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Weekly Schedule

Sun, 10:00AM - WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join us in person!

Or join us on [Zoom](#):

<http://zoom.us/join>

Zoom Meeting ID: 508 653 0577, Passcode: 0

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Dial (646) 558-8656

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508 653 0577

When prompted
press #, then # again.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

See our Online Church Calendar at

cumcwayland.org/calendar.html

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Community UMC,

“I thank my God always
when I remember you
in my prayers.”

(Philemon 1:4)



I am grateful that my surgery went smoothly and that I am feeling so much better now, and am able to be with you once again. I want to thank all of you for everything that you did for me and for the church while I was away. I thank Andy, Ted, Gary and Nizzi for preaching, and to all of the other people involved in the worship services. This church is blessed to have so many faithful and capable people who ensure that everything will go smoothly. Thank you also to Sara Herwig in the office who kept everything running while I was away.

I also would like to thank you for your prayers for my successful surgery and for my recovery. I felt surrounded by your prayers and your care. Thank you to the many people who sent me beautiful cards that brightened my day, as well as some lovely flowers.

Finally, I thank everyone who prepared and delivered meals to our family. It was really an amazing experience to have so many of you give of your time, effort and resources to prepare food for us and deliver it to our door. I was overwhelmed with all that you provided, and so very grateful to you. I am so blessed to be a part of this church community, and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Blessings

Pastor Rebecca L. T. Cho

Statement of Welcome for All People

Community United Methodist Church celebrates that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth. We are a community of faith that welcomes all persons without regard to age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or developmental and physical ability. Community UMC welcomes the full inclusion of all people in the life and ministries of our church. We invite everyone to join us in our faith journey!

God loves all people. No exceptions.

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Monday, April 15

Some material adapted from www.churchart.com

From the Lay Leader

"All God's People in All Places and in All Times, are Called to Love and to Serve."

— *Ministry of the Laity*

Some of you will remember the wonderful 1995 booklet of Lenten Devotions with writings by our church members. The piece I wrote was based on Luke 12:27, consider the lilies of the field. Part of it is the following:

"Usually my [6 clumps of] snowdrops are buried under snow; especially since the snow we shovel is piled along the fence and covers them early in the

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winter with a deep, white blanket that will not melt until springtime. I may not be able to see the snowdrops then, but I know they are alive. I know they are growing and will bloom even when covered for a long time. I know they will be there year after year. I know they are a wonderful reminder of Daddy who carefully brought them as a gift from my childhood home and planted them here for me. I know they are a harbinger of spring, a time of new beginnings, a time of growth, a time of beauty."

Yesterday, I found my snowdrops blooming once again; 50 years and still counting. Spring is nearly here!

Sherry Anne Bryant

Weekly Scripture Readings *(Revised Common Lectionary, Year B)*

Sunday, April 7

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32 –35

Ps 133

1 Jn 1:1–2:2

Jn 20:19–31

Sunday, April 14

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12 –19

Ps 4

1 Jn 3:1–7

Lk 24:36b –48

Sunday, April 21

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5 –12

Ps 23

1 Jn 3:16–24

Jn 10:11–18

Sunday, April 28

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26 –40

Ps 22:25–31

1 Jn 4:7–21

Jn 15:1–8

colors to God’s World. This is the month that we celebrate Earth Day on the 22nd; a reminder to us to care for the ‘beauty of the earth’ and all that is a part of God’s Creation.

We will start this month at CUMC with Holy Humor Sunday. Come and be prepared to laugh, chuckle, and smile! You can even participate by sharing a joke or funny story during the service on April 7th. On the 14th, Pastor Rebecca will begin a series of four messages based on the book by Olu Brown entitled “FAITH: 4 Essential Practices.” This book is available for you to borrow and read ahead of time or during this month. Copies are available in the Narthex of the church. Waiting, Praying, Thinking and Acting are those essential practices. I found his chapters on these aspects of Faith thought-provoking and I am looking forward to the sermons on each one. We can apply these practices to protecting our Earth, God’s beautiful creation given to us all.

I look forward to seeing you in church this month.

Shirley Lowe

Chairperson



Stewardship & Finance

The Gift of Your Time

Your Stewardship and Finance Committee is grateful for individuals, including Judi Poe and George Richardson, and their long-term leadership helping to keep our numbers in line. As their terms have completed, we’re exploring how those tasks can best proceed. The Finance Team serves our church’s congregation and mission by carefully monitoring the funds that come in as well as the funds that go out.

Funds that go out are tracked by the church’s Treasurer and their assistants. Our Treasurer, David Lok, succeeded George and is responsible for developing the budget (reviewed and approved each year at Administrative Board), paying the church’s bills

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Worship Team

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
(United Methodist Hymnal, #92)

The words of this hymn are always in my mind at this time of the year as the grass becomes green, the days become longer, the temperature warms, the flowers shoot up from the Earth, and bring bright



Check It Out!

Up Coming Events in April

- ✓ **Aril 1, 7:00 PM–** Trustees
- ✓ **April 7, 10:00 PM– April 7, 10:00 AM–** Holy Humor Sunday
- ✓ **April 12, 12:00 PM–** Soup Kitchen Preparation
- ✓ **April 14, 10:00 AM–** FAITH 4 week book series
- ✓ **April 14, 11:30 AM–** Faith Exploring Class
- ✓ **April 27, 5:00-9:00 PM–** Kids' Night Out
- ✓ **April 28, 11:30 AM–** Faith Exploring Class
- ✓ **May 5, 11:30 AM–** Faith Exploring Class
- ✓ **May 5–** Family Promise Walk to End Homelessness
- ✓ **May 12, 11:30–** Faith Exploring Class
- ✓ **May 25, 5:30-8:00 PM–** Kids' Trivia Night & Pizza Party
- ✓ **Summer Camp Registration–** see page 9
- ✓ **July 13, 10 AM-2 PM–** Vacation Bible School

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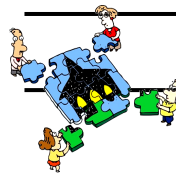
(salaries, mission shares, expenses, etc.) and using tools like QuickBooks and Excel to monitor monthly and annual revenue and expenses against the budget.

Funds that come in are documented by the church's Financial Secretary and their assistants. Judi Poe served in the Financial Secretary role for many years and has completed her volunteer term. Each week the amounts received by the church (offering-plate and online/mailed contributions, rent payments, interest from bank and United Methodist Foundation accounts, etc.) are counted – sometimes for a few minutes right after the service. In this way timely bank deposits enable the Treasurer team to pay bills and avoid late fees. Separately, one or more times each month someone on the Financial Secretary team works with an easy-to-use software application called Servant Keeper to match incoming

amounts with donors and budget categories and generate reports when needed. (Got your 2023 contribution record? Thanks, Financial Secretaries!)

I suspect you don't have a few free hours every month; who does? But perhaps you have a few hours each month that you can free up to help the Church with financial record-keeping: this will save us the cost of paying a service to handle these tasks. We are particularly hoping to find one or more volunteers to help track incoming contributions and amounts. Care to learn more? Please ask Finance Chair Prakash Savarirayan or any Finance Committee member for details. And Thank You.

Andy Sonderfan
for Stewardship and Finance



Trustees Update

The Trustees continue to address our ongoing list of maintenance requests across our properties. Here are a few highlights. We'd like to remind everyone that if you see something about our buildings that needs attention please say something to one of the Trustees or fill out one of the Maintenance Request forms in the church mailroom.

The Safety Team, that includes people from across our church teams, will be presenting our proposed safety policy documents to our April Administrative Board meeting for review and input. The goal of these policies is to help with our preparation for potential safety situations such as fire, emergency evacuation and medical scenarios.

Calling all Campers! It is hard to believe but it's time to start thinking about summer camps. If you'd like CUMC to pay \$500 toward your camper's registration please call the camp of your choice directly. See page 9 for more information on how to register. And don't forget to let Sara in the Church Office know. Call her during business hours at 508-653-0577 or

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drop her an email at office@cumcwayland.org. And thanks again for this congregation's ongoing support of this annual tradition. Please note on your donation that it is for the Camper Fund.

We continue to look for a new Trustees Treasurer who would be willing to spend an average of a few hours a month helping with our Trustees funds. This work is well documented and does not require any accounting or special skills or experience. Please let Pastor Rebecca or any Trustee know of your interest.

Thanks again for all your help to keep the Church in the condition you found it, shut off the lights, close and lock all windows, and lock the door when you leave. This will ensure that everyone, members and visitors, finds it welcoming, safe and inviting.

Dave Getchonis
The Board of Trustees



United Women in Faith

“Lifting Up Voices for Climate Justice” is the theme for our annual Call to Prayer & Self-Denial Program and Offering on Saturday, April 27, at 11:00 am. Jill Rabideau will lead our discussion on climate justice and its connection to and impact on racial, economic and environmental justice in our communities. Come with your questions and concerns about our climate crisis.

A note from Operation Smile:

“Thank you for helping stop the heartache of children born with a cleft lip or cleft palate. We’re so grateful for your donation of \$100 that will help provide surgery to change, and even save, young lives... Without surgery, babies born with cleft conditions have nine times the risk of dying within the first year of life. Many of these children will not even be able to celebrate their first birthday. This is tragic and breaks our heart, but it can be preventable... Your gift provides hope and the necessary

resources and equipment that our volunteer medical teams need to offer free and safe surgeries to these children around the world. Without your help, this would simply be impossible... Thank you again on their behalf.

“Gratefully yours,
Bill Magee, Jr. , D.D.S., M.D.
Cofounder and CEO.”

Sherry Anne Bryant,
President



The Flower Committee

The Flower Committee continues to take orders for altar arrangements for each Sunday. If you would like arrangements in memory of loved ones or in honor of someone special, please let Shirley Lowe know. You may see me after church on Sunday or send in your check for \$25 along with the date you would like as well as the dedication. We will try to honor your requested date, but if that date has already been reserved, we will use the closest date to your choice. Please send your information and check made out to CUMC, with “flower committee,” in the memo line to the Flower Committee, CUMC, 80 Main Street, Wayland, MA 01778.

Shirley Lowe
Chairperson

YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2024

UPDATE

Upcoming FUNdraising Events for the Summer Youth Mission Trip!

Our hard-working and highly motivated Youth Mission Team is enthusiastically preparing for their service trip to Salem, Maine this summer. The youth will be partnering with the United Methodist Eco-

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conomic Ministry to help provide much needed services to economically challenged persons living in the region such as home repairs, food pantry, consignment shop, fellowship and support. The youth are planning a series of fundraising events this spring which will help defray the costs of this trip and allow more resources to be used for direct services to those in need. Please consider attending/supporting these efforts as able. The activities will be fun, informative, and very beneficial to the mission work! All the events are open to the community so consider inviting family and friends to join the fun.

FUNDRAISER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

- **Silent Auction:** Bidding opens on March 21 and continues through April 7
- **Mac and Cheese Takeout Lunch:** April 14 following the worship service
- **Kids' Night Out:** April 27
- **Kid's Trivia Night & Pizza Party:** May 25
- **Car Wash:** June 8 (Rain date June 15)



Mission Resource Team

Opportunities to Serve

During April we will be collecting supplies for **Hygiene Kits**. We will assemble the kits at the end of the month to deliver to the depot. See the list of supplies needed in the column to the right.

On April 12, from 12 noon to 2:00pm, we will gather in the Kitchen for **Soup Kitchen Preparation**.

Also at the end of April will be our annual sponsorship of **Blankets for CWS in honor of Mother's Day**.

Deb Hastings
Team Leader

HYGIENE KITS LIST

When people are forced to abruptly leave their homes because of emergencies, they may not have time to pack the things they use on a daily basis like toothbrushes or soap. But after a few days without these items, they definitely miss them. Your hygiene kits offer a refreshing daily boost for someone when supplies are hard to come by. Please remember to send \$2/kit to CWS to cover the costs of processing.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- ◇ One 1-gallon Ziploc bag
- ◇ One hand towel measuring 15"x28" to 16"x32" (No fingertip, bath, dish, or micro-fiber towels.)
- ◇ One washcloth
- ◇ One wide-tooth comb removed from the package (Found at discount dealers like **sallybeauty.com**. Search for wide tooth pastel comb to see example)
- ◇ Must be sturdy with at least 6" of teeth
- ◇ No pocket combs or picks
- ◇ Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable
- ◇ One fingernail or toenail clipper (Either one is acceptable. Remove from packaging.)
- ◇ One bath-size bar of soap in the original package
- ◇ One toothbrush in the original package
- ◇ Ten standard size Band-Aids

All items must fit inside the Ziploc bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its journey.

FAITH EXPLORING CLASS

4 Sundays
11:30AM-12:30PM
April 14 & 28
May 5 & 12

- Open to all (both current members & newer folks)!
- Learn more about the United Methodist Church.
- Get to know others in the church.
- Those who complete the class may choose to join (if they haven't already) on Sun. May 19.

A FUN NIGHT OUT FOR KIDS
& A RELAXING EVENING FOR PARENTS!

KIDS NIGHT OUT

Kids will enjoy a night of fun and games, with dinner provided.
\$20 per child & \$10 per additional sibling. Financial assistance available. Walk-ins accepted at the door, or register your kids (ages 3+) to hold your spot (limit 25 spaces). All proceeds to support our youth program.

REGISTER:



CRAFTS



GAMES



FOOD



MOVIE



FUN



SAT. APRIL 27, 2024

5-9PM

COMMUNITY UMC

80 MAIN STREET

WAYLAND, MA

Kids Trivia Night & PIZZA PARTY

\$20 PER PERSON

SATURDAY MAY 25
5:30-8:00 PM

80 MAIN ST
WAYLAND

PRIZES

4TH GRADE & UP

All proceeds will support our Youth Mission Trip to Maine this summer.

Pay now or at the door.

RSVP to Pastor Rebecca at rebeccalyn.cho@gmail.com

How can I help?

- Help out in the kitchen.
- Donate items for small prizes (could be some candy or a few items from the Dollar Tree, for example.)
- Donate one or more \$5 or \$10 gift cards to Dunkin' Donuts or Starbucks, for the larger prizes.
- Donate snacks, drinks or frozen pizzas.
- Spread the word about the fundraiser among friends & neighbors!

Please let Evelyn Cho or Pastor Rebecca know ahead of time if you would like to help in any of these ways. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School

REGISTER!



**SAT. JULY 13
10AM - 2PM**



**NEWTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
430 WALNUT ST. IN NEWTONVILLE**



Bible stories



games



songs



crafts



pizza & snacks



Summer Camp 2024!

Our Trustees have decided to send every child at Community UMC who wants to go for one week of camp. Whether the kids have chosen a week of sports, theater, crafts, or a mixture of all these and more, there has never

been one of our youth for whom this wasn't the highlight of their summer. You can make this happen for your youth in three easy steps!

1. Pick a session from any of the following camps:

Camp Aldersgate: (401) 568-4350 <http://campaldersgate.com/>

Camp Mechuwana: 207) 377-924 <http://www.mechuwana.org/>

Camp Wanakee:(603) 279-7950 <https://www.wanakee.org/>

2. Call the camp to register your child for the session for which you would like to enroll them. Tell the camp that Community UMC will be covering \$500.00 of the tuition for one week of camp. You will need to pay any remaining balance to the camp.

3.IMPORTANT: Call Sara in the Church Office during office hours or email her at office@cumcwayland.org and give her the name of your child, the camp and the session.

That's it! Contact Sara in the Church Office or Pastor Rebecca if you have questions.

Go ahead. Take the plunge!



YOUTH MISSION WEEK

REGISTER:



Join other youth
in service projects
to benefit our
neighbors!

July 22-26, 2024

10AM-3PM

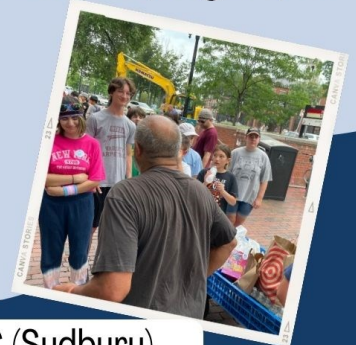
(9AM-3PM on Tuesday

10AM-4:30PM on Thursday)

Grades 6-12

Contact Pastor Rebecca Cho with questions
or to register for this free program.
rebeccalyn.cho@gmail.com/ (617) 429-5909

Base Location: 80 Main Street, Wayland, MA



Co-sponsored by:

Fisk Memorial UMC (Natick)
Community UMC (Wayland)

Sudbury UMC (Sudbury)
Weston UMC (Weston)



**Ham & Bean Supper
Highlights
Saturday, March 9, 2024**

Bible Quiz

The "Christ hymn" in Philippians 2 proclaims that after Jesus humbled himself even to the point of death, God exalted him, and that eventually all will worship him. What two body parts are named as part of that worship?

- A. knee; tongue
- B. hands; feet
- C. arms; lips
- D. heart; mouth



Answer: A (See Philippians 2:10-11)

Celebrations!

Birthdays

- | | | | |
|------|-----------------|------|---------------------|
| 4/3 | Dominique Winn | 4/15 | Don Macumber |
| 4/6 | Cheryl Torres | 4/18 | Prakash Savarirayan |
| 4/6 | Claire Wade | 4/18 | Cole Zachery |
| 4/7 | Jerome Fay | 4/20 | Doug Leard |
| 4/8 | Nicole DeFlorio | 4/26 | Sandra Brennan |
| 4/9 | Arthur Strafuss | 4/26 | Reema Ranjeet |
| 4/10 | Deb Hastings | 4/27 | Jane Jamison |
| 4/11 | Rob Webb | 4/30 | Sarah Crass |
| 4/13 | Henry Canon | | |

Quotes of the Month

"If you are ignorant of God's Word, you will always be ignorant of God's will."

—Billy Graham

"This will be our reply to violence: to make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before."

—Leonard Bernstein

"Being negative only makes a journey more difficult. You may be given a cactus, but you don't have to sit on it."

—Joyce Meyer

Anniversaries

- 04/17/1965 George & Susan Richardson
- 04/29/1989 Gary & Jill Rabideau
- 04/24/2004 Rodrigo & Maisi Sathler Rosa

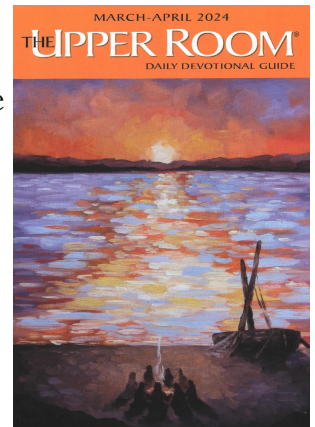
Birthday /Anniversary Listings

We try to include everyone for whom we have a birth date or anniversary date. If we have the wrong date for your birthday or anniversary or you would like to be included, please notify Sara in the Church Office at (508) 653-0577 or office@cumcwayland.org.



March-April, 2024 Issue of "The Upper Room"

The March-April, 2024 issue of "The Upper Room" is in! You'll find your copy outside the Church Office or on the table by the stairs going up to the main entrance from the 1st floor. This is a great guide to reading and reflecting on scripture during this Easter Season.

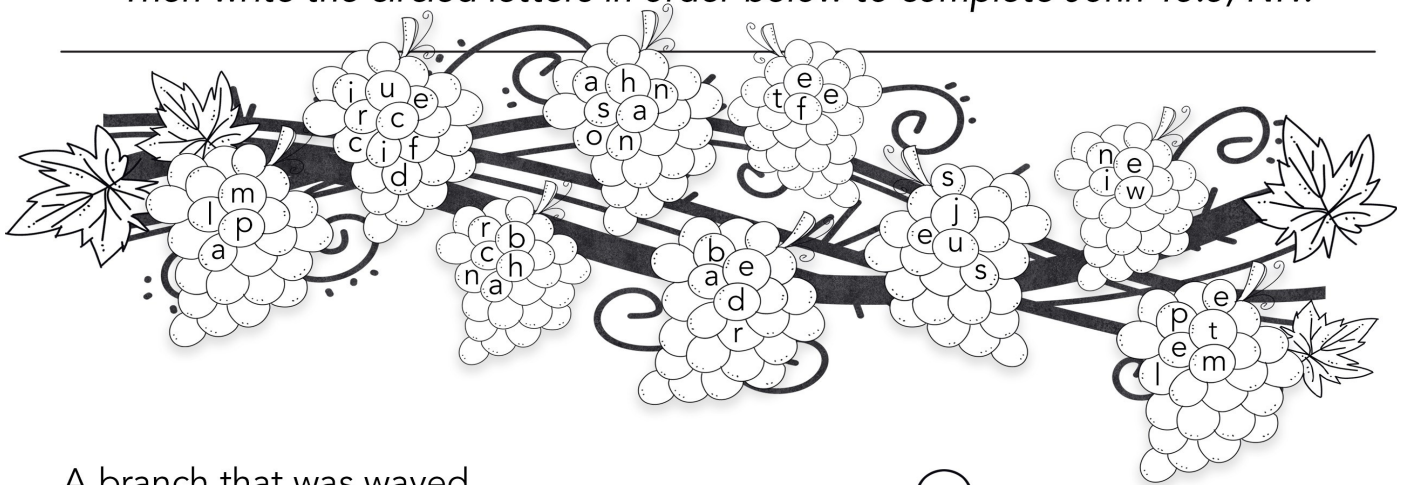




Just for Kids...

A LASTING LESSON

Before dying on the cross, Jesus teaches the disciples an important lesson.

Directions: Use the clues to unscramble the letters in each grape cluster. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete John 15:5, NIV.



- A branch that was waved _____○
- How Jesus was put to death _____○_____
- A stick attached to the vine _____○_____
- People shouted this to Jesus _____○_____
- Jesus washed these  _____○_____
- This was broken and eaten _____○_____
- The Messiah _____○_____ 
- A drink from grapes _____○_____
- Jesus drove the money changers from here _____○_____

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear _____; apart from me you can do nothing." *John 15:5, NIV*

Answer: palm, crucified, branch, hosanna, feet, bread, Jesus, wine, temple, much fruit

March 2024	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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May 2024	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:30 PM– Create & Relate - Library 7:30 PM– Trustees Special Meeting	2 7:00 PM– Midweek Bible Study	3 7:00 PM– Community Growth Team	4 7:00 PM– Choir rehearsal	5 4:00 PM– Leherein - Leherein 7:00 PM– AA - Hall	6
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28 10:00 AM– Worship Service - FAITH sermon series 11:30 AM– Faith Exploring Class 11:30 AM– Worship Team	29 1:30 PM– Create & Relate	30 7:00 PM– Midweek Bible Study				

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 A.M.

Worship Service

Nursery/Child Care Provided

10:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

Sunday School for Age K thru Grade 12

(begins with the Worship Service - dismissal to classes is generally made after the children's message)

11:15 A.M.

Fellowship / Coffee Hour

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY thru FRIDAY

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
