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We worship at 10 a.m. every Sunday, with a coffee hour following.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month, and is available upon request to our home bound members.

Nursery Care is available upon request.



Ways to Participate Beyond Worship:

If you have an idea for a ministry or a group that you would like the church to be involved in, please speak to Pastor Heidi, and we'll see what we can do to make it happen.

Invite someone to worship or Bible study with you, and offer to pick them up.

If haven't seen someone in worship lately, give them a call or send a card.

Invite a neighbor for coffee and offer to pray with them.

Volunteer for a committee.

Help generate some content for our church's social media platforms:

- [Facebook: @FUMCTrenton](#)
- [Twitter: @FUMCTrenton](#)
- [YouTube: @FirstChurchTrenton](#)
- [Instagram: @FUMCTrenton](#)

For example, take a picture of something that speaks to you of God and his love and share it on your favorite social media site (be sure to tag our church)

Above all, pray for our church and its people. Pray for our pastor and our ministry. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our nation and its leaders. Pray for the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the refugees, the persecuted Church, those in prison and hospitals and nursing homes, folks struggling with addictions, etc.





August 30, 2017

Greetings First UMC family! With only one more day in August to go, we will soon be saying good-bye to summer. I always hate to see it go, although I like all the seasons of the year. The painting above was done by Albert Edelfelt in 1881 and pictures a worship service alongside the sea. We didn't worship outside this summer, but we will have a barbecue/ potluck picnic at the parsonage (2604 Lenox Drive in Trenton) at 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 24th. Sign up in the lounge to let us know what you are bringing, and Jim and I will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks. If the weather's bad, we will just move inside to eat and visit!

Our choir and praise band will begin practicing again on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. beginning September 7th. The more voices-the louder and the merrier! We have a good time, so don't be afraid to come join us even if you can't read music and have never sung in a choir. A lot of us just learn from hearing how the piece is sung by those who know how to sing and read music well like our choir director Diane Hiddleson and our organist/keyboardist Jeff Burke. If anyone is interested in resurrecting the bell choir, talk to Jeff and we'll see what we can do.

Friends, we are looking for some people willing to be on a team to teach Sunday School on the Sundays on which we have small children attending. I think anyone 4th grade or older should be in worship, and the children we have coming are younger than that. Margaret Creekmore is willing to teach as part of a team. You could rotate months or weeks in a month, and we have lots of Sunday School curriculums to choose from. Please pray about it and speak to Pastor Heidi if God leads

you to volunteer, because we need to have a Sunday School class to offer our children. They would be in worship for the first 5-10 minutes and then rejoin us before the offering and closing hymn so that you could still sing in the choir AND help teach Sunday School.

We are also looking for people willing to learn more about the digital aspects of our worship including how to run Media Shout and the like . Please indicate your interest to Ramona. We are really grateful to Jackie Hull who runs Media Shout many of the Sundays and to Paulette Wilson and Ira Nebauer who also assist, and, of course, to our administrator Ramona Moyski who puts it all into the system for us. Ramona will be the one leading the training.

Folks, if you have ideas for what you would like to see in worship, please feel free to speak to me. If there's a hymn you want sung, a topic you would like to hear a sermon about, or some special music that you want to do, I'd like to hear about it. I am also open to suggestions for faith-affirming videos you find online that might enrich our worship together. Speaking of videos, we will show one this coming Sunday from UMCOR and take a special offering for the United Methodist Committee on Relief's disaster response fund to help the folks in Texas and Louisiana.

We were pleased to have Kevin and Lisa Hyder join us as new members on Sunday, July 23rd. The Hyderys have 2 adult daughters and 1 young adult son and live in Flat Rock, and both work at local airports in technical jobs supporting aviation. They are a wonderful addition to our church!

My husband Jim is now pursuing ordination in the United Methodist Church as a pastor. Jim attended Gordon-Conwell Theological School in S. Hamilton, MA and graduated in May or June of 2000. He attended a candidacy summit in July for people exploring ministry and is currently meeting with a group prospective candidates in a series of required meetings. Jim will be preaching for us on Sunday, September 10th, and our Staff-Parish Relations Committee will be meeting with him at 7 p.m. on September 13th for a formal interview. After that meeting, the committee will vote whether or not to recommend Jim for ministry or not, and submit information about that meeting to our District Superintendent and the District Committee on Ministry. If our SPRC vote is favorable, then we will plan to have a charge or church conference to take a formal vote on whether or not to recommend Jim for ordained ministry. He is hoping that can take place before he has to meet with the District Committee on Ordained Ministry on October 19th. Please keep him and other prospective candidates for ministry in your prayers in this exciting yet stressful time. Our regularly scheduled Church Conference with our DS is slated for Tuesday, November 7th at 7 p.m., so we will need a special church or charge conference to vote on Jim if approved in order to meet this schedule. I will keep you posted!

As always, please feel free to call me any time you want to talk, want a visit, or want prayer or to share an idea for our church's ministry and outreach! With love in Christ, Pastor Heidi



SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

We gather after worship to look at the scriptures from worship that week to dig deeper into their meaning and how they connect to our lives as disciples. We gather in the meeting room after folks have gotten a chance to grab a few refreshments .

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We gather Tuesdays from 1- 2 p.m. or so to study the scriptures together with Pastor Heidi. We read sections of the scriptures and then discuss them, so there is no homework, and you can jump in and join us anytime. So just bring your Bible and join us in the meeting room for this study. All are invited to attend. We are about to complete II Timothy and will be starting a new book Sept. 12th. I am open to suggestions for which book of the Bible you would like to study next.

Breakfast & Devotions at Mom's Restaurant

If you're looking for a way to start the week with good food, great company, and a brief devotional, then come join us at Mom's Diner on the first and third Monday's **at 8 a.m.** Check the calendar for any possible changes. We always gather in the back room of the restaurant.

METHODINERS

Our next dinner outing will be Sunday, September 17th at 6 p.m. at the Mexican Gardens at 15950 Eureka Rd. in Southgate. (734) 282-563. There is a sign up sheet on the piano. Please sign up by September 11th.

CHOIR AND PRAISE BAND

Practice for the Praise Band and the Choir will begin on Thursday September 7th at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. Come sing and play your praises to the Lord! The choir typically sings about 3 times a month, and the Praise Band once a month or so during the non-summer months.

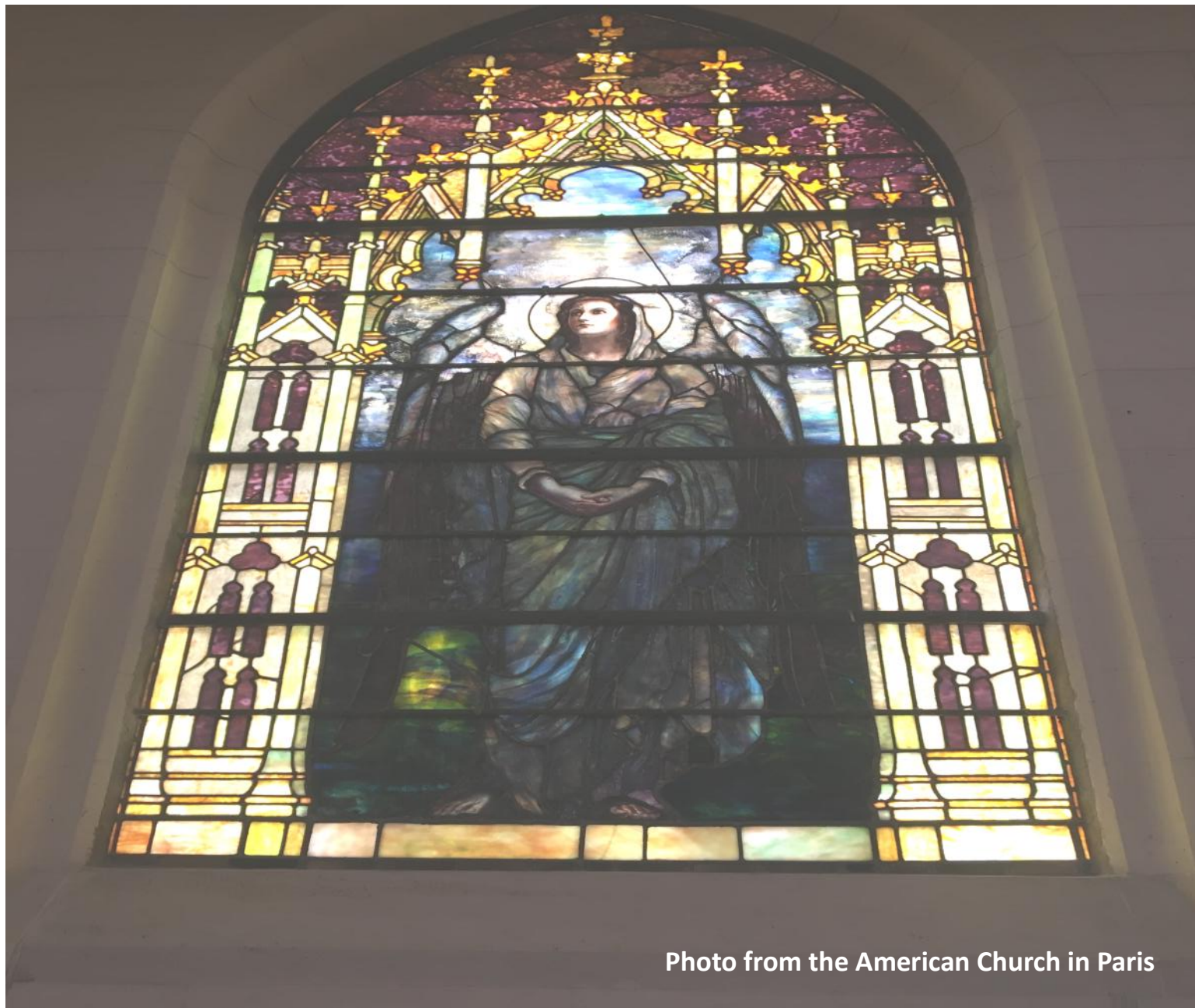


Photo from the American Church in Paris

SEPTEMBER

9/01 - Sarah Roberts
9/02 - SFC Richard Wolfe
9/06 - Tom Brown
 - Stan Miller
9/14 - Suzanne Brown
9/15 - Caroline Leedy
 - Eric Brown
9/17 - Lynn Lash

OCTOBER

10/09— BETTE LOZO
10/12 - Ruth Ann Brewer
10/20 - Mary Ann Voss
10/23— Lisa Davis
10/26 - Todd Southers
 - Madison Prater
10/30 - Janice Wynn
 - Carole Pettitt

NOVEMBER

11/01 - Mary Kay Stanton
11/03 - William Roberts
11/05 - Carol Pentoney
11/09 - Margaret Creekmore
11/12 - Eleanor Krauser
11/16 - Jacqueline Hull
11/17 - Emily Sharpe
11/21 - Terri Nowaczewski
11/30 - Jamie Voss

DECEMBER

12/01 - Jeffrey Wynn
12/02 - Maureen Burr
12/04 - Jonathan Creekmore
12/08 - Cheryl Pettitt
 - Lisa Hyder
12/10 - Beverly Partch
12/12 - Theresa Nowland
12/16 - Shelby Haack
12/28 - Jennifer Galloway Brown

ANNIVERSARIES



**CONGRATULATIONS TO: JERRY AND MARILYN
McADAMS ON THEIR MARRIAGE ON JULY 19TH,
2017.**

DECEMBER

12/07 - John & Donna Haack (26 years)
12/14 - George & Carol Mans Jr.
12/27– Maj Nathaniel & Kathy Davis (15 years)

FLOWERS

SEPTEMBER

09/03-A JO KAMPSCHOER
O– KAREN, PATTY, BILL ROBERTS

09/10-RAMONA MOYSKI

09/17-RUTH KASENOW

09/24– RAMONA MOYSKI

OCTOBER

10/01 – OPEN

10/08 – Karen Roberts

10/15-Nina Barnsdale/Ramona Moyski

10/22 –open

10/29 – Jan Wynn

NOVEMBER

11/05 - Diane Hiddleston

11/12 - Jackie Hull

11/19– Jo Kamoschoer

11/26– Nola Ward

DECEMBER

12/03– Open

12/10 - Open

12/17 - Poinsettias

12/24 - Jo Kampschoer

12/31-Open

To order flowers for the altar and/or organ: Sign-up by date on the “Flowers Chart” near the office, or contact the Flower Chair of the Month.

September– Ruth Ann Brewer-734-676-4952

October - Melda Neubauer 675-0252

November - Ruth Kasenow 675-9707

December - Dorothy Gordon 676-3359

PRAYER CHAIN

If you want to add a name to the prayer chain, you may call Dorothy Gordon, 734-676-3359, or our office administrator at 734-676-2066

COFFEE HOUR HOST/ESS

SEPTEMBER

03– CHERYL BYRD

10-BETTY LOZO

17-JUDY HOWELLS

24-MELDA NEUBAUER

NOVEMBER

05- Melda Neubauer

12 - Betty Miller

19– Cheryl Miller

***26**- Karen Roberts

OCTOBER

01– Betty Miller

08 - Cheryl Byrd

15– Karen Roberts

22- Bette Lozo

***29** Judy Howells

DECEMBER

03 - Judy Howells

10– Melda Neubauer

17– Karen Roberts

24– Betty Lozo

***31** Betty Miller



APPLYING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

God uses money in a variety of ways in the lives of His children. One of the most important ways God uses money is to confirm direction. Simply stated, God uses the supply of money or the lack of it to confirm His direction for many of the decisions we must make in life.

If God gives us clear direction which is confirmed by His Word, then He will provide whatever is needed to carry out that direction. The only problem is that He expects us to step out in faith in obedience to His leading and His Word, usually without knowing in full the pathway that lies ahead.

Living that kind of life requires faith in God's person and His promises. It requires taking God at His Word and basing how we live on His Word. It requires trusting Him, even when circumstances appear to be contrary. It requires seeking first His kingdom, and then being confident that He will provide what we need. It requires — as the writer of Hebrews observed — believing that God " . . . exists and rewards those who seek him."

Hudson Taylor, a missionary to China who lived in the 19th century, summed it up beautifully this way: "God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's supply." This means that if we are not experiencing God's supply, either we are not doing God's work (that is, we are not seeking first His kingdom) or we are not doing God's work in His way.

Make no mistake about it: God is not a God of disorder. He will not provide specific direction which He confirms by his Word if He does not intend to provide what is necessary for us to obey Him fully. But He looks to us to be willing to trust Him by taking the first step, and then another, and yet another.

By the way, has God been speaking to you lately? Has He confirmed that direction through His Word? If so, remember this: You can be confident that as God works in your life, He will use money or the lack of it to confirm His direction.

Under the Old Testament economy, people were required to give to God because this was also the means of providing the government. A theocracy was in place then, which meant that government was actually operating under the direct authority and leadership of God Himself.

Today, we are under a different economy. However, we are still required to support the government. We may not like the way government operates.

We may not agree with the policies of our governmental leaders. We may not even like the political process or the individuals involved in it.

But God says that is not the issue. The issue is one of obedience. He says we are to pay our taxes to whom we "owe them" (Romans 13:7). In spite of all the ills of government, God says that governmental agencies and government leaders are His "ministers" and that they operate for our ultimate "good."

So the question is not whether we agree with or even support the work and activities of our governments at the local, state and national levels. The question is one of whether or not we will obey God. You see, it's relatively easy to sing, "Oh, How I Love Jesus." It's far more difficult to demonstrate our love for Him by yielding to Him in full and complete obedience, especially when His commands are ones we do not care for — like paying our taxes.

If He is in charge, if He is Lord of our lives, then we will do what He tells us to do. As the little chorus states it so clearly, "I'll say, 'Yes,' Lord, 'Yes,' to Your will and to Your way; 'Yes,' Lord, 'Yes,' I will trust You and obey." Even when it comes to paying my taxes? Even when it comes to paying my taxes!

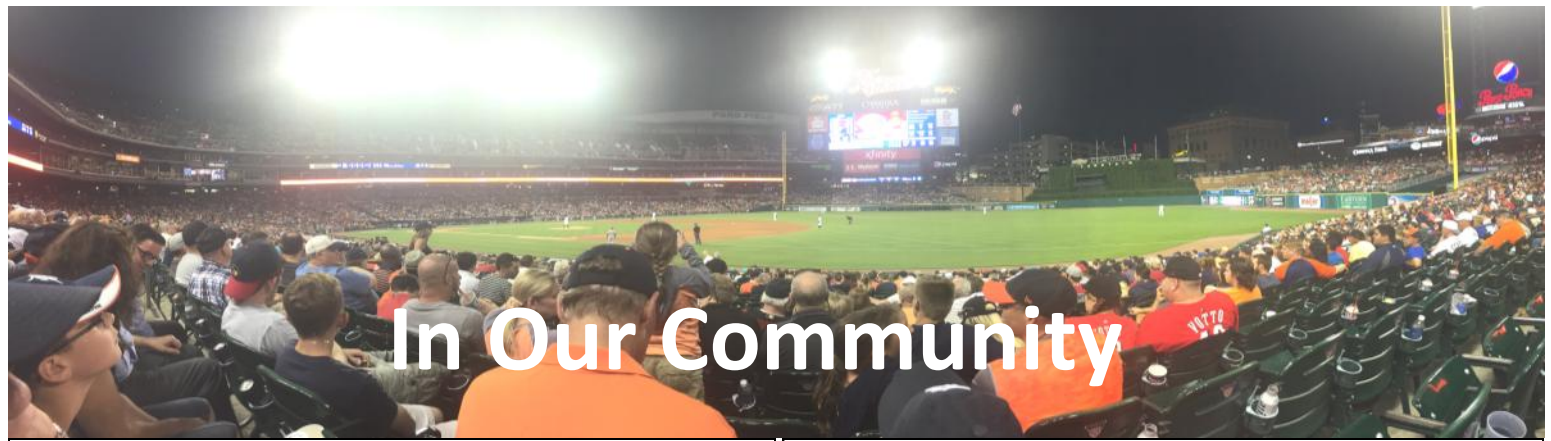
" . . . pay to the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor, and pay to God what belongs to God" (Matt. 22:21).

Blessings, Cheryl Byrd Finance Chair &
Ira Neubauer Treasurer

A FINANCIAL NOTE AND TRUSTEES UPDATE

We have paid 100% of the 2017 pension apportionments for 2017 .You may stop contributing towards pensions for the rest of the year if you like. Any additional money contributed towards pensions will go towards our 2018 pensions apportionments. As of the end of July we had paid \$4,544 towards our 2017 regular apportionments of \$13,960. That represents just 32.5% of the total amount that the Detroit Conference of the United Methodist Church is requesting that we pay to support the general ministry of the United Methodist Church in the Detroit area, Michigan, and around the world. For the first seven months of 2017 (January through July), our total expenses for FUMC-Trenton were \$84,287.08 and our total income was \$80,076.67, a difference of \$4,211. 41. The parsonage air conditioning needed replacement in May (about \$3,800) and the church air conditioning system needed repair in July (\$1,200). Thank you to all of you for your support of our church and the ministry of Jesus Christ and to our financial team for all the work they do.

Thank you also to Ira Neubauer and Brace Pentoney for saving us money by fixing the parsonage plumbing, and to Charlie Pike and Todd Southers for painting the church ramp and railing, and to Jim Reinker for powerwashing the steps and much of the stonework around the church. Thank you also to Rick Hiddleston for fixing the piano bench in the lounge. Great job, guys!



Roast Beef Dinners

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

First United Methodist Church
28400 Evergreen, Flat Rock

Third Wednesday of the month
Serving 4-7 p.m.

\$8.00 - Dine In per person; \$4.50 Children 10 and under \$8.50 - Carry out per person

Next Roast Beef Dinners
October 18, 2017
November 15, 2016
December 20, 2016

CHICKEN SUPPER

Willow United Methodist Church
36925 Willow Rd. New Boston, MI 48164

Wednesday, September 13, 2017
5:00 p.m. until sold out
Carry-outs start at 4:30 p.m.

Cost is \$10.00 per person
Children 12 & under \$5.00 each

Menu

Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, biscuits & gravy, green beans, coleslaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea, milk.



A WEEKEND APART

Rev. Dr. Bobby Cabot, a retired UMC pastor, now travels internationally with her weekend healing conferences. She will be at Clarenceville UMC at 20300 Middlebelt Rd. in Livonia in September.

Friday, Sept. 29 from 7-9 p.m. Focus: "God who speaks"-Learn how to listen for God and how to hear his voice.

Saturday, Sept. 30- 9 a.m.-noon- Focus: "Forgiveness" Learn the truth about forgiveness and the 3 steps we need to take to find spiritual freedom, and heal wounded memories.

Sat., Sept. 30 -1-3p.m. "How to start a healing ministry"-Nothing delights more than experiencing the Holy Spirit's guidance, witnessing the miracle of healing prayer. Learn steps of prayer....

Sat. 7-9 Focus: "Deliverance"- Learn about the devil, demonic oppression, and how to pray .

Light lunch will be provided by donation on Sat. RSVP to Clarenceville UMC office by 9/22/17 for sessions and lunch. 248-474-3444.

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group	4 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	5 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	6 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	7 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	8	9 Mission Conference Korean UMC-Troy 8:30am-3:15 pm
10 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group	11 8 am Breakfast & Devotion	12 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	13 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours SPRC Meeting 7 pm	14 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	15	16 9:30 am Soup Kitchen
17 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group. 6 pm Methodiners Mexican Gardens	18 Church Council Meeting 7 pm	19 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	20 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	21 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	22	23
24 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group Church picnic/BBQ 1 pm at the parsonage	25 8 am Breakfast & devotion	26 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	27 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	28 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	29	30

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group	2 7:30 pm Trustees Meeting	3 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	4 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	5 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	6	7 Hands across Detroit Mexican town, 9 am—4 pm
8 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group	9 8 am Breakfast & Devotion at Mom's Diner	10 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	11 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	12 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	13	14
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