



# MIDDLE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) THE MIDDLE SPRING MESSENGER



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JOIN US FOR A

# TRUNK

OR

# treat

Saturday, Nov. 1  
at 4-6 pm

**This is an event where kids collect candy from cars decorated in Halloween themes and are a popular alternative to traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating.**

Sponsored by the Fellowship and Outreach Committee, the youth group will be sponsoring a vehicle decorating contest and other things for the kids to do. There will be a Hayride and Bonfire with S'mores, hotdogs, and drinks following the Trunk or Treat.

*Come enjoy the Fun and Fellowship.*

Middle Spring  
Presbyterian Church  
135 Shippensburg Road  
Shippensburg, PA 17257

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# October

...called together by God to worship, grow, and serve



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## October Worship Participants

| Sunday | Liturgist       | Elder       | Acolyte            | Usher               | Greeter                    |
|--------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 10/5   | Kemper Dyson    | Brad Beidel | Cooper Krebs       | Larry & Vicki Ocker | Gilda Blank                |
| 10/12  | Jeanette McCans | Don Cover   | Harper Krebs       | Larry & Vicki Ocker | Mavis Karper & Quay Stolte |
| 10/19  | Jan Ile         |             | Jaxson Mosher      | Larry & Vicki Ocker | Rick & Deb Arnold          |
| 10/26  | Quay Stolte     | Jared Krebs | Gavin Schoenfelder | Larry & Vicki Ocker | Gilda Blank                |



The Special Offering for October is for **Peace and Global Witness**



**October 5** - Tim McFeely  
**October 12** - Jerry & Dawn Chamberlin  
**October 19** - Jan Ile, Ed Ed Chamberlin, Kay Fink & family  
**October 26** - Nelson & Judy Heberlig

## PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A GREETER!

The sign-up sheet is in the narthex and we need to add some names. Contact Kathy Palmer with any questions. The help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!





God said “Come to me and rest in my loving presence.”

You know a day can bring difficulties and you are to try to think your way through. Do not anticipate or suffer what may come. So take it to Him and relax in His peace.

Read Matthew 11: 28-30



Please stay after worship for a special Fellowship Hall luncheon on **October 12th**, hosted by the deacons! We will celebrate 24 members who have 50 or more years of membership at MSPC !! Our newest 50-year members are Eileen Moore, Alice Judy, Robin Beam, and Paul Horrell. Great food and fellowship!

Deacon of the month for  
October is



Jan Mooney  
[jgmooneycrni@gmail.com](mailto:jgmooneycrni@gmail.com)



## Community Cares for Homeless Shelter

The shelter has specific needs for this month: cleaning supplies, cereal, snacks, paper towels, tissues any week, every month! Deacons deliver first Sunday each month. Boxes in narthex and CE entrance.

You may leave items in the boxes at the entrances at any time. The deacons will deliver them after the first Sunday of the month.

## Growth Ministry



Friends in Fellowship

The Friends in Fellowship luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, October 8, at 11:30 AM** at the Hickory Bridge Restaurant (3875 Philadelphia Ave., Chambersburg). Bring a friend and join us for great fellowship around the table and good food. Contact Jan Ile - [janile@pa.net](mailto:janile@pa.net) or 717-977-7670 **by October 5** if you plan to join us around the table.

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## Session Highlights for SEPTEMBER 2025

The September Session meeting was held on September 2, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Jill Corwin led the Session in devotions and opened the meeting with prayer.

The *Clerk's report* indicated that Sunday worship continued to be in person but was also offered live at 10:30 AM through Facebook and available on the church's YouTube channel and website. Attendance for August was as follows:

|                  | Sanctuary | Online                                     |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>August 3</b>  | <b>52</b> | <b>9 (YouTube was not monitored today)</b> |
| <b>August 10</b> | <b>64</b> | <b>14</b>                                  |
| <b>August 17</b> | <b>67</b> | <b>19</b>                                  |
| <b>August 24</b> | <b>70</b> | <b>15</b>                                  |
| <b>August 31</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>17</b>                                  |

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

- The minutes of the June 24, 2025, Session meeting.
- The Treasurer's Report for:
  - ~ **June** – Year-to-date income - \$170,588.14; Year-to-date expenses - \$181,031.93; Checkbook Balance - \$7,344.78; Available cash - \$10,719.06; E-Giving Year-to-date - \$15,367.83; Capitol Fund Year-to-date income - \$15,702.44 (\$14,400 from Unrestricted Fund); Capital Fund Year-to-date expenses - \$17,306.04; and Capital Fund available cash - \$136.20.
  - ~ **July** – Year-to-date income - \$208,522.16; Year-to-date expenses - \$215,484.20; Checkbook Balance - \$61,337.13; Available Cash - \$14,504.86; E-Giving Year-to-date - \$17,970.58; Capital Fund Year-to-date - \$15,702.70 (\$14,400 from Unrestricted Funds/Building Fund); Year-to-date expenses - \$17,306.04; Capital Fund available cash - \$136.58.
- The White tables and chairs may be requested for use by congregation members. You must contact the Chair of the Building and Grounds to sign out the tables and chairs. A maximum of 6 tables and 30 chairs may be requested for use and must be returned to the church within 48 hours of picking them up.
- Thermostats are to remain at 78 degrees during the summer months and at 65 degrees during the winter months. The window blinds on the manse side of the CE building must remain closed during the summer months and open during the winter months. Instructions are placed near or on the remotes.
- **At the June 26** Community Meal, 4 in-person meals were served, 69 drive-thru meals were served, and 30 meals were given to the Family Shelter. **At the July 24** Community Meal, 7 in-person meals were served, 58 drive-thru meals were served, and an additional 30 meals were sent to the Family Shelter. **At the August 28** Community Meal, 11 in-person meals were served, 86 drive-thru meals, and 30 meals were sent to the Family Shelter.
- A new Middle Spring Fact Pamphlet is being prepared.
- A new chest freezer was approved to be purchased at Appliance Hub for \$649, plus \$30 for disposing of the old freezer.
- The compressor for the mini-splits for the Library and Classroom was approved to be repaired.
- The Pastor Picture Frame will soon be placed in the CE Lobby with all the past Pastors included in the frame.
- It was noted that \$300 was sent to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, \$1050 for One Great Hour of Sharing, and \$64.20 for the Penecost Offering.

- The Nominating Committee is currently seeking nominations for Deacons for the Class of 2028. If you are interested in being a Deacon, please see Don Cover.
- The Youth group returned from their Mission Trip to Washington, D.C., very excited to return to the same area on July 11-17, 2026.



The Session has approved **all** thermostats to remain at 78 degrees in the summer and at 65 degrees in the winter. This will be less taxing on the compressors. If you need to change the temperature for some reason, be sure you go back to this setting as described on the information sheet that is attached to the remote or near the remote. To get to this setting, press mode and then auto, and the temperature will return to the preset temperature. **DO NOT SHUT THE REMOTE OFF!!!** In the summer, please lower the blinds on the windows of the CE wing (the office, pastor study, classroom and library) on the manse side to keep the area cool and raise them in the winter to allow the sunshine to warm the area.

Thank you!

## What Do You Think About Artificial Intelligence and the Church?

The 226th General Assembly approved the creation of a new Social Witness Policy on Artificial Intelligence and Faith. As part of the work of the writing team, we have worked with Research Services to create a survey for distribution in our congregations and mid councils.

The Middle Spring Session voted to have this survey distributed to our congregation. It is a **VOLUNTARY** survey. You do not need to include your name. The link below will take you to the survey.

<https://surveys.pcusa.org/s3/AI-Faith>



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## Bus Trip



The Fellowship and Outreach Team has arranged for a mini van to transport a group to see the Christian Life Assembly Christmas production - "Finding Christmas" on Dec. 6 at 2:00 PM. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please indicate if you will be riding the mini van or driving to the site yourself. **The last date to sign up is Sunday, October 19** in order for us to know how many tickets to purchase when they go on sale on October 22. This is a fantastic show. Don't miss it!!! The cost is \$20 plus transportation costs (which will be determined when we know how many are using the mini van).

The Middle Spring Handbell Choir and the Memorial Lutheran Handbell Choir will join forces in performing in a combined concert on **Sunday, October 12 at the Memorial Lutheran Church at 4:00 PM.** Also performing will be Handbell soloist Kathy Singiser accompanied on the piano by Jane Boley. Come enjoy an afternoon of handbell music and support the handbell choirs. A free will offering will be lifted.



The Presbyterian Women's Bible Study group will meet Tuesday, October 21 at 1:00 at the church. We are doing a video Bible study by Pastor Jonathan Pokluda on Right Now Media. It's on Ecclesiastes titled "Where to Turn When Life Lets You Down." We encourage all women of the church to join us. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Palmer.

**We hope to see you there!**



Join us every Tuesday for the ZOOM Bible Study Group at 10 am. We are studying The Beatitudes by Matt Chandler.

What does it mean to be blessed? And, more importantly, how do we become someone who is blessed? The kind of life God is calling us to may not look the way we imagined, but it will be better than we could have hoped. This is an eight session series that will take us through the Beatitudes and show us what it means to live in the kingdom of God. Through Jesus's teaching, learn what the blessed life really looks like.

See Jan Mooney if you are interested and she will send you a link to join the discussions. If you are intimidated or have no means to join through ZOOM, we can partner you with someone so you can be part of this group.

## Ways to Help Out

### Ink Cartridge Return Program

Please remember to donate to our **Staples Ink Cartridge Return Program.** We aim to collect 20 used cartridges to receive our maximum \$40 per month in savings for office supplies and equipment. We have saved thousands of dollars through this program over the years! Thank you for your continued support!  
**Jim Corwin (717) 532-8747**



### Cell Phone Collection

The Service Ministry at Middle Spring Church is collecting used or broken cell phones for the military. The **Military Mama Network** collects them and turns them into Calling Cards for deployed military members and their families. If you have a phone to contribute please contact Brad Beidel for pickup. There is also a box located in the Church lobby for collection.



**Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA  
Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2025**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

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| Account #                          | Account Name                           | YTD Balance           |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                      |                                        |                       |
| 1.50.000                           | General Fund Checking Acct             | 55,290.36             |
| 1.70.000                           | Capital Fund Checking Acct             | 1,253.90              |
| 1.80.000                           | Youth Fund Checking Acct               | 10,044.53             |
| 1.90.001                           | Church Endowment Investment Acct.      | 1,119,833.67          |
| 1.90.002                           | Church Un-Restricted Investment Acct   | 525,351.34            |
| 1.90.003                           | Church Youth Endowment Acct            | 14,680.10             |
| 1.90.004                           | Church Building Investment Fund        | 48,760.31             |
| 1.90.010                           | Electronic Giving Clearing Acct        | 0.00                  |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                |                                        | <b>\$1,775,214.21</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                 |                                        |                       |
| 2.01.000                           | <i>Employee Withholdings</i>           |                       |
| 2.01.001                           | FIT Withholdings                       | 0.00                  |
| 2.01.002                           | FICA Withholdings                      | 0.00                  |
| 2.01.003                           | Medicare Withholdings                  | 0.00                  |
| 2.01.004                           | State Tax Withholdings                 | 0.00                  |
| 2.01.005                           | Local Tax Withholdings                 | 163.66                |
| 2.01.006                           | LST Tax Withholdings                   | 0.00                  |
| 2.01.010                           | FSA Health Care                        | 2,134.56              |
| 2.01.015                           | 403(b) Withholdings                    | 0.00                  |
| <i>Total Employee Withholdings</i> |                                        | <i>\$2,298.22</i>     |
| 2.02.000                           | <i>Reserved/Specified Givings **</i>   |                       |
| 2.03.001                           | Library Use                            | 426.86                |
| 2.03.002                           | Youth Scholarships (Camp)              | 5.00                  |
| 2.03.005                           | Peacemaking Offering-Local Portion     | 0.00                  |
| 2.03.006                           | Pentecost Offering-Local Portion       | 42.80                 |
| 2.03.009                           | Bell Maintenance-RSV                   | 3,450.00              |
| 2.03.010                           | Bell Choir Use **                      | 350.00                |
| 2.03.011                           | Chancel Choir Use **                   | 438.61                |
| 2.03.012                           | Church Music Program **                | 649.38                |
| 2.03.015                           | Pastor's Emergency Fund **             | 28.50                 |
| 2.03.016                           | Pastor's Continuing Education-RSV **   | 1,000.00              |
| 2.03.017                           | Manse Maintenance-RSV                  | 1,436.55              |
| 2.03.018                           | Professional Cleaning RSV-Cap 25,000   | 3,815.44              |
| 2.03.020                           | Ground Care Equipment RSV-Cap \$20,000 | 2,001.77              |
| 2.03.021                           | Parking Lot Seal/Re-line-RSV           | 9,002.00              |
| 2.03.022                           | Office Equipment-RSV                   | 2,095.89              |

**Want to save taxes on your RMD's (Required Minimum Distribution) while giving to Middle Spring Presbyterian Church ?**

If you're currently subject to taking an RMD from your rollover IRA or pension plan, you can make any part of your distribution non-taxable if you donate directly to Middle Spring Presbyterian Church. By giving directly from your IRA/pension to the church, the funds you pull out are not taxed, possibly reducing your overall tax bill while you continue making your charitable contribution to MSPC. If you think this is something you'd like more information about the process and the benefits of taking the distribution this way, talk to Pastor Ed, Gary or myself.

Greg McMullen, Finance Chair MSPC.

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**Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2025**

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| Account #            | Account Name                                 | YTD Balance           |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2.03.023             | Seal Brick-Church/Manse-RSV                  | 3,229.00              |
| 2.03.024             | Family Fund **                               | 650.78                |
| 2.03.027             | Memorial Fund                                | 3,009.85              |
| 2.03.029             | Mission-Specified **                         | 826.00                |
| 2.03.031             | Puppet Fund                                  | 1,245.04              |
| 2.03.032             | June Weber International Scholarship **      | 3,000.00              |
| 2.03.035             | Rental Maintainence-RSV-Cap \$3000           | 3,000.00              |
| 2.03.036             | Educational Scholarship (8/23)               | 562.00                |
| 2.03.038             | Kitchen Water Filter **                      | 1,000.00              |
| 2.03.039             | Facility Dog Support **                      | 586.00                |
| 2.03.050             | Repurposed Resv Acct                         | 4,817.30              |
|                      | <i>Total Reserved/Specified Givings **</i>   | <i>\$46,668.77</i>    |
| 2.10.001             | Accounts Payable/Vendors                     | 2,869.80              |
|                      | <b>Total Liabilities</b>                     | <b>\$51,836.79</b>    |
| <b>Fund Balances</b> |                                              |                       |
| 3.10.000             | General Fund Balance                         | 6,344.31              |
| 3.70.000             | Capital Fund Balance                         | 1,232.96              |
| 3.80.000             | Youth Fund Balance                           | 7,174.73              |
| 3.90.001             | Church Endowment Fund Balance                | 1,098,532.38          |
| 3.90.002             | Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance | 525,351.34            |
| 3.90.003             | Church Youth Fund Endowment Acct Balance     | 35,981.39             |
| 3.90.004             | Church Building Investment Fund Balance      | 48,760.31             |
|                      | <b>Total Fund Balances</b>                   | <b>\$1,723,377.42</b> |
|                      | <b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>   | <b>\$1,775,214.21</b> |



**Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA**  
**Consolidated Fund Activity Report as of 08/31/2025**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

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| Account #    | Account Name                                 | Beg Balance           | Receipts            | Disbursements       | Transfers/JE's | End Balance           |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 3.10.000     | General Fund Balance                         | 19,561.93             | 224,251.68          | 237,469.30          | 0.00           | 6,344.31              |
| 3.70.000     | Capital Fund Balance                         | 1,739.92              | 31,203.52           | 31,710.48           | 0.00           | 1,232.96              |
| 3.80.000     | Youth Fund Balance                           | 3,132.22              | 18,352.00           | 14,309.49           | 0.00           | 7,174.73              |
| 3.90.001     | Church Endowment Fund Balance                | 1,046,139.00          | 92,104.03           | 39,710.65           | 0.00           | 1,098,532.38          |
| 3.90.002     | Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance | 524,371.53            | 45,977.57           | 44,997.76           | 0.00           | 525,351.34            |
| 3.90.003     | Church Youth Fund Endowment Acct Balance     | 13,729.28             | 22,252.11           | 0.00                | 0.00           | 35,981.39             |
| 3.90.004     | Church Building Investment Fund Balance      | 61,699.31             | 3,561.00            | 16,500.00           | 0.00           | 48,760.31             |
| <b>Total</b> |                                              | <b>\$1,670,373.19</b> | <b>\$437,701.91</b> | <b>\$384,697.68</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>  | <b>\$1,723,377.42</b> |

*From the kitchen of  
Gilda Blank*

Hummingbird Cake IV



- |                            |                                        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 3 cups all-purpose flour   | 3 eggs                                 |
| 2 cups white sugar         | 1 (8 oz) can crushed pineapple w/juice |
| 1 teaspoon salt            | 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract        |
| 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon | 3/4 cup chopped pecans                 |
| 1 teaspoon baking soda     | 1/4 cup chopped black walnuts          |
| 1 1/4 cups vegetable oil   | 2/3 cup mashed bananas                 |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour three 9-in round cake pans.

Combine the flour, sugar, salt, ground cinnamon and baking soda. Add the oil and well-beaten eggs. Stir by hand until moistened. Stir in the vanilla, pineapple, nuts and bananas.

Spoon batter into the prepared pans. Bake for 25-30 minutes. Let cakes cool in pans for 10 minutes. Then turn onto a rack to cool. Frost with a cream cheese frosting.

Enjoy!

A note of thanks...



Dear Friends of Middle Spring Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you for supporting the Boys and Girls  
Club of Chambersburg and Shippensburg during our  
Match Madness Campaign. Your generosity helps  
give kids a safe place to learn, grow, and dream  
big. We're so grateful for you!

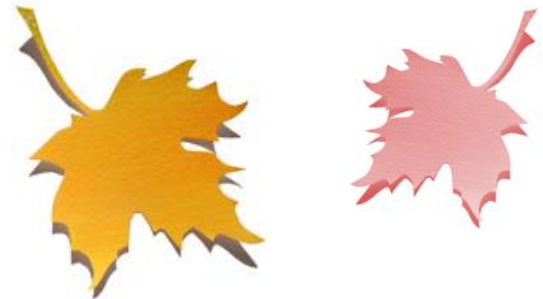
With gratitude,  
Arcadia Clever, CEO



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|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Jerry Chamberlin | October 9  |
| Susan Rohr       | October 10 |
| Rod Kelso        | October 14 |
| Judy Heberlig    | October 15 |
| Richard Saul     | October 20 |
| Doe Davis        | October 23 |
| Alfreda Reed     | October 28 |
| Pat Cover        | October 29 |



|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Brad & Sue Beidel           | October 12 |
| Richard & Debra Golden      | October 12 |
| Derek & Kimberly Wadlington | October 28 |
| Glenn & Norma Umbrell       | October 31 |



# What's Happening



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*Phone numbers and email addresses are available in the church directory*

| Session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Deacons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Prayer Requests                                                                                                                         |
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| <p><b>Jan Ile</b> <i>Clerk</i>, Worship Ministry<br/> <b>Rev. Edward Blank</b> <i>Moderator</i><br/> <b>Park Bierbower</b> Fellowship &amp; Outreach, Worship Ministry<br/> <b>Brad Beidel</b> Building and Grounds Session Liaison<br/> <b>Jill Corwin</b> Service Ministry<br/> <b>Don Cover</b> Chair, Nominating<br/> <b>Kemper Dyson</b> Co-Chair, Growth Ministry<br/> <b>Jared Krebs</b> Chair, Service Ministry<br/> <b>Greg McMullen</b> Chair, Personnel; Chair, Finance<br/> <b>Susie Rohr</b> Co-Chair, Growth Ministry</p> | <p><b>Sue Beidel</b>, <i>Moderator</i>, Pastoral Care &amp; Home Communion, Milestone Recognition, Transportation, Medical Equipment<br/> <b>Larry Ocker</b>, <i>Co-Moderator</i>, Pastoral Care &amp; Home Communion, Communion Supplies<br/> <b>Stevie Nordai</b>, Secretary, Representative to Nominating Committee<br/> <b>Janet Sailhamer</b>, Care and Share, Christmas Fruit Baskets<br/> <b>Jeanette Chamberlin</b>, Care and Share, Christmas Fruit Baskets<br/> <b>Pris Gould</b>, Chancel/Funeral/Holiday Flowers<br/> <b>Rick Arnold</b>, Pulpit Scarves and Banners<br/> <b>Judy Heberlig</b>, Chancel/Funeral/Holiday Seasonal Flowers<br/> <b>Jan Mooney</b>, Community Outreach<br/> <b>Larry Singer</b>, Community Outreach, Transportation, Medical Equipment<br/> <b>Dorina Saul</b>, Community Outreach, Milestone</p> | <p>If you have need of prayers, please contact Pastor Ed - <a href="mailto:pastor@middlespringpc.org">pastor@middlespringpc.org</a></p> |

### *Mission and Vision*

***Middle Spring Presbyterian Church called together by God to worship, grow, and serve***

*To worship, we gather*

to praise and glorify God  
to be transformed by the Spirit  
to forgive and to be forgiven  
to witness to our faith in our triune God  
to pray for guidance in our lives  
as we meet life's challenges  
and care for God's world and God's children  
In worship, we experience God's presence inviting us to grow. [Colossians 1:10]

*To grow, we seek*

to read the Bible for understanding and reflection  
to learn about our Christian faith and Reformed tradition  
to be open to new ways the truth is revealed in the world today  
to share our faith journey with one another  
to become more committed to Christ's mission  
In growing, we hear God's invitation to respond and serve. [John 17:18]

*To serve, we reach out*

to proclaim the good news of the saving grace of God  
to share our blessings  
to offer hope and comfort  
to experience fellowship with others  
to improve the lives of those in need around the world, heeding Christ's call to "Tend my sheep." [John 21:16]

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## 2025

## OCTOBER

## Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                   | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                        | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                          | Thursday                                                | Friday                                                  | Saturday |
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| 28                                                                                                                                                                                       | 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 30                                                                                                                                                                                             | 01                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 02                                                      | 03                                                      | 04       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm<br>6 pm Session Meeting                                                                                                                | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm<br>6:30 pm Choir Practice<br>7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice                                                                                   | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm |          |
| 05                                                                                                                                                                                       | 06                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 07                                                                                                                                                                                             | 08                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 09                                                      | 10                                                      | 11       |
| 9:15 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Worship in person<br>and online                                                                                                                        | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm<br>10 am Zoom Bible Study<br>6 pm Session Meeting                                                                                                                                                                           | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm<br>10 am Zoom Bible Study<br>6 pm Session Meeting<br> | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm<br>11:30 am Friends in<br>Fellowship - Hickory Bridge<br>Restaurant<br>6:30 PM Chancel Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>7:30 PM Handbell<br>Rehearsal | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm |          |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                       | 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 14                                                                                                                                                                                             | 15                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 16                                                      | 17                                                      | 18       |
| 9:15 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Worship in person<br>and online<br>Immediately following<br>worship Milestone Luncheon<br>Handbell Choir Concert<br>4 p.m. Memorial Lutheran<br>Church | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm<br>10 am Zoom Bible Study<br>6 pm Deacons Meeting<br>                                                                                    | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm<br>6:30 PM Chancel Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>7:30 PM Handbell<br>Rehearsal                                                                 | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm<br>6:30 PM Chancel Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>7:30 PM Handbell<br>Rehearsal                                                                     | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm |          |
| 19                                                                                                                                                                                       | 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 21                                                                                                                                                                                             | 22                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 23                                                      | 24                                                      | 25       |
| 9:15 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Worship in person<br>and online<br>Deadline to sign-up for bus<br>trip to CLA Christmas<br>Program on Dec. 6                                           | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm<br>10 am Zoom Bible Study<br>1 PM PW Bible Study<br>  | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm<br>6:30 PM Chancel Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>7:30 PM Handbell<br>Rehearsal                                                                 | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm<br>5-6:00 pm Community<br>Meal<br>                    | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm |          |
| 26                                                                                                                                                                                       | 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 28                                                                                                                                                                                             | 29                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 30                                                      | 31                                                      | 01       |
| 9:15 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Worship in person<br>and online                                                                                                                        | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm<br>10 am Zoom Bible Study<br>                                                                                                            | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm                                                                                                                                        | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm                                                                                                                                            | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm | Secretary hours<br>9 am-noon, 1-3 pm<br>Lunch noon-1 pm |          |
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