



#### **Centenary United Methodist Church**

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#### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

We are excited to announce our theme for 2016 VBS:

"Some Assembly Required"- Lego VBS

Join Us: June 21-22-23, 2016 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Register Online @ www.effinghamcumc.com

Volunteer Registration will occur at a later date.

All volunteers (18 and up) must be safe sanctuary certified.

Please contact Kristy Sayers or Cathy Deters for more information!

# Pastor Joe's column



It's on our phones. It's in our homes. It's at the center of our altar table in the front of our sanctuary. It's The Bible.

John Wesley would want us as Christians to be "people of The Book," even "people of One Book." It's The Bible.

Our United Methodist denomination will make the news with several big splashes this month. Our General Conference meets in Portland the middle of May, and there are several key, even divisive, issues to come before that august body. Changes will be considered for our *Book of Discipline*...our church polity...how we do things ... who we are.

In addition to praying for all involved in General Conference, I invite you to join me in seeing all that happens (or doesn't happen...!) from the perspective of a song we sang this morning in a nursing home Bible Study: "Standing on the Promises."

We find those "promises of Christ (our) Savior" in one place. It's The Bible.

I've been waiting to use the following lengthy quote for quite some time now. It's by a David Noebel, who presents a list of five reasons why our Bibles are important. Here's his first:

The Bible is a part of world literature. How do we know the Bible is a part of world literature? If you look inside Bartlett's Book of Quotations, you'll find pages and pages and pages of quotes from the Bible, and Bartlett's Book of Quotations is a collection of quotes from world literature. (I contend if you ever have to go to jail and they won't let you take your Bible, just ask for a copy of Bartlett's Book of Quotations. You'll still get most of the key verses in the Bible from Bartlett's Book of Quotations.)

But here's another reason: Richard Dawkins says you should. Richard Dawkins is the number-one atheist in the world today, and he said, "I want all our children to read the King James Bible." Not for moral training, Dawkins was clear about that, but because it's great literature.

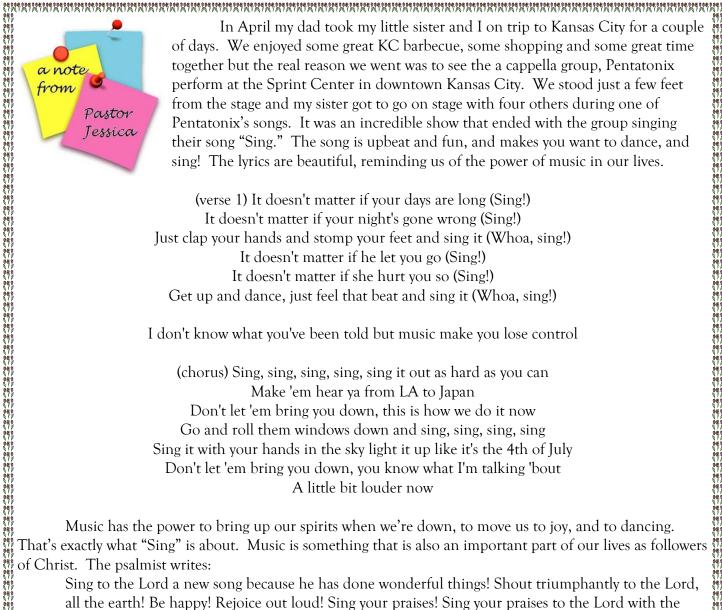
Somebody say Amen. I'll see you in worship if not before --- in worship, where Pastor Jessica and I will be preaching from this one particular book: it's The Bible.



Yours in Christ,

Dr. Joe Scheets





In April my dad took my little sister and I on trip to Kansas City for a couple of days. We enjoyed some great KC barbecue, some shopping and some great time together but the real reason we went was to see the a cappella group, Pentatonix perform at the Sprint Center in downtown Kansas City. We stood just a few feet from the stage and my sister got to go on stage with four others during one of Pentatonix's songs. It was an incredible show that ended with the group singing their song "Sing." The song is upbeat and fun, and makes you want to dance, and sing! The lyrics are beautiful, reminding us of the power of music in our lives.

(verse 1) It doesn't matter if your days are long (Sing!) It doesn't matter if your night's gone wrong (Sing!) Just clap your hands and stomp your feet and sing it (Whoa, sing!) It doesn't matter if he let you go (Sing!) It doesn't matter if she hurt you so (Sing!) Get up and dance, just feel that beat and sing it (Whoa, sing!)

I don't know what you've been told but music make you lose control

(chorus) Sing, sing, sing, sing it out as hard as you can Make 'em hear ya from LA to Japan Don't let 'em bring vou down, this is how we do it now Go and roll them windows down and sing, sing, sing, sing Sing it with your hands in the sky light it up like it's the 4th of July Don't let 'em bring you down, you know what I'm talking 'bout A little bit louder now

Music has the power to bring up our spirits when we're down, to move us to joy, and to dancing. That's exactly what "Sing" is about. Music is something that is also an important part of our lives as followers of Christ. The psalmist writes:

Sing to the Lord a new song because he has done wonderful things! Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth! Be happy! Rejoice out loud! Sing your praises! Sing your praises to the Lord with the lyre—with the lyre and the sound of music. With trumpets and a horn blast, shout triumphantly before the Lord, the king! Psalm 98:1a, 4-6

Music is a way of expressing our praise and thanksgiving to God for all that God has done, is doing and will do in our lives. Music is a way of proclaiming God is Lord and King in our lives. Music is a gift we've been given to move us, to set our feet dancing, and to help us express praise and thanks.

May we continue to "Sing, sing, sing, sing, sing it out as hard as [we] can" our praises to God as we give thanks for all God is to us and the continued gifts of love, peace and grace we experience every day.



The youth group kicked off April with a splash, quite literally, as we held our first ever cardboard boat regatta out at Lake Sara. Farina UMC's youth group joined our group as the youth raced their cardboard creations through the water. We had a wonderful time and hope to make this an annual event and involve even more youth groups in the area. Thank you to everyone who helped to build boats, donate cardboard,

and who came to cheer on the youth. The second weekend in April four youth and nine adults from Centenary traveled to Little Grassy United Methodist Camp for a weekend mission trip where we cleared brush, fixed a roof and a road sign, and lots of other things that will help the camp be ready for campers this summer. On April 16 and 17 many of our youth participated in worship during our youth worship services as we heard about Cassidy Awalt's trip to Israel. On April 17<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed the beautiful warm weather with water balloon games outside and began a series on difficult topics. Our final meeting of the month was a Mission Sunday and we heard from Larry Lappin about Habitat for Humanity. All of this would not have been possible without the incredible youth of Centenary and their parents and others who volunteer on a regular basis. Thank you to you all!

There are just three more meetings of the school year and we hope you can join us!

May 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30-7:30pm – Youth Group Meeting at the Church Jr. High & Sr. High: When Christians Get It Wrong: Christians, Science & Politics

**May 8**<sup>th</sup> – No Meeting – Happy Mother's Day!

May 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm – Youth Group Meeting at the Church Jr. High & Sr. High: When Christians Get It Wrong: Other Religions

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - No Meeting - High School Graduation

May 29<sup>th</sup> - No Meeting - Memorial Day Weekend

**June 5**<sup>th</sup> **5:00-8:00pm** – End of the School Year Youth Group Cookout at the Church Join us for a cookout and water games at the church as we kick off the summer.

There are several ways to stay up to date on Youth Group Happenings:

- Check out the schedule at http://www.effinghamcumc.com/YouthGroup
- Like our Facebook page Centenary UMC Youth
- Follow us on Twitter @cumceffingham



#### **Confirmation Meetings in May**

May 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm: Confirmation in the Youth Room

May 11th from 6:30-8pm: Confirmation in the Youth Room

Confirmation Sunday will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at our 9:00am worship service. Join us as we celebrate our confirmands and welcome them as new members of Centenary United Methodist Church!



Are you in third, fourth or fifth grade? You're invited to join us on the third Sunday of the month from 2-3pm for our Junior Youth Group. We will have a fun activity or game, a Bible lesson and a snack.

In April we talked about Jesus' parable of the sower and we planted flowers to give away to others as an expression of the love of God. We also made our own dirt cups from chocolate and enjoyed our garden snack!

Join us **Sunday**, **May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2-3pm** for our next meeting. We will be talking about the **joy** and playing soccer croquet and noodle ball outside! Come and bring a friend!

As we continue on with our Junior Youth Group, we will need **parent volunteers** to help at the meetings each month. If you are interested in helping please let Pastor Jessica know. (jessica@effinghamcumc.com)

#### This is in response to our Christmas Offering:

Dear Rev. Scheets and the Centenary Church Family:

Grace and Peace to you in this Holy Season of Lent!

Thank you very much for your generous gift of \$1,210.50, which you have designated for the Africa University **Endowment Fund**. You will be pleased to know that the permanent endowment now totals approximately **\$65 million**. The interest income and earnings thereon provide needed **scholarships** and other **financial assistance** for our students as well as meet new and emerging needs of the institution.

I am also pleased to share with you that for the current academic year, Africa University has an enrollment of **1,415** students, representing **26** of the 55 nations of Africa. Young women represent **53%** of the student enrollment.

In twenty-four (24) short years, United Methodists have built a **debt-free** first-class, first-rate institution of higher learning at the foot of Mt. Chiremba, in the Valley of Hope, at Old Mutare, Zimbabwe. You will be pleased to know that Africa University was recently rated #3 and #4 in the 2015 rankings of best universities in Zimbabwe. We hope to see you on the campus next year for the 25th anniversary celebration!

#### PEACE!

Elaine Jenkins, JD—Director of Planned Giving



# Adult Music Department Potluck JUNE 1st



#### Held in the <u>Fellowship</u> <u>Hall</u> at 6:00 p.m.

for Handbells, Alleluia Choir, Cantata Choir, Praise Team, and Praise Band Chicken and rolls will be provided.

Please bring table service, your drinks, and a dish to share.

Please RSVP by May 25, so we know how much chicken to order.

Ann Roedl



#### **MAY DATES:**

Sunday, May 1, Anthem: "How Beautiful"

Saturday and Sunday, May 7 & 8, Kid's Program: NO ANTHEM

Sunday, May 15, Anthem: "Here's One" CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 22: Handbells

Sunday, May 29, Anthem: "I'll Be There"

Wednesday, May 18: NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

#### JUNE DATES:

June 1<sup>st</sup>: Music Department Potluck at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Choir begins August 3<sup>rd</sup> — Enjoy your summer!

Ann Roedl

Check out our directing pastor's daily devotional blog:

joescheets.com



#### **May UMW Book**

#### IN DEFENSE OF FOOD:

An Eater's Manifesto

Michael Pollan LARGE PRINT Social Action 329 pages

Eat Food. Not too much. Mostly plants. Pollan argues that humans used to know how to eat well. But the balanced dietary lessons that were once passed down through generations have been confused, complicated and distorted by food marketers, nutritionists and journalists who all have something to gain.

Pollan's manifesto shows us how to recover a more balanced and pleasurable approach to food. You can check out Mr. Pollan on your computer and see some of his videos on food.

# **Centenary Quilters**

**Quilt of the month for May** 



#### Here is a cutie.

Toy animals that will make a small child's face glow, along with a few adults.

Bright colors and it is hand quilted.

Stop by our racks and take a look at this wonderful little quilt.



# Book Club for Young Readers **WILL BREAK FOR SUMMER**.

See you in September!

The following are just a few of the books that you can check out in the prayer room:

Nature Girl Unplugged The Chickens Build A Wall

Return to Sender Traveler The Eye of the Whale

The Soda Bottle School A Native American Thought of It Agatha's Feather Bed

Tara's Lookout Because Amelia Smiled A Girl Called Problem

Keep reading!

## Legacy Fund - 150th Anniversary

Our foremothers remembered us and made it possible for United Methodist Women to continue after 1869.

Now it is our time to remember our daughters and granddaughters guaranteeing the continuation of

150

Legacy Pin

United Methodist Women for another 150 years. While any amount is welcome, every member is invited to contribute to the Legacy Fund between 2015 and 2019. We ask you to consider commemorating the year UMW foremothers first organized for mission with gifts in increments of -1869 - \$18.69, \$186.90, \$1869, etc. or honoring UMW's years of service with gifts in increments of 150 - \$15, \$150, \$1500.

A Day of Giving kickoff was held on March 23, 2015 and the gifts totaled nearly \$100,000. So far, our conference has pledged \$12,392.49 of which \$1,477.38 has been received by the National Office.

Remember a special person and give to the Legacy Fund which will ensure support for core expenses of being in mission and allow your Mission Giving Dollars to connect more directly with women, children and youth. Give proudly and wear a 150 pin announcing that you are a member of the Legacy Fund.

Supported by the United Methodist Women of Centenary United Methodist Church, Effingham, II.

Contact the church office or send donations to the church office to help in this worthy cause.



# Esther Unit of UMW May UMW Meeting

Esther Unit of UMW will meet Wednesday, May 4, 1:00pm, in the Meeting Room at Centenary. Eileen Cumming will have the devotion for this meeting, and Beth Wattelet will be our hostess. Peggy Peters will have the lesson.

Esther Unit of UMW meets the first Wednesday of each month March - December, and all ladies from Centenary are invited to join us for a time of study, fellowship, and refreshments.



Sunday School is for EVERYBODY! 10:15 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.

#### **Recycling Opportunity**



Esther Unit of UMW is participating in the Embarras River District UMW recycling project to collect items which we cannot recycle locally. This is an ongoing project this year, and we are collecting the following items:

cancelled postage stamps

prescription bottles with the labels removed

old cell phones

old tennis shoes (old, dirty tennis shoes are ground up and used to make road pack and tennis courts.)

plastic caps not recycled by other means

The collection boxes will be in the Connection area.



#### **Summer Mission Trip**

Henderson Settlement Frakes, Kentucky

**Summer Mission Trip Opportunity:** Sunday, June 26 through Saturday, July 2 to Henderson Settlement, Frakes, Kentucky

**Multi Generational Trip:** youth (6th grade and above), young adults in training (college age), adults and seniors

All adults 18 and older must complete the safe sanctuary training. For information about this please contact Pastor Jessica.

Cost: \$225 for the week, plus some personal spending cash

Scholarships are available for trip fee as well, see Pastor Jessica for information.

We will have a **Garage Sale Fundraiser on Saturday**, **June 4**, **from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon** to earn the remainder of the trip fees.

Come experience God's blessings at the Henderson Settlement this summer, June 26 – July 2. May God's rich blessing continue to flow through your hands and feet, mouth and tongue as you help build in Appalachia.

Larry Lappin, Mission Chairperson







# We want to congratulate all our Seniors in high school and college.

### 2016 Church League Softball

May to August

Anyone, male or female, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older (adults especially) are welcome.

We need to fill a team of 10 to 12 minimum players to play weekly and to show up as faithfully as possible.

We play a relaxed game against other teams with the focus on fellowship **every Tuesday evening at Hendelmeyer Park**.

Please contact Ken Ballard at 342-6709 if you have questions.

The sign up sheet and a sheet of game dates and times to take home are in the Connection area.

May 3 6:30 p.m.

May 10 7:35 p.m.

May 17 8:40 p.m.

May 24 7:35 p.m.

May 31 7:35 p.m. & 8:40 p.m.

June 7 6:30 p.m.

June 14 8:40 p.m.

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June 21 6:30 p.m. & 7:35 p.m.

June 28 7:35 p.m.

July 5 8:40 p.m.

July 12 7:35 p.m.

July 19 7:35 p.m.

July 26 6:30 p.m. & 7:35 p.m.

August 2 7:35 p.m.

Thanks to all who attended my presentation on the history of Centenary United Methodist Church at the Old Court House on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Special thanks to Jane Ries for her photo display and to those who provided refreshments following the presentation.

Thanks also to Larry Ensign for his help in moving the Church's banner.

Glen Bower



# Welcome Teams

May

Dan and Janet Hargis, 342-6832 Kelsey and Addison Clark Brian and Heather Fuesting Bob and Judy Lee Greg and Sabrina Eveland

June

Max and Ruth White, 342-4509 Christine Browne Megan and Erin Browne Allyn and Cyndy Montgomery
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# TLC Tuesday Lunch Club

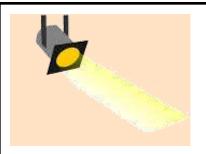
May 10, 2016

TLC: Tuesday Lunch Club will be held May 10 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and bring a friend and share a catered lunch (\$6.00). **There is no age limit to attend.** Everyone is welcome!

Jake Junghanel, general manager of the Workman Sports Complex, will be sharing "Everything You Want to Know about the Sports Complex but Didn't Know Who to Ask".

The sign-up sheet is in the Connection Area. Sign-up for yourself and your friend!

For more information contact Debbie Lappin 343-8706.







We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to run the computer/projector in the Sanctuary: Saturday or Sunday.

For details, or to learn more, call Kim in the church office at 342-2030 or email her: kim@effinghamcumc.com

#### Midwest Mission Distribution Center

The Mission: To compassionately help God's people in need locally, nationally, and around the world and to offer a Center to fulfill the call for service to our neighbors in Christ's name.

#### Current needs are:

Baby gowns and sleepers for our layette kits

You may drop off items in the Connection area



#### WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING DONATION OF BICYCLES.

If you have a bicycle that you would like to donate, you can drop them off at Centenary United Methodist Church.

#### **DAILY CALL**

Anybody who lives alone and would like a daily call, please call Lyetta Awalt at 342-4711, or call the church office at 342-2030.





# Saturday, June 4th

8:00 a.m.-Noon

#### **Free Will Donation**

Proceeds to benefit trip to Appalachian mountains in Frakes, KY.

Donations can be dropped off at the church garage starting Monday, May 2 from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

No clothing please.

Help needed Saturday of the sale to set up, loading items for customers, and tearing down.

IF HELPING TO SET UP, PLEASE BE AT THE CHURCH AT 7:00 A.M. ON JUNE 4.

If any questions call Bev Awalt at (217) 821-1680 or Laurie Borrelli at (217) 347-5658



## Unglued

#### by Lisa Terkeurst

Lysa TerKeurst admits that she, like most women, has experiences where others bump into her "happy" causing her to come emotionally unglued.

What do we often do with our raw emotions? We stuff, we explode, or react somewhere in between. Is it really possible to make emotions work for us instead of against us? Her answer is yes, and in her usual inspiring and practical way, Lysa shows you how.

Filled with gut-honest personal examples and Biblical teaching, *Unglued* will equip you to know with confidence how to

- Resolve conflict in your important relationships
- Find peace in your most difficult relationships as you learn to be honest but kind when offended
- Identify what type of reactor you are and how to significantly improve your communication
- Respond with no regrets by managing your tendencies to stuff, explode or react somewhere in between
- And how to gain a deep sense of calm by responding to situations out of your control without acting out of control.

Anyone interested in knowing more or have questions can contact Julie Howard at <a href="mailto:ihoward59@gmail.com">ihoward59@gmail.com</a>.



## **Good News Singers**

BIG PLANS FOR UMC FAMILY CELEBRATION WEEKEND, MAY 7 & 8 SERVICES:

• Rehearsal Sunday, May 1 during 1st 20/30 minutes of service, so that children may take COMMUNION with their families. *Meet in the Community Meeting Room on 1st floor at end of the hall.* 

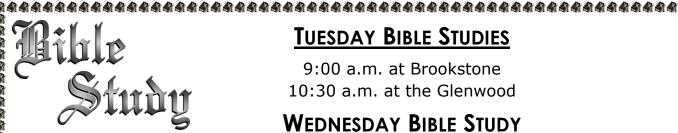
There will be several group songs, and also the opportunity for students of all ages to share their musical gifts in worship that weekend. Family or brother/sister groups encouraged! We can help pick the song.

Please contact Brenda Dost at 708-217-7982 or <a href="mailto:bcdost@att.net">bcdost@att.net</a> or <a href="mailto:kenfr@mediacombb.net">kenfr@mediacombb.net</a>.

# May Van Drivers



May 1	Craig Wise	868-9933
May 8	Gary Bone	342-6663
May 15	Russ Howard	347-8858
May 22	John Barton	663-1500
May 29	Gary Bone	342-6663



#### **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES**

9:00 a.m. at Brookstone 10:30 a.m. at the Glenwood

#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

\*11:00 a.m. Lakeland Rehabilitation and Health Center \*(third and fifth Tuesdays)

#### **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



#### **Food For Catholic Charities**

We collect food for Catholic Charities each month to help them supply food to those in need in our area. Please bring your donation to the Mission Room at church any weekend, and on the third Monday of the month we will deliver our donations to them. (if you are dropping off food at Catholic Charities, they are closed from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

Since we will be collecting all month, our hope is that more people will participate. We are looking forward to seeing a mound of food.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS MISSION PROJECT.

### From Joe's Notebook

"We're developing a new citizenry. One that will be very selective about cereals and automobiles, but won't be able to think."

--- Rod Serling



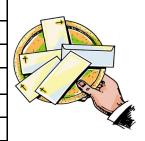
#### PRAYER REQUESTS CAN BE SENT TO:

The church office @ 342-2030 Chris at chris@effinghamcumc.com or Kim at kim@effinghamcumc.com

"Do no harm. Do Good. Stay in love with God."- -John Wesley



Our Stewardship: Apr	il 2016 Attend	lance
	Worship	Sunday School
April 2, 3, 4	295	61
April 9, 10, 11	189	33
April 16, 17, 18	205	67
April 23, 24, 25	176	71



Contribution Summary—April 2016			
APRIL 24, 2016	GENERAL FUND YEAR TO DATE	CAP. IMPROVE. FUND YEAR TO DATE	BUILDING FUND YEAR TO DATE
Contributions	\$131,741.70	\$5,157.04	\$18,629.45
Disbursements	\$128,704.63	\$3,662.99	
+ Ahead - Behind	+ \$3,037.07	+\$1,494.05	Loan Balance \$189,100.07

ROOM ABREVIATIONS FOR CALENDAR



S = Sanctuary

**YR = Youth Room** 

**FH = Fellowship Hall** 

MR = Meeting Room

K = Kitchen

B + number = rooms on the lower level



### Pick It Up Effingham – Saturday, May 21

We have taken the responsibility of Ford Avenue from Menards to Keller Drive.

We are scheduled to meet at Menards on Saturday, May 21 at 8:00 a.m. to do our part again. This is a great way for us to show Christ as we make a difference in our community. If you would like to join us, you have to be 10 years of age and sign a release form. Call the office today if you want to help with this community project.

NOTE: WE MEET AT 8:00 a.m. FOR SUMMER!







# **UPCOMING Events and Meetings**

Monday	05/02	9:00 a.m.	Centenary Servants (K)	
Wednesday	05/04	1:00 p.m.	Esther Unit of UMW (MR)	NC.
Monday	05/09	6:45 p.m.	Trustees (MR)	CON
! 	05/09	7:00 p.m.	Outreach and Witness (Conf.)	<u>101</u>
Tuesday	05/10	12:00 noon	TLC: Tuesday Lunch Club (FH)	WINT TION
Sunday	05/15	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation	· WA
Monday	05/16	7:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting (MR)	
Saturday	05/21	8:00 a.m.	Pick it Up Effingham (meet at Me	nards)
Sunday	05/22	9:00 a.m.	Graduation	
! 	05/22	6:00 p.m.	Book Club (MR)	
Monday	05/23	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting	
Monday	05/30		Memorial Day: Office is Closed	I





# **WEEKLY Opportunities**

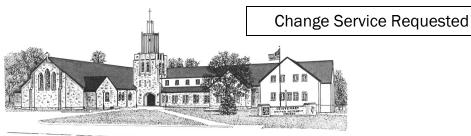
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A.A. (B6)

Saturdays	5:45 p.m.	Worship Service
Sundays	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
į	10:00 a.m.	Connection Time
10:15	a.m11:15 a.m.	Adult and Youth Sunday School
	2:00 p.m.	Junior Youth Group (meets May 22)
<u> </u>	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Youth Group (FH) (YR) (NO YOUTH GROUP ON MAY 8, 22, and 29)
Mondays	9:00 a.m.	Quilters (Rm 19)
]	6:00 p.m.	Monday Nite Lite (a shortened service) (S)
Tuesdays	9:00 a.m.	Brookstone Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Glenwood Bible Study Remember -
Ī	6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (B2) our fallen heros.
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (Closed) (B6)  They are the reason
İ	8:00 p.m.	Al-Anon (B3) that we are free.
Wednesdays	9:00 a.m.	Staff meeting (Conf.)
] [	11:00 a.m.	Lakeland Rehabilitation and Health (3rd and 5th weeks)
] ]	6:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal (Rm 27) (We will break for summer on June 1st)
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class ENDS May 11
] [	7:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (S) (NO Choir May 18) (No rehearsal on May 18. We will break for summer on June 1st)
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. (Open) (B6)
Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	A.A. (Open) (B6)
Fridays	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (B2)



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