantatas and will make that final selection soon.

Thursday practices will begin on September 6 at 7:15 p.m. Besides getting music, everyone gets a practice CD (which really helps those who don't know how to read music).

We encourage people to bring a friend—especially if they sing tenor or bass. 😊

BUMC Music Committee



July Anniversaries

- 1: Wendell & Jennifer Ward
- 5: Pastor & Scottie Crabtree
- 8: Michael & Samantha Sheppard
- 10: Bubba & Sandy Gray
- 11: Steve & Vickie MacQueen
- 12: Roger & Marsha Dotson
- 13: Dan & Carol Chaney
Sam & Nancy Tigert
Dewey & Gerry Ingle
- 16: Denny & Elaine Ellis
- 17: Joe & Cortney Schuler
Jeff & Dawn Thompson
- 19: Richard & Marilyn Smith
- 21: Dave & Jane Kretzer
- 22: Alan & Sharon Ausman
- 23: Drew & Mary Ellen Robinson
- 25: Kevin & Laura Chaney
- 26: Fred & Kathy McDaniel
Gary & Gloria Canter
- 29: John & Melinda Camery

Church Master Calendar

Jul 2018 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Christmas in July 8am - Service 9:15am - S.S. 10:30am - Service	2 9am - Sew Blest 1pm - Clothing Store	3 8am - Prayer Cell 1pm - Clothing Store	4 Indep. Day Office Closed 1pm - Clothing Store 6:15pm - Choir	5 10am - Ladies B. 2pm - Y: Dive & Dive 6:30pm - Mission	6 6pm - V. Crew 7pm - V Crew	7 8am - Men's B.- 10am - Wor. Prac. 11am - K of Hope 4pm - M/P Rm in use
8 Collect Christmas in 8am - Service 9:15am - S.S. 10:30am - Service 6:30pm - V.B.S.	9 1pm - Clothing Store 6:30pm - V.B.S.	10 8am - Prayer Cell 1pm - Clothing Store 6:30pm - V.B.S.	11 1pm - Clothing Store 6:15pm - Choir 6:30pm - V.B.S.	12 No Dive&Dive 10am - Ladies B. 6:30pm - V.B.S.	13 5:30pm - 50+ Dinner	14 10am - Wor. Prac. 11am - K of Hope
15 Collect Christmas in 8am - Service 9:15am - S.S. 10:30am - Service	16 9am - Sew Blest 1pm - Clothing Store 6pm - HD Brd Mtg-	17 8am - Prayer Cell 1pm - Clothing Store 7pm - SPRC Mtg. 7pm - Trustee Mtg.	18 1pm - Clothing Store 6:15pm - Choir	19 10am - Ladies B. 2pm - Y: Dive & Dive	20 Chimes Due 7pm - V Crew	21 10am - Wor. Prac. 11am - K of Hope
22 Collect Christmas in Evang. Moment 8am - & 9:15 SS 10:30am - Service 6pm - Ice Cream	23 1pm - Clothing Store	24 8am - Prayer Cell 1pm - Clothing Store	25 1pm - Clothing Store 6:15pm - Choir	26 10am - Ladies B. 2pm - Y: Dive & Dive 6:15pm - Evang.	27	28 10am - Wor. Prac. 11am - K of Hope
29 8am - Service 9:15am - S.S. 10:30am - Service	30 1pm - Clothing Store	31 8am - Prayer Cell 1pm - Clothing Store 6pm - Finance Mtg. 7pm - Ad. Bd. Mtg.	1 1pm - Clothing Store 6:15pm - Choir	2 10am - Ladies B. 2pm - Y: Dive & Dive 6pm - Endowment	3 6pm - V. Crew 7pm - V Crew	4 8am - Men's B. 10am - Wor. Prac. 11am - K of Hope