



**Congregational  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

# *The Open Door*

## November 2018

### Who We Are

We are a community of God’s beloved dedicated to **following** the teachings of Jesus as we live our faith by **loving** and **serving** all of God’s creation and **striving** for justice and peace throughout our community, our nation, and the world.

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### Pastor Petersen’s Perspective: On Being a Steward

*stoo-erd-ship, styoo-*

1. *the position and duties of a steward, a person who acts as the surrogate of another or others, especially by managing property, financial affairs, an estate, etc.*
2. *the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving*

(from dictionary.com)

When we own something, when something belongs to us, we can do with it whatever we please. After all, it is ours. However, when we are charged with the care of something that belongs to another, it seems to me that we are to care for it according to the wishes of the owner. Make sense?

So, what if I told you that you actually own nothing; none of what you have belongs to you, not really. In reality, all that you have—your clothes, your furniture, your pets, your family, even your very life—belongs to God. Rather than owning the many possessions and people in our lives, we are trusted stewards charged with caring for them and ourselves, as they and we are all a part of God’s creation. If we believe this, it seems to me that then there is nothing with which we can simply do as we please but we are to care for everyone and everything as God wishes. That is what stewardship is about. We are called to care for all of this creation according to God’s wishes.

In order to be a good steward then, one must have some understanding of what God’s wishes are, how God wants us to care for all that belongs to God. As I encounter scripture, as I encounter Jesus, it seems to me that God desires all creation to be treated with dignity and respect, with compassion and kindness, with love and justice. Thus as stewards, we are to care for each and every member of God’s creation accordingly. Clearly, this stewardship thing is not limited to our life together as a church but is all-encompassing; we are called to be faithful stewards throughout our entire lives.

Though stewardship is more than giving to our collective life as a congregation, I do believe it is an important piece. When it comes to giving to the church, I think of stewardship as a community gathering a portion of the resources that we possess—time, talents, and money—to intentionally join them together to further the ministry and mission of God. I believe that we can care for creation differently together as a community than we can separately as individuals.

So, how much shall we give to the life of the church? How much of the time, talent, and financial resources currently in our possession shall we give to this collective work, this joint ministry? In responding to this question, I find considering two further questions helpful.

- 1) How much do I have? And, how much is needed to carry out God’s wishes in my everyday life as I care for myself, my family and friends? How much am I called to give elsewhere toward advancing God’s desire for all of creation to be cared for with dignity, with kindness, with justice?
- 2) Do I see this congregation being a good and faithful steward? How are we doing collectively in caring for God’s creation? How does this community empower, inspire, and challenge me (and others) to live more fully according to God’s wishes?\*

It is through prayerful consideration of these two questions that I will discern how God is calling me to share with this congregation the time, talent, and money that is currently in my individual charge. And, I wonder if doing so might also be helpful to you as you consider your commitment to contributing to the life of Congregational UCC throughout the upcoming year.

Friends, I ask for your prayers during this time of discernment; I invite you to pray for one another and for me as we each consider how we will join our resources together in 2019 to do collective ministry with one another and our God. I will be praying for each of you as well. And, if you are so bold, so courageous, so trusting, I invite you to also talk with one another and with me as we make these decisions to give. For I believe that having partners in making such decisions—decisions about how to live our lives more faithfully following the teachings of Jesus—is one of the gifts and responsibilities of living together as a congregation.

May God bless you all during this time of prayerful, intentional discernment.

\*If you think we are struggling as a congregation to live as a good and faithful steward in caring for God’s creation, please consider how we might grow and improve and share your thoughts with me. How will you be a part of that growth?

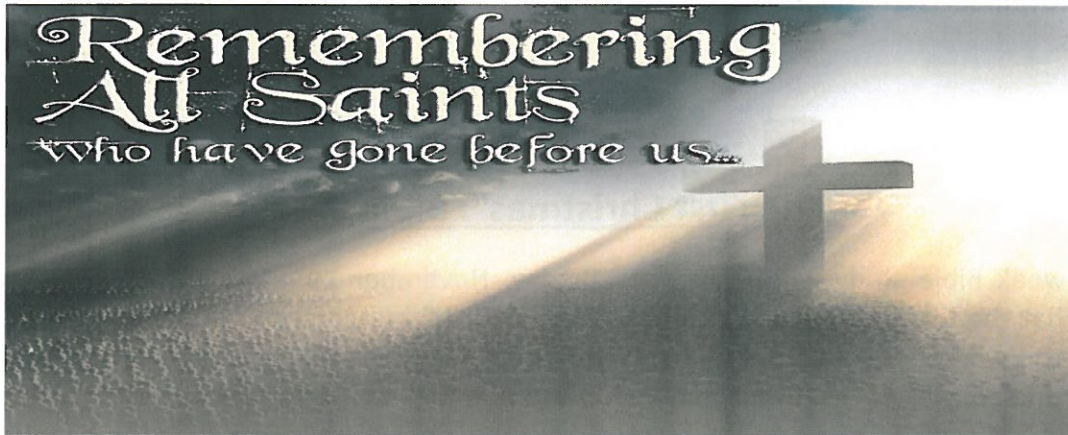


**Online Photos**

One way we seek to stay connected with one another and to reach out to potential new members is through our online presence via our Facebook page and website. As a part of this effort, we have begun to post photos and videos of our church life. If you do not want your image (or your child’s image) posted, please notify Rev. Petersen or Patricia Castline in the office. Thank you.

## All Saints' Sunday

On **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will be observing All Saints' Day during our 10:00am worship service. As part of the service, we will remember and give thanks for the departed saints who have touched the lives of the members and friends of Congregational United Church of Christ, especially those who have died this past year. Please plan to join us for this celebration of life even as we mourn the loss of these dearly departed ones.



## Sponsor "God Is Still Speaking"

In an effort to get the word out about who we are as a congregation, we have a weekly airing on KCOB (95.9 FM and 1280 AM) on Sunday mornings at 7:35am. Rev. Petersen offers a weekly reflection regarding how "God Is Still Speaking."

The weekly cost is \$25. You are invited to sponsor a Sunday or more to increase our community's awareness of what we are all about here at Congregational UCC. We are engaging in wonderful ministry together, and it's time that more folks know about it! Please send your donation into the office referencing "radio" or "God Is Still Speaking" if you are interested in donating.

*God is still speaking*



## Bible Study: "Always With Us?"

This month, the 5:00pm Thursday evening Bible study will conclude our 8-week study of "Always With Us? What Jesus Really Said About the Poor" by the Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis. For the final two sessions, participants should read the designated section of the book prior to Thursday's meeting and be prepared to discuss any thoughts, questions, and curiosities spurred by the weekly reading. The remaining reading schedule is: November 1<sup>st</sup> – Chapter 6 and November 8<sup>th</sup> – Conclusion. Please contact Rev. Petersen with any questions.

## "The First Christmas": Bible Study

A new 9-week Bible study will begin on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be studying "The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus' Birth" by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Through this work, Borg and Crossan help readers "to see the real Christmas story buried in the familiar Bible accounts. Basing their interpretations on the two nativity narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, Borg and Crossan focus on the literal story—the inner truth rather than the historical facts—to offer a clear and uplifting message of hope and peace. With *The First Christmas* readers get a fresh, deep, and new understanding of the nativity story, enabling us to better appreciate the powerful message of the Gospels." (from amazon.com)

Join us in the **Parish House on Thursdays at 5:00pm, November 29<sup>th</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>** (no meeting December 27<sup>th</sup>) as we study Borg and Crossan's book seeking to follow more closely in the way of Jesus. Participants should read the designated section of the book prior to our Thursday meeting and be prepared to discuss any thoughts, questions, and curiosities spurred by the weekly reading. For the first meeting, participants should read the book's brief Preface and Chapter 1.

If you would like assistance with purchasing a book, please contact Rev. Petersen by Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**M**ORNING  
CIRCLE

## Morning Circle

The next meeting of *Morning Circle* will be **Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**. Jane Ann Cotton will serve as hostess, and Jan Turk will offer devotions. The group is studying "Radical Hope: Letters of Love and Dissent in Dangerous Times" edited by Carolina De Robertis. We will be discussing pages 120-144.

All are welcome to join us as we come together for fellowship, devotions, and study seeking to follow more closely in the way of Jesus.

## Education (cont.)

### Education Series on Poverty

During our 2017 Annual Meeting, we affirmed God’s call to focus on developing relationships with our neighbors directly impacted by poverty as we seek to live out our overall mission as a congregation. You are encouraged to continue learning about the state of poverty in our nation and to listen for ways we are being called to address this injustice as our six month educational series on poverty continues (October-April, no meetings in January).

On **Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-7:30pm**, you are encouraged to gather in the **Sanctuary** for our second video teach-in, entitled “Linking Systemic Racism and Poverty: Voting Rights, Immigration, Xenophobia, Islamophobia, and the Mistreatment of Indigenous Communities. This teach-in, along with those to follow, consists of a panel speaking about poverty from various perspectives as part of this summer’s 40-day launch of the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival.

Then on **Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-9:45am**, you are invited to gather in the **Parlor** to discuss a segment of “The Souls of Poor Folk: Auditing America 50 Years After the Poor People’s Campaign Challenged Racism, Poverty, the War Economy/Militarism and Our National Morality” by the Institute for Policy Studies. Participants should read the “Systemic Racism” section (pages 24-39) prior to our meeting.

Over the course of these six months, participants will read all of “The Souls of Poor Folk” audit, which is an assessment of these conditions today and trends of the past 50 years in the United States. It challenges us to take a look at how these conditions have changed since 1968, when Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., alongside a multi-racial coalition of grassroots leaders, religious leaders, and other public figures, began organizing with poor and marginalized communities across racial and geographic divides to confront the underlying structures that perpetuated misery in their midst. The stark findings draw from a wide variety of sources, including primary and secondary data as well as interviews with and testimonies by people who have been living through and responding to these changes on the ground. “The Souls of Poor Folk” is available online at [www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/audit](http://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/audit). Contact Rev. Petersen if you would like a printed copy for \$7.00 (to cover the cost of printing).

## Service

Dear Congregational UCC,

As the Jasper County Chairman for the 2018 CWS/CROP Walk, I’d like to commend the members of your congregation for their wholehearted support in helping to raise funds to combat hunger issues here in Iowa and abroad. Janet Cook of the Congregational UCC, together with nineteen other brave souls, walked the nearly three-mile route in far from ideal weather without complaint. She contributed \$275 towards the total to-date, including online donations of \$2,996. Most impressive! Also, we were thrilled to welcome back a team from First Reformed Church in Prairie City after an absence of several years. What a success, and the Congregational UCC’s efforts on behalf of this vital cause are so appreciated. May God bless both the walkers and the givers, without whom none of this could have been possible. Thanks again!

In Christ’s love,  
Barry Hurto—Jasper County CWS/CROP Chairman

## Service (cont.)



### Food Pantry Sundays

The first Sunday of each month we receive donations for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. On **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**, a cart will be in the west entrance to receive gifts for the food pantry. The Salvation Army is in special need of tuna helper (not hamburger), Ramen noodles, canned fruit cocktail (peaches or pears), canned tuna, and macaroni & cheese. Of course, other canned or packaged foods are always accepted. They also need any kind of personal care items: such as diapers, bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, and laundry soap.



### Jasper County Animal Rescue League

On the third Sunday of each month we collect items to help the Jasper County Animal Rescue League (JCARL). The next collection date will be **Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Their current wish list is: paper towels, garbage bags, raw hides (for big dogs and small), peanut butter, bleach, dish soap, Fabuloso (the purple kind), laundry soap, liquid hand soap, rubber gloves, kitty litter, canned shredded and filet cat food, canned dog food (Purina), dry dog food (Purina), and dry cat food (Indoor Purina).



### "Doggone Good Treats" Project

The Progress Industries partnership with UCC of making and baking all natural dog treats took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month at 2:00pm. PI participants and church members Stormy Storms, Marti Barker, and Suzanne Van Zandt worked together to mix ingredients, roll out the dough, use cookie cutters to make bone-shaped treats, and bake them with assistance from a PI staff person.

The dog treats were then transported either to JCARL or to the Farmer's Market where donations were accepted for the bagged treats. The funds received went to JCARL. Obviously, this combined PI and CUCC project has resulted in many happy dogs and dog owners and will surely do the same into the future!

The last time for baking dog treats with PI for this year took place on October 22<sup>nd</sup> in the church kitchen. This worthwhile service project will continue next spring. Contact Stormy Storms or Rev. Petersen if you'd like to participate.

### Cleaning Project with Progress Industries

We are once again working with PI participants and staff for a church cleaning project. Under the guidance of Heidi Grandstaff-Fresh, a small group from PI does some light cleaning and dusting in the sanctuary, library, and other areas of the church building twice each month. This ministry will take place again on **Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and November 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**. Please contact Heidi if you would like to help.





## Prayers and Concerns

### Please hold in prayer

- ◆ Stormy and her family following the death of her mother on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>
  - ◆ Dorothy Raymond
  - ◆ The family of Bob Van Drimmelen following his death on Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ✝ If you know someone in need of support – a visit, a call, a note, or prayer – please contact Rev. Jessica Petersen.

## Blood Pressure



### Monitoring

Carolyn Hobbs will offer blood pressure monitoring any Sunday during Fellowship Time. If you are curious about your blood pressure reading, please let Carolyn know.

## Congregational Conversation

To serve God's people and creation and engage in God's mission as a community of faith and in our daily lives is central to who we are as Congregational UCC. Jesus modeled servant-leadership as he washed the feet of his disciples and called on those who sought to follow in the way of God to do the same. You are encouraged to gather together in the Parlor on **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am** (immediately following worship) for a congregational conversation regarding service and mission. Come share your experiences and ideas as we discuss and act on ways to love and serve all of God's creation through reaching out to our community and by living our faith in our daily lives. Come listen and learn how we put our faith in action as individuals and as this community of faith.

## McCann Flea Market

The McCann Flea Market is on **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am-2:00pm**. We need to bake ten pies total (no cream pies), and we are still in need of five more. Pies are to be wrapped in plastic wrap and should have a label indicating what kind of pie it is. They should then be delivered to the McCann Center on Saturday before 9:00am. The proceeds will go to Jasper County Elderly Nutrition and Neighbors Helping Neighbors for laundry night. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Stormy Storms.

## Meals on Wheels

Our congregation was responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels on weekends in October and will be responsible for one more weekend in December. Thank you to those who volunteered your time and energy to assist with this ministry. Your efforts are much appreciated!

## Opportunities to Serve

All volunteers/workers in the church are very much appreciated. Many of you are seen carrying on the work of the church and many things are done unseen, but just as appreciated. It takes many hands and minds to get everything done. Thank you so much for your willingness!

There are many different ways in the church to serve God and others. The more who help, the less work there is for each one. Signup sheets to provide flowers, greet, usher, serve as a lay reader, mow the lawn, and host fellowship time are located in the vestibule. Please help if you can.

Additionally, there are a few members who may need transportation to worship and church activities. Please contact the church office to volunteer.

The office has great volunteers who come in monthly to assemble and ready this newsletter for mailing. If you would like to help, just call the office.

# Communications

## Church Council Catch Up

In an effort to keep our congregation more informed regarding the various matters that impact our life together, notes from Church Council meetings are being shared with our friends and members via this newsletter. Complete minutes of each Council meeting are available in the church office. Below please find highlights from the October 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

- Treasurer's Report – We have now withdrawn \$50,000 from endowments and have spent \$19,889.63 more than we have taken in this year. Currently running a \$70 deficit in "God Is Still Speaking" radio program. Paid out Eileen Gerken's scholarship.
- Maintenance Report
  - ◊ Furnace room sump pump randomly not operating
  - ◊ Need to address SW gutter issue before next month meeting
  - ◊ Cleaned mildew in elevator control room, will need further cleaning (from nursery valve leak)
- Fuller Scholarship Review Committee has finalized its recommendation. Final report will be presented and discussed at November Council meeting.
- Pastor Performance Evaluation has been shared with Council via email and will be discussed further in November.
- Stewardship
  - ◊ Once again, discussed current financial crisis and shared ideas regarding how to address this with the full congregation. We will begin conversations with the congregation around ways to address in January 2019.
  - ◊ We will use UCC stewardship materials and send out packet in early November. Will invite members to consider: How valuable is the church to you? How valuable is it to our community? How then will you give within your means?
- Annual Meeting – Sunday, October 21
  - ◊ Discussion/Feedback re: Changes in Structure and Bylaws will take place Sunday, October 28 to give more time for discussion – Positives, Negatives, How Do We Move Ahead?
- We will work to develop an Evangelism/Outreach plan during our November meeting.
- Reviewed Upcoming Dates including Central Association Fall Gathering – Saturday, November 3, 10am-2:30pm (registration at 9:30am) @ Ripley UCC, Traer

## Stewardship 2018: "What Shall We Bring?"

During this year's stewardship campaign, we are called to ponder the question "What Shall We Bring?" as we prayerful consider our commitment to supporting the ministries of this congregation. A stewardship packets will be mailed out early this month inviting you to faithfully and generously respond to the call to follow in the way of Jesus. This mailing will include a commitment/pledge card for you to plan your financial giving to the ministry of our church as well as a "Nuts and Bolts of Ministry Inventory" to share your gifts of time and talent (also included in this newsletter). Please complete and return both of these items on or before **Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** as we will dedicate them during morning worship and ask God to bless them and us as we seek to honor our commitment to share our various gifts throughout the upcoming year. As we enter this time of discernment, let us open ourselves to hear how God calls us to be stewards of our resources as we seek to live ever more faithfully as God's beloved people. Please contact Rev. Petersen if you have any questions.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please return on or before Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Nuts and Bolts of Ministry at Congregational United Church of Christ

A part of stewardship is how we use our time and resources in service of the ministry we do together. Please consider the gifts you bring to our life together and review the tasks listed below marking those with which you are willing and able to help. Contact Rev. Petersen if you have any questions.

#### Facilities

- \_\_\_ Help with maintenance projects
- \_\_\_ Mow church lawn (seasonal)
- \_\_\_ Other lawn care maintenance

#### Fellowship

- \_\_\_ Funeral luncheon coordinator
- \_\_\_ Memorial cards
- \_\_\_ Call/visit "seldom seen" members
- \_\_\_ Call/visit homebound members
- \_\_\_ Cards for homebound members

#### Service

- \_\_\_ Cleaning project with Progress Industries
- \_\_\_ Baking project with Progress Industries (PI)
- \_\_\_ Distribute collections:
  - \_\_\_ Jasper County Animal Rescue League
  - \_\_\_ Salvation Army Food Pantry
  - \_\_\_ Newton High School "Body Shop"
- \_\_\_ Purchase Refreshment supplies
- \_\_\_ Purchase Gift bag supplies
- \_\_\_ Gift bag assembly
- \_\_\_ Gift bag distribution

#### Worship

- \_\_\_ Clipboard captain
- \_\_\_ Special flowers coordinator
- \_\_\_ Change paraments
- \_\_\_ Communion set up
- \_\_\_ Bake Communion bread
- \_\_\_ Provide Communion wine
- \_\_\_ Provide Communion grape juice
- \_\_\_ Prepare and put away Christmas Eve candles
- \_\_\_ Christmas decorating coordinator

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## Worship Attendance

<u>October Attendance</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Fifth Sunday of Sept.	N/A	28
First Sunday	43	33
Second Sunday	28	33
Third Sunday	36	31
Fourth Sunday	34	29



## Birthdays to Celebrate in November

- 2-Brent Parker
- 3-Ginger Dack
- 4-Jessica Petersen
- 5-Martha Ellsworth,  
Dorothy Raymond, Gary Kahn
- 7-Brad Johnson
- 8-Richard Hagedorn
- 9-Jennifer Pryke
- 12-Jeannie Johnston, Adam Holdsworth
- 17-Lin Chapé
- 18-Macy Caves
- 23-Steve Holdsworth
- 30-Greg Ellcey, Brandon Pickard



## Anniversaries to Celebrate in November

- 11-Brad & Sarah Penick
- 25-Ed & Suzanne Van Zandt

## Take note...

### Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Parish House**. Please contact Jane Ann Cotton or Rev. Petersen with any matters you wish for the Council to consider as they meet. The Council meets regularly on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm.

### ONA Update

The Open and Affirming (ONA) Committee (Larry Leitner, Sonia Sledge, Jamie Sawin) has prepared a survey to assess where we stand as a congregation around the participation of LGBTQ folks in the life of the church. It is critical that we get as many members of the congregation as possible to respond to the survey so that we may attain a full and accurate accounting of where we stand with these issues. Your anonymous responses will guide us as we continue our work with the ONA process, ***please, please, please, complete the survey as soon as possible***. The survey will be emailed out to you on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and can be filled out online. If you do not receive the survey, please contact the church office to ensure we have your correct email address. Should you prefer a paper copy, you can contact a committee member, Rev. Petersen, or Patricia Castline, our church's Administrative Assistant. In order to continue to make progress on this issue, we would like your responses by **Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**.

### Inclement Weather Policy

As we are all aware, Iowa weather is always unpredictable. In the event of inclement weather, please check television stations KCCI and WHO or radio station KCOB to learn of any cancellations of worship services or other church events.

## Worship Schedule for November

Date	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25
Christian Calendar Date	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Reign of Christ
Special Events	All Saints' Sunday, Communion	Congregational Conversation	Commitment Sunday	Indigenous People's Heritage Sunday
Special Offerings	Food Pantry Donations		JCARL Collection	
Greeters	Marti Barker	Ed Van Zandt	Craig Armstrong	TBD
Ushers	Lin Chapé	Ed & Suzanne Van Zandt	TBD	TBD
Lay Readers	Craig Armstrong	Suzanne Van Zandt	Craig Armstrong	Bev Thomas
Scripture	Matthew 5:14-16	1 John 4:7-21	Micah 1:3-5; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8	Matthew 6:25-33
Worship Color	White	Green	Green	White

**White** symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence.

**Green** is the color of growth. It symbolizes the renewal of vegetation and the promise of new life.



**We continue to remember our homebound members.**

**You are missed and continue to be cared for and held in our heartfelt prayers.**

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Sundays

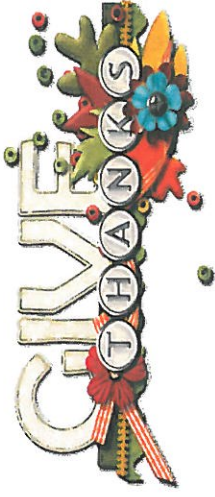
7:35am "Into the Mystic" on KCOB


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10:00am Worship

11:15am Fellowship Time

# NOVEMBER 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
04 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints' Sunday Communion Food Pantry Donations	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:45am Congregational Conversation	10:00am PI Cleaning 2:00pm-8:00pm Cheese Ball Making	6:00pm Poverty Series: Video Teach-in	6:00pm Church Council	5:00pm Bible Study	5:00pm Bible Study	Turn clocks back one hour before going to bed
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Commitment Sunday JCARL Collection 9:00am Poverty Series: Reading Group	Deadline for Open Door Articles					
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
		10:00am PI Cleaning	9:30am Morning Circle	5:00pm Bible Study		

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Pastor Emeritus	David Raymond		

Church office hours: 9:30am-2:30pm Monday through Thursday (The office will be closed on Fridays.)



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