

# HAVEN MESSENGER

## LENT BEGINS SOON

March 5 - April 19, 2014

### HAVEN MISSION STATEMENT

(adopted 2/26/06 by Haven Church)

**“To honor God,  
to reach out  
with love to our  
members and the  
community and to  
share the gospel  
of Jesus Christ.”**

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Maybe you've never heard or observed the season of Lent. Maybe you have but would appreciate a refresher on this special season. Below are the "facts" about Lent. But don't stop there. Put aside some time to read the article "Who Needs Lent" and pray. God has an invitation for you.

#### WHAT IS LENT?

**Lent** is a season of renewal before Easter. Lent lasts forty days, not counting Sundays. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at dusk on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter).

#### WHAT THE PURPOSE OF LENT?

A form of Lent has been practiced since even before the 4<sup>th</sup> century. At that time it was a season set aside for repentance and forgiveness in preparation for celebrating the "Three Days" (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) and the Easter season. It was also a time of preparation for those who wanted to be baptized. Today, Lent is still observed in many churches as a time of reflection and renewal. It is a time to look at ourselves and lives through the eyes of the Lord who calls us "beloved" and consider our relationship with God and one another. It is a time of repentance - to ask for forgiveness and ask for God's strength to return to God's ways. It is a time for reflecting on the life, sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus. In Lent we recommit ourselves to following Jesus and carrying on his saving mission and ministries.

#### WHAT DO YOU DO DURING LENT?

*Prayer* (and worship), *fasting* (refraining from something) and *works of love* (special giving of time or treasure) are the customary practices of Lent.

It's not like a New Year's resolution or contest. It's a commitment, for a limited, "do-able" amount of time, to partner up with God to give that relationship special attention through deliberate, chosen Lenten "disciplines."

Some of the traditional Lenten practices include daily Bible reading and prayer, attending mid-week Lenten worship services, giving up a particular food, beverage or habit, adding a good health habit or sacrificing time or money to benefit persons in need..

How do you decide? Pray and consider what would be pleasing to God and good for your growth as a follower of Jesus. Choose one or more of the suggestions and stick with it! Keep it simple and loving. If you "forget" or slip, be forgiving (God is!) and pick it up again turning to the Lord in love.

#### WHAT DOES THE WORD "LENT" MEAN?

It is from the Old English word which means Spring, the season in which Lent and Easter are usually celebrated in the Northern Hemisphere.

**WHY FORTY DAYS?** Forty seems to be a significant number in Scripture — Noah was in the Ark for 40 days; the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years before entering the Promised Land. But most specifically, forty was chosen by the early church because Jesus spent 40 days in the desert after his baptism. It was a time of

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preparation for his public ministry, affirming and deepening his relationship with God through prayer and fasting. The church adapted Lent to be similar in intent to Jesus “retreat” in the wilderness.

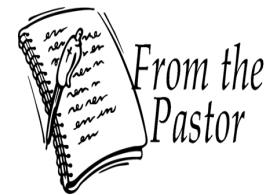
### WHY AREN'T SUNDAYS COUNTED IN THE “FORTY DAYS” OF LENT?

Each Sunday’s worship is considered a celebration of Jesus resurrection — an “Easter” celebration. Thus they are not included in the count of Lent’s 40 days.

### WILL THERE BE CHANGES IN WORSHIP?

Yes, you will notice that we won’t sing a “Hymn of Praise” at the beginning of worship (Ex. “Glory to God in the Highest...” or “Praise to You, O God of Mercy”) and we’ll refrain from the use of “Alleluias” throughout. We’ll “fast” from flowers in the sanctuary for Lent. The color of the paraments (cloths displayed on the front of the altar and pulpit) will be purple, the traditional color of repentance. The sanctuary and worship are made simple and reflective, encouraging us to push aside distractions and keep focused on our Lord.

## WHO NEEDS LENT?



One of the writers I read regularly to prepare for sermons is Rev. Dr. David Lose. He is knowledgeable, insightful, down-to-earth and faithful. So, as I was getting ready to write an article about Lent for this newsletter, I was delighted to find an article he wrote a few years back for the [Huffington Post](#). Entitled, “The Trouble (and Blessing) of Lent.” Lose spends the first part of the article explaining this point: **“Let’s face it. Lent is in trouble.”**

Why is Lent in trouble? He offers a series of explanations. • If you asked the average American what was their favorite holiday season, few if any would say Lent. • “Fasting? ...C'mon. Except for the occasional crash diet before summer vacation, who fasts anymore?” • “I don't know, maybe it's that there are no presents at the end, and no fun and games along the way”. • “Or maybe it's that Lent asks us to give up things. I mean, my word, haven't we had to sacrifice enough already to get our kids through college, to save for retirement, to put that new roof on the house, thank you very much.”

He concludes: “And there it is in a nutshell, you see, the trouble with Lent: it feels like this strange, weirdly anachronistic holiday that celebrates things we don't value and encourages attitudes we don't share. No wonder that each year fewer and fewer churches observe this age-old (fourth century!) tradition -- it's too old-fashioned, too "Roman," too medieval for many contemporary Christians to handle.... Lent, I'm telling ya, it's in trouble. And so each year, as I listen to my non-Lent-observing friends knock it as "works theology" and my Lent-observing friends complain about it as a pain in the @&!, the same question inevitably demands loudly to be answered: **Why Lent? I mean, who really needs it?**”

Yep, he said it out loud, “Why Lent? Who needs it?” Who hasn’t had that thought when walking around with ashes on our forehead.? Who hasn’t wondered when we struggle to keep a chosen Lenten habit of prayer, mid-week worship, or giving up or adding something for forty days? Most people probably think Lent and the practices of Lent are weird, if not nuts. **So who needs Lent?** Listen to Lose’s answer:

But you know what? Each year, whatever my feelings approaching Lent may be, the same answer comes whispering back: I do. **Just maybe, I need Lent. Just maybe I need** a time to focus, to get my mind off of my career, my social life, my next writing project -- and a hundred other things to which I look for meaning -- and center myself in Meaning itself.

**Just maybe I need** a time (is 40 days really enough?) to help clear my head of the distractions which any involved life in this world will necessarily bring and re-orient myself towards the Maker of all that was given for my pleasure and which I have let become merely distracting.

**Maybe I need** the opportunity (and perhaps deep down I crave the chance!) to clear my eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy which comes from situation after situation where I feel nearly helpless so that I can fasten my eyes once more on the almost unbearable revelation of the God who loves God's children enough to take the form of a man hanging on a tree.

**And maybe, just maybe** -- and this takes the greatest amount of imagination of them all -- just maybe Lent really isn't mine to do with whatever I please. Perhaps Lent isn't even the

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Church's to insist upon or discard at will. Maybe Lent isn't any of ours to scoff at or observe. Maybe Lent is God's. **Maybe Lent is God's gift to a people starved for meaning, for courage, for comfort, for life.**

Seen this way, Lent reminds us of whose we are. The "sacrifices," the disciplines, these are not intended as good works offered by us to God; rather, they are God's gifts to us to remind us who we are, God's adopted daughters and sons, God's treasure, so priceless that God was willing to go to any length -- or, more appropriately, to any depth -- to tell us that we are loved, that we have value, that we have purpose.

Yes. **I need Lent.** I need an absence of gifts so that I might acknowledge the Gift. I need a time to be quiet and still, a time to crane my neck and lift my head, straining to hear again what was promised me at Baptism: "You are mine! I love you! I am with you!"

**I need Lent,** finally, to remind me of who I am -- God's heir and Christ's co-heir -- so that, come Easter, I can rejoice and celebrate with all the joy, all the revelry, all the anticipation, of a true heir to the throne.

And so yes, **I need Lent.** And to tell you the truth, I suspect that you do, too. You see, if Lent is in trouble, it's only because we're in trouble, so busy trying to make or keep or save our lives that we fail to notice that God has already saved us and has already freed us to live with each other and for each other all the rest of our days. And so we have Lent, a gift of the church, the season during which God prepares us to behold God's own great sacrifice for us, with the hope and prayer that, come Good Friday and Easter, we may be immersed once again into God's mercy and perceive more fully God's great love for us and all the world and in this way find the peace and hope and freedom that we so often lack"

"Amen!" I encourage us to accept **the gift of Lent this year.** Make your practices simple and genuine. Approach Lent not as a chore but a holy gift to unwrap that holds the renewing breath of the Holy Spirit and the love of God. It is forty days to consciously, intentionally allow God to work in our lives to bring us life. Who needs Lent? We do!

Your pastor and partner in ministry,  
Linda M Alessandri

### **DE-MD SYNOD NEWS**

**YOU are invited to a "Coffee Klatsch with the Bishop" March 23, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**  
at Trinity Lutheran Church, 15 N. Main Street, Smithsburg ALL are welcome. Come see what the DE-MD Synod is up to and put your questions to Bishop Herz-Lane.

### **THANK YOU NOTES TO THE HAVEN CONGREGATION**

\*Thank you, Haven Congregation, for all your prayers, support, cards and good wishes for Jan, Melita and me during the past several months of her time at home and especially after her death on February 3. Thanks to all who helped in any way with the uplifting memorial service and luncheon on February 15. Our whole family felt that Jan would have really enjoyed it (and maybe she did!). Special thanks to Pastor Alessandri for her loving and caring pastoral ministry to Jan throughout her time at Haven and to the rest of the family as we planned the service. Her sermon captured both the essence of Jan's life and the hope and confidence we share in Jesus. God's blessings to all as we enter now the Lenten Season,

Dave Kaplan

\*Thank you for your recent gift of \$205.00 to Pacific Typhoon Response. Your gift means that our church can continue its effective response and be ready for the next phase in the recovery. Daniel Rift Director, ELCA

\*Thank you for the recent donation of \$76.87, supplies, and food to Holly Place. Melanie J. Davis E. D.

**A.M.E.N.**

**HELPING THE RESIDENTS OF HOLLY PLACE** – For the month of **March** we will be collecting **toilet paper, disinfecting wipes** for the residents of Holly Place. There is a container in the narthex for you to place your items.

**PARISH EDUCATION TEAM**

WHY DO LUTHERANS DO THAT?

**COME Those Interested In Becoming A Member Of Haven.**

**COME Recently Joined Members Of Haven.**

**COME Veteran Members Of Haven.**

Starting on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Alessandri and Pastor Kaplan will lead an Adult Sunday School class on “Why Do Lutherans Do That?” We will meet during the Sunday School hour (11:15 am – 12:15 pm) in the Adult Sunday School room (We’ll have signs pointing the way!) during the Sundays of Lent. (March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6)

Using questions often posed, we’ll consider questions like, “What’s a Lutheran?” “Where did we get the order or words we use in worship?” “What are Advent, Lent, Pentecost and those other seasons and special days we honor?” “Why do we sing the hymns we do?” “How do Lutheran interpret the Bible?” and other questions the class may generate.

Each session will be “self-contained” so you will be able to comfortably attend any session and still be able to participate. Pastors Alessandri and Kaplan hope it will be a faith enriching time for those new to Lutheranism and for “veteran” Lutherans who want a refresher. Feel free to invite family and friends to come with you. And bring your curiosity. There will be time for questions and discussion. An important bonus — It will also be a time to get acquainted with new, soon-to-be new and “veteran” Haven members. Hope to see you at in class!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - All women of Haven are invited to the Women's Bible study at 10:00 AM on the fourth Thursday of each month. We meet in the parlor and always have a lively and informative discussion. We are currently participating in a study of various women in the Bible from "Gather" magazine. Copies of the study are available. We met on February 27 for a study and discussion of "The Woman (or Witch) of Endor." On **March 27** we will discuss "Daughter, An Honest Virgin." Sound intriguing? Then join us !

**PLASTIC EGGS & WRAPPED CANDY NEEDED** - Donations of plastic eggs that can be filled and wrapped Easter candy are needed from the congregation so that the youth can have the egg hunt for the younger children. A box for the collection of these items will be in the narthex. Please bring your donations and place them in the box when you come to church during the weeks before Easter.

**"JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK"** - **APRIL 6**—The Sunday School will sponsor an intergenerational "Journey through Holy Week" event during Sunday School time (**11:15 - 12:15**) on Sunday, April 6 in the Gathering Room. Everyone is invited to travel to the various stations to participate in various activities to help them prepare for the upcoming Holy Week and Easter.

**PASSOVER SEDER FOR CHILDREN'S CLASSES** -**April 13**—Children's and Youth Sunday School classes are invited to participate in a Passover Seder during Sunday School on Palm Sunday, April 13. Participants will get to taste authentic foods and hear authentic words of this ancient Jewish Passover ritual, the very meal which Jesus observed with his disciples on Maundy Thursday.

**EASTER EGG HUNT PLANNED** - On Easter Sunday, **April 20**, the Middle and High School Sunday School classes will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for all children through grade 5 following the 9:30 AM worship service. Children may bring a basket or bag for their eggs, but containers will be available.

## PARISH LIFE TEAM

### ALWAYS NEEDED—COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Coffee Hour is a special time for fellowship at Haven. The hour between worship and Sunday School is a time to meet and greet visitors and members, catch up on our week, and share our faith. It's an important activity at Haven.

Parish Life posts a sign-up sheet for members to participate as hosts. Parish Life is encouraged by the willingness of members to participate. but we do have open Sundays and need more members to volunteer.

The social time is set up as a time to chat and nibble. Refreshments can be as simple as coffee and cookies or pastry. The kitchen is stocked with premeasured bags of coffee for the 40 cup coffeemaker, tea bags, creamer, sugar and stirrers. An assortment of tablecloths is available. Hosts provide all paper products except cups which are stocked in the kitchen. Remember that the coffee maker takes an hour to brew, so start it at 9:30.

Members are encouraged to volunteer as individuals, families, partners with other members or as part of a team. Parish Life members can provide guidance or ideas if you have never served before or someone would be happy to help you through your first time hosting.

Sincere thanks to those who have served. Your participation is appreciated. The Council and Parish Life team encourage others to sign-up so that we can look forward to Coffee Hour every week.

Thank you, Parish Life Team

**S.O.S. FROM SERRV** - The fair trade ministry SERRV in New Windsor needs help to get items ready for their spring catalog. We will be going on **March 7, leaving church at 8:00 am**. If you would like to go, see the sign up sheet in the narthex. Any Parish Life team member can answer any questions.

**CALLING ALL READERS** - JOIN IN THE FUN! - On **Thursday, March 20 at 2 pm** we will be discussing "THE ALL-GIRL FILLING STATION'S LAST REUNION" by Fannie Flagg. Come & join us for tea & conversation. This comic mystery about two women who are forced to reimagine who they are promises to bring some fun & laughter. Hope to see you then.



**LADIES NIGHT OUT** - has been set for Carmines in Williamsport for **Thursday March 20th 6:00PM**. A sign up sheet will be placed in the Narthex beginning March 1.

**LOOKING FOR A GOOD BOOK?** - BRR!! Be sure to check out Haven's free library located on a book cart in the Adult Sunday School classroom – & sometimes in the Narthex. Help yourself to a book, read & enjoy, return it or pass it on.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT - CAFE' CHOCOLAT**— "Where women delight in God's grace" October 10-14, 2014. REMEMBER TO RESERVE THE DATE!

## WORSHIP TEAM

### WEDNESDAYS OF LENT

It has long been a custom among many Christian churches to gather for mid-week worship and programs during Lent. It is yet one way to participate in this holy season of spiritual renewal. By setting aside this time each week — "interrupting" your regular schedule — you place a "post-it" note on your calendar, a reminder that your relationship with the Lord is indeed important to you. Write "I love you Lord" on the Wednesdays of Lent in your planner and come savor God's love for you.

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Worship Services with Holy Communion

March 5, 2014

12 noon and 7 p.m.

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Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. The day is named for the practice of imposing ashes – tracing a cross on the forehead with ashes – a practice which many Christian congregations have found to be very meaningful. As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the power of confession, forgiveness and renewal this Lenten season. Those who wish to receive ashes will have that opportunity. Holy Communion will be celebrated and our Lenten journey blessed.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN PROGRAM**

March 12, 19, 26 April 2, 9

Come for the entire program — speaker, soup & sandwiches & worship ---- OR come for the portion your schedule permits. Most of all COME!

**5:15 p.m. – GOD’S WORK. THEIR HANDS.**

**Serving the Hurting, Lost and Vulnerable of Our Community**

Our E.L.C.A. theme is “God’s Work. Our Hands.” We try to live out that theme. The Lord’s also works through others in our community who help our brothers and sisters in need — physically, financially, emotionally, or in crisis. Come hear about their work, how they came to serve in that way and how they see God at work in and through their profession. Give thanks and encouragement with your presence as you consider God at work in these helping professions.

**March 12     David Engle**  
Director, Washington County Department of Social Services

**March 19**  
Community Free Clinic

**March 26     Jamie Drawbaugh**  
Fire Fighter/Rescuer

**April 2         Brett McCoy**  
Police Officer

**April 9         Doug Fiery**  
Funeral Director

**6:00 p.m. – SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER**

A simple supper will be served in the parlor. Time for further conversation and fellowship.

**7:00 p.m. – MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP**

The order of service we use each week is Holden Evening Prayer — a liturgy that is easily learned and inspires a sense of God’s peace. To draw us into the experience and meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus, our brief meditations will be from Dateline: Jerusalem. Hear from Pontius Pilate, Caiaphas, some of Jesus disciples and a centurion soldier interviewed in a television-style format.

Come for the speaker, supper and worship OR come for a portion. Come every Wednesday OR come as you are able. Most importantly, make plans and put it on your calendar as “REFRESHMENT.” ---- A time to pause in the week for a breath of God’s presence in fellowship and worship.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**HAGERSTOWN CONVOY OF HOPE 2014** - is coming this fall on **Saturday, October 4, 2014.**

Mark your calendars now. Volunteer rally will be held the night before. These are exciting times as we come together to be the Church in the Greater Hagerstown Community!

More details will be coming soon! Start praying for Hagerstown Convoy of Hope 2014.



**Birthdays**

Dolores Carson 03/06  
 Wayne Snyder 03/08  
 Jennifer Yaraghi 03/09  
 Candace Reynolds 03/10  
 Cliff Britton 03/14  
 Kristen Schupp 03/14  
 Janice Neikirk 03/15  
 Ruth Kaldy 03/16  
 Inez Winebrenner 03/17  
 Ryan Harden 03/19

Jeremy Newkirk 03/21  
 Hazel Gaumer 03/22  
 Brenda Hassinger 03/22  
 Ken Tice 03/24  
 Alan Butsch 03/27  
 John Britton Jr. 03/30  
 Walter Miller 03/30  
 Lucienne Bergschneider 03/31  
 William Clark 03/31  
 Bill Fullerton 03/31  
 Martha Miller 03/31



**Baptismal Anniversaries**

Dave Kaplan 03/01  
 Sharron Moser 03/21  
 Abigail Andrews 03/23  
 Dustin Black 03/24  
 Brenda Manspeaker 03/26

Carol Shull 03/29  
 Dolores Carson 03/30  
 Lauren Harden 03/31  
 Ryan Harden 03/31



**If your Birthday, Anniversary, or Baptismal Anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office. We want to recognize all your special days.**



If you have a change in address, phone number or e-mail address please contact the Church office. This will help to ensure we have accurate records.

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 ~ **APRIL NEWSLETTER ~ DEADLINE: March 15 ~** \*\*\*\*\*  
 Please submit articles as you wish them to appear in the newsletter.  
 Marked with the team/group it should appear under.  
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**Newsletter Assembly**  
 March 26 at 12:00 PM ~ Kathy Amos

**Bulletin Folders**

<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>
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Amos	Schupp	Hess	Distad



**Reminder:**  
 Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hr. Daylight Savings begins March 9.

**Haven Food Bank Volunteers**  
**Mar. 4—1st Tues. Team 4**  
 Nancy Newkirk, Joanne Seilhamer,  
 June Hess, Judy Hoffman  
**Mar. 14—2nd Fri. Team 3**  
 Pam O'Connor, Kathy Wright,  
 Sue Nelson, Sari Killeffer

**Securing Our Church Building**  
 March—Mary Fortson & Charlotte Loveless

Contributions may be brought by the office during our normal business hours 9 am-1 pm or mailed to the Church at 1035 Haven Road \*Hagerstown, MD \*21742.

**Sunday Schedules—If you are unable to serve please switch with someone and notify the office of the change.**

**March 2—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Katie Muse Assisting Minister—Barbara Miller  
Lay Reader—Danny Kiblinger Entry Greeters—Bob Snyder  
Ushers—Ned & Millie Strange, Elaine Michael, Melissa Butsch, NEEDED, NEEDED  
Exit Greeters—West-Elizabeth Johns Center-Pastor Alessandri East-Danny Kiblinger  
Nursery Attendant—Kathy Wright Altar Flowers—Content Allamong  
Coffee Host(s)—Amy Mason & Jackie Webb**

**March 9—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Melita Kaplan Assisting Minister—Jennifer DeValue  
Lay Reader—Charlotte Loveless Entry Greeters—Anna Bergschneider  
Ushers—Kathy Wright, Kathy Pensis, Ed Distad, Jim & Brenda Hassinger, NEEDED  
Exit Greeters—West-Charlotte Loveless Center-Pastor Alessandri East-Barbara Miller  
Nursery Attendant—Mike & Laura Manspeaker Coffee Host(s)--Joan Schupp**

**March 16—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Meghan Byers Assisting Minister—Terry Trovinger  
Lay Reader—Abigail Andrews Entry Greeters—Elaine Michael  
Ushers—Judy Hoffman, Tanner Creek, Anna Bergschneider, Bob Snyder, NEEDED,  
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Exit Greeters—West-Clare Newcomer Center-Pastor Alessandri East-Robert Snyder  
Nursery Attendant—Amy & Rebecca Mason Coffee Host(s)—NEEDED**

**March 23—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Shaun Rollins Assisting Minister—Kathy Amos  
Lay Reader—Nancy Newkirk Entry Greeters—Charlotte Loveless  
Ushers—Mary Fortson, Shaun Rollins, Cliff & Sue Britton, Dick & Susan Strobl,  
Cliff & Sue Britton  
Exit Greeters—West-Terry Trovinger Center-Pastor—Alessandri  
East-Doug Wright  
Nursery Attendant—Kristen Schupp Coffee Host(s)—Aura Harbaugh**

**March 30—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Tanner Creek Assisting Minister—Jennifer DeValue  
Lay Reader—Joan Schupp Entry Greeters—Bob Snyder  
Ushers—Jim & Brenda Hassinger, Elaine Michael, Melissa Butsch, Bob Snyder, NEEDED  
Exit Greeters—West-Brenda Manspeaker Center-Pastor—Alessandri  
East-Alan Butsch  
Nursery Attendant—Julie Faith Coffee Host(s)—NEEDED**

**\*We are in need of 2 more ushers to try to keep everyone scheduled only once each month. We are also in need of a few substitutes that can fill in when others are unable to usher. Please contact the church office or add it to the attendance form if you are willing to assist.**

**Thank you!**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:30 S.L.A.A. 12:00 AI-Anon
2 (Hunger Offering) 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:15 Sunday School	3 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Evangelism 7:00 Property 7:00 Barbershop	4 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 12:30 AI-Anon 6:00 Sacred Listening Circles—Group Spiritual Direction	5 <b>Ash</b> <b>Wednesday</b> 12:00 Worship with Communion 4:15 Conformation 7:00 Worship with Communion	6 10:00 Knit-Wits 6:30 CoDa	7 8:00 Leave for SERRV 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 5:30 AFG 7:00 HUG	8 <b>9:00 Council Retreat Shepherds Springs</b> 10:30 S.L.A.A. 12:00 AI-Anon
9 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship Time 10:45 Visitation Team 11:15 Sunday School <b>Daylight Savings Begins</b>	10 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Worship 7:15 Parish Life 7:00 Barbershop	11 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 12:30 AI-Anon 7:00 Northwood Swim	12 4:15 Conf. Class 5:15 God's Work Wash. Co. S. S. 6:00 Soup/Sandwich Supper 7:00 Mid Week Worship	13 5:30 ACS-Meeting 6:30 CoDa	14 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 5:30 AFG 7:00 HUG	15 10:30 S.L.A.A. 12:00 AI-Anon
16 (Holly Place Offering) (Bell Choir) 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:15 Sunday School	17 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Council 7:00 Barbershop	18 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 12:30 AI-Anon	19 4:15 Conf. Class 5:15 God's Work Community Free Clinic 6:00 Soup/Sandwich Supper 7:00 Mid Week Worship	20 2:00 Book Club 6:00 Ladies Night Out at Carmine's 6:30 CoDa	21 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 5:30 AFG 7:00 HUG	22 10:30 S.L.A.A. 12:00 AI-Anon
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