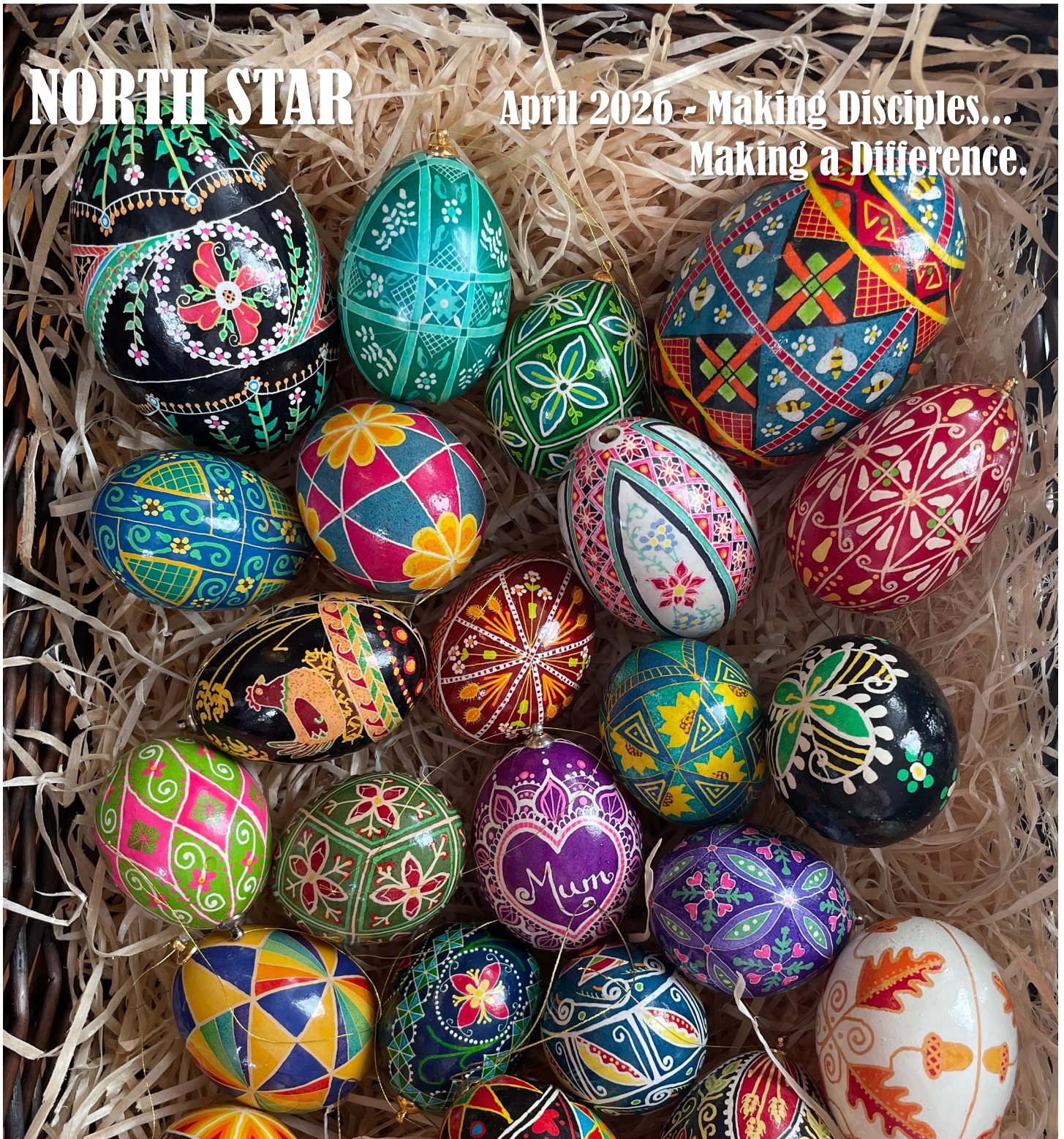


NORTH STAR

April 2026 - Making Disciples...
Making a Difference.



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Our Session is currently reading *Beyond the Offering Plate* as a book study. *Beyond the Offering Plate* is a collection of essays by different authors that tackle different ways of looking at stewardship and what stewardship means that goes beyond budget spreadsheets, annual giving campaigns, and pledging. It's not that those aspects of stewardship are not important. They are important. That is, after all, how the lights stay on, the building stays warm in the winter and cool in the summer, parking lots get fixed, our staff, me included, get paid, the food pantry is housed and is partly funded, and more. All of that is important. Very important. But a budget does not a community or congregation make.

One of the chapters we talked about at our last meeting discussed the stewardship of spiritual gifts. You and I each have spiritual gifts. We have an abundance of gifts. Some of us are teachers. Some of us have the gift of speaking (hopefully with humility and wisdom). Some of us have the gift of being persistent in prayer. Some of us have the gift of being deeply hopeful. Others have the gift of music and voice. Some are joyful volunteers. Some know how to fix things (which is a spiritual gift). Some know how to organize. We all have gifts – not in the singular – but many.

There is a tendency to focus on the flashier, more public ones. One only has to read the Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians to realize that tendency to prioritize some gifts over others has been going on for a long time. And as the Apostle Paul points out, when we do this, we suffer as a community. The community needs everyone's gifts. Everyone's gifts are important and essential to the health and vitality of the community.

As much as these gifts are indeed gifts of the Holy Spirit, they do not just arrive in boxes, pre-packaged, with easy-to-follow instructions. As stewards, we, as community, must be intentional about encouraging one another to recognize the gifts that we indeed do have and to help each other develop those gifts – not for our glory or honor, but for the glory and honor of God, for the benefit of others.

To paraphrase the author of the chapter on spiritual gifts, Rev. Dr. David Gambrell, we do this through prayer, through participating in public worship, by practicing gratitude, honest self-reflection and examination, by emptying ourselves of arrogance, by engaging in self-discipline, giving of ourselves to others, and being in fellowship with one another. Each of these requires us to be in relationship not only with God but with one another. Each of those requires us to be intentional. Each requires us to set aside time and other activities to do. Each requires us as a community to be supportive and to be a place and space in which people are encouraged to use their gifts.

Each member of the body of Christ, each one of us, brings something unique and vital with us into our congregation. Some of our gifts are well-known and some are hidden or waiting to be developed. We have to trust that God has given us and will give us what we need to accomplish what God is calling us as a congregation to do. And to do that we have to trust that spiritual gifts that we and others have been given, no matter how small or insignificant we may think they are, are just as precious to God and valuable to the community as the gifts that get all the attention. And the question before us is: are we willing to trust God that much?

Warmly in Christ,
Pastor Evan



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Chancel Flower Orders

If you would like to donate Chancel flowers (suggested donation of \$45), please contact Lori Lee at 607-739-3176.

Available Sundays for April and May 2026 are:

April 19 & 26 and May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31.

Please take the flowers home to enjoy after the service.

If you are not in the sanctuary on your chosen date, we will be in touch with you to make a plan.



April Worship Volunteers

Tech Booth

April 5	Steve Allison
April 12	Bill Furnas
April 19	Bill Furnas
April 26	Steve Allison

Ushers

April 5	Nancy Isaacs, Kate Hansen
April 12	Jennifer & John Eastwood
April 19	Cindy & Kurt Kalweit
April 26	Pat & Jeff Richards

Greeters

April 5	Linda Palmer
April 12	Gerry Harding
April 19	Tim Allison
April 26	Nancy Isaacs

Communion

April 5	Allie Sevey, Lori Eastwood, Suzie Hoskins, Linda Palmer, Barb Duryea
April 19	John Eastwood, Lori Lee, Vicki Balon, Wendy Swatling, TBD

Youth Usher

April 5	Charlie Wilkinson
April 19	Hadleigh Perry

Counters

April 5	Pat Richards, Robin Quartly
April 12	Allie Sevey, Wendy Swatling
April 19	Phil Carpentier, Pat Richards
April 26	Annette Stevens, Joe Rolls

Wee Worship

April 5	Karen Wilson, Barb Duryea
April 12	Allie & Scott Sevey
April 19	Deb Stamp, Paityn Perry
April 26	Amanda Reese, Becky Kowulich

Coffee Hour

April 5	Kate Hansen, Robin Quartly
April 12	Barb Duryea, Cheryl Allison
April 19	Bobbi Furnas, Pat Richards
April 26	Melanie Fitzpatrick, Wendy Swatling

Worship Assistant

April 5	Linda Palmer
April 12	Kurt Kalweit
April 19	Deb Stamp
April 26	Lori Lee

Together we make a Family

Our
Love &
Prayers
Go Out
To...

Weekly Prayer

April 5:
William & Brenda Bobbi

April 12:
Alexander Bottcher

April 19:
Laurie Burdick

April 26:
Liz Bush

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

Our Homebound Friends

April 5:
Glen Bolt
Bethany Manor
3005 Watkins Rd.
Horseheads, NY 14845

April 12:
Wilma Padgett
3015 Lake St.
Elmira Heights, NY 14903

April 19:
Liz Bush
37442 Loganberry Court
Zephyrhills, FL 33542

April 26:
Ann Beattie
4747 Glengarry Rd.
Clarence, NY 14031

*Please send
a card to
our
Homebound
Friends*



Welcome



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.

Weekly Prayer Chain Email

Did you know that you can pray or be prayed for?
You are invited to let the church office know how you would like to be involved.
We are stronger together.



Children and Youth Ministry April 2026

As we enter April, we are still waiting for warmer weather to arrive. This weather has certainly been crazy and winter has definitely not been willing to let go! I'm hoping and praying we have good weather for our annual Easter egg hunt and that we'll be able to have it outside in the sunshine.

The month of March has been a crazy one. Kids have had sports or been out sick most of the month. We did have a great time attending the Broadway school play, "The Addams Family". Our very own Annalyse Ferriter was one of the actors. About twelve kids and adults from our church attended and everyone seemed to love it! March 27th was our Game Night, which featured lots of games, pizza, homemade ice cream, popcorn and movies!

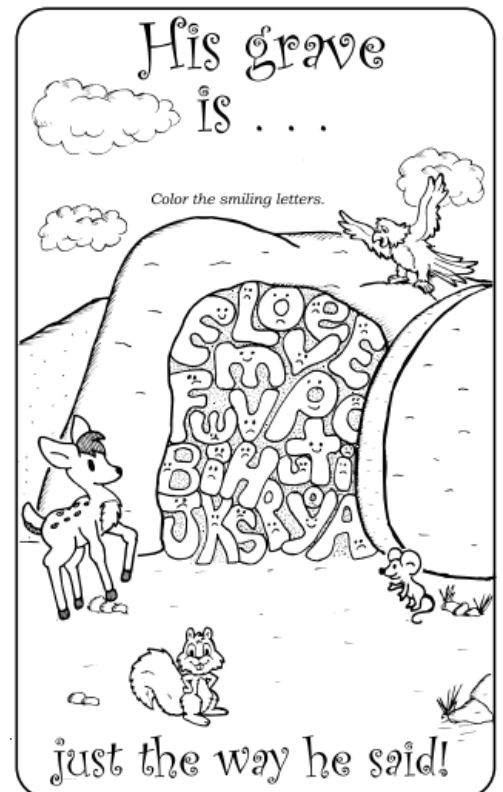
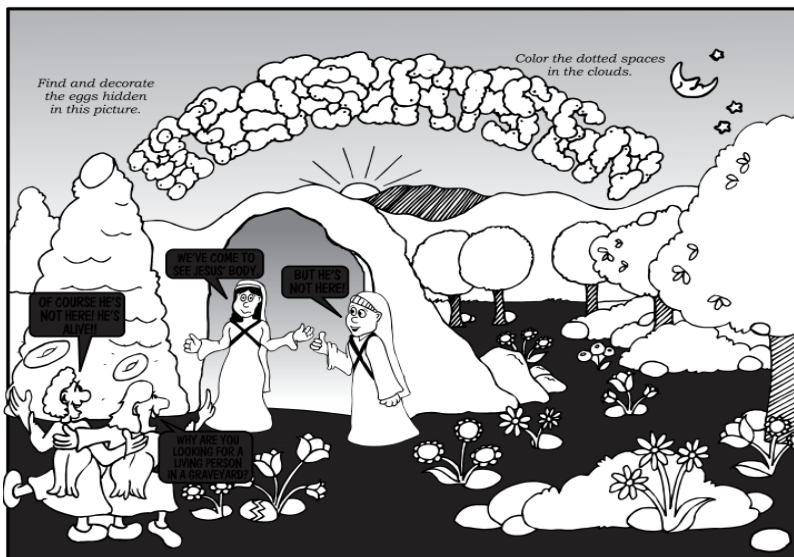
The next couple of months will be busy ones as we get ready for Confirmation for the older kiddos, Children and Youth Sunday and plan for VBS, which will be in July. If anyone is interested in helping out with VBS, please let Allie Sevey, Liz Wilson or myself know. A volunteer sheet for sign-ups will be appearing soon on the Narthex counter.

Praying for peace in this crazy world, which seems upside down right now. Love and peace to you all!

Blessings in Christ,

Deb Stamp

Dir. of Children and Youth Min.





- If you would like to be prayed for or know someone who would like to be prayed for, please contact the church office. A prayer request will be sent to our prayer partners. If you would like someone to pray with you, a request can be sent to one of our prayer partners or Pastor Evan and someone will connect with you.
- Remember to check our bulletin board for NPC and Community Announcements/Information.
- Lost something? Be sure to check the lost-and-found bin in the church office.



**Parking Lot
Worship:**

- Please use only the North Entrance (towards Roe Ave.)
- Please tune your radio to 1700AM.
- Please exit through the South Entrance (towards the college).



Weekly sermons are available on our website at

<https://www.northpres.church/sermon-details/>



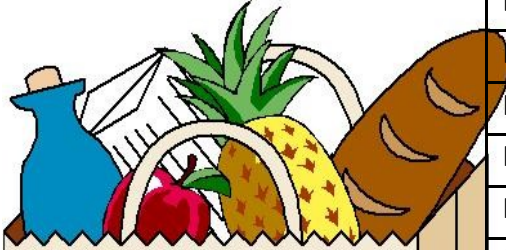
Sanctuary Worship:

**Please join us for Worship
on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.**

**Check out our facebook page or
church website for special services
throughout the year, including
Monthly Wednesday evening
services and weekly Lent and
Advent services.**



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



SHOPPING LIST

April Food Pantry

Shopping List:

The following items are needed this month for the Food Pantry:

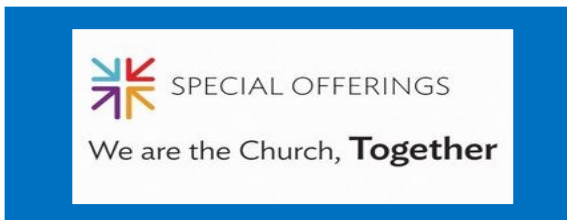
Ketchup & mustard
Salad dressing
Canned tuna

No glass jars, please

In addition, if your dentist gives you toothbrushes, floss, or toothpaste, and you don't need it, the pantry does! Monetary donations are also welcome.

Committee/Coordinator	Email Address
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Building Use	campus@northpres.church
Clerk of Session	session@northpres.church
Deacons	office@northpres.church
Education	office@northpres.church
Fellowship	office@northpres.church
Finance	office@northpres.church
Mission & Outreach	office@northpres.church
Nominating	nominating@northpres.church
Staff Relations	staff_relations@northpres.church
Tech & Communications	office@northpres.church
Treasurer	Financial_sec@northpres.church
Worship & Music	office@northpres.church

Staff	Email Address
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Director of Youth Ministries	youth@northpres.church
Pianist	elmirarandyman@gmail.com
Music Director	office@northpres.church
Organist	office@northpres.church
Pastor	pastor@northpres.church



Special Offering for
 April
 Organ/Piano/Bells
 Fund



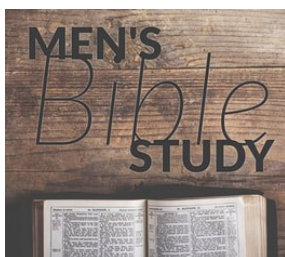
Meet the Staff

Pastor Evan Hansen	Pastor
Open Door Office Hours: T & W 1:30-4pm	
Paul Holland	Music Director
Sharon Reynolds	Organist
Randy Cornell	Pianist
Deb Stamp	Director of Children & Youth Ministry
Gretchen Duffy	Office Administrator

REMINDER

Important Reminders:

- The church office needs your contact information. Please let us know if anything has changed.
- If you need to contact the church office for any reason, please feel free to email office@northpres.church or call (607) 734-2977 Mon 8:00 am to noon, Tues-Fri 8:00 am to 5:30 pm.



Men's Bible Study meets at 12:00 pm on Thursdays. If you would like more info, please contact Kurt Kalweit, Steve Allison or the church office.



Wednesday Noon Bible Study is studying, *The Cross* by John Stott. If you would like more information or study materials, please contact Wendy Swatling or the church office.



Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am weekly



Praise Band rehearsals are at 7:00 pm Wednesdays



Chancel Choir rehearsals are at 7:30 pm Wednesdays.



The Good News Singers' practices are at 10:45 am Sundays.



Youth Praise Band Practices are 10:55 am Sundays.

Bell Choir rehearsals are at 6:15 pm Wednesdays.





Fellowship

There will be no Saturday Breakfast or Workday in April.



There will not be a Wednesday Fellowship Dinner in April.



Missions
Second Place East, Inc.



April donation Request:
PILLOWS



Leadership RSVP

Regarding Ruling Elders: A Monthly Series for Serving Faithfully

REGARDING

RULING ELDERS



A MONTHLY RESOURCE FOR SERVING FAITHFULLY

Most of us know the feeling. An invitation arrives in the mail; maybe it's for a wedding, ordination or a big church anniversary. This kind of gathering carries more than a date. It carries meaning. An important person or event is about to be honored, and occasionally that means something familiar is ending or something new is just beginning.

Along with the excitement comes quiet but familiar questions and feelings of anxiety. Do I go or stay? Who will be there? How formal will it be? What should I wear? Receiving an invitation is great news, and yet it still asks something of you.

Leadership can feel like that invitation. You don't have all the details. You're not sure what will be asked of you. But the invitation has arrived.

While it's great when you have a ready-made list of options for moving forward in ministry, how much would we enjoy having a spreadsheet that compares all the options and weighs the pros and cons? But here's the truth: God does not often send spreadsheets. God sends invitations.

And faithful leadership requires responding to God's invitation with the spiritual posture of RSVP.

RSVP comes from the French phrase "répondez s'il vous plaît," meaning "please respond." An invitation creates a moment of agency where you get to choose your response. You may not have all the details, but your presence has been requested. This invitation asks for participation before certainty. So, what does it look like for ruling elders and sessions to RSVP to God's invitation? It requires four things:

R: Remember the story

It is tempting to get stuck in nostalgia. Truthful remembering is not about going backward. It's about telling the truth about how we got here.

Every congregation carries both grace and grief in its history. Because ruling elders are stewards of memory, you can help the congregation remember its beautiful parts without turning them into idols. You can also help by naming the hard parts without turning them into shame. In the absence of truthful remembering, congregations tend to repeat patterns and remain stuck.

S: Staying present in uncertainty

The invitation to remain present is not a passive act. It is resisting the urge to rush toward solutions that calm anxiety but avoid real change. Faithful leadership asks us to remain present, with God's help. Steady presence is an act of leadership in the face of the unknown.

V: Value new connections and voices

One of God's greatest invitations is the invitation to look again.

Looking again with new eyes invites us to see God's hand moving. Listening with new ears helps us hear wisdom spoken through unfamiliar voices. What if God is expanding our mission by expanding our understanding of who counts as neighbor, partner and community? It can mean listening to neighbors who understand the needs around you better than you do.

P: Pray and prepare

Prayer comes last on purpose. It does not always give us God's full agenda, but it gives us the courage to keep showing up.

Prayer is alignment. It forms leaders who can act without needing certainty. And prayer pairs naturally with preparation: preparing hearts for change we cannot yet see and preparing minds for new relationships that will take us places we could not go on our own.

The most powerful leadership move is often not an answer but a courageous RSVP. You don't have to know the whole plan to say yes to God's invitation. You are not responsible for fixing everything. You are responsible to respond faithfully, which may mean RSVPing like Isaiah, who said, "Here am I. Send me!"

For reflection:

- Where in this season is God inviting our congregation to respond?
- What parts of our heritage story do we need to remember more honestly, both the beautiful and the hard?
- When anxiety rises in our system, do we tend to rush, retreat or stay present? What would "steady presence" look like for us?
- Whose voices have we not valued yet, inside or outside the church, that might be part of God's renewing work among us?
- How might prayer form us into the kind of leaders who can prepare faithfully for what we cannot yet fully see?

Renovation house

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES
OF MEN & WOMEN

THE KINGDOM
OF GOD
IS
ADVANCING



THROUGH YOU!!

ACTS 26:18

Newsletter
February-March
2026

As the New Year is now in full swing, we are excited to announce fresh vision for serving the Men & Women God has entrusted to us for a season. Your continued generosity helps restore, heal and bring hope to the lives of Men & Women at Renovation House

"Seek-N-Serve" Mission House is a ministry concept whereby individuals, Alumni & groups can schedule with us to come, seek the Lord on this mountain and serve alongside us in the ministry for a period of time based on availability and ministry needs. Come take a ministry sabbatical and enter the Lord's rest.... COMING JUNE of 2026

CAMPUS PRIORITY NEEDS

Garden Beds



Broken Pipes



Roofs



"SEEK-N-SERVE"
MISSION HOUSE



Catch the Vision!



Donate Here



Mission & Outreach

Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas Joy Offering. A total of \$827 was raised and sent to the PCUSA in support of current and retired church leaders and their families in need. Thanks in part to support from this Special Offering, church workers can receive critical financial assistance to support them through life's challenging circumstances. Our congregation's generosity bears witness to our faithful response to God's charge to love one another as Christ commanded.

“What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God” Micah 6:8 One way we respond to Christ's call to ministries of compassion for the world's most vulnerable is through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The One Great Hour of Sharing (“OGHS”) Special Offering began on Ash Wednesday and will continue through Easter Sunday. Each gift to the OGHS offering helps to improve the lives of people around the world who lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by OGHS – disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees – serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. The Mission & Outreach Committee thanks you in advance for your continued, generous support of the OGHS offering.

Church World Service Blanket Sunday(s) will be held on May 3rd and May 10th. A table will be set up in the Narthex to collect donations. \$10 provides a blanket for a person in need, \$60 provides a blanket bundle (3 wool blankets and 3 fleece blankets); however monetary donations of any size are welcome. Contributions to CWS Blankets mean Church World Service will be ready to help families recover from disasters and displacement.

NPC continues to support the following (ongoing) missions:

NPC Food Pantry - \$1,100 is provided each month to support the North Presbyterian Food Pantry in its work to feed the hungry in our community.



Second Place East, Inc. – Providing household goods and personal care items to people transitioning from homelessness to a home of their own. \$500 is given annually to support this important local mission. Monthly donations of varying items are collected (see basket in the Narthex) and sent to the “Help for the Home Shop”. The April donation is pillows.

NPC Food Donation Box – To help ease the issue of food insecurity in our community, nonperishable food can be placed in the box at any time. The committee would like to thank Kurt Kalweit for replacing the plexiglass door on the box that was damaged over the winter.

Renovation House – NPC provides \$100 monthly to support the effective work of rebuilding and restoring lives of men and women struggling with addiction through the power of Jesus Christ. Stay tuned for information regarding a visit to Renovation House in the spring.

Border Buddies Ministries - NPC continues to provide scholarships for two students: Eliezer Daniel Pena Perez and Jeferson Aaron Cruz Alvarez. Pictures of the boys and cards from each of them can be found on the bulletin board in the Brisbane Room.

Just a reminder that contributions of any amount can be made throughout the year to help offset NPC’s 2026 Per Capita expense of \$7,772 which represents \$66.43 per member.

The Mission & Outreach Committee thanks the members and friends of NPC for their continued, generous support of local mission and outreach to our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS



March 2026

Friends,

As the waters roar and foam all around us and you are being asked by God to do ministry in new ways every day, the congregations, mid councils and agencies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) continued to live out this truth: “We are the Church, together.” Being the Church calls us into belonging: to God, to one another and with those most vulnerable. Thank you for all the ways you give and for all the ways you bear Christ’s light in our world.

This year has also been a transformative year for the Churchwide Special Offerings. We celebrated four churchwide Special Offerings for the final time and bid farewell to the Pentecost Offering and the Peace & Global Witness Offering. With long histories of faithful ministry, these Offerings drew us together as a Church building God’s house inside our faith communities and among our neighbors. As we welcome the World Communion Offering in 2026, Special Offerings continue to be a visible sign of the invisible grace we know through Jesus Christ, putting our faith in action, and moving our hands and feet with God as God re-creates the world to be more loving, more just and more peaceful.

As we reflect on 2025, we want to thank you for your tremendous generosity, as well as for the energy, intelligence, imagination and love it took to make your engagement happen. Special Offerings staff want to know how you made the Offerings happen in your congregation. We would love to hear about what God is doing through you and your church and share about the transformative work accomplished, together, through Special Offerings. Please contact us at special.offerings@pcusa.org or 800-728-7228, ext. 5047.

In 2026, we will continue celebrating what God is doing through you and the ministries made possible by your participation in the Churchwide Special Offerings, particularly as you receive the World Communion Offering for the first time. Our staff is available to assist you in any way so that the mission and ministry the Church accomplishes together will not only continue but grow through the grace of Christ for which we return thanks with our very lives.

Thank you,

Rev. Wilson Kennedy
Associate Director, Annual Giving Office

Second Place East, Inc

300 E. Miller St.
Elmira, N.Y. 14904

March 3, 2026

North Presbyterian Church
921 College Ave
Elmira, N.Y. 14901

Dear North Presbyterian Members and Trustees,

We received your annual gift in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). It does not escape us that you are a constant, loyal, and generous supporter of Second Place East, Inc. and for that we are extremely grateful!

We strive hard to fulfill our founder's legacy which dates back to the seventies. Our current and ongoing project is The Help For The Home Shop where we supply homeless individuals and families who are transitioning to a residence of their own with new supplies that reflect basic needs in the kitchen, bathroom, and bedrooms, while also meeting personal care, cleaning, and laundry needs. We are proud of what we accomplish to allow them to be seen and cared for.

We thank you again for your generous support!

Sincerely yours,



Cheryl Butler, Treasurer

No goods or services were exchanged in consideration of this donation.



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HOPE THAT LASTS.

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Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

February 18, 2026

Thank you so much for your generous gift. Your support reflects a deep compassion for our neighbors who are navigating some of life's most difficult moments, and we are truly grateful.

At Catholic Charities, our mission is rooted in more than meeting basic needs. We walk alongside individuals and families with dignity, encouragement, and hope—helping them regain stability and move toward brighter, more secure futures. Your generosity makes this possible.

Your contribution of \$500.00 to the Elmira Community Kitchen fund directly strengthens the essential services we provide every day. Whether it's ensuring someone has enough to eat, offering a safe place to stay, or providing case management and support during a crisis, your gift becomes the steady source of hope that so many depend on.

Thank you for choosing to partner with us in this meaningful work. Because of donors like you, our community grows stronger, more compassionate, and more resilient. We look forward to the progress we will continue to make together in 2026.

With sincere gratitude,

Katie E. Rhodes
Marketing and Development Director

YOUR GIFT SUMMARY

This Gift: \$500.00
Check Number: 26173
Check Date: 2/4/2025
Designation: Elmira Community Kitchen

Your Account #2068
2026 Giving: \$500.00

P.S. Would you prefer to receive your gift acknowledgment via email? If so, please scan the QR code to let us know! Thank you!



Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuyler is an exempt charitable organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. No products or services were bestowed upon this donor in exchange for their benevolent contribution. Thank you.

Missionaries
Michael & Glenda Miller
Website: www.borderbuddies.org



**BORDER BUDDIES
MINISTRIES**

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

P.O. Box 1254
Elmira, NY 14902
E-mail: mjgm2004@yahoo.com

Colonia Lara, Casa 727
2 Calle, 2 Avenida
Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Centro América

February 16, 2026

North Presbyterian Church of Elmira
921 College Ave.
Elmira, NY 14901

Dear Friends of North Presbyterian Church of Elmira,

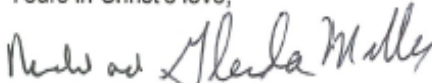
We as Ministry and with your continued renewal scholarship for **Eliezer Daniel Peña Perez**, and **Jeferson Aaron Cruz Alvarez**, are equipped with their school supplies to go back to school.

As tradition, every year we are pleased to send you an updated picture and a thank you card from the child/children you are sponsoring. You will notice that we have added the grade and birthday date of your sponsor child/children to the picture frame. This is so you can put it in a place to remind you to pray for your child/children. You may e-mail them by using our e-mail address mjgm2004@yahoo.com or regular mail to our home address here in Honduras to wish them a happy birthday or words of encouragement.

We thank you again for your continuing partnership, it means so much to us. We pray our precious Lord will bless you even more.

"A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great." Proverbs 18:16

Yours in Christ's love,


Missionaries to Honduras



**BORDER BUDDIES
MINISTRIES**
*Bringing the heart of Christ to
the heart of Honduras.*

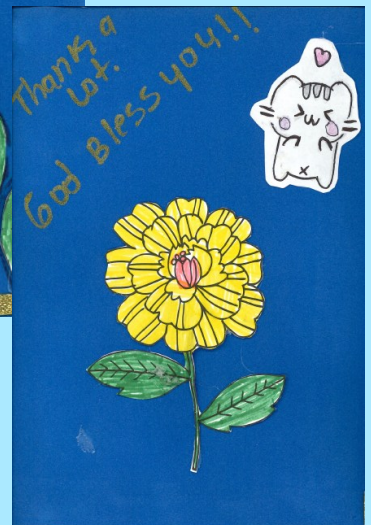
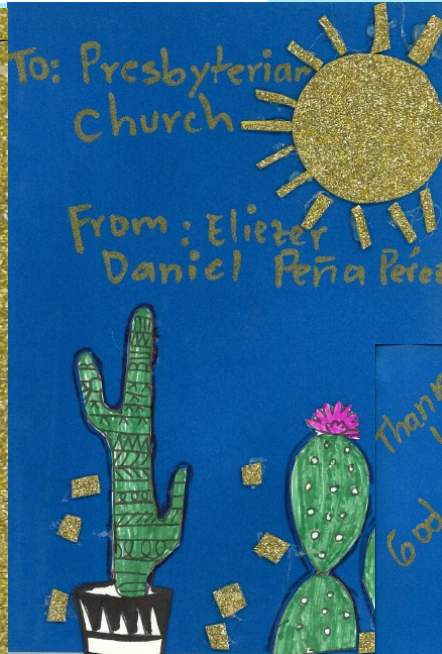
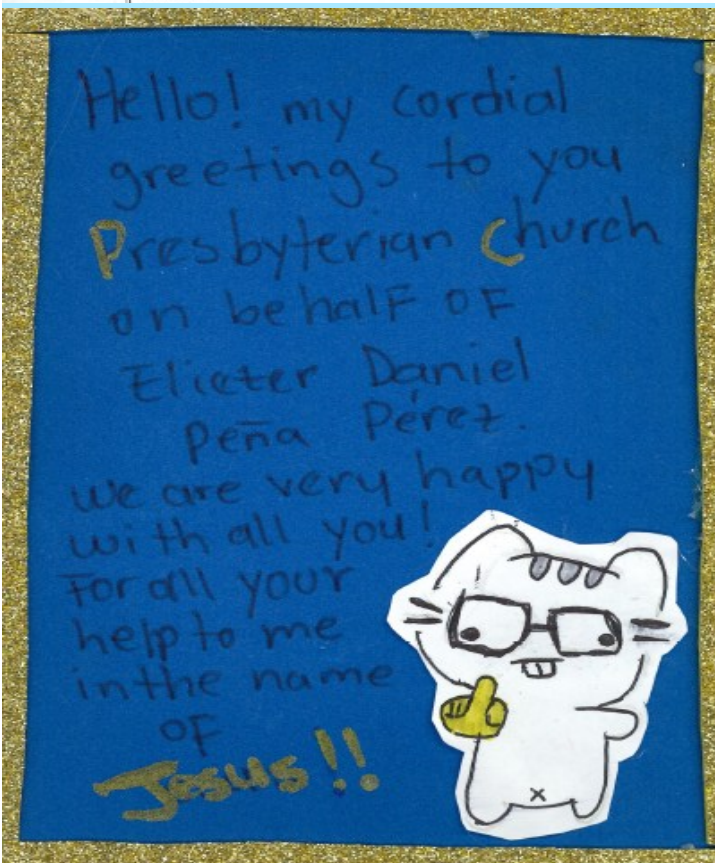
January 18, 2026

For: North Presbyterian
Church of Elmira
of Jefferson Aaron Cruz

God! bless you.
With love.
Jefferson.

Frist of all, I am very
tobe able to greet you
and I sincerely hope
that you and your family
are doing very well.

I want to express my
deepest gratitude for the
support you have given me
over the years, as it has
been a great help in enabling
me to complete my studies.
May God shower many
blessings upon you and your
projects.



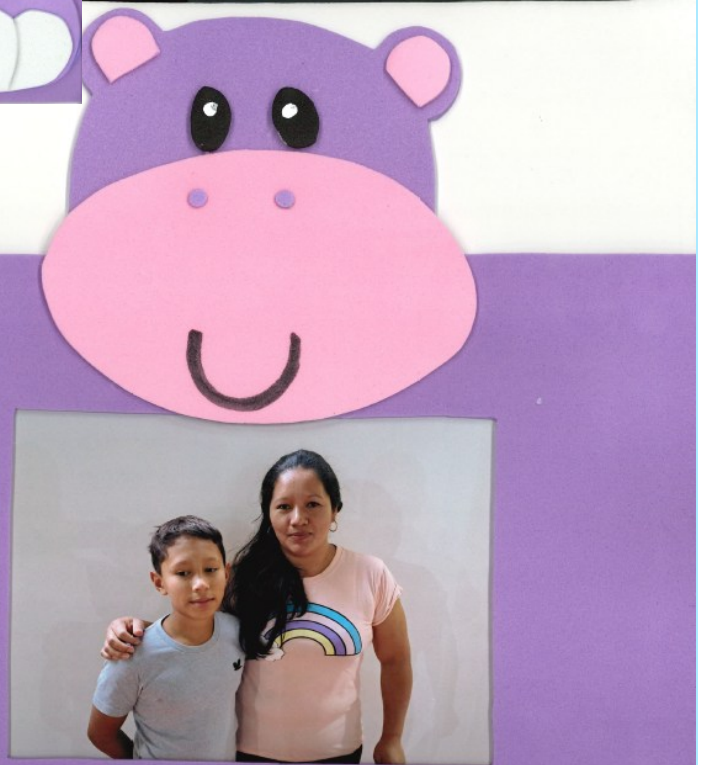


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Eliezer Daniel Peña Perez
Birthday: April 8
Grade: 9th



Jeferson Aaron Cruz Aivarez
Birthday: July 1
Grade: 6th



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Dear BBM Supporters;

On February 22, 2026 we Baptized 4 people from Comayagua (squatters village). Their names are: Jeffery, Celesté, Ashly their daughter and Exary. All have received the Salvation and now are Baptized. They took for the first time Communion. The emotions were high and they were very happy. Praise

Jesus!!! 🙏🙏

This started back last year around September when Ashly 13 years old and apart of our Bible Study and memorization group. Ashly expressed she wanted to talk to me with her mom and aunt. I sat and listened to her and how she wants a change with her life and for the life of her parents. Through the classes that she has taken for more than 3 years she said she feels in her heart to receive Jesus Christ into her heart. When she went through the sinners prayer, reading of scripture and prayer she expressed how she hopes her parents would follow. Praise Jesus in the course of time they did!! Ashly not only was a witness to her parents but also to her Aunt, (Exary also Baptized).

God speaks through our children in many ways and it takes the strength to say yes Lord I want you, I need you and you will be my everything. What a blessing.

Now we are talking to Jeffery and Celeste about getting married this August. 🙏🙏

Michael and Glenda Miller

Missionaries for Border Buddies Ministries Inc.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras

<http://www.borderbuddies.org>





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STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

We have been sharing our desire for members to spend time reviewing their relationship with God and North Presbyterian Church over a ninety day period ending on Pentecost. The first thirty days we asked you to focus on how you can share your time and talents to grow your faith into action. We hope you have taken time to do that. This month we ask that you spend time prayerfully considering what your priorities are in your life. Where do you choose to spend your time and talents? Where does your relationship with God enter into the equation? First, or when you find time to fit it in? We ask that you take the time to seriously reflect and pray about this for the next thirty days.

What giving step is God asking you to take for the next 90 days?

- **Get started:** I haven't given or volunteered before. My next step is to begin finding where and how I can help.
- **Give consistently:** I give and help occasionally. My next step is to prioritize regular giving and involvement.
- **Grow my giving:** I give consistently and help where I am able. Through prayer, I believe God is calling me to look for ways to grow my faith and giving.
- **Other:** My next step looks a little different. I will prayerfully consider what my steps should be and reach out for help and guidance.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Phillipians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God.

Stewardship & Finance

Hymn Sing-a-Long

North Presbyterian Church

921 College Ave., Elmira

Saturday, April 18.

Lunch at noon,

Hymn Sing-a-Long
from 1 to 3 pm.

For lunch reservation,
please sign up at the Welcome Desk
or call 607-734-2977.

Choose
your favorite
hymns!



NPC Board of Session

Session Summary

March 15, 2026

Book Discussion meeting

- Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Hansen @ 6:03 p.m.
- The minutes of the February 22, 2026 stated Session meeting were approved as amended.
- The Treasurer's Report, including Statement of Assets, and Profit & Loss Budget Performance through February 28, 2026 was reviewed and received as presented.
- The Session approved the following actions:
- To update the Emergency Closings policy in the Employee Handbook.
- Steve Allison will contact the owner of the car left in our parking lot to advise them it needs to be moved by March 31, 2026.
- Pastor Hansen led a discussion of chapters 6 (Stewardship of Spirit) & 7 (Stewardship of Body) from the book *Beyond the Offering Plate*.
- The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Swatling

Clerk of Session



Join us for
a joint

**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

Worship Service with
First Pres., Elm. and First Pres., Hhds.
on Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 pm.



Events




Church offices closed
April 6 for
Easter Monday

Woodbrook
WORSHIP
Service
April 28 at 3:30 pm



Buildings & Grounds
Comm. Meeting
April 14 at 7:30 pm.



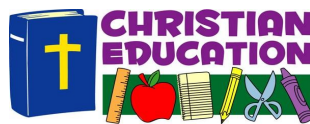
Finance Committee
Meeting
April 8 at 9:15 am.



Communications & Technology
Committee Meeting
April 14 at 6:45 pm.




NewsLetter
Information to be included
in the May North Star
Newsletter is due to the
Church Office by
Friday, April 27.



Christian Ed Comm Mtg
April 14
at 5:45 pm.

Community Meal at
Grace Episcopal
Church

Wednesday, April 8
Set up at 3:00 pm
Dinner at 5:00 pm



Events



DEACONS
Leading through Serving.


Deacons Meeting
March 19
at 11:00 am.

Hymn Sing-a-Long
April 18th
12-3 pm



MISSION

Mission & Outreach Meeting
April 14 at noon.



Our local chapter of TOPS meets on Mondays at 5:30 in Willits Hall. If you're interested, please call the church office for information.

THE THURSDAY MORNING
MUSICALES
OF ELMIRA, NEW YORK

April 16 at
10:15 am




CHEMUNG COUNTY
LANDLORD ASSOCIATION
BUILDING BETTER TOGETHER
EST. 2016

April 14 at 5:30 pm.




Music & Worship Committee Meeting
April
TBD.

Board of Session will meet on April 26 at 6:00 pm.

Yoga meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:45 in Willits Hall. If you're interested, please contact the church office for more information.

There will be no Saturday work day in April.



Kindermusik



Kindermusik meets on Thursdays at 5:30 pm and Saturdays at 10 am and 11 am. For information on how your child can participate, please contact the church office.

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 April Fool's Day 10:00 am - Food Pantry 12:00 pm - Bible Study 1:30-4:00 pm - Pastor's Office Hours 6:15 pm - Bell Choir 7:00 pm - Praise Band 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir 	2 8:45 am -Yoga 12:00 pm - Men's Bible 5:30 pm - Kindermusik 7:00 pm - Maunday Thursday Service 	3 10:00 am - Food Pantry 10:00 am - Kindermusik 3:00 pm - Woodbrook Good Friday Service 5:15 pm - AA	4 10:00 am - Kindermusik 11:00 am - Kindermusik
5 Easter Sunday 9:30 am -Worship Service w/ Communion 10:30 am - Coffee Hour Easter Egg Hunt 	6 Church offices closed 10:00 am - Food Pantry 5:30 pm TOPS	7 8:45 am -Yoga 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 1:30 pm -Pastor's Office Hours	8 Bulletin Info Due 9:15 am - Fin. Comm. Mtg 10:00 am -Food Pantry 12:00 pm - Bible Study 1:30-4:00 pm -Pastor's Office Hours	9 8:45 am -Yoga 12:00 pm - Men's Bible 5:30 pm - Kindermusik	10 10:00 am -Food Pantry 10:00 am - Kindermusik 5:15 pm -AA	11 10:00 am - Kindermusik 11:00 am - Kindermusik
12 9:30 am -Worship Service 10:30 am - Coffee Hour 10:45 am - Good News Singers' Practice 10:55 am - Youth Praise Band 11:00 am - Sunday School	13 10:00 am - Food Pantry 5:30 pm TOPS	14 8:45 am -Yoga 12:00 pm - Mission & Outreach 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 1:30 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 5:30 pm - Chem Cty Landlord Assoc 5:45pm - CE Mtg 6:45 pm - Comm & Tech 7:30 pm - B & G Mtg	15 Bulletin Info Due Tax Day 10:00 am -Food Pantry 12:00 pm - Bible Study 1:30-4:00 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 6:15 pm - Bell Choir 7:00 pm - Praise Band 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir	16 8:45 am -Yoga 9:00 am - Thursday Morning Musicales 12:00 pm - Men's Bible 5:30 pm - Kindermusik 	17 10:00 am -Food Pantry 10:00 am - Kindermusik 5:15 pm -AA	18 10:00 am - Kindermusik 11:00 am - Kindermusik 12:00 pm - Hymn Sing and lunch
19 9:30 am -Worship Service w/ Communion 10:30 am - Coffee Hour 10:45 am - Good News Singers' Practice 10:55 am - Youth Praise Band 11:00 am - Sunday School 	20 10:00 am - Food Pantry 5:30 pm TOPS	21 8:45 am -Yoga 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 1:30 pm -Pastor's Office Hours	22 Bulletin Info Due Earth Day 10:00 am -Food Pantry 12:00 pm - Bible Study 1:30-4:00 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 6:15 pm - Bell Choir 7:00 pm - Praise Band 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir 	23 8:45 am -Yoga 12:00 pm - Men's Bible 5:30 pm - Kindermusik	24 Newsletter Info Due 10:00 am -Food Pantry 10:00 am - Kindermusik 5:15 pm -AA 	25 10:00 am - Kindermusik 11:00 am - Kindermusik
26 9:30 am -Worship Service 10:30 am - Coffee Hour 10:45 am - Good News Singers' Practice 10:55 am - Youth Praise Band 11:00 am - Sunday School 6:00 pm - Board of Session 	27 9:00 am - Piano Tuning 10:00 am - Food Pantry 5:30 pm TOPS	28 8:45 am -Yoga 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 1:30 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 3:30 pm - Woodbrook Service	29 Bulletin Info Due 10:00 am -Food Pantry 12:00 pm - Bible Study 1:30-4:00 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 6:15 pm - Bell Choir 7:00 pm - Praise Band 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir	30 8:45 am -Yoga 12:00 pm - Men's Bible 5:30 pm - Kindermusik		