



# St. John's Welcome Home



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## THE CARILLON

### Pastor's Desk



## 2024 Year-in-Review

St. John's United Church of Christ, Dover, OH  
409 N Wooster Ave, Dover, OH 44622

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**St. John's  
United Church of Christ**  
409 North Wooster Avenue  
Dover, OH 44622

**Rev. Dr. Cassandra Granados**  
Senior Minister

**Natalie Peterman**  
Director of Christian Education

**Sunday Morning Schedule**  
9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Fellowship  
10:30 AM Worship

**Church Office Hours**  
Monday through Friday  
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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## Hospital News

Members and friends of the St. John's family hospitalized between December 27 - present include: Dennis Wallick.



## The Christian Cancer Team

Thank you so much for the thoughtful care package as I've gone through my cancer journey. Every item was so thoughtful and has been so comforting. What a blessing that the church I grew up in has been there for me all these years!

In Love, Anita (Jones) Wright

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We would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers for Carrie while fighting her early - stage cancer. Thank you to everyone who sent her a card with lovely words of encouragement, especially the Chancel Choir members. She is doing well and is in good spirits.

Kirk & Deb Haglock

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## Thank You Yoga Friends

Thank You for your thoughtfulness of the gifts at Christmas. The joy of being with you at our practice is a blessing.

Rod & Beth

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## St. John's United Church of Christ,

Thank you so much for your support of **The Salvation Army**, and for taking time to volunteer. On your volunteer day, your group raised **\$1,049.48!**

Sincerely,

Capt. Andrew & Lydia Behr

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Many thanks for the concern of my St. John's friends during my present health issue. Your messages, prayers, visits, and good wishes have sustained and strengthened me as I am steadily improving.

I am blessed.  
Berit McMillan



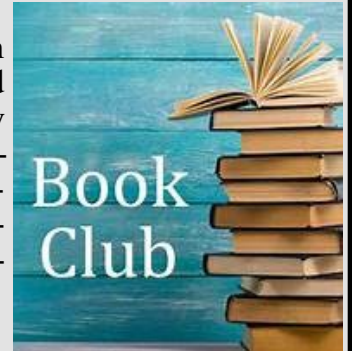


## Altar Flowers & Bulletin Sponsors

Forms for **2025** are now available in the church office to sponsor altar flowers (\$12.50 made payable to **St. John's UCC Sanctuary Committee**) or bulletin covers (\$25.00 made payable to **St. John's UCC**). Please **stop in soon** to reserve your date or **mail your form along with your check**. Thank you!

## MEET THE MEMBERS OF THE BRIAR CLUB

Join the women who live at the Briarwood House, a rooming house in Washington DC, during the politically charged years following the second World War. Essentially very different women ranging from English beauty to frustrated women's baseball star, they meet weekly in the room of newcomer Grace March for dinner. How they come together in the spirit of loyalty and friendship after a shocking act of violence is the core of this intriguing novel. Join the Bad Girls on **February 10, 2025 at 6:30** in the Conference Room to gossip about the women in The Briar Club by Kate Quinn.



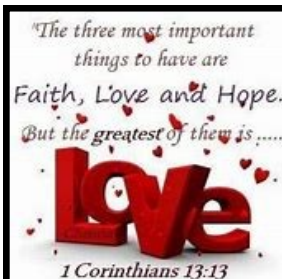
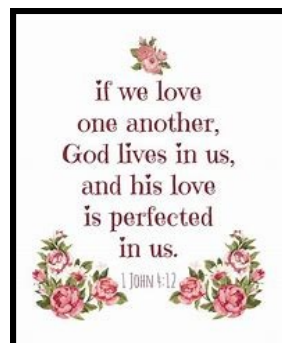
### Carillon Deadline



The deadline to get information and articles into the next regular issue of the Carillon is **Monday, February 17, 2025**.

Please mark your calendar! This will be for the **March 2025** Carillon.

We want to continue to keep each mailing loaded with information, dates, articles, etc. pertaining to the life of St. John's. **Remember ... you can now send your articles, thank you's, etc. by E-mail to:**  
**church.secretary@dove**  
**rstjohns.org**



## Join our Prayer Chain



We are looking for people to join us on the prayer chain. It is easy as you make a phone call and pray for whomever might want you to say a little prayer for them.

**Contact Marge Burkhardt at 330-343-1731**  
**She'll guide you through the process.**

# DOVERSTJOHNS.ORG/YOUTH

## Youth Activities

Send us your  
sports/music/activity  
schedule or the date of a  
special event!

We'd love to attend and  
show our support!

natalie@doverstjohns.org

## BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

Save the Date

**Youth Sunday  
April 6th**

**How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God.  
They cannot be numbered!**

**Psalm 139:17**



## God is Love

X	S	G	M	E	R	C	Y	J	K
E	A	L	D	W	I	S	D	O	M
F	L	P	O	J	F	H	I	T	V
O	V	A	O	V	H	E	J	E	G
R	A	T	V	Q	E	A	W	A	R
G	T	I	R	D	A	L	E	C	A
I	I	E	F	A	I	T	H	H	C
V	O	N	Y	M	P	A	L	E	E
E	N	C	T	R	U	S	T	R	E
Q	Q	E	K	K	G	U	I	D	E



Word list:

FAITH  
FORGIVE  
GRACE  
GUIDE  
HEAL  
LOVE  
MERCY  
PATIENCE  
SALVATION  
TEACHER  
TRUST  
WISDOM



DOVER ST. JOHN'S UCC

# HOMELESS AWARENESS LOCK-OUT

St. John's youth have been participating in the Homeless Awareness Lock-out for over 15 years. Help us make this event a continued success! Drive through the Wooster Ave. parking lot during the event to drop off donation items needed for the shelter or monetary donations.

**Thank you for your support!**

## **DONATION ITEMS:**

**Food:** 8-16 oz cans of fruit, Fresh Fruits and Veggies, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Mac and Cheese/Boxed Dinners, Ramen Noodles, Pasta Noodles/Sauce, Frozen/Canned Meats, Juice, Cheese, Bottled Water, Butter, Sugar, Coffee

**Household Items:** Cleaning Products/Supplies (kitchen, bathroom, etc.), Brooms/Mops, Powdered/Liquid Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Dish Soap, 13 & 30 Gallon Trash Bags, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tissues, Ziploc Bags, Plastic Food Storage Containers, Can Openers, Pillows, Towels, Bed Linens, Swiffers for Mop

**Drop off your  
donation  
during the LOCK-OUT:**

**Saturday 2/15, 7PM  
through  
Sunday 2/16, 9AM**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO**

**FRIENDS  
OF THE  
HOMELESS  
TUSC COUNTY**

**Dover St. John's UCC**

**409 N. Wooster Ave.**

**7PM, SATURDAY, Feb. 15th - 9AM, SUNDAY, Feb. 16th**

Questions? Contact Natalie Peterman, [natalie@doverstjohns.org](mailto:natalie@doverstjohns.org)

## St. John's UCC Church Council Meeting January 14, 2024 at 7:30 pm

**Opening Prayer** - Reverend Cassandra lit the Christ candle and opened the meeting with a prayer. There were 14 members and baby Sonia in attendance.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**-Approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report** - Reported by Angie Gump

**Month of December 2024** - General Fund Income for the month of \$56,275 is \$2,837 less than the budget. Expenses for the month of \$32,226 were under the budget by \$99. Resulting gain for the month of \$24,049 is \$2,738 less than the budget

**December 2024 YTD** - General Fund Income year-to-date of \$317,029 is \$4,071 less than the budget. Compared to last year thru the same month income is lower by \$15,086. Expenses year-to-date of \$373,672 are less than budget by \$23,319. Resulting shortfall year-to-date of \$56,643 is \$19,248 better than the budget

**Cash** - Beginning cash balance for the year was \$75,644 and ending cash is \$25,146. We have transferred \$7,133 from investments to cover General Fund expenses. In addition to General Fund shortfall of \$56,643 we have disbursed \$54,028 from the Capital Improvement Fund for plaster repairs, parking lot repairs, HVAC in the office, lighting upgrades & replacement of the freezer in the Social Hall Kitchen. M/S/C by Rob Gump and Rudy Tschantz to approve the Treasurer's Report.

### Senior Minister's Report

Reverend Cassandra reported the two Christmas Eve services were well attended and received. The services were on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm and 7pm. The original play by Rev. Cassandra "No Room" was very special. The play offered a modern reading of Luke 2:1-7. Thank you to Natalie Peterman and the youth for providing props for the play.

Looking ahead to Ash Wednesday, "Ashes To-Go" at Fourth and Faith will be from 8am-10am. Ash Wednesday service will be at 7pm in the church sanctuary.

### Director of CE Report

Natalie Peterman reviewed the Youth Group activities for the month and upcoming activities. The live nativity went well however, the second evening was cancelled due to inclement weather. The Parish Gift Bags are completed for the month. The "Homeless Awareness" event is in the planning stages. Several other church youth groups are being invited to participate. Natalie is evaluating the current Sunday School format and said there may be some changes that will help build multi-age relationships.

### Reports of the Boards

#### Elders

Jean Paddock reported that February will be the Month of Compassion. February communion will be traditional passing of the elements. There are some security practices by the ushers now taking place during the church service. Current HR initiatives are for an associate pastor profile and creating an evaluation process for pastor and staff.



### **Trustees**

Doug Peterman reported. Up to \$145,000 was approved by the congregation for new air conditioning in the sanctuary building. The Trustees have two bids for the project. They are planning to make a decision as soon as possible so that the new system will be in place before cooling season. The leak in the heating system in the back office has been repaired. There is a heating issue in the choir room. The custodial staff is doing a great job keeping the sidewalks cleaned from the snow. Rob Gump will check to make sure salt is being used on the parking lot.

### **Deacons**

Jen Conkle reported the ushers and communion servers are secured for February.

### **Reports of Committees**

#### **Nominating Committee**

President Dave gave an update on nominees for Elders: Sue Ferbrache and Dan Hurst; Trustees: Rob Gump and Doug Peterman, Jr; Deacon: Bev Smith; Youth on Council: Nolan Peterman and Board of Christian Education: Carol McCutcheon, Laura Brown and Natasha Spinell. Candidates will be voted on at the Congregational Meeting after the church service on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Finance Committee**

Advent Offering collection was \$650 distributed equally between Friends of the Homeless and Tuscarawas Clinic for the Working Uninsured.

Staff Love Gift collection was distributed in the amount of \$150 per staff member

#### **Congregational Activities**

Card Party at Fourth & Faith – 02/12/25 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed monthly) – *benefit Cancer Bags*

Youth Group Meetings – Jan 26, Feb 9, Mar 2

Homeless Awareness Lockout – Feb 15-16

Youth Sunday Worship – April 6

#### **Unfinished Business**

Annual Report articles due to church office asap.

#### **New Business**

Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, January 26, 2025 following worship.

Living Water Association has called Rev. Dr. Elena Larssen as Association General Minister. Our St. John's Council President Dave Gingrich served on the search committee.

Housing Allowance Designation- Reverend Granados

M/S/C by Dan Hurst and Doug Peterman to designate \$35,205 of Rev. Granados' salary as housing allowance for tax purposes.

#### **Comments for the Good of St. John's**

Dan Hurst reported there were 150-200 attendees at the AA New Year's Eve Celebration in the St. John's Social Hall. Everyone had a wonderful time and they really appreciate having St. John's as their sanctuary.

**Closing with the Lord's Prayer**  
**Meeting Adjourned at 8:09pm.**



A poster for a Boy Scout spaghetti dinner. It features a red and white checkered background with a central yellow oval. Inside the oval, a blue banner at the top reads "Troop 86". Below it, the text "BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER" is written in bold, followed by "CARRY-OUT AVAILABLE" in yellow. The date and time are "Sunday February 9, 2025" and "11:30 AM - 1:30 PM". Ticket information states "Tickets \$10.00" and "Children age 5 and under FREE". It also mentions "Tickets available from any member of Troop 86, or in the church office." and provides the address "St. John's United Church of Christ, 409 North Wooster Avenue, Dover, Ohio 330-364-4458". The bottom of the poster shows a bowl of spaghetti with meat sauce, a tomato, and a bottle of olive oil.

**Troop 86**

**BOY SCOUT  
SPAGHETTI  
DINNER**

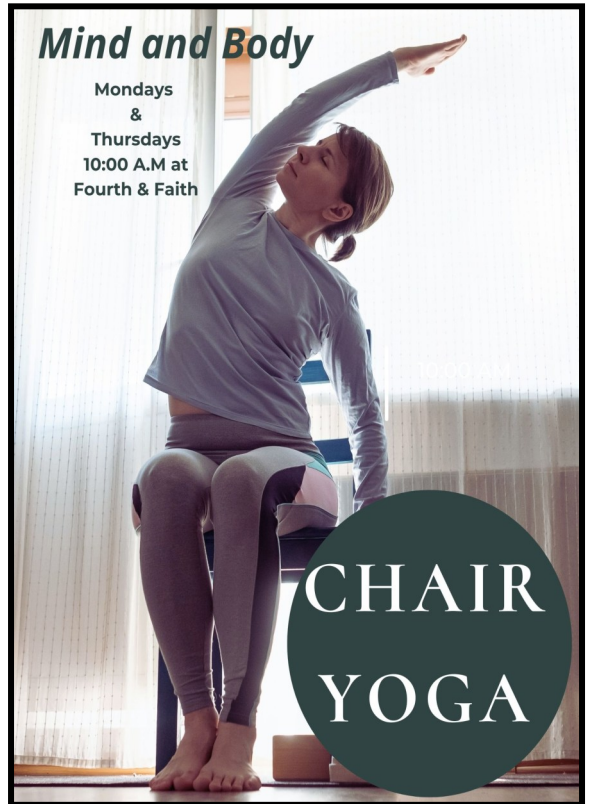
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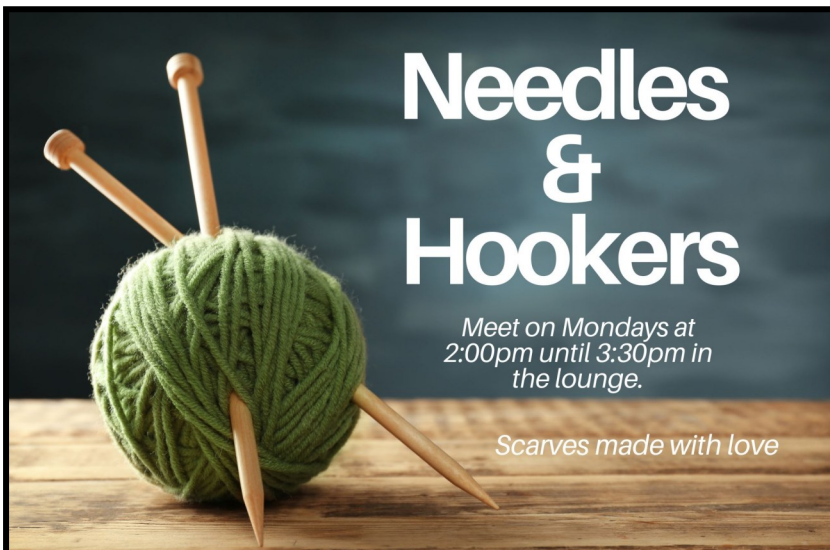
A poster for Chair Yoga. It features a woman in a light blue long-sleeved shirt and purple leggings performing a yoga pose on a blue chair. The text "Mind and Body" is at the top left, followed by "Mondays & Thursdays 10:00 A.M at Fourth & Faith". A large dark green circle on the right contains the text "CHAIR YOGA" in white.

**Mind and Body**

Mondays  
&  
Thursdays  
10:00 A.M at  
Fourth & Faith

**CHAIR  
YOGA**

**Small acts of kindness,  
when multiplied  
by millions of people,  
can change the world!**

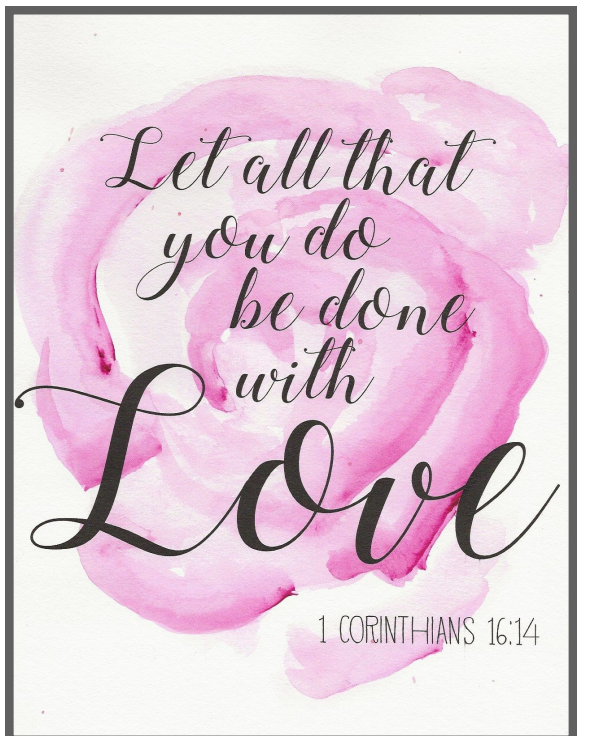


A poster for a knitting and crocheting group. It features a ball of green yarn with two wooden knitting needles and a wooden crochet hook. The text "Needles & Hookers" is in large white letters. Below it, it says "Meet on Mondays at 2:00pm until 3:30pm in the lounge." and "Scarves made with love".

**Needles  
&  
Hookers**

Meet on Mondays at  
2:00pm until 3:30pm in  
the lounge.

*Scarves made with love*



A poster with a pink watercolor background. It features the text "Let all that you do be done with Love" in a cursive font. At the bottom right, it says "1 CORINTHIANS 16:14".

*Let all that  
you do  
be done  
with  
Love*

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14





## ***Recycle Aluminum Cans***

CANS CAN BE PLACED IN THE  
BIG BROWN BOX IN THE HANDICAP  
PARKING LOT.

Recycle box was built by Sawyer Thomson  
as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Rudy Tschantz takes the cans to  
Speedy Salvage.

Money recieved from the cans go to the  
organ maintenance fund.

***Let's Make a Difference!***




## **CARD PARTY**

Contact Bev Smith at 330-343-2231

**COST OF \$10.00  
INCLUDING FOOD**

<p><b>TIME</b> 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12</b></p>
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**BENIFITS THE CANCER CARE BAGS**

### **December Financial Report**

Actual Income	\$ 56,275
Actual Expenses	\$ 32,226
Average Worship Attendance	<b>100</b>



## February Birthdays

1  
Erin Bond  
Shane Sexton  
Matthew Siegenthaler  
2  
William Lebold  
3  
Clyde Penrod Jr.  
Scarlett Peterman  
4  
Charles Eckhardt  
Nolan Peterman  
6  
Jackie Day  
Chad Frutig  
Allen Lamb  
Shelby Thompson  
7  
Pam Minnis  
8  
Anita Craig  
Kyle Kinsey  
9  
Emma Poland  
10  
Beth Ann Engelhard  
Tori Griesen  
Patricia Huprich  
Kathryn Stewart  
11  
Abby Gonter  
Donald Maurer  
Steve Specht  
Dusty Welch  
12  
Robin Griesen  
Brian Kelley  
13  
Amanda Stephen  
Ron Swegheimer

14  
Roberta Ballentine  
Timothy McCrate  
15  
Deanna Baker  
Keshia Hart  
Alex Tiell  
16  
Susan Glazer  
Tracy McGrath  
17  
Melanie Patterson  
18  
Chloe Felgenhauer  
Karie McCrate  
19  
Connie Burrier  
20  
Robert Hobart  
21  
Michelle Delekta  
Erin Peterman  
John Solvey  
22  
Ginny Diefenbaugh  
Kathy Hartzell  
Tara Lengler  
Elliot Mercer  
Travis Siegenthaler  
Mark Stanke  
Marla Struhar  
23  
Carolyn Hucek  
24  
Kristin Herman  
Jean Paddock  
26  
Sheila Harmon  
Linda Ladrach  
Michael Wherley  
27  
Tille Breitenstein  
Angie Gump  
Eileen Johnson  
Natalie Peterman  
Blake Sexton  
29  
Jennifer Rufener

## February Anniversaries



14  
Terry & Judy Menges  
18  
Howard & Linda Ladrach

People often  
forget that  
kindness  
is free.

Blessed

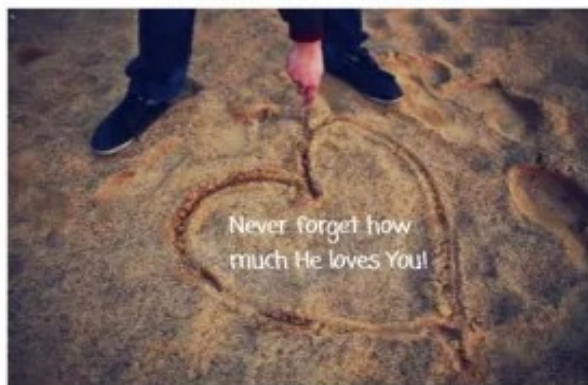


St. Johns UCC  
Blessing Box.

From Gods  
hands to  
yours.



God is love



### Elder of the Month

In an effort to better meet the needs of the congregation, we print the contact information for the Elder of the month. This is to provide another contact person in addition to Rev. Cassandra should you have a personal or family emergency.

**Jean Paddock**

9728 Konrad Kohl Rd NW  
Bolivar, Ohio 44612  
330-987-8608



### Items used in Blessing Box

Kraft Mac & Cheese  
Packaged Mashed Potatoes...  
different flavors  
Packaged Rice...different flavors  
Applesauce Cups  
Fruit Cups  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Vegetables  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Spaghetti  
Bagged Noodles  
Peanut Butter (creamy)  
Jelly or Jam  
Ramen Noodles  
Dinty Moore Beef Stew  
Canned Chicken  
Small cans of Tuna  
Canned Baked Beans  
Canned Soup  
Cereal  
Flavored Oatmeal Packets  
Fruit Bars  
Toaster Pop Tarts  
Granola Bars  
Kool-Aid  
Juice boxes or Pouches  
Laundry Detergent  
Dryer Sheets  
Toilet Paper  
Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Deodorant  
Hand Soap  
Dish Soap

### Items Not Used

Canned Cream of... Soups  
Bagged beans of any kind  
Canned beans (except Baked Beans)





# February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
<b>2</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship/ World Communion 11:30 Bell Choir practice 	<b>3</b> 10:00 YOGA @ Fourth & Faith 2:00 Needles & Hookers 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Barbershop	<b>4</b> 6:00 Cub Scouts/ Webelos	<b>5</b> 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> 10:00 Chair YOGA @ Fourth & Faith	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Scout Sunday</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bell Choir 11:30 to 1:30 Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 Youth Group at Fourth & Faith	<b>10</b> 10:00 YOGA @ Fourth & Faith 2:00 Needle & Hookers 6:30 Bad Girls/ Conf Rm 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Barbershop	<b>11</b> 6:00 Cub Scouts/ Webelos 6:30 Elders/Trustees /Deacons 7:30 Council Mtg.	<b>12</b> Card Party 1-4 @ Fourth & Faith 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> 10:00 Chair YOGA @ Fourth & Faith	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> 7:00pm Homeless Awareness Lock- Out
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