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February 2021

Making Disciples - Making a Difference



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NOTICE: Many groups, meetings & committees at NPC have been paused until further notice. Stay tuned to our Fb page for updates & see our website for helpful resources.

February, 2021

A Letter from Pastor Hansen

January 24, 2021, marked our family's six (6) month anniversary here in Elmira. It certainly seems like it has been more than six months, since that day when we stumbled into the manse, exhausted, with a terrified cat, and began our time here. While the cat has calmed down a bit since the move, our lives have only recently started to find a sense of rhythm. Not only has COVID made moving to a new place difficult, it has continued to alter our expectations and challenge us. Our family is not alone in this experience. Tasks which prior to COVID were relatively easy to manage, such as a quick trip to Lowe's or Home Depot or Target, the mall, or the grocery store, now require us to remember our masks, staying six feet apart, sanitizing our hands, and for some, cause much anxiety and discomfort. Sometimes, it seems hard to even catch our breath.

The disorientation and challenges of COVID which have marked our first six months in Elmira are not unique to our family or to your families or to our church family or to our community. Even as each of us struggles to find a sense of rhythm, COVID is a constant reminder of how little control we have over our lives and how little certainty there is in our lives. COVID has not made our lives less certain. Had we only paused and looked around prior to COVID, we would have seen that our lives are no more uncertain now than they were then – it's just that COVID pulled away the magician's curtain and revealed the illusion of certainty. In Ecclesiastes, the narrator, *Qoheleth*, famously starts with the line "Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity." Ecc. 1:2 (NRSV). The Hebrew word translated as "vanity" is "*hevel*" which literally means "vapor" or "breath." (BDB, 210). It takes its meaning as "vanity" or "meaninglessness" from the idea that it is fruitless (i.e., a vain pursuit) to chase the wind. (BDB, 210). Our desire to have certainty in our lives is vanity and is like chasing the wind. Our pursuit of certainty and control does not result in increased happiness or joy; to the contrary, it often results in anger, frustration, and disappointment and broken relationships.

As your pastor, I have learned over and over again in these last six months and will undoubtedly continue to learn time and time again that God works in the uncertainty of the moment; that we have stop holding our breath and breathe; and, that we have to let go of certainty. When we stop holding our breath and we breathe, we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's presence and call to daily discipleship and prayer. It is in that uncertain moment that God is present and Jesus Christ names us and calls us to let go of our expectations and pursuit of certainty and turn to the One who first breathed life into humankind. When we let go of our vain pursuit of control and embrace the uncertainty of our lives, we are finally free to follow God wherever God leads; and, we are finally free to embrace our lives and the lives of those around us with love, grace, mercy, and joy.

It has been a privilege and an honor to be your pastor these last six months and I look forward to being your pastor for years to come as we walk together following the Triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in the uncertainty of the moment.

Warmly in Christ,

Pastor Evan

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JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*



We have resumed in-person worship in the sanctuary! For those who would like to join us remotely via Zoom or listen in the parking lot to the 1700AM radio station, we will be continuing with these, too. Please join us!



February Worship Volunteers

Tech Booth

2/7 Bill Furnas
2/14 Steven Allison
2/21 Ed Wilson
2/28 Bill Furnas

Counters

2/7 Cindy & Kurt Kalweit
2/14 Annette Stevens & Jim Mosher
2/21 Annette Stevens & Janice Williams
2/28 Suzie Hoskins & Deb Stamp

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February Janice Williams



February 7:
Laurie and Isabella Runyan

February 14:
Bob & Barb Russell
Alan and Jerry Russell

February 21:
Margery Schornstheimer

February 28:
Scott and Allison Sevey
Lauren and Ryan Sevey

**Jesus tells us
to pray without ceasing
for the good of God's people.**

February 7:
Glen & Dorla Bolt
105 Morrow Street
Elmira, NY 14904

February 14:
Hope Dubois
8 Aspen Ridge Apartments
Elmira, NY 14904

February 21:
Gary Doolittle
Bath VA Medical Center
76 Veterans Avenue
Bath, NY 14810

February 28:
Liz Bush
37442 Loganberry Court
Wedgewood Manor
Zephyrhills, FL 33542



**Send a
Card
Today!**



**We would like to remind everyone that they are welcome to
attend Session Meetings.**

**If you are interested in attending one, please contact the
church office.**



CHILDREN & YOUTH



Children and Youth Ministry February 2021

Welcome February!!! This is kind of a two-fold month. The first part of February is made up of hearts and flowers and if you're really lucky lots of yummy chocolate! This is followed a week later by a very somber and reflective time in the church calendar, Lent. During Lent we reflect on our lives, the path we are on and where we want to go. Are we really on the path our belief in Christianity is taking us or are we taking breaks along the way? Do we really understand and feel truly blessed that God sacrificed his only son so that we may be forgiven our sins and live in eternal bliss with him? I'm not sure we really do in today's world. I pray that as we enter into the Lenten season we sit back and take stock and really evaluate the journey we are so blessed to be on. The sacrifices we make seem so small compared to the one God made to save us all.

During these next couple of months Christian Ed. will be trying to plan some fun get-togethers with families at church. We realize the need to be cautious and follow protocols for safety but we also recognize the need to function as a church family. Keep your eyes open for announcements on Facebook and email from youth ministry on different activities we would like to have. Plans are in motion for in-house VBS, but should things change we have plans for a virtual VBS, if needed. With worship beginning again in person in the sanctuary we have discussed wee worship and Sunday school. Pastor Evan would like to see the number of people attending, first, to make sure we are all healthy before starting up again. The nursery will be open for parents and guardians should they need it (diaper changes, fussy little ones, etc.) The toy area, where we conduct wee worship, will still be off limits for now. This is a slow but necessary process so we are asking for patience and understanding as we begin the process of reopening. Blessing to all during this Lenten season.

God's grace and Peace,

Deb Stamp, Dir of Children and Youth Min.

Bible Quiz

The precise number varies depending on the Bible version, but roughly how many times does the word "love" occur in the Old and New Testaments combined?

- A. 200-300
- B. 400-500
- C. 600-700
- D. 800-900



Bible Quiz

Three of the Gospels tell that when Jesus was crucified, darkness covered the earth from noon until three in the afternoon. Which Gospel does not mention this event?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John



Answer: C (See Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19.)

Friendly Reminders

Did you know that, beginning January 31, 2021, we will resume in-person worship? If you would prefer to meet remotely, we will continue to have the Zoom conference call and broadcast to the parking lot. Each week, indefinitely, we will continue to provide an email to the congregation that includes a Zoom link, for anyone that wishes, to participate in worship remotely. If you are not comfortable with Zoom, you can still come to the parking lot and listen to the service on the 1700AM radio station. This being the case we wanted to provide everyone again with a handy guide to safe social distancing practices for Sunday worship services in the NPC parking lot. Please review the information below and if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to the church office or any member of Session. Remember, we are all in this together!



This Sunday
Attend church
without leaving
your car!



Parking Lot Worship:

- **Cars will park at least six feet apart.** Please use only the North Entrance (towards Roe Ave.) We will have someone guiding your parking.
- **All congregants will remain in their cars for the entirety of the service.**
- **Windows will remain no more than half open and doors will remain closed.**

Please tune your radio to 1700AM.

- **Parishioners will not sit in the beds of pickup trucks.**
- **A box or basket will be provided for parishioners to deposit their tithes and offerings without engaging in social contact or leaving their vehicle.**

Someone will have a basket available to you as you exit. Please have your mask on if you roll down your window.

- **At the conclusion of the services, parishioners will exit as they came.**

You will be guided when to pull out. Due to car spacing requirements, we will need to limit the number of cars in the parking lot. Please understand if you are turned away. If the lot is full, please know that you can still pick up the radio signal from the surrounding neighborhood streets.

- **Zoom service Link will be emailed each week for those who would like to participate via Zoom.**

Sanctuary Worship:

- **Masks are required per Executive Order for all people entering and within the building during worship service.**
- Congregants will abstain from gathering socially in the narthex or sanctuary. Hand sanitizer and masks are available. Trash receptacles are at all exits.
- Entering through the front door, congregants will remain 6 feet apart as they wait in line to register at the Welcome Center for purposes of possible contact tracing later, if needed.
- All congregants will then move to the podium to their left and wait to be seated. Congregants will be seated with social distancing in place.
- There will be no sharing of the peace to minimize physical contact.
- There will be no singing. A mental reflective contemplation of the words is encouraged.
- Friendship pads and hymnals have been removed from pews to minimize contact transmission.
- The service will always appear on the large screen at the front of the church.
- Congregants are welcome to leave service and continue participating in their car at any time if they feel the need to do so.



January Food Pantry

Shopping List:

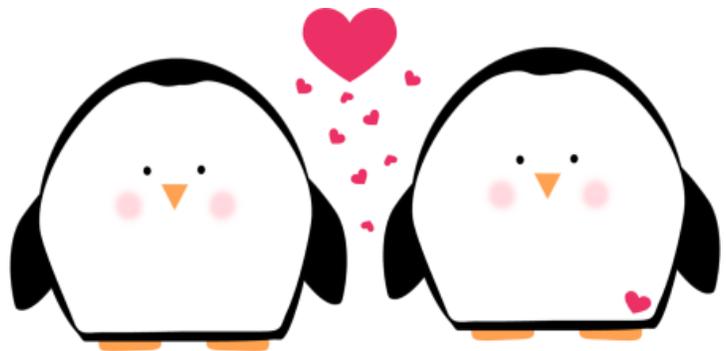
The following items are needed this month for the Pantry:

- *Peanut Butter*
- *Chicken Noodle Soup*
- *Canned Pineapple*
- *Monetary donations are also welcome.*



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Available at www.northpres.church

**Did you know that the home page of our church website always has scrolling updates and announcements! It sure does!
Check out the website to always be up to date with what's going on at NPC!**

In the Spotlight

Renovation house

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF MEN & WOMEN

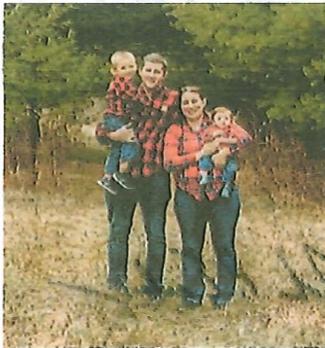
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Hello Friend!

We hope you had a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. This year has had its obvious obstacles, but we have ended it with many testimonies of God's goodness and grace.

Despite the cold weather, we spent the first few months of 2020 outdoors. We went on many hikes to see frozen waterfalls, creeks and lakes. We certainly enjoyed getting into Gods creation while having fun with each other.

This year was filled with many outreach opportunities as our men and women were able to share, food, clothing, and the gospel with people in need. We gave to a local homeless encampment, preached the gospel in Camden, New Jersey, evangelize on the streets of elmira and volunteer at many local food donation sites. With the abundance of food donations that we received this year we were able to provide food to many others, including local families and ministries. We even sent some food and supplies all the way to Ghana, West Africa!



The Renovation House also celebrated many baptisms this year. Some baptisms took place in the river that runs through the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon and some happened locally, each one was a miracle to behold.

One of our very own staff members, Shaune Moseley, welcomed his second son into the world. We were proud to receive Wyatt Brown Moseley as the newest addition to our ever-expanding Renovation House family and we are privileged to witness the Moseley family's dedication to Christ.

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Renovation house

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF MEN & WOMEN

Also, a dream long hoped for became a reality; the ministry celebrated, not just one, but two different alumni weddings. Taylor Austen married his wife, Zaan, right here on campus at Renovation house and Neil Hill married his bride Sonata a week later. Each marriage being a beautiful picture of Gods redeeming power and Christ's love for his church. Both alumni were not only made whole but received exceedingly and abundantly more!



As it is our continual privilege, we saw the restoration of so many families this year. Fathers and mothers were restored to their children and husbands returned to their wives. Sons and daughters were gladly presented back to their parent having been forever changed by the grace of God. We



graduated 9 incredible students this year and we are believing the Lord for an increase in 2021.

Our success this year would not have been possible without your continual prayers and generous support. Thank you so much for partnering with us to bring freedom to the captives and bringing beauty from the ashes. Please continue to pray for and donate to the ministry of Renovation House!



God bless you and keep you,
With much love and appreciation
From: The Renovation House staff and students.

Rev. John P. Early

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Stewardship Is **HEART WORK** Learning ♥ Worship ♥ Service

Stewardship February 2021

The Elmira Community Cupboard Project provides food and personal care products to those in need on a twenty-four-hour basis...no waiting for agency approval or an unlocked door. People can give and receive anonymously, no judgment – only community.

There are currently five cupboards in Chemung County – one is housed at North Presbyterian Church! The others are located at Rossi Lanes on Washington Avenue, the Vietnam Veterans Museum on Davis Street, Grace Episcopal Church (cupboard moved from Trinity) on Church Street, and at the Webb Mills United Methodist Church on Pennsylvania Avenue in Pine City.

The motto on each cupboard is this, “Take what you need, leave what you can.” As you can imagine, the cupboards empty very quickly. No agency fills them. Each one is dependent upon caring souls to keep them stocked. If you can, once a week or so, please search your home for items you can contribute. It only takes a moment to pull into our church parking lot and place your items in the cupboard.

When you get a chance, check out the Elmira Community Cupboard Project Facebook page. There is an excellent video clip from an October 2019 interview on WETM where their mission is discussed. It includes an excited admission that their newest cupboard was going up at North! We received some nice press on TV.

Sue, Kelly, and Karen have hearts for serving and for cultivating habits of kindness and compassion - qualities the world surely needs, and we are in the perfect place to assist them with those goals. Thank you.

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.” James 2:14-18 NIV

-Linda Palmer, Finance Committee Chair

With the unfavorable conditions in Honduras this year, the children have had a difficult time keeping up with their studies. However, our sponsee, Diego Garcia, has been able to graduate this year! We have been blessed to be able to take on a new sponsee, Eliezer Daniel Pena. He is in the 4th grade.

Please see the Christmas card that Diego sent us:



BORDER BUDDIES MINISTRIES

*Bringing the heart of Christ to
the heart of Honduras.*





January 12, 2021

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Presbytery of Geneva,

When we began our ministry together in July 2019, none of us could have imagined how our journey would unfold. We headed full-steam into bringing the Presbytery's new mission and vision into being when the pandemic forced us to shut down our in-person activities. To say that we have been Canoeing the Mountains ever since is an understatement.

Author Todd Bolsinger describes his book as a "guidebook for learning to lead in a world we weren't prepared for." That has certainly been the case for us in 2020. During the course of Council's book study so aptly timed (thank you, Holy Spirit!), we learned that to thrive off the map in a rapidly changing world means *learning to let go, learn as we go and keep going no matter what*. We adapted, we pivoted, we learned new skills, we learned virtual efficiency, we even learned that we didn't need the expense of an office building to effectively lead the Presbytery. I have served virtually as your leader longer than I was present in the Penn Yan office. We are resilient.

It has also been a trying time for our congregations, for presbyteries and synods, and the denomination itself. Our PC (USA) structure will never be the same, a massive transition that Phyllis Tickle once termed "The Great Emergence". We can't begin to know what that will look like, but it is certain it won't ever go back to what it was. We are letting go of the old and learning new things while we keep going on no matter what. The Gospel is resilient, thanks be to God!

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley has navigated these troubled waters while also adapting to the early retirement of their full-time Presbytery Leader, Rev. Amy Williams Fowler. Since May 1st, I have served half-time as their Acting Presbytery Leader while their leadership envisioned next steps. To that end, after my own prayerful discernment, **I have accepted the full-time position as Transitional Leader/Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Genesee Valley beginning April 1st**. My last day in the "office" with you will be March 25th.

I was not prepared for our time together to be so brief. I have come to deeply appreciate this slice of Finger Lakes heaven, and have fallen back in love with Camp Whitman (I was a camper as a child). I am inspired by the tenacity and generous hospitality of our congregations. Relationships and partnerships truly matter in the Presbytery of Geneva, and that is to be celebrated. I regret all that we were not able to accomplish together, and especially sad that I was not able to worship in person with all of our congregations. I am incredibly grateful to General Council, the Leadership Team, committee chairs and to all of Presbytery's hard-working, dedicated committee members. It has been an honor and a privilege to work amongst you as we've learned ways to support and equip congregations and leaders to be Christ in the Finger Lakes and the world. I will miss the remarkably talented and extraordinarily dedicated staff team of Elena, Amy, Lea, Marjorie and Cheryl.

The Leadership Team and General Council have already begun to discuss this transition and will speak to it at the January 23rd Presbytery meeting. In the meantime, I encourage us all to hold fast to what Bolsinger describes as the most important thing to remember: *God is taking us into uncharted territory to transform us. The leaders of the future are the learners, not the experts, of today.*

To God be the glory!
Gratefully,
Susan



January 2021

Dear Presbytery of Geneva,

I hope all of you are well. I offer an update on the COVID-19 pandemic regionally. According to my most recent briefings, cases in the region have really expanded. Hospitals have been much more full, and there have been many cases. I have personally lost patients to COVID-19 now, and had several more hospitalized. There has been a real surge, and it's stretching the hospital capacities.

On the bright side, there are now 2 vaccines with emergency use authorization, Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna. Both are mRNA vaccines, and both are approximately 95% effective at preventing symptomatic infection after 2 doses. Millions have been vaccinated (although slower than we would have hoped), and many millions more should be able to be vaccinated in the coming months. Most of my staff has received one dose. I have not, as I'm in clinical trial for the Oxford/Astra Zeneca vaccine (approved in the U.K. and India, but not yet in the U.S.), and they unblinded me. I do know I have received 2 doses of vaccine, and expect that's affording me protection as well. All of this is leading to many questions.

Immediately, the biggest concern is flattening the curve. This isn't doing particularly well, because people aren't following the very strict restrictions we had in March and April of 2020. This virus spreads much more efficiently than influenza (not including the more infectious UK and South Africa variants), and frequently is spread by asymptomatic patients (a recent estimate in a medical journal was 40%). I would encourage people to take significant precautions. My congregation opted to stop in person worship again temporarily this week, and I think that's a reasonable choice. I would discourage dining indoors, attending bars, or gathering without masks in homes with other people until vaccines are more widespread. Other physicians, epidemiologists, and public health experts are advocating similar measures.

I encourage anyone eligible to receive a vaccine. Many of my colleagues have received doses, and found them quite tolerable. If someone asks "which is the best?" my answer would be "whichever is closest to my arm." It's not my quote, but I can't identify the source. I expect as we move into Phase IB and doses become available, some may be through physicians' offices, and others will be available through pharmacies. The next group will be other high risk front line workers and people over 75. The best estimates at this point for that group is availability in February and March. I suspect for the next group, high risk health conditions and those over 65, it may be March and April. I do still think there may be availability for all adults by the end of the second quarter of 2021.

For those with questions of safety for vaccines, I would note that there really hasn't been any pattern. I've read the report of one physician who died after a vaccine, and unless further information that hasn't been published becomes available, I doubt there would be any clear link to the vaccine. There were a couple cases of suspected Bell's palsy in one group, and again, that's relatively mild. I encourage thinking of the high risk of morbidity and mortality with the ongoing infection, compared to any very small risks of unlikely side effects. The common side effects of fatigue, chills, a sore arm, or headaches are quite tolerable and short lasting. The studies of the vaccines so far have been about symptomatic infection, so we still encourage caution interacting with unvaccinated people. If you're protected from a severe infection but could be asymptomatic, it's possible you could transmit it to other, more vulnerable patients. We suspect when vaccines are more widespread, it will likely be safe for vaccinated people to spend time together (it will be similar to getting together after truly quarantining), but we're not there yet.

My simplest advice is that we need to try to stay home and isolated for the next few months, and we'll likely see a decrease in cases, increase in vaccination, and increased safety. Emotionally, this is a challenge. I encourage all of us to remain in contact via phone, video, or whatever works best for us until we're able to be together. We all need emotional support as we deal with this together. Our faith and understanding of sacrifice supports this approach, but it's still difficult.

I pray that we'll be united in care for each other. The light at the end of the tunnel continues to move closer. We simply need to remain united in our goals. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour (or year).

For the Facing of this Hour,
Rob Anderson, MD

NPC Board of Session

Session Summary

6:00 p.m., Sunday, January 17, 2021 (Meeting held via ZOOM)

Rev. Hansen determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order and opened the meeting in prayer.

Session reviewed and approved the minutes of the December 20, 2020 stated Session meeting as amended.

Session approved the 2020 Annual Statistical Report. The Report will be filed (emailed) to the Presbytery.

The Clerk reported that NPC received a \$1,000 donation from the Panosian Family Foundation.

Session approved member's attendance and voting via ZOOM for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Those attending via ZOOM will count toward a quorum.

Session lifted the restriction on in-person worship beginning January 31, 2021. Worship will continue to be broadcast from the sanctuary via ZOOM and on the radio at 1700 AM for those who wish to participate from the parking lot.

Session approved the Buildings and Grounds (Capital) expenditure request of \$5,035 for electrical upgrades to the parking lot lights, ground wire for the radio antennae and new LED light fixtures. Session approved the use of \$2,500 from the Ann Gawenus bequest for the upgrades to the parking lot light poles.

Session approved the recommendation of the Staff Relations committee to increase the hourly rate of pay for the Director of Children and Youth Ministry to \$15.00 per hour.

Session approved amending the 2021 budget to reflect the increase in salary for the Director of Children and Youth Ministry.

NPC Board of Session

The Treasurer reviewed the Financial Statements including the Profit and Loss Budget Performance for December and the Account Activity Summary for the Endowment Fund. Pledge income received for December totaled \$19,828.20 (this included a \$10,000 2021 pledge donation). The Endowment Fund ending balance for 2020 was \$2,247,166. The Session received the report (with thanks) including monthly and year-to-date financial statements as presented.

Rev. Hansen reported that he continues daily phone visits with the homebound. He will be leading an online adult education study which he is hoping to start just before Lent. He has already begun planning for the Wednesday evening Lenten services. He reported a change in the dates for his February vacation. He will be on vacation February 11th through February 21st. Linda Palmer will secure pulpit supply for February 21st.

Annie LeFevre reported that the next scheduled Presbytery meeting is Friday, January 23, 2021. She will provide a report of that meeting at the February Session meeting.

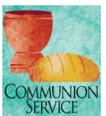
Ann Motley reported that VBS will be held in July. The decision as to how and where (virtually, in the parking lot, or inside) will be determined in the upcoming months. The committee is planning a monthly family event. A corned beef and cabbage dinner (take out only) is being planned for March 13th

The meeting adjourned in prayer at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kalweit, Clerk of Session

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 	3 Bulletin Information Due 10:00 am Food Pantry 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice	4 12:00 pm Blood Drive	5 10:00 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA Meeting	6
7 9:30 am Worship Service with Communion 	8	9 4:00 pm Christian Ed Meeting 7:00 pm Buildings and Grounds Meeting	10 Bulletin Info Due 9:30 am Finance Meeting 10:00 am Food Pantry 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice	11	12 10:00 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA Meeting	13
14 Valentine's Day 9:30 am Worship Service 	15 Presidents' Day Church Offices Closed 	16 10:00 am Communication & Tech Meeting	17 Ash Wednesday Bulletin Info Due 10:00 am Food Pantry 5:00 pm Worship & Music Meeting 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Lent service w/ communion 	18	19 Newsletter Info Due 10:00 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA Meeting 	20
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