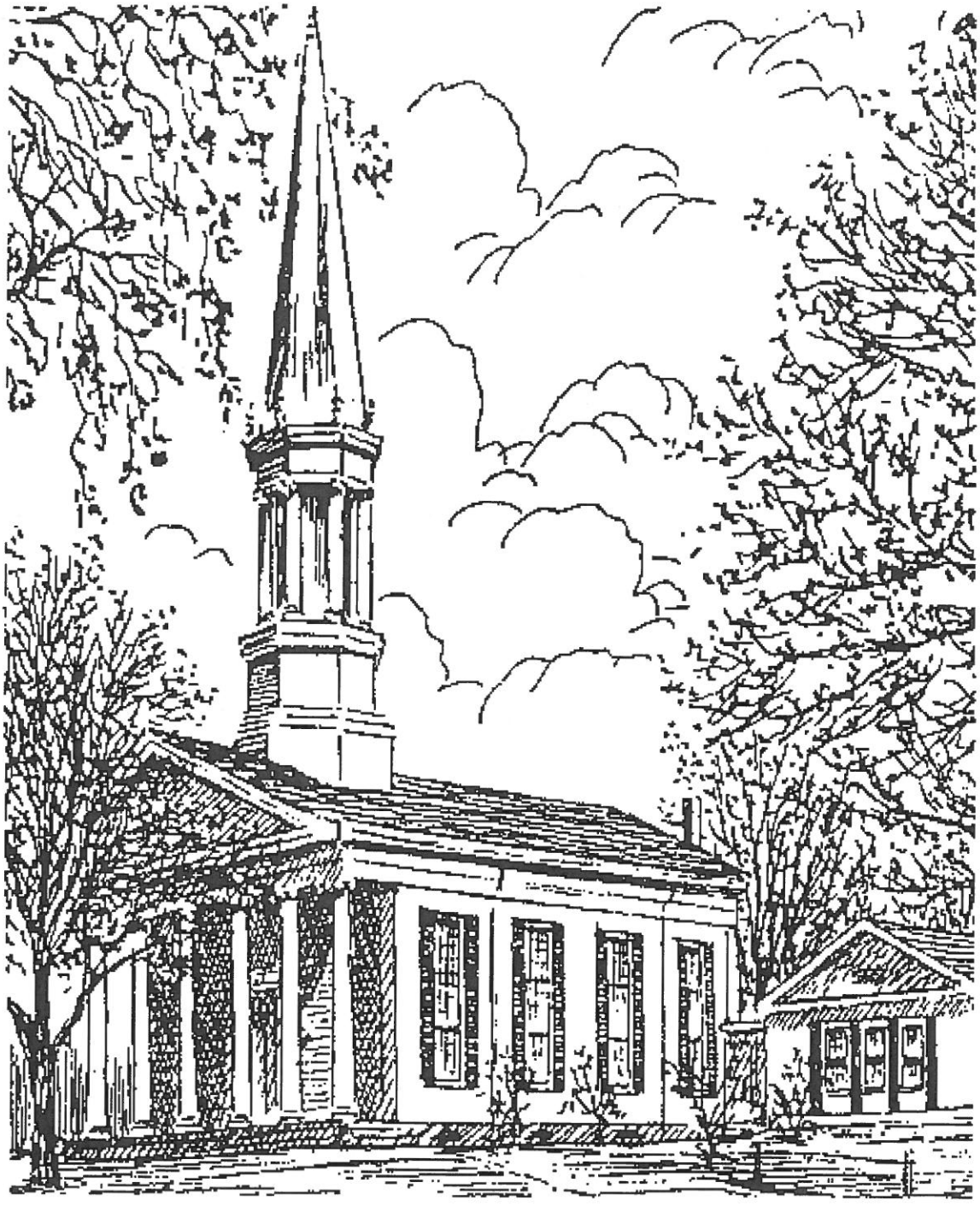
DRUMBEATS *January 2018*



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FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As we begin the new year of 2018, we begin with gratitude for God's faithfulness to us in guiding and supporting us through this past year of transitional time in church life! And we are grateful to each of our congregation members who week after week have lived out our covenant of "walking together in God's ways (of hope, peace, love and joy.)"

We are especially grateful for the leaders of our congregation. The first year of an Interim time in church life is a time of tremendous responsibility and pressure to discern the best path forward that will bring healing and reconciliation from the past, while setting a new direction for church life. We have a team of leaders who met this challenge in 2017. As we move toward our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 4th, please take a moment to warmly thank our leaders!

I am very grateful to have been part of this team of leaders, and I look forward to working together in 2018. I would like to thank the congregation for recognizing my pastoral leadership on Christmas Eve Sunday and for your generous gift. I also join the Board of Stewards and our whole membership in gratefulness for Dick Smyth's generous and church life-changing gift.

Finally, I want to mention how grateful we are to have Sara Moriarty join the staff as Director of Christian Education! Sara's job description calls for her to guide and support the Sunday School, a role she had already been engaged in as Resource Consultant last fall; to work with me in leading our Confirmation class of 11 youth and their mentors - what a great start to part two of Confirmation we got off to last Sunday, with everyone meeting their mentors at a luncheon in the parish hall; to start a youth group for 4-6 graders that will meet once a month; and to sow seeds for adult education. She will be working approximately 20 hours a week and will be in her office Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Pastor Steve

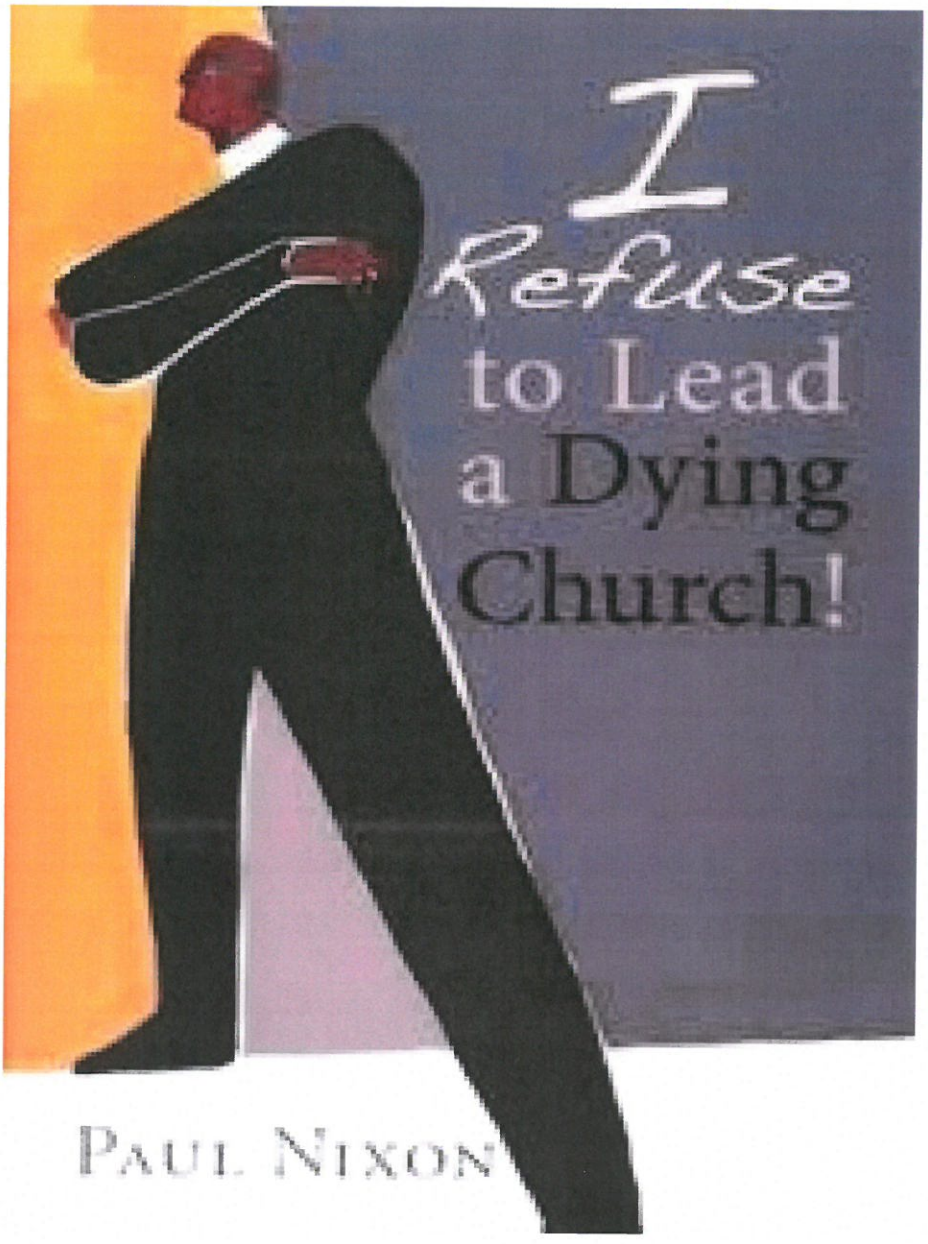
"Continuing To Grow In Grace"

With the beginning of the new year, we want to continue to be inspired to grow in "the spirit and the mission of church life."

The Church Council and Deacons would like to encourage everyone to read the book

"I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church".

And beginning on Wednesday, January 10th, Pastor Steve and Brian Baeder, will lead a discussion of the key chapters of the book. The discussion will continue on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 7:15 in Fellowship Hall. Come early for dessert. Look for the sign-up sheet soon! Books are also available now.



Daily Lectionary Scripture References
January 2018 (Year B)

Mon., Jan. 1
New Year's Day
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalm 8
Revelation 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46

Tues., Jan. 2
Psalm 148
Proverbs 1:1-7
James 3:13-18

Wed., Jan. 3
Psalm 110
Proverbs 1:20-33
James 4:1-10

Thurs., Jan. 4
Psalm 110
Proverbs 3:1-12
James 4:11-17

Fri., Jan. 5
Psalm 110
Proverbs 22:1-9
Luke 6:27-31

Sat., Jan. 6
Epiphany
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Sun., Jan. 7
The Baptism of Christ
Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

Mon., Jan. 8
Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36
Genesis 17:1-13
Romans 4:1-12

Tues., Jan. 9
Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36
Exodus 30:22-38
Acts 22:2-16

Wed., Jan. 10
Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36
Isaiah 41:14-20
John 1:29-34

Thurs., Jan. 11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Judges 2:6-15
2 Corinthians 10:1-11

Fri., Jan. 12
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Judges 2:16-23
Acts 13:16-25

Sat., Jan. 13
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Samuel 2:21-25
Matthew 25:1-13

Sun., Jan. 14
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

Mon., Jan. 15
Psalm 86
1 Samuel 9:27—10:8
2 Corinthians 6:14—7:1

Tues., Jan. 16
Psalm 86
1 Samuel 15:10-31
Acts 5:1-11

Wed., Jan. 17
Psalm 86
Genesis 16:1-14
Luke 18:15-17

Thurs., Jan. 18
Psalm 62:5-12
Jeremiah 19:1-15
Revelation 18:11-20

Fri., Jan. 19
Psalm 62:5-12
Jeremiah 20:7-13
2 Peter 3:1-7

Sat., Jan. 20
Psalm 62:5-12
Jeremiah 20:14-18
Luke 10:13-16

Sun., Jan. 21
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Mon., Jan. 22
Psalm 46
Genesis 12:1-9
1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Tues., Jan. 23
Psalm 46
Genesis 45:25—46:7
Acts 5:33-42

Wed., Jan. 24
Psalm 46
Proverbs 8:1-21
Mark 3:13-19a

Thurs., Jan. 25
Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 3:23-29
Romans 9:6-18

Fri., Jan. 26
Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 12:28-32
Revelation 2:12-17

Sat., Jan. 27
Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 13:1-5
Matthew 8:28—9:1

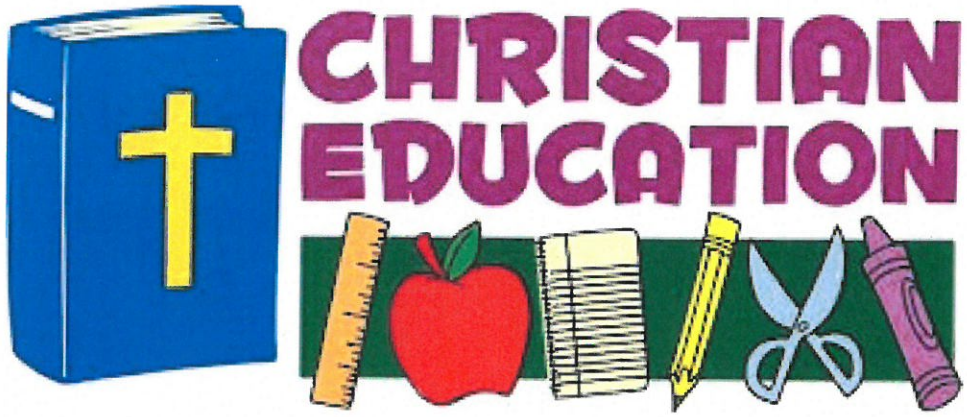
Sun., Jan. 28
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Mon., Jan. 29
Psalm 35:1-10
Numbers 22:1-21
Acts 21:17-26

Tues., Jan. 30
Psalm 35:1-10
Numbers 22:22-28
1 Corinthians 7:32-40

Wed., Jan. 31
Psalm 35:1-10
Jeremiah 29:1-14
Mark 5:1-20

CE news...



The students schedule:

Jan 7-All students are to report directly to their classrooms and then will learn more about Communion in fellowship hall, then they will return to their class rooms and the wise men "come" to the Nativity. The students will be remembering the story of Jesus's birth.
Jan 14-After Children's time in church, the students will go to their classes.
Jan 21-After Children's time in church, the students will go to their classes.
Jan 28-After Children's time in church, the students will go to their classes.
Feb 4-Communion then classes, report directly to classes.

The CE committee is moving the classrooms. Room 1 will be refurbished and then be the new classroom for Grades 3-5, Room 2 will be for the older classes, grades 6-8, and room 3 will remain the class room for Grade K-2. Rachel Gary is our Care taker in the Cradle roll room. Any child from 0-4 is welcome to come and "play" with her. We want to be able to display various activities and lessons in our classrooms. We want the children to know that we value their efforts. We feel strongly that the Church school students need to have their own spaces; clean; welcoming; and full of the Holy Spirit. We plan on moving in to the new spaces on Feb 1 2018.
The students will be continuing with the SPARK curriculum until right after Easter. After Easter we will be teaching and learning all about Heifer. The students will experience multi-cultural activities. More information about this will be in the upcoming editions of Drumbeats.
I will be in the DCE office starting in Jan. for 3-4 days a week. That office is also getting refurbished. Come by at anytime. I can also be reached at smori108@aol.com. I am honored and humbled to return as the leader for the CE programs. Pastor Steve and I are so compatible. I am lucky. We will be co-teaching the confirmation classes.
I will be forming a new youth group in February. Again, more information will be forthcoming in Drumbeats. I welcome any and all suggestions.

Blessings on the new year,
Sara Moriarty, DCE

A Message from the Board of Stewards and Council

The Board of Stewards and Council would like to inform you of a wonderful Christmas present our church received. We were blessed to receive a bequest from the Richard (Dick) Smyth estate. The bequest will be paid in two installments. We received our first check in mid- December in the amount of $1,000,000. Our second check will come in the new-year and it should also be approximately $1,000,000. This very generous gift could not have come at a better time. This will go a long way toward making our financial situation much brighter and should make our church financially stable for many years to come. This money will be invested wisely and the goal is to use only the interest earned from the principal. Again, a very big thank you to our generous benefactor Dick Smyth who did so many things for us when he was here in person and now has enriched us again with this legacy that he left behind. Also thank you Rhoda for the part she played in seeing to it that his wishes were carried out.

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Craft Fest News

Christmas has passed and a new year has begun. Decorations, presents, and their wrappings are soon to be put away. Jan. is also the time for reorganizing and cleaning out. If you have any items that are in good condition and you think the Craft Fest could use, please place them in the Craft Fest Box. Next year we are also having a white elephant sale. These are items that might have a nick in the edge. It's not quite good enough to be put in a basket, but too good to be in a tag sale. As you begin this task, please keep the Craft Fest in mind! Thank you.

CHURCH BOOK SALE

Our annual book sale will be revived this year and will be held on Saturday, June 9th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Over the years it has been a major fundraiser for our church. We would appreciate receiving any books you may have that you have finished with. Our book sale is usually very popular within the town and we will need a lot of books in order to make it a success. Please leave the books you wish to donate to the sale on the stage in Fellowship Hall as we will be sorting, categorizing and packing them between now and June. If you need someone to pick up your books, please contact Brad Chase at 860-749-3828 or Joanne Burgess at 860-749-3863.

Outreach Committee

We would like to thank you for the many gifts you donated from the tags on the Dove Tree. The two families that received the gifts were very grateful and touched by our generosity.

As you know we also host a brunch at the soup kitchen every other month. We feed an average of 70 guests. For many of them this is the only hot meal they get for the day and for some the only meal. We need help with food donations and volunteers for each brunch. Our next brunch will be on February 24th. Please consider donating a little of your time to help us by either volunteering or bringing a dish from the menu.

January Birthdays

January 3 – Leigh Hart
January 5 – Samantha DeLong, Eleanor Quoos
January 6 – Christian Petersen, Isabella Maloni
January 9 – Susan Smith
January 10 – Antonio Rocco & Michael Calabrese, Hayden Calvin
January 11 – Melanie Dwyer
January 12 – Judy Herr
January 14 – Robert Bentley
January 16 – Joni Marocchini, Joshua Carroll
January 17 – Adrienne Cummings, Jacquelyn Whitehead-Harris
January 19 – Grace Wilson
January 20 – Matthew Dwyer
January 25 – Ladd Gowen
January 27 – Jane Zebrowski
January 29 – Christa Berthold, Judith Merrill

January Anniversaries

January 5, 1957 – Christa & Gerhard Berthold
January 18, 1947 – Jean & Donald Hammond
January 30, 1954 – Dolores & Clifford Lane

Youth Group Begins……

Grade 4-6

Friday Feb 2, 2018

Time: 7-9

Place: Fellowship Hall

Bring a friend, bring $1.00 or snack to share

Come one, come all, enjoy!

R. S.V. P.
Sara Moriarty
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For the safety of all, please, bring students into church, as well as pick them up, inside. Susan Chadbourne will be joining us as one of the adult leaders. Guest leaders will assist us each month.
The future dates for Youth Group times are: March 9, April 13, and May 11. Each session is from 7-9 pm.

CRAFT GROUP

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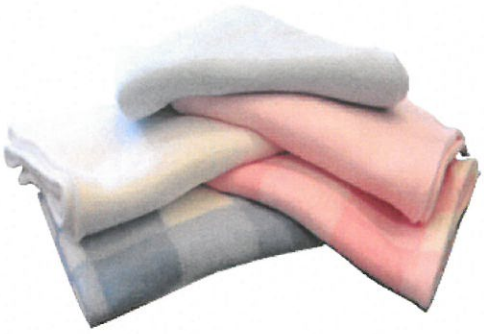

PROJECT LINUS

HATS WITH HUGS

The Craft Group has a new focus for making NICU baby items. At Cindy Chapin-Howell's invitation, her friend Leah Baumgarten, a NICU nurse at UConn Health Center in Farmington, spoke to the Craft Group women on Tuesday, October 31st about their most needed items. They are as follows:

Especially Needed:

*BODY PILLOWS made out of flannel or fleece

*GEL PILLOWS made out of flannel

Also Needed:

*KNITTED BLANKETS using a garter or stockinette stitch (not crocheted, as tiny fingers get caught in the holes) approximately 26" by 30" or approximately 26" square

*FLANNEL SCENT CLOTHS approximately 5-6" square

*FLEECE PIECES approximately 14" by 17", no stitching needed

*LARGER BABY HATS 9-10" in circumference or larger.

For more specific instructions on any of the above items stop by room 5 some Tuesday morning or see one of the names listed below.

We will continue with our quilt making and knitting throughout the winter and spring, and hope to provide the NICU at UConn Health Center with many of the above items in the next several months.

If you have any questions please contact Ann Chase, 749-3828, Dot Wilber, 749-7156, or Morie Chipps, 745-4142.

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!	2 7:00 PM Diaconate, Rm 5 6:00 PM "Growing In Prayer"	3 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 7:00 PM Outreach, Rm 5	4 Nearly New 9:30-2:30 Men's Breakfast 7:45 9:30 – 2:30 Nearly New Al-Anon 9:30 Rm 5 Al-Anon 7:00 Rm 5 7:00 PM Bell Choir	5	6 Nearly New 10:00-1:00
7 10:00 AM Worship with Communion C.E. Meeting	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 7:00 PM Stewards's Room 5	10 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 11:30 – 2:30 Women's Guild, F.H.	11 Nearly New 9:30-2:30 Men's Breakfast 7:45 Al-Anon 9:30 Rm 5 Al-Anon 7:00 Rm 2 7:00 PM Bell Choir	12	13 Nearly New 10:00-1:00
14 10:00 AM Worship	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 7:00 PM, Council, Rm 5 6:00 PM "Growing In Prayer"	17 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir	18 Nearly New 9:30-2:30 Men's Breakfast 7:45 Al-Anon 9:30 Rm 5 Al-Anon 7:00 Rm 5 7:00 PM Bell Choir	19	20 Nearly New 10:00-1:00 9:30 Prayer Shawl Group
21 10:00 AM Worship	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23	24 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir	25 Nearly New 9:30-2:30 Men's Breakfast 7:45 Al-Anon 9:30 Rm 5 Al-Anon 7:00 Rm 5 7:00 PM Bell Choir	26	27 Nearly New 10:00-1:00
28 10:00 AM Worship	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30	31 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir			