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³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my ^[b] God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of ^[c] Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. - 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Have you ever noticed how many of Paul's letters begin with a warm greeting. He praises the people of the churches he hasn't been to in months, or in some cases, years. He speaks to them as if they are his siblings in Christ, lifted up on faith. He recognizes their value, and lifts them up as part of the body of Christ, specifically calling them out as valued members of the body of Christ.

How can we as a church greet people this same way when they come to our church? How can we treat them with the same respect and reverence Paul treated these churches he so dearly loved, as we see in his letters, even though his contact with them was quite limited, and in some cases only in writing?

Intentional hospitality is important. By wearing name tags, it removes one more burden to a visitor, it signals to them, "it takes time to learn 100 names, but we welcome you, and here we like to call each other by name as if we are family." I encourage us all to be more intentional about wearing our name tags, and in so doing, being more welcoming to visitors.

Sharing of the Peace is statistically one of the moments visitors to new churches report as the most frightening moment of the service. If you see a visitor to our church, be intentional about welcoming them during this time, but not overwhelming. Inviting them to fellowship time after the service can help. But also allow them to meet and greet as many people as possible, even introducing them to others, is important (don't hog them all to yourself).

And, as mentioned, Fellowship time after the service is a vital part of recognizing a visitor or infrequent attender as a member of the body of Christ. There is a balance in being hospitable and intrusive, but I believe giving a salutation like Paul, being intentionally inviting, and informative is important. Helping people get plugged into the church in more than one way has been proven to increase the likelihood of them becoming part of the church community, invite them to participate in a program or event.

As a new ministry season is upon us, let's be as intentional as we can about welcoming and inviting people into our community. Let's give praise for them, lifting them up as fellow believers. We are all on a journey, let's invite them to join us as we journey together!



ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 8 at Pleasant Valley Park

Plan on joining the fun at our church picnic September 8 at Pleasant Valley Park's picnic pavilion area (3405 Valley Rd., Basking Ridge), immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service - approximately at 11 a.m. Come to church in your picnic attire!

This is a wonderful time of fun and fellowship for all, and a great way to welcome Pastor Matt, to reconnect with friends after the summer, and to celebrate the start of the new school year!

Hamburgers/hotdogs/condiments and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite appetizer/or side dish, salad, or dessert to share. If your last name begins with A-I, please bring an appetizer/ or side dish, J-Q a salad, and R-Z a dessert (all to serve 8). Remember- No Nuts Please!

RSVP chosen food items to Sonja Ryan
(sonjaryan@hotmail.com) or 908-421-7974. Questions- email or call Sonja or Janet Kaefer (jbkaefer@optonline.net) or call 908-221-0556. Bring lawn chairs if desired!

Hope to see you there!



Church Council Update



The Church Council approved an operating budget for 2019 with a deficit of \$45,050 subject to a condition that a Task Force be established to balance our budget within two years.

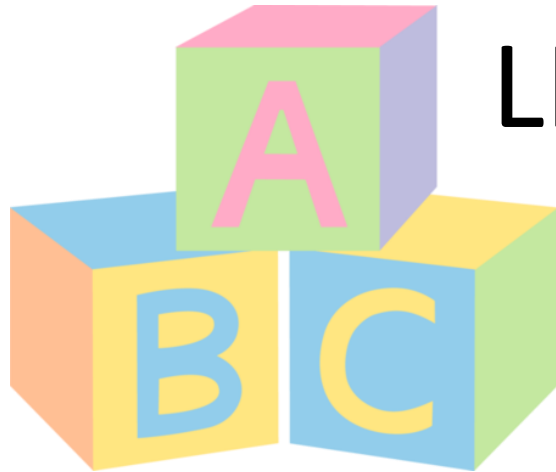
Recommendations from the Task Force were presented to the Council at its June 2019 meeting including its primary one that the church focus on growth going forward. It was noted that the church will have reduced its projected staff cost by \$89,465 by the end of 2019 which will significantly reduce the operating budget deficit for 2020.

The first Task Force recommendation approved by the Council was to authorize the Trustees to proceed with rental of certain church areas subject to suitable alternative space being found for staff and a suitable tenant. Further discussion of this proposal will be held at the Church Council's September meeting.

The second recommendation approved was the establishment of a Development Team to propose future fundraising projects.

The third approved recommendation from the Task Force was to empower the Welcome All and Communications teams through additional personnel and funding support to improve the reach of BJUMC within our local community. This recommendation may be expanded to include other groups within the church with further recommendations to be presented to the Council at its September meeting.

The Council will continue to assess financial projections made by the Finance Committee and its operating budget to be proposed for 2020.



LITTLE LAMBS

Excitement is in the air as the Little Lambs staff prepares for the opening of the school year 2019-2020. **The first day of school is September 9** and includes a parent orientation. Students 12 months through five years will once again fill our halls with love and laughter.



Many special events are planned throughout the year and church members are invited to join in! Our first event is a visit from **Swift Farms**. Pony rides, a petting zoo and our very own pumpkin patch will highlight this activity on Wednesday October 9 from 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

Family Fun Night will be held on Friday October 11 from 6:00-8:00pm. The theme is Adventures in Space. Featured activities are a giant outdoor telescope to view God's awesome planets, an interactive StarLab planetarium, hands-on Space crafts and games, and a family friendly dinner. Please join us! More detailed information to be shared later.



Little Shepherds Class will begin on Thursday September 26 from 1-1:30 in the Sanctuary. Pastor Matt will be a leader along with Kim Dial. Together they will teach Bible stories and songs, lead prayer time, and enjoy a fellowship time with parents.

Playtime with Pastor Matt – On many Wednesday mornings during the school year, you will find Pastor Matt joining the fun in our Little Lambs classrooms. Building towers, completing puzzles, reading, coloring and yes, even some time in the housekeeping corner, will delight both children and teachers. Thank you, Pastor Matt for spending time with God's little ones!

Little Lambs is a very active ministry of BJUMC! Church and community families are encouraged to participate in the life of the school, as we extend God's abundant love to the little children in our care.





Spiritual Development Small Group Schedule

Fall 2019

The Small Group ministry at Bishop Janes offers a wide variety of activities in three broad areas: Mission, Fellowship, and Spiritual Development. At our Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 8th we'll provide a complete listing of all of the available activities spanning our areas of ministry. Everyone is encouraged to join one or more of these groups. As part of our Knowing God ministry area we are offering a number of programs this fall in the area of Spiritual Development:

- **September 15th – October 6th** - Adult bible study on Forgiveness. This DVD based program was developed by Adam Hamilton and will be offered on four Sundays after worship.
- **October 13th – November 10th** - Adult program on Evangelism which is a core component of Stewardship. This program will be held on Sundays after worship.
- **November 17th and November 24th** you are invited to explore a variety of Spiritual Disciplines. These practices help us grow in our faith in God and open us up to the blessing that God provides. Some examples include; walking a Labyrinth, practicing forms of meditation, and reading Scripture in a structured and contemplative way.
- **December 1st – December 22nd** will be a Church-wide Advent Bible Study. This program will be offered at several times during the week and all are encouraged to join a group as we prepare for the joy of the Christ's birth.

We are always in need of teachers so if you are willing to share your gift of teaching with the church, please contact Kevin Dresely as ddresely@comcast.net.

SERVE THE WORLD THROUGH



As you may know, the mission of the UMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our Mission Team Servants, as we like to call them, are committed to carrying out this mission globally and locally. We have an outward focus on the community and seek to actively love our neighbor through mission. Please join us in any (or all!) of the following opportunities to serve :

- **FALL COAT COLLECTION:** Sept 9-30 we are collecting gently used coats in all sizes to be distributed to God's Co-op clients and Camp YDP preschoolers. A labeled collection bin will be placed in the narthex. Please contact Vivian Fentress at fentress@optonline.net with any questions.
- **GOD'S CO-OP NEEDS YOU:** Please consider helping the clients at God's co-op in any of these ways:
 - a. hand out grocery bags of food at the Co-op in Bernardsville. BJUMC serves in this capacity one Sunday and one Wednesday per month. (18 years old and up please)
 - b. Package grocery bags (all ages)
 - c. be a Spanish translator on our Wednesday or Sunday nights
 - d. donate to our special collections throughout the year (example: we will be collecting boxes of hot cocoa with marshmallows when the weather changes!) watch for announcements.
- **SOMERSET COUNTY FOODBANK :** our team would like to send a sincere thank you to those servants who deliver our food donations to the Foodbank every two weeks. The secretary at the Foodbank recently shared her thoughts with me, saying BJUMC folks "live the Mission." Praise God! You can place your food donations in the Peter Ebbe bin located in the Narthex. Items most needed include: canned meats and stews, jelly and tomato sauce.
- **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK:** IHN helps homeless families who are in need of shelter. Our neighbors at the Presbyterian Church will be hosting families the week of Sept 6-15 and need additional volunteers to help serve guests. Please consider serving in this vital community ministry! Information can be found at brpc.org Click on *Ministries*, then *sign-ups* and finally *IHN*
- **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MINISTRY:** The Pluckemin Presbyterian Church collects used medical equipment to loan out at no cost. If you have items to donate or are in need of equipment, please call 908-396-6057 to make arrangements.

For questions or to sign up please contact Terri Faltas at dowie0101@aol.com

Serve The World Abroad With Rice and Beans Ministries



Are you hearing the call? Our Serve The World Ministry is preparing to send a mission team to Costa Rica on Saturday, February 29, 2020 to March 7, 2020. The cost is \$1,500 per person and includes airfare, transportation, lodging, meals, and construction costs.

Rice and Beans Ministries, located in central Costa Rica, addresses poverty through its construction, children and food ministries. They build relationships with teams like ours and the people they serve helping us all to grow closer to God.

On Sunday, September 15th, Fred Curry, Director of Rice and Beans Ministries, will be with us for our Worship Service at 9:30am. If you would like to learn more about his ministry and its current focus please join us in worship that morning.



Registration forms may be found in the church Narthex and in the church office. For questions or more information contact Paul or Linda Cargo, cargoph@aol.com or 908-903-1834





Book Group

If you like to read and discuss books, join the BJUMC Book Group. It meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, September-November and January-May, at 7:00 p.m. in classroom 3 /4. Members suggest which books are discussed- all types and genres are considered. New members are welcome! Contact Janet Kaefer at jbkaefer@optonline.net for additional information. Some members meet at The Ridge restaurant at 5:30 p.m. prior to the meeting. If you want to join this dinner on September 11, please RSVP to Janet (via e-mail above) by September 11 at noon. The books for the fall are listed below (with review of the September book.)

September 11, 2019: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens (led by Barbara Kleinert)

#1 New York Times Bestseller

A Reese Witherspoon Hello Sunshine Book Club Pick

"I can't even express how much I love this book! I didn't want this story to end!"--Reese Witherspoon

"Painfully beautiful."--The New York Times Book Review

"Perfect for fans of Barbara Kingsolver."--Bustle

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life--until the unthinkable happens.

Perfect for fans of Barbara Kingsolver and Karen Russell, Where the Crawdads Sing is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

October 9, 2019: Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill (led by Liz Elliott)

November 13, 2019: A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline (led by Barbara Conca)

FALL GOLF OUTING NEWS:

It's 6 weeks until our big golf outing on October 14!! We have had many verbal commitments as well as monetary payments already, thank you all for that, but there is still plenty of work to do to ensure our fund raiser is successful. The attached flyer has much of the general information, but here are some more specifics:

Golfers needed: We are committed to the golf course to pay for 18 foursomes. To date, we have about half of that minimum verbally committed. Please ask your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers to join us for the day of golf. Groups of less than 4 are fine, we will combine people to make foursomes. All levels of golf are welcome, the format is a "scramble", which means the group plays the hole off the best shot of the 4 people. *This is our biggest need to ensure a successful fundraiser*

Raffle Prizes/Goodie Bag items: All golfers will receive a "goodie bag" on the day of the outing. What's in that goodie bag is up to us. Typically, they are company marketing items, ranging from hats, logo golf balls, tees, towels, and other golf items, pens, sample/trial size items, umbrellas , etc., you get the idea. Please check with your employers to see if they can donate any items that we can use as giveaways. We would need around 80 of the items to provide to the estimated amount of golfers.

Raffle prizes would generally be larger in nature than the goodie bag items. This would be things you would see at a tricky tray event, baskets with common items, store/internet gift cards, golf paraphernalia , trips, golf outings, technology items. Larger valued items, such as golf experiences , use of rental properties, etc, can be live or silent auctioned off to generate greater income from the event.

Please consider what you can donate to the goodie bags and raffle prizes

Hole Sponsors : This is our easiest fund raising aspect of the golf outing. Your name, family name, company, or whatever else you want to be displayed, will be made into a sign and planted at one of the holes on the golf course for everyone to see.

Dinner: For those who do not, or cannot golf on that day, feel free to join us just for the dinner portion of the event. This will also be when we will have the raffle/auction. For the golfers, the cost includes dinner already.

Again, please pass around the flyer to people you think will be interested in either golfing, donating, or both. There are flyers at the church on heavier stock paper that you can also display around town at various businesses that you may frequent. That will also get the word out to non-church members. We have set up a special email for the golf outing, bjumcgolfouting@gmail.com, if you or anyone else has any questions about the outing. The email box is also the best way to submit your registration form.



YOUTH CORNER

YOUTH GROUP will start Meeting the evening of September 15th at the Church. **Middle School Youth (grades 6-8)** will meet at 4:30 until 6:30, **Senior High (Grades 9-12)** will meet at 6:00 – 8:00. There will be a joint meal for both youth groups at 6:00. Youth Group will include games, fellowship, and lessons each week. Bring your Friends, our lessons will be open to all, and diverse, we welcome all youth regardless of church affiliation or membership! The more youth show up, better this program will be, as many games require more people to play.

DINNER VOLUNTEERS are needed for the fall! If you would like to provide dinner for the youth one of the evenings we have youth group, please let Pastor Matt know as soon as Possible! You do not need to be a youth parent to volunteer to provide a meal for the youth groups.

Youth Schedule for this Fall

(Subject to Modification):

SEPTEMBER: 15: Youth Group Kickoff Night

22: Regular Youth Group

29: Regular Youth Group

OCTOBER: 4-6: IGNITE Youth Conference, Wildwood

6: No Youth Group

13: Regular Youth Group

20: Regular Youth Group

27: Regular Youth Group

NOVEMBER: 3: Regular Youth Group

10: Regular Youth Group

17: Regular Youth Group

24: Combined Youth Group – Event Night

December: 1: No youth Group (Thanksgiving Break)

8: Regular Youth Group

15: Combined Youth Group, 5pm, Ridge Oak Caroling followed by a Christmas Party

22: No Youth Group (Christmas Break)

29: No Youth group (Christmas Break)





Bishop Janes United Methodist Women September & October Calendar of Events

Annual Clothing Sale will be held on Friday, September 27th, 9am to 3pm and Saturday, September 28th, 9am to 2pm. Church and community donations of clean and gently used clothing, shoes, coats, and accessories such as pocketbooks, ties, gloves, hats, and belts will be accepted beginning Sunday, September 22nd through Thursday, September 26th from 9am to 12noon in Wesley Hall. Help is needed during the week and on the days of the sale. A sign-up sheet is posted in the church Narthex. Contact persons: Karen Hayworth, karenahayworth@gmail.com and Linda Cargo, cargoph@aol.com



September Gathering, Tuesday, September 10th, 7:00pm, Room 3/4: Assemble school kits for God's Coop Pantry AND an opportunity to learn about Chakra, a powerful form of energy healing through vibration, sound, and the "energy body". Denise Rizvi, Self Master and Meditation Coach will lead us through an informative and experimental Chakra 101 Workshop to help us achieve a peaceful, balanced state of being, emotionally, spiritually and physically. Seating for this workshop is limited to 15 persons. Please contact Sonja Ryan at sonjaryan@hotmail.com to sign up for the Chakra 101 Workshop.

Tuesday, September 17th, 6:30pm, New Circle will meet for dinner at the home of Linda Cargo, 28 Oxbow Lane, Basking Ridge. All are welcome as we gather to plan for our monthly gatherings for the year. Contact person: Linda Cargo, cargoph@aol.com

Tuesday, September 24th, 9:30am, Grace Circle will meet at the home of Gloria Walker, 14 Valley View Drive, Basking Ridge. All are welcome for a time of devotion, prayer and fellowship. Contact person: Gloria Walker, ghwalker1046@gmail.com

Tuesday, September 24th, 7:00pm, Prayer Shawl Knitting Group will meet in the Youth Room. Beginner knitters are welcome to come and learn. Materials provided. Contact person: Kathy Liu, kliuridge@gmail.com

October Gathering, Tuesday, October 8th, 7:00pm, Room 3/4: Guest Speaker, Lisa Nadine, an educator and advocate for change will address What Every Parent Needs to Know about substance abuse and addiction

Wednesday, October 23rd, 6:00pm, Fall Circle will meet at the home of Carol Lutes, 51 Summit Drive, Basking Ridge for fellowship and a potluck dinner.

Tuesday, October 29th, 8:30am, Apple Pie Baking with Lyn Stake in the church kitchen. All hands are needed to help peel, slice and assemble apple pies to be frozen and sold at the UMW Holiday Bazaar. Bring your favorite paring knife. Contact person: Lyn Stake, stake95@hotmail.com

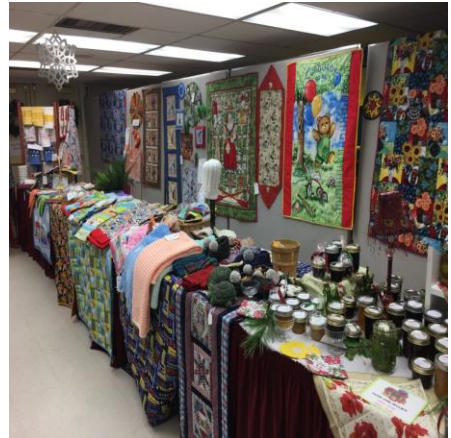
UMW Homespun Holidays / Winter Market

Saturday, December 7, 2019

The United Methodist Women need you! Our Homespun Holiday Bazaar has a long history with the United Methodist Women at Bishop Janes and while some things have changed over time, its purpose has not. Traditionally it is our biggest fundraiser of the year as well as a way to support church and community mission.

Proceeds from this event support UMW ministries at Bishop Janes such as our Prayer Shawl Ministry and Piecemaker Quilting group as well as other local and international organizations such as God's Co-op Food Pantry, the Somerset Food Bank, Good News Home for Women, Camp YDP in Patterson, NJ, the Camden Neighborhood Center, and KIVA.

The bazaar will be open from 11:00am to 7:00pm in Wesley Hall in conjunction with the Annual Basking Ridge Winter Market which is hosted at our church. Stop by for lunch in Melick Hall between 11:00am and 4:30pm.



Ways to Participate Now:



Apple Pie Baking Day will be on Tuesday, October 29th at 8:30am in the church kitchen. Help is needed to peel apples and assemble pies. Apple and Apple Crumb pies will be sold at Homespun Holidays but may be pre-ordered for Thanksgiving. Order forms will be available in the Narthex and the Church Office.

We are currently seeking donations for the following items:

Grandma's Pantry: Donations of sugar, jelly-size 4 and 8 oz canning jars and regular size lids are needed and may be left on the table in the church kitchen. If you would like to donate garden vegetables or fruit please contact Bonnie Artell, bonnie.artell@gmail.com

Attic Treasures: Donations of new or gently used holiday items such as Christmas decorations, dishes, glassware, household times, stationary, new toys or games may be left in Edith's Closet located in Wesley Hall. Contact person: Karen Hayworth, hayworth@optonline.net

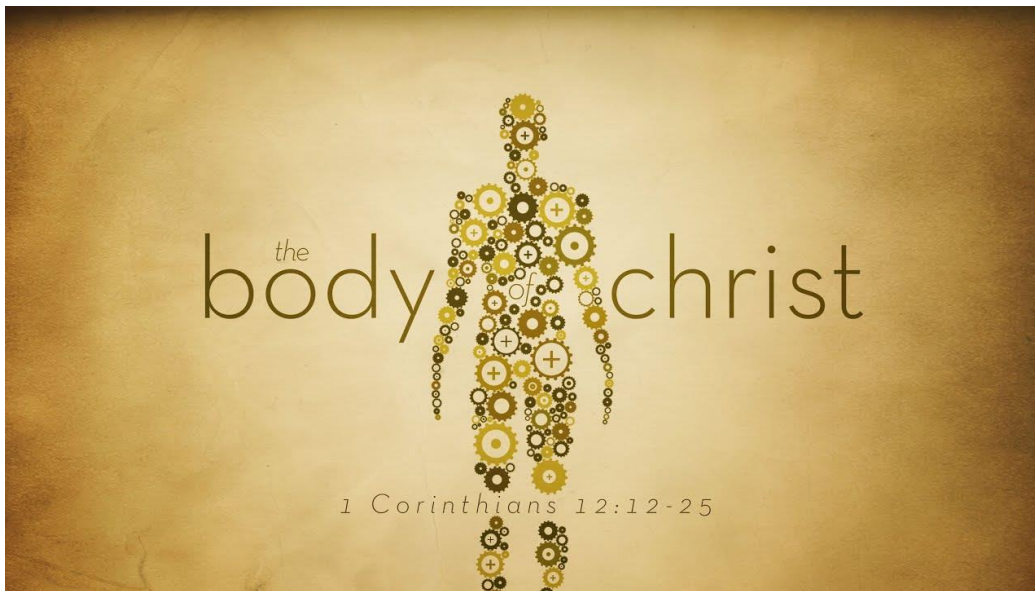
Silent Auction: Donations of any new item that might be assembled into a themed gift basket or items such as theater or sporting tickets or gift certificates to local are shops and restaurants. Contact persons: Betsy Belt, betinabelt@aol.com

Handmade Items: We are seeking any sort of items that have been hand-made. If you have an item(s) that you would like to donate to this table please contact Linda Cargo, cargoph@aol.com

Jewelry: Donations of jewelry and accessories such as small purses, scarves, and watches for the Jewelry Booth. Contact person: Krista Colwell, ehcolwell@optonline.net

For questions, more information or for volunteer opportunities please contact Linda Cargo, cargoph@aol.com or 908-903-1834

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!



Message from the Trustees –

Fall is upon us with many projects still to go. If you feel the desire to help out and save the church the expense from hiring a contractor, we'd appreciate your help. Please note the contact names below, if you would like to share your talents.

Hank Patterson (hankpat714@gmail.com) Plumbing, electrical, carpentry, gardening, stone/mason, painting,let him know what you can do.

Bob Schwarz (bschwarz@blancind.com) Clean up days at the Church or Parsonage

Peter and Joan Weller (peterweller32@gmail.com or joanweller@gmail.com) **Sam Faltas** (sfaltas@optonline.net) We are looking at renting out some of the areas in the church

Bonnie Artell (bonnieartell@gmail.com) Gardening and grounds maintenance

BJUMC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE, SEPTEMBER 2019

(See official church calendar on webpage for updates/changes)

September

- 1st: 9:30 AM: Worship, Communion will be served
- 2nd: Labor Day – Church Office Closed
- 3rd: 7:00 PM: Lay Leadership Committee Meeting
- 8th: 9:30 AM - Fall Kickoff Worship, with Blessing of the Backpacks
11:00 AM – All Church Picnic at Pleasant Valley Park
- 9th: 9:00 AM: Little Lambs Toddler Center Classes Begin
- 10th: 7:00 PM: United Methodist Women, Monthly Gathering
- 12th: 8:00 AM: ROMEOs meet at Stirling Diner
- 14th: Healing Touch Ministry with Tami
11:30 AM: Methodist Sisters Group
- 15th: 9:30 AM: Worship-- Hispanic Heritage Month/ Rice and Beans Ministry Presentation
11:00 AM: Adult Bible Study
4:30 PM: Middle School Youth Group
6:00 PM: High School Youth Group
- 16th: 7:00 PM: Finance Committee Meeting
- 17th: 6:30 PM: New Circle Dinner
7:00 PM: Lay Leadership Committee Meeting
- 18th: 7:00 PM: Church Council
- 19th: 10:00 AM: Piecemakers
- 22nd: 9:30 AM: Worship Service
10:30 AM: UMW Clothing Collection Begins
11:00 AM: Adult Bible Study
4:30 PM: Middle School Youth Group
6:00 PM: High School Youth Group
- 24th: 9:30 AM: Grace Circle
7:00 PM: Prayer Shawl Ministries
- 26th: 8:00 AM: ROMEOs meet at Stirling Diner
- 27th-28th: UMW Clothing Sale
- 29th: 9:30 AM: Worship Service
11:00 AM: Adult Bible Study
4:30 PM: Middle School Youth Group
6:00 PM: High School Youth Group

OCTOBER

- 1st: 7:00 PM Little Lambs Board Meeting
- 4-6th: IGNITE youth Conference
- 6th: 9:30 AM Guest Preacher for Sunday Worship
11:00 AM: Adult Bible Study
- 8th: 7:00 PM: UMW Monthly Gathering
- 10th: 8:00 AM: ROMEOs meet at Stirling Diner