

The Good News



Trinity Lutheran Church
January 2026



Pastor's Schedule

Pastor's e-mail: pastortlc@ptd.net

Please call the office at 570-275-0283 to set a time to meet with Pastor.

Non-emergency visitations by appointment.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
9:00AM – 1:00 PM.

Pastoral Care emergencies should be made to the Pastor regardless of day and time at 570-486-3792.

Thank you!

Pastor Trevor

Pastoral Emergencies: The Pastor's emergency number is his personal phone number as published in the member directory. Please be sure to add this number to your speed dial on your home phone, on your cell phone, or both.

Pastor can receive text messages, also.

Please contact the pastor directly when there is an urgent pastoral need (an emergency visit to the hospital, accident, coping situations, family death).

Please let the pastor know when there is a change in residence (such as from assisted living to the hospital, even if temporary).

We currently are not advised by area hospitals of when our members and member relatives are admitted, so we depend very heavily on the contact you make to the pastor and/or to the church office.

Remember!

All medical emergencies require you to call 9-1-1!





Gather your family or a friend or two, and enter into a biblical study in your home or theirs. Each month in the newsletter, opportunities will be given on this page to explore the Epistle of Paul to the Roman Church and lessons of the Gospel of Matthew. You might want to gather a journal, notebook, and pen.

Opening prayer...

Good and gracious God, we have come to know you through the witness of many people. We thank you for those who have moved us toward faith, and pray that we in turn might encourage others toward faith. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Using your house Bible, read Romans 1:11-17 aloud. Now, have another person read it aloud. If you are doing this study as a single person, please use the practice of Lectio Divina – that is read the passage through once at regular pace, pause, read it again at a slower pace, pause, then a third time, still slower, and allow yourself to pause over words that have meaning to you in the moment. Always, read aloud so that you engage your hearing and listening skills.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER...

- What words or images stood out to you as the text was read?
- What does this text tell you about Paul?
- What seems to matter most to Paul?
- How would you describe the relationship Paul has with the people he's writing to? Why?



Pray silently according to your heart before God.

Cannot think of a prayer? Pray the Lord's Prayer.



Give thanks to God for this time and exploration of Scripture.

Common Scams to Watch Out For:

1. “Official” Phone Calls

Someone calls saying they’re from the IRS, Medicare, or your bank. They warn you owe money or your benefits will stop.

➡ **What to do:** Hang up! Government agencies will never call asking for payment or personal information.

2. Fake Emails or Texts

You get a message asking you to “verify your account” or “click a link.” It might look real, but it’s a trick.

➡ **What to do:** Delete suspicious messages. Call the company directly if you’re unsure.

3. Romance Scams

Fraudsters build online relationships, then ask for money to cover travel or medical emergencies.

➡ **What to do:** Never send money or gift cards to someone you haven’t met in person.

4. “Tech Support” Pop-Ups

A scary message says your computer has a virus and tells you to call a number.

➡ **What to do:** Don’t call! Close your browser or restart your computer.

5. “Grandparent” Scams

You get a call: “Grandma, I’m in trouble!” The voice sounds familiar, but it’s not your grandchild.

➡ **What to do:** Hang up and call your grandchild or their parents to check.

Stay Smart, Stay Safe: How Seniors Can Outsmart Scammers

Scams are, unfortunately, everywhere these days — on the phone, online, even in the mail. Older adults are often targeted because scammers see them as polite, trusting, or financially stable. But here’s the good news: with a little awareness and caution, you can protect yourself and your loved ones.

Smart Ways to Protect Yourself

- Slow down. Scammers use fear and urgency to trick people.
- Never share personal details (Social Security, bank info, passwords).
- Use strong passwords and keep them private.
- Review your bank and credit card statements regularly.
- Talk about it. Share scam alerts with friends or family. The more we talk, the safer everyone becomes!

If You Think You’ve Been Scammed

Don’t be embarrassed — it can happen to anyone. Take these steps right away:

- Call your bank or credit card company to report it.
- File a report at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.
- Tell your local police or senior center so others can be warned.

Remember

You have the power to say “No, thank you” and hang up. If something feels off, it probably is. Stay cautious, stay confident, and help spread the word — together, we can stop scams before they start!

Resources

Dial 2-1-1 for assistance in finding essential community services

Food Insecurity

Night of Joy/ Clean Heart Giveaway & Meal

Last Tuesday of each month 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church

some services below may have eligibility requirements, please call them for more information

Montour County Human Relations Department
570-271-3028

Montour County Human Service Food Pantry

435 E. Front Street, Danville

Last Thursday of each month: 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

CSO Mobile Food Pantry

Danville Community Center

1041 Liberty Street, Danville

570-205-7892

4th Wednesday of each month: 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Shiloh United Church of Christ Food Pantry

512 Bloom Street, Danville

2nd Saturday of each month: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Assault

PA Sexual Assault Helpline

1-888-772-7227

Columbia, Montour, Snyder, and Union Counties Crisis Hotline

1-800-222-9016

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233

Disaster Aid

Year-round natural and human-created disaster assistance, counseling

1-800-985-5990 (call/text)

Español: Llama o envía un mensaje de texto

1-800-985-5990 presiona "2"

For Deaf and Hard of Hearing ASL Callers:

Text/call the Disaster Distress Helpline:

1-800-985-5990 (using your preferred Relay provider)

FEMA: fema.gov

PEMA: pema.pa.gov

LGBTQIA+ Crisis Lines:

Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8225)

1-877-330-6366 (Canada-based, open to US citizens)

Nacional de Prevencion del Suicidio:

1-888-628-9454; Text "Talk" to 741741

9-8-8 (Veterans press 1)

The Trevor Project:

1-866-488-7386

Text "Trevor" to 678-678;

Chat: thetrevorproject.org/help

Trans Lifeline:

1-877-565-8860

LGBTQIA+ Elder Hotline (older LGBTQ)

1-877-360-5428



Thank you to everyone who
helped with the setting up of
our Christmas decorations
this year, and to all who
served and came to our
Christmas Eve service!!

CHURCH INFORMATION

PHONE

570-275-0283

WEBSITE

www.tlcdanvillepa.org

EMAIL

trinitylutheran@ptd.net

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Tues 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Wed 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Thurs 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Fri CLOSED

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Trevor J. Hahn ~ Pastor

Ed Haas ~ Custodian

Carol Payne ~ Organist

Gary Kurtz ~ Treasurer

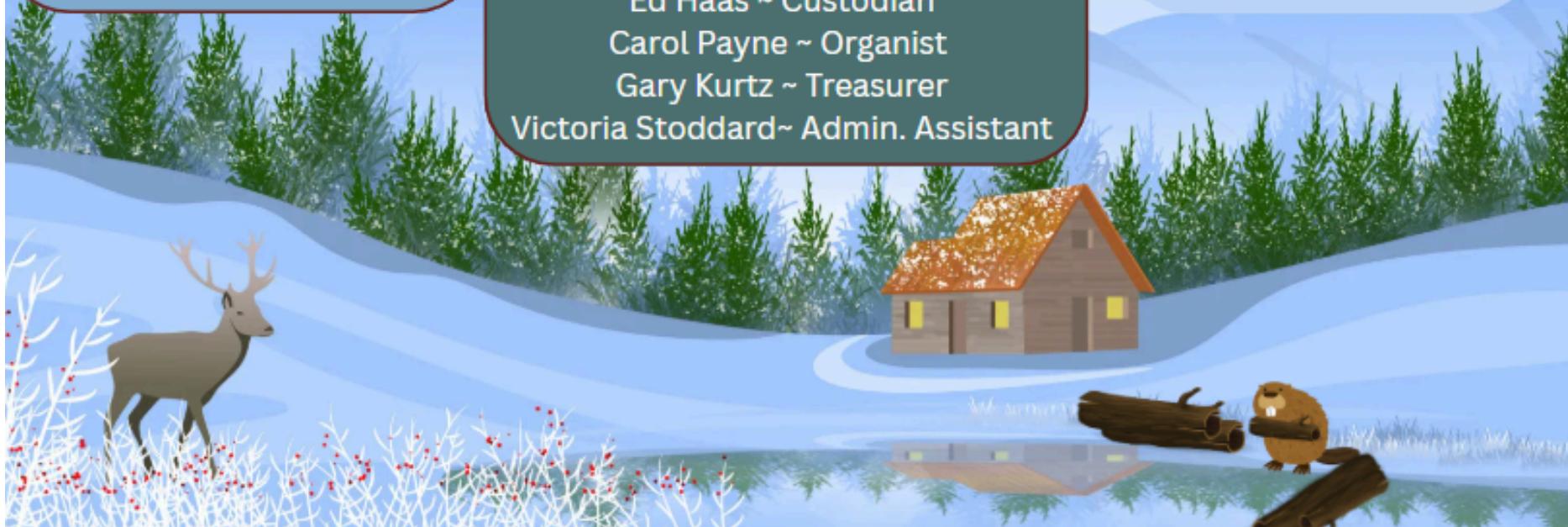
Victoria Stoddard~ Admin. Assistant

MAILING ADDRESS

Trinity Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 417
Danville, PA 17821

GPS ADDRESS

Trinity Lutheran Church
241 East Market Street
Danville, PA 17821



Stewards in Christ

Danville Area Food Bank

Good Samaritan Mission

The Gate House
(Transitional Housing)

Upper Susquehanna Synod
(Local Congregation Support)

Global Partnerships

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
(*World Hunger Appeal, Lutheran Work
Relief, Lutheran Disaster*)

For anyone wishing to make a
financial donation to the community:

The Good Samaritan Mission

Columbia-Montour United Way

Danville Area Food Bank

Night of Joy & Clean Heart Give Away

**Tuesday, January 27th
4:00 – 6:00 PM**

*Bingo: 4:00 PM
Meal served at 5:00 PM*

Jubilee Kitchen Danville Community Supported Community Meal

**Every Saturday
11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.**

Lector

Jan 4th Peg Reed
Jan 11th Abby Miller
Jan 18th Kate Siats
Jan 25th Kathy Mordan

Assisting Minister

Jan 4th Peg Reed
Jan 11th Zac Miller
Jan 18th Kate Siats
Jan 25th Kathy Mordan
-(Service of the Word)

Acolyte

Jan 4th Ken Holdren
Jan 11th Adalynn & Tyrus Kendrick
Jan 18th TBD
Jan 25th Ken Holdren

Altar Guild

Pastor & Kathy

Service Minister Schedule

January 2026

Thank you to all
of our Service
Ministers!!

Ushers

Jan 4th Robert Kirkner & Craig Lewis
Jan 11th Linda Harvey & Nancy Davies
Jan 18th Craig Lewis & TBD
Jan 25th Nancy Davies & Linda Harvey

Deacons

Jan 4th Kathy Hahn & Gary Kurtz
Jan 11th Nicole Kendrick & Ian Marker
Jan 18th Tryg Jensen & Stephen Humphries
Jan 25th Gary Kurtz & Kathy Hahn



Church Council Updates & Information



Church Council Meeting Minutes for December 2025

Church Council October and November meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by Council. Please contact the Church Office for these individual reports.

In New Business, the desired number of Council members will remain at 12. Consolidation discussions with Pine Street will be placed on hold until February.

Council approved a quarterly Synod donation of \$250. The rusted side doors are unable to have aluminum sleeves installed since the sleeves do not fit the doors. Christian Education and Youth Ministries will meet in the new year.

In Outreach, thank you letters were received from the Danville/Riverside food bank for financial donations and non-perishable food items. Fifteen angel tree children's gifts and 5 Danville State residents' gifts were delivered on December 10th. NOJ received a donation of jewelry designated for bingo prizes however decided to have it appraised before using it as bingo prizes and it was appraised at \$940—this will be added to the Outreach funds where it can be put to good use. NOJ will resume on Jan 27th.

In Property, Joe Siats resigned as Chair. Kate Siats resigned as Council President.

The next Council Meeting will be held on January 28th, 2026 at 6PM.

Our Congregational Council & Ministry Chair Members

Vacant	Mutual Ministry & Stewardship	Linda Harvey
Vacant	Communications	Vacant
Ian Marker	Fellowship/Evangelism	Vacant
Stephen Humphries	Property	Ed Haas
Executive Comm.	Grace Fund	Dale Erb
Tryge Jensen & Pastor	Christian Education	Vacant
Kathy Hahn	Music & Worship	Carol Payne
Kate Siats	Outreach	Linda Harvey
Gary Kurtz	Finance	Barry Ashenfelder

Executive Committee

Vacant - President

Vacant - Vice President

Nicole Kendrick - Secretary

Gary Kurtz - Treasurer



**Please welcome our
new council member!!**

-Brenda Reber-

Give With a Joyful Heart

Your generous offering to TLC provides for the general operation of the congregation, for benevolence to local charities, benevolence to the larger church through the ELCA, and more.

Please use this QR code to be directed to a simple online giving option, now.



Please scan here using your phone's camera.



CURRENT ACCOUNT- November 2025

November 2025

INCOME:

Contribution Income	\$	10,764.26
Interest Income	\$	2,704.05
Transfer from savings	\$	0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	13,468.31

EXPENSES:

Pastor Compensation	\$	7,758.18
Staff Compensation	\$	2,838.08
Parish Administration	\$	739.74
Church Property	\$	5,377.64
Cemetery Maintenance	\$	0.00
Education & Outreach	\$	704.75
Music & Worship	\$	1,152.17
Evangelism	\$	0.00
Ministry Expense	\$	0.00
Conventions & Seminars	\$	0.00
Transfer of Funds	\$	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	18,570.56

MONTHLY TOTAL: \$ -\$5,102.25

NET LOSS/SURPLUS

YTD ACTUAL: \$ -\$31,547.22

Net Loss Without Cash Infusion: -\$44,058.38



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 2 - Jane Reedy

Jan 4 - Alexis Noll

Jan 5 - Carmela Seidel

Jan 10 - Bradley Lewis

Jan 11 - Edwin Haas

Jan 19 - Joe Siats

Jan 25 - Zac Miller

Jan 28 - Laura Ashenfelder

Jan 31 - Brett Hampton & Christopher Hendrickson



**Do you have a minute to brighten
someone's day?**

We are requesting a card shower
for our beloved TLC Member:

Janice Erb
Mountain View Manor
2050 Trevorton Road
Coal Township, PA 17866



Happy
New Year

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the lovingkindness that you
have shown to each member of this
congregation this past year.

Although we may have experienced a mix of
joy and trials, we have seen your faithful
love shown to us each and every day.

We ask for your blessing on the members of
the Church this year. Please continue to
guide every person in this congregation
throughout the 2026 and beyond.

We pray this in Christ's blessed name, Amen.

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end; they are new
every morning; great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23*

In Our Prayers

Rhonda Brouse
Patricia Cornelison
Jerris Cutchall
Robert Derr
Ed Harvey
Diane Locke
Dottie Myers
Doug Stine
Keith Fetzer
Mike Bialecki
Anthony
June Reich
Kimberly
Dale Erb
Janice Erb
Jonathan Beachy
Kyle Gouldner
Kathy Leicht
Maureen
Ken
Jordan
First Baptist Church's Mission Group
The Sisters of Christian Charity

The family & friends of

-Dr. James DeVoe
-Charles White, Senior
-Rev. Ron Shellhamer
-Helen Gerringer
-Jim Hagenbuch

Serving in our Military

Casey Reber
Aaron Warntz
Kurt Wimble
Jason Lee
Nicole Lee

January Altar Flowers

Jan 4 - Open
Jan 11 - Open
Jan 18 - Open
Jan 25 - Open

January Bulletins

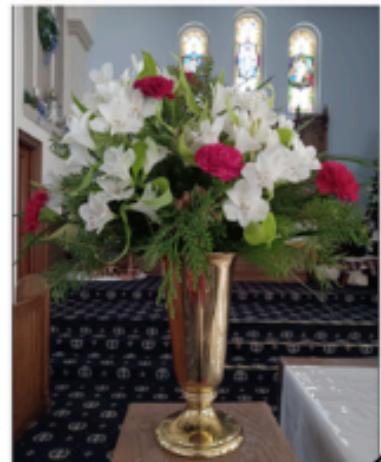
Jan 4 - Open
Jan 11 - Open
Jan 18 - Open
Jan 25 - Open

Please consider sponsoring a week of our altar flowers or bulletins this month!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall, or you may contact the church office if you would like to sign-up.



Bulletins - \$15.00 / week
Altar Flowers - \$42.00 / week



How to Give to our Church Online

First, visit our website: <https://tlcdanvillepa.org/>

1.



Select 'Giving' at
the top of the page

2.

Your generosity is changing lives

Simple and secure giving. Give one-time or schedule recurring giving using the options below.

[Give Online Now](#)

Click 'Give Online Now'

3.

After you click the 'Give online now' button, you will see a pop-up screen that looks like this.



Add your dollar amount here

Trinity Lutheran Church
Danville, PA 17821

Amount: Ex: 100 Give Online 1000 Current

Card number

Email First Name Last Name

Member ID /Envelope #

Note / memo (optional)

✓ Cover fees? Setup

Add your church envelope number here. (If you need a number, please contact the church office)

Click this button if you would like to add a small additional amount to cover our fees for this transaction. (This step is optional, but it is appreciated)

Thank you in advance for your faithful giving!!

4.

[Give Online Now \\$0.00](#)

When you are finished, scroll down and click the button at the bottom to submit your payment.

The Bulletin Board

Please give a warm welcome to the newest member of our congregation when you see her next, Nancy 'Nan' Leighow

Welcome!

Three gold stars above text:
Taking down the greens
January 4th after worship
Volunteers needed!

Three gold stars above text:
Can you find
a red bird
on each page
of the newsletter?

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania

LAMPa

LAMPa is the State Public Policy office of the ELCA in Pennsylvania.

"Church together for the sake of the world God loves"

Please consider donating to this ministry by visiting the website located at the URL below:
lutheranadvocacypa.org/donate

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (ELCA)
UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD PRESENTS:

YOUTH EVENTS SCHEDULE

2026



JAN
2-4

WINTERFEST

Lancaster, PA

Register: cml@campmountluther.org

RENEW RETREAT

Camp Mount Luther
Registration required:
campmountluther.org/renew

FEB
20-21

3/8
2-4PM

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Milton Lutheran Church
1125 Mahoning St, Milton, PA 17847

POTLUCK PICNIC

Faith Lutheran Church
2349 Old Turnpike Rd, Lewisburg, PA 17837

4/12
2-4PM

MORE INFO:



cml@campmountluther.org
instagram.com/uss.youth/



The Upper Susquehanna Synod Youth Group of the ELCA seeks to provide quality, Christ-centered, faith and fellowship experiences for middle school and high school aged youth across north central PA.

Join CaTALYST!

A new faith community for **young adults** in central Pennsylvania!



OUR VISION

We seek to form an intentional community that gathers in love and cultivates relationships in the way of Jesus. Together, we will support and empower one another as we shape ourselves and the world for the better.

OUR GATHERINGS

Dinner Church — 1st Sunday of the Month

Time: 4-6pm

Location: **Camp Mount Luther**

Worship like the first disciples as we share in faith, food, and fellowship

Faith & Fellowship — 2nd Tuesday of the month

Time: 8pm

Location: **Discord**

Tired of stuffy Bible studies? Come talk faith and life in a relaxed space

Service Projects — 3rd Saturday of the month

Time: 10am - 4pm

Location: varies

Head out into the community to put our faith in action!

Game Night — 4th Tuesday of the month

Time: 8pm

Location: **Discord**

Play matters, tool Join us for laughter, fun, and friendly online games

Questions? Email us at catalyst@campmountluther.org





EVERYDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 2026



Lesson 1 of 2: Jesus is baptized

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



What's the BIG NEWS in this lesson?

Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry, and this text clarifies that Jesus is the leader for everyone to follow.

Why does this BIG NEWS matter?

God calls us all beloved and treasures us all. We are invited into Jesus' baptism, making us part of his family, children of God.

Ask questions:

- Have you seen a baptism? Where? What did it look like?
- If you saw a baptism in a church other than your own, was it different? How?
- Who do you think John the Baptist was?
- John baptized with water, but what would Jesus baptize with?
- What about the scene tells us the people knew it was God's voice speaking?

PARENTS

Read the lesson together with your children. If your children are of reading age, have them read. Each of you, always read aloud. Especially with younger readers, the message of the words don't always make it through the effort kids are expending on "getting the words right." Read the lesson two or three times before moving on to asking questions about it.

You, as parents, will also use your own language and patterns of speech to present what follows...**

Using your own craft supplies, you might make paper doves, or paint with watercolors the images of Jesus' baptism. You can also search out songs about baptism, sing together and make up a dance to celebrate baptism.



ADDED NOTES



As Lutherans, we believe in one baptism. That means we trust in God's grace once and for all, not needing to be "renewed" each time we feel sinful. However, we do allow for remembrance of baptism by simply standing in the rain uncovered, in the shower, or by public asperges, the practice of sprinkling water upon the Assembly during worship at certain times of the Church year.

Lesson 2 of 2:

Many Follow Jesus - Disciples

Luke 5:1-11, 6:12-16; 8:1-3



EVERYDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 2026



What's the BIG NEWS in this lesson?

Jesus breaks down barriers in society to invite people into community and vocation. Simon Peter, a fisherman, is first called, then 12 disciples are chosen. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and others were also called.



Why does this BIG NEWS matter?

Jesus helps us to see past how the world works and how society treats power and influence. All are invited into discipleship, even children.



Ask questions.

- Who was trying to catch fish?
- What happened when Jesus got in the boat?
- Why do you think the fishermen went with Jesus?
- Would you leave your home to follow Jesus? Why or why not?
- How do you show people you are a disciple of Jesus?

Pretend to be in a boat and act out the scene. Make a toy boat out of cardboard boxes that you can sit in. Look up information about fishing and learn about the types of food we are given by God from the sea.



ADDED NOTES



For the first 100 or so years after Jesus' resurrection, the terms Christian or disciple of Jesus were not used. Those who followed Jesus were called "followers of the Way."

YOU are followers of the Way!

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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Happy
New Year!



★ Worship Service 9:00 AM 4
After worship:
Taking down the greens
--Volunteers needed--
-Fellowship & Evan. Meeting
-Communications Meeting

★ Worship Service 9:00 AM 11
- Outreach committee meeting after worship service

★ Worship Service 9:00 AM 18

★ Worship Service 9:00 AM 25

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Music & Worship meeting at 4:45pm


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21
Finance Committee meeting at 6:00 pm


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Night of Joy & Clean Heart Giveaway 4:00-6:00 PM


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Church Council meeting at 6:00 PM


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Jubilee Kitchen 11:00-12:30 PM

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