The Voyager

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The Newsletter of the Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Ponderings...

When we moved into the parsonage we were kindly gifted a sign that said, "Fall for Jesus he never leaves you." As temps and weather have changed those words have been etched in my heart. As I watch the leaves begin to change colors and I enjoy the crisp air as I walk the dog, I'm reminded that Jesus is always with me. That's a beautiful reminder I've needed in ministry this week. I talked to or received calls about several beloved members and friends of the church who are sick, been placed on hospice, and/or are facing major surgery. My heart has been heavy and my prayers long.

I also acknowledge there is beauty as the faithful face the changing seasons knowing Jesus is with them. Several times this week I've heard, "I'm ready to see Jesus." No fear, no hesitation, just rest in Jesus is the desire. This is such a beautiful lesson for all of us as we face changes in this life.

Maybe for you it's simply the change in season and not wanting to be cold and wear coats. For others, it's the busyness of the harvest or sickness or changes in schedule. The truth is we all face changes all the time; some are great, some are challenging, and some we'd never wish for. However, the promise that helps us endure all things is that Jesus never leaves us. When we "fall for Jesus" or we have a relationship with Jesus we draw our strength from Jesus Christ for whatever lies before us (2 Timothy 2:1-10). May you rest in the promise that Jesus is with you no matter what you face this month.

Blessings,
Pastor Lana
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Sermon Series for October

We are currently on a sermon series titled, “Belief (What We Believe).” The early church established statements to be recited by believers as a way of summarizing the beliefs expressed in Scripture. These statements of faith were called creeds. This series dives into the Apostles Creed.

10/3 Jesus is God
10/10 Jesus Paid Our Debt
10/17 Holy Spirit

The next series will be “Rethinking the Church.” It’s time to rethink the mission of the local church. It’s more than attending a service. It’s more than giving in the offering. It’s about connecting with a community to pursue a common goal—Jesus. In this series we’ll dig into the responsibility of the local congregation.

10/24 Fellowship Community
10/31 Growth & Conflict plus All Saints Sunday
11/7 Service & Love

You are invited to participate through worship attendance in person or online. You may also join discussions about these topics on the weekly posts via the Emmetsburg First UMC Facebook page.

Wednesday Worship series - The Story Schedule

10/6 - Ch 3: Joseph From Slave to Deputy
10/13 - Ch 4: Deliverance
10/20 - Ch 5: New Commands & Covenant
10/27 - Ch 6: Wandering

Annual Soup Supper

October 10th **4:30-6:30 PM**

First United Methodist Church-Family Life Center

Free Will Offering

Vegetable Beef

Chili

Chicken Noodle

Bars & Desserts!

What is Chrysalis?

Chrysalis is the youth version of Walk to Emmaus. The purpose of Chrysalis is empowering young leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ .

Who should go to Chrysalis?

Chrysalis is for the development of Christian leaders who:

- Are between the ages of 15 and 18
- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- May have unanswered questions about their faith
- Understand that being a Christian involves responsibility
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner
- All participants must be sponsored by someone who has attended Chrysalis, Walk to Emmaus, or Face to Face.

Coming in November!
God's Harvest Dinner and Auction

In November we will celebrate the gifts we have been blessed with over the past 2 years.
We will share in Thanskgiving fellowship and reflection the great bounty that God has blessed our church and community with.
We will remember those who have been an integral piece of our lives.
The fruits of the spirit have been active in so many ways in our church community this year.
We ask you to reflect on the fruits in your life and how you not only been blessed but also been able to bless others.

November 21st following Worship Service
Family Life Center

First United Methodist Church

Regular Monthly Administrative Church Council Minutes

Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 7:30 pm

In attendance: (11) Jackie Black, Ted Ellis, Ken Kassel, Brian Garrels, Shayne Kogel, Dilene Larson, Cindy Magee, Rosemary Matthews, Lois Stanley, Jody Ward, Pastor Lana Williams

Call to order: Ted Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Devotions: Pastor Lana's devotion focused on continuing the "8 Qualities for a Growing Church" with #2 - Gift based ministry. Every believer has at least one gift and we should use the gifts God has given you. A gift inventory will be given to the church to help identify your gifts.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from August 11, 2021. Motion to approve: Brian Garrels, Approved as written, by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: No Report due to date change of meeting.

Committee Reports:

Nurturing Ministries Planning Team: Jeanelle Stokes

Sunday School starts September 12, after service. All kids, Pre K- 5th, together – VBS style activities.
Adult Sunday School will still be at 8:45 am in Library, Ted Ellis will be teaching "The Creed", by Adam Hamilton.
Wednesday Worship starts September 15, all small groups will be studying "The Story".
5:30-6:30 All Ages Small Groups, 6:30-7:00 Meal, 7:00-7:30 Contemporary Worship Service, 7:30-8:30 Sr. UMYF.
Small Group Leaders: PreK-5th - Troy and Sarah Strohman,
Middle School - Jodi Ward and Michelle Kogel,
Sr. UMYF - Kari Anderson and Danielle Ditch,
Young Adult Cindy Magee,
Adult-Jeanelle Stokes, Karen Sargent, and Jon Williams,
Meal – Angie Strohman.

Outreach Ministries Planning Team: Rosie Argabright

Then Feed Just One – Wednesday, September 8, @ the Fairgrounds
Emmetsburg Community Resource Event – Wednesday, September 8, @ The Shores
Soup Supper – October no date set as of now

Witness Ministries Planning Team: No Report

Administrative Committees:

Chair of Trustees: Dan Stokes/Dave Fog

Lana and Dave Fog toured buildings
Algona Glass and Door – FLC
Parsonage – patio door, window, and steps all waiting on contractors
Water damage by stained glass windows above altar
Attic Key

Chair of SPRC: Jody Ward

Welcome Brunch for Lana was a success
Meeting with DS and Ministry Action Planning Team

Chair of Finance: Shayne Kogel

Harvest Auction – Sunday November 21

Chair of Endowment Committee: Brian Garrels No Report

Nomination Committee: Dan Zeigler

Chair of History Committee: Rosemary Matthews

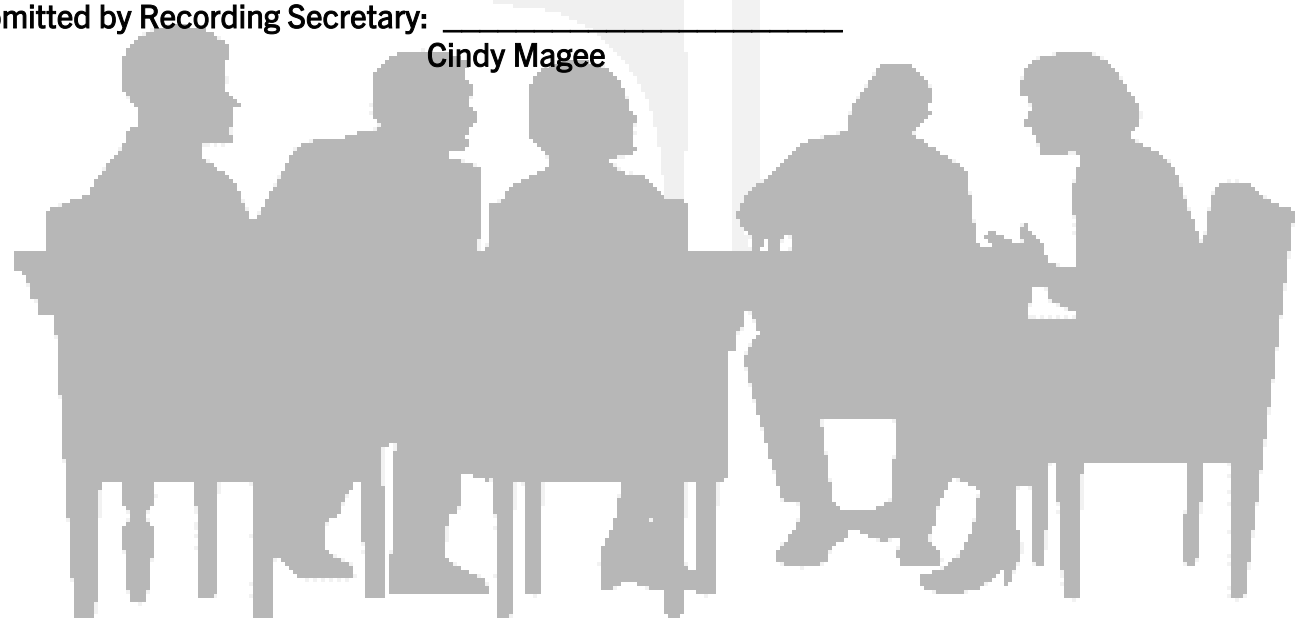
Making progress – Abby Burns and Bonnie Whitney have volunteered to help

Other Committee/Additional New Business:

Spiritual Gift Survey – October 17 in Worship Service
Congregational Microphones – Sound for Live Stream, Jackie will contact company who installed
Ecumenical Service – Larry Pedersen has requested permission for the use of our building to hold a once-a-month service on a Saturday. This will be a non-Methodist doctrine service. Discussion was held, a motion to allow was presented. Motion to approve: Brian Garrels, Approved as presented, by voice vote.
Lana presented a submission from Todd Studer, Plover UMC, "Success In Iowa" a weekly chat on website www.successiniowa.com for our church to participate in this program at a cost of $350. Discussion was held and it was decided to not participate at this time.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 7:30 pm
Ted Closed Meeting with a Prayer
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Submitted by Recording Secretary: _____
Cindy Magee



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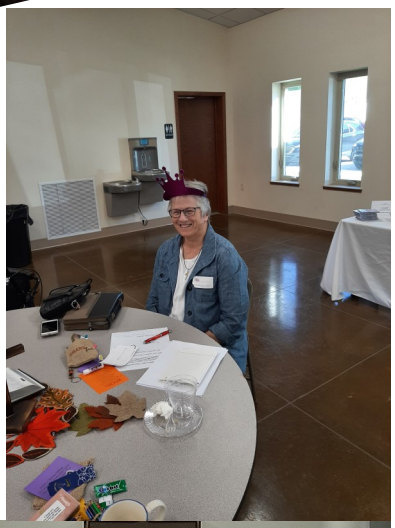

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Ministering to our seniors

Below are the addresses of our members, who are in area nursing homes or assisted living facilities.
Please send a card to brighten their day.
They would love to hear from you.

Emmetsburg Care Center
2405 21st Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-4266

Lilian Cox
Ted Strohman
Irene Goff

Emerald Oaks Assisted Living
2603 17th Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-8408

Jackie Donovan #23
Louise Sackett # 16
Darlene Harris

St. Luke's (Spencer)
1301 St. Luke's Dr,
Spencer, IA 50501

Marjorie(Marj) Solberg
Room D9

Lakeside Senior Care
301 N Lawler St
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-4060

Burt Hersom

Willow Ridge
3203 1st Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-5480

Pat Anderson #103
Jan Bare #206
Anne Carney #216
Virginia Place #210

PARC Hall
3201 1st Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-5520

Joyce Muller
Pearl Whitmore
Helen Merrill #203

If you are or know of someone who is home bound, in a nursing home, or feeling alone and would like a visit; please let Pastor Lana know, contact the church office at 852-2154 or email at umcsecretary@iowatelecom.net

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the church to inform us. The hospital does not and will not call us.

Prayer Requests:

Irene Goff
Nancy Hunsaker
Louise Sackett
Carol Ensley
Lincoln Coakley
-(grandson of Joann Coakley)
Steve & Lynne Farnsworth
Deb Nissen
-(sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)

*Those who have been hospitalized or are in long term care facilities.

*Hospital & nursing/assisted care facility staff, essential workers, & our military members.

*Students of all ages and staff at schools and colleges. Students away at college as well as those at home.

*All individual prayer requests will be listed for 6 weeks. At which time they will be removed from the list. If you wish for a name to remain, be removed, or to be put back on the list, please contact the church office at 712-852-2154.
Thank You!

Chapters in Our Life Together

2 Arlene Aldrich
Jon Jamison

3 Madelyn Hall

4 Howard Argabright
Owen Rouse

6 Alyvia Curry
Carter Hudson

7 Nancy Hinrichs
Clay Shirk

8 Judy Sample

9 Kathy Heng

11 Dan Chism
Connie Manwarren

12 Rachel Duhn
Troy Hall

15 Wendell Duhn

16 Rich Rouse

19 Bonnie Whitney

25 Brennan Duhn

26 Kiersten Duhn
Marcie Frevert
Kyle Malm
Cole Shirk

28 Larry Leners
Madison Burns
Matthew Hill

29 Missy Hall

30 Wade Lundgren

31 Virginia Place
Jon Williams

3 Larry & Julie Leners

7 Dick & Judy Sample

13 Chris & Kari Mammen

27 BJ & Darci Curry

Anniversaries

Sympathies to the family Doris Gustafson who died on September 25, 2021. Services will be held at a later date of the family's choosing.

Sympathies to the family Florence Malm who died on September 25, 2021 Services were held October 2, 2021 at Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church.

Appreciate — and act

October is Pastor (or Clergy) Appreciation Month, reminding church members to thank their hardworking ministry leaders. But the people in the pews — though they might lack official church titles — also play important roles in doing God's work.

In User Friendly Churches (Regal Books), researcher George Barna compares the behavior of people in growing vs. stagnant or declining churches. Members of growing churches actively participate in the church's ministry. "They did not divorce their faith from their lifestyle; their faith was their lifestyle," Barna writes. "They took seriously the classical Reformation doctrine of the priesthood of all believers."

By contrast, laypeople in stagnant churches tend to observe rather than participate. "They perceived their role as being in the audience in the stands," Barna notes, "nodding approvingly in efforts to demonstrate religious behavior as the clergy went through their paces."

Appreciate your pastors, but then follow their example by living out your beliefs!

Appreciating your pastor

Many people have complex relationships with their pastors because faith, church and God involve a mix of emotions. We have particular ideas about church practices, congregational priorities, the minister's use of time, money, authority and more.

But most pastors are deeply devoted to Christ and believe that God has called them to serve in a certain place. They have the best of intentions and work hard to share the good news of the gospel. So in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month in October, consider the following:

God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called. Your pastor may need time to learn and develop certain skills. (Everyone does!) Bless pastors with your patience.

We don't change the message; the message changes us. You probably won't like all your pastor's sermons or newsletter columns. But instead of complaining, ponder that something may rub you the wrong way because God is trying to change you.
Keep an open mind and heart.

If a church wants a "better" pastor, it just needs to pray for the one it has. Pray often and caringly for your pastors, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.

If you would like to sign up to serve in any of the ministries listed below, please contact the office at 712-298-2552.

We would LOVE to have YOU!

Communion Stewards

10/3
Tami Culver
Mary Lou Morrison
Sarah Strohman

11/7
Betty Zeigler
Sarah Frederick
Jamie Christensen

Video & Livestreaming

Keaton Duhn

October Computer Worship Helpers

10/3 Duhn Family
10/10 Ditch Family
10/17 Hudson Family
10/24 Kogel Family
10/31 Anderson Family

OctoberLiturgists

10/3 Marilyn Carlstrom
10/10 Bev Schmidt
10/17 Michelle Kogel
10/24 Danielle Ditch
10/31 Sarah Strohman

We are looking for people and/or family groups to serve in the following areas. Service in all areas shines God's light and love to all.

Praise Team

We are looking for people who can and are willing to share their musical gifts. We encourage you to join our Praise Team.

Acolytes

Lighting the Candles at the beginning of the service and extinguishing them at the end of service.

Design Team

We are looking for people with a knack for decorating that would like to serve by designing the sanctuary area. This is a way to serve creatively and use your gifts to glorify God through visual means.

Greeters

Greeting people as they enter the church. Keeping an eye for new people and making sure that they are also welcome.

Teachers/Youth Leaders

We have an increased need for leaders and teachers for Wednesday night.

Ushers

Passing the offering plate and bringing the offering to the front of the church to be blessed during the offering time of service.

Bell Choir

We are looking for people who can are willing to share their musical talent through the unique ministry of Bell Choir. It is a beautiful way to serve and worship the Lord!

Brunch Committee Lists for this year!

Group 1-Emmaus family
September, March
Chair-Sarah Strohman
Vice-Troy Hall
Sonya Duhn
Cindy Magee
Jackie Black
Jeanelle Stokes
Missy Hall
Danielle Ditch
Darlene Moser
Jodi Ward
Karen Sargent
Jackie Hoch
Kari Anderson
Jim Stevens
Vicki Ellis
Angie Strohman
Arlene Aldrich
Ted Ellis
Candy Bisenius
Carissa Fay

Group 2-Sunday School Teachers/Youth Leaders/ Wednesday Worship Leader
October, April (Falls on Easter Sunday in 2022)
Chair-Karen Sargent
Vice-Kari Anderson
Danielle Ditch
Michelle Kogel
Jeanelle Stokes
Cindy Magee
Jodi Ward
Jackie Black
Ted Ellis
Lana Williams
Sarah Strohman
Brandi Fehr

Group 3
May, (None in Nov due to Harvest Dinner falling on Brunch Sunday & Harvest Dinner committee plans the meal)
Chair-Sarah Strohman
Vice Chair-Sonya Duhn
Mel Rouse
Darci Curry
Rosemary Culbertson
Sarah Frederick
Carissa Fay
Angie Jensen
Janice Bare
Shellee Wright
Arlene Aldrich
Kristine Soenen
Tami Culver
Rosemary Matthews
Kaye Curran
Mina Rasmussen
Alecia Brennan
Tricia Adams
Regina Kogel
Sue Rouse
Lavonne Eldridge
Janna Hokinson
Angie Strohman

Group 4
December, June
Chair-Brandi Fehr
Vice Chair-Jackie Black
Karen Chisum
Ana Shirk
Bev Schmidt
Abby Burns
Mary Lou Morrison
Margaret Miller
Candy Bisenius
Michelle Kogel
Amy VerMulm
Anne Carney
Stephanie Hudson
Lori Morey
Marcie Frevert
Marilyn Carlstrom
Judy Richardson
Jodi Shirk
Tara Sargent
Robin Jamison
Jordan Morey
Linda Hill
Jana Steen
Dawn Jensen

Group 5
January, July
Chair-Rosie Argabright
Vice Chair-Cindy Magee
Bonnie Whitney
Tasha Truog
Jamie Christensen
Deb Wickman
Stacey Strohman
Diane Hoyman
Beth Elman
Heather Strohman
Carol Ensley
Kelly Fog
Jennifer Meyer
Myram Tunnicliff
Jill Loomis
Dilene Larson
Doris Schubert
Emily Neet
Elaine King
Lori Forry
Janet Noll
Kathy Heng
Rhonda Weisbrod
Lois Stanley

Group 6
February, August
Chair-Bev Salas
Vice Chair-Jeanelle Stokes
Norma Shaffer
Darlene Moser
Missy Hall
Deb Opheim
Virginia Place
Kim Opheim
Debbie Kassel
Vicki Ellis
Rebecca Schmit
Judy Mullen
JoAnn Coakley
Linda Strohman
Nancy Hinrichs
Carolyn Henderson
Becky Jamison
Tracey Mattice
Marsha Paulson
Barb Meyerdirk
Alice Underwood
Beth Buss
Cheryl Garrels
Judy Sample

Friday, October 1
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
Saturday, October 2
10:00AM Baby Shower (FLC)
Sunday, October 3
9:00AM Adult Sunday School
10:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00AM Sunday School (Upstairs)
11:00AM Confirmation (FLC)
5:00PM Charge Conference (Algona UMC)
6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)
Monday, October 4
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
2:00PM Bible Study-Gospel of Ruth (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
Tuesday, October 5
12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
4:30PM Just For Kix (Basement)
Wednesday, October 6
1:00PM Quilting (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:30PM Wednesday Worship Activities
Thursday, October 7
1PM-3PM Horizon's (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:15PM Girl Scouts Registion (Basement)
7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)
Friday, October 8
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
Sunday, October 10
9:00AM Adult Sunday School (Library)
10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00AM Sunday School (Church Upstairs)
11:30AM Confirmation Meeting (FLC)
4:30PM Soup Supper
6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)
Monday, October 11
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
2:00PM Bible Study-Gospel of Ruth (FLC)
Tuesday, October 12
12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
1:00PM-3:00PM Horizons (FLC Hall)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
4:30PM Just For Kix (Basement)
Wednesday, October 13
1:00PM Quilting (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:30PM Wednesday Worship Activities
7:30PM Finance Committee (Narthex)
8:00PM Admin Council (Narthex)
Thursday, October 14
1PM-3PM Horizon's (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)
Friday, October 15
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
Saturday, October 16
2PM Bridal Shower Jonathan O;Leary & Britni Flaherty
Sunday, October 17
9:00AM Adult Sunday School (Library)
10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00AM Confirmation (FLC Classroom)
11:30AM Brunch (FLC)
6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)
Monday, October 18
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
2:00PM Bible Study-Gospel of Ruth (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
Tuesday, October 19
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
4:30PM Just For Kix (Basement)
7:00PM Evening Ladies Fellowship (FLC)
Wednesday, October 20
1:00PM Quilting (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:30PM Wednesday Worship Activities
**Newsletter deadline*
Thursday, October 21
1:30PM Trinity/PALS (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)
Friday, October 22
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
Sunday, October 24
9:00AM Adult Sunday School
10:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00AM Sunday School (Church Upstairs)
11:00AM Confirmation (FLC)
6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)
Monday, October 25
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
2:00PM Bible Study-Gospel of Ruth (FLC)
Tuesday, October 26
12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
1:00PM-3:00PM Horizons (FLC Hall)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
4:30PM Just For Kix (Basement)
Wednesday, October 27
1:00PM Quilting (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:30PM Wednesday Worship Activities
Thursday, October 28
1PM-3PM Horizon's (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)
Friday, October 29
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
Sunday, October 31
9:00AM Adult Sunday School (Library)
10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00AM Sunday School (Church Upstairs)
11:00AM Confirmation (FLC)
6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)

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Wednesday Worship Schedule

5:30PM

Small Groups

Age 0-PreK

1st Grade-4th Grade

MS Youth Group

Young Adults Group

Adults 1 Group

Adults Group 2

6:30PM

Supper

7:00PM

Worship Service

7:30PM

High School Youth Group