

FAITH MATTERS

Faith Matters
November, 2023



A Note from The Pastor

What Is the Church as Defined by John Wesley?



From early in his ministry, John Wesley pondered the basic questions as to the nature, form and function of the Christian church. Like John Wesley, one of the major sources of my ecclesiology came from the Catholic traditions. I would state that Wesley's views on the church was influenced by the Moravian Brethren, or the 17th century Anglican church. I believe Wesley had two fundamentally different views of the church. One view was that the church was a historical institute with inherited customs, served by a priestly caste who duly expounded the Bible and administered the sacraments. The second view of the church was a fellowship of believers who shared both the Apostolic experience of God's living experience by worship and evangelism.

I see the first view as an ancient institution to be preserved and the second as a faithful mission to the world. The first, a traditional rule and the second a living relationship. What's your thought?



Daylight Savings Time ends

On Saturday, 11/4 before you go to sleep, don't forget to change your clock. You will miss church on Sunday if you don't !!



On Saturday, 11/4 and Sunday, 11/5 we are celebrating All Saints Day. Please join us for this meaning service to commemorate those that have passed away in the last year.



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Welcoming Something New

By Jamie Sladkey Meehan

As many of you have heard, our family is growing! Our family is expecting a new baby due in April. These past couple of months we have been thinking about how our lives will need to change to accommodate a new person in our family. We are changing rooms around and Soren is moving into a big boy bed. We remind ourselves that our nights will be sleepless very soon and our attention will be divided. There will be the addition of snuggles (and a few new struggles), but we are excited to see our lives grow. This growing of our family reminds me of what happens when we add new people and members into our church family. In some ways we need to change just as much as we do when adding a new member of the family. As a church, we should ask ourselves “How do we make room for something new?” When we are expanding our church family, if we focus on how people fit into existing structures, we risk them never feeling like there is a place for them. Without creating intentional space, we cannot expect new people to enter into the community. Our welcome must be more than just adding people in, we need to make intentional space with them in mind.



November is such a special month. Fall has dazzled us with beauty and slowly transitions to the stunning, understated look of winter.

Our Women in Faith will be very busy this month. Our three circles, Mary, Eve & Ruth, will continue to meet & share their love & ministry with women, children, youth & each other. It is such a beautiful thing that we have

3 active & distinct Ladies Circles here at Faith. Each group has its own style & character, but one thing that is the same ... all three groups welcome new members, making new friends & sharing their gifts & talents with those in need.

Fall Bake Sale - Nov. 3rd & 4th

Dust off your recipes & fire up your ovens. It is time to bake up a storm & share the wonderful goodies our ladies are known for, with those attending the Quilter’s Show. We need oodles of yummy items to sell at this Friday night & Saturday event.

Items can be dropped off Friday, Nov. 3rd beginning about 9 AM. If you’ve got a few minutes, we’d love to have you help package & decorate the baked goods.

Not sure what to bring? We are open to all sorts of goodies... cakes, cookies, pies, candy, sugar free items, bread, gluten free items. You get the idea. How about a few savory items for those who need to watch their sweet intake!

We will need people to help sell Friday night & Saturday, We will have a couple of tables set up in case people would like to sit down & enjoy their treats with a cup of coffee.

Plastic containers & a sign-up sheet will be outside room 4 & maybe even in the lobby after services on Saturdays & Sundays. Please mark items with NUTS so we can clearly label the containers.

Women in Faith Fall Breakfast - Saturday, Nov. 22th we will have our Fall Breakfast meeting. We are looking forward to a yummy breakfast & moving forward with plans for our UWIF in the coming year. We will also have election of officers & receive any Thank Bank Offerings you may have. Hope to see you all on November 11th.



Women in Faith
We believe love and action
Can change the world!
Power up!

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Disciple Bible Study

Disciple Bible Study course is a Methodist Bible study for those who want to learn more about the Old and New Testaments. Cokesbury publishers say, "The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. Disciple draws upon the work of scholars, the personal Bible reading and study of the participant, and dynamic group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible." Church members who have done the Disciple class have said it took their faith to a higher level.

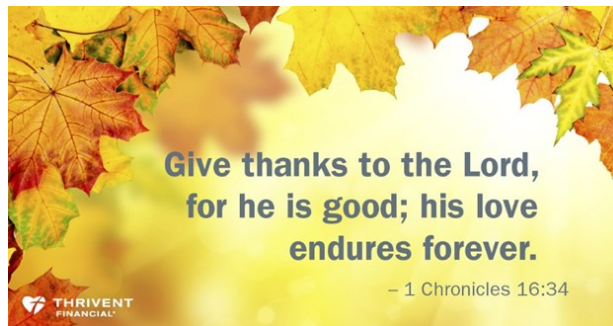


Nancy and Dale Carver will lead a Disciple 1 class this fall. Meetings will be three Mondays a month beginning on October 16. Please email Nancy at carverdn@comcast.net for more Disciple Bible Study information.



Hangings of the Greens

Come & help us decorate the church for the Christmas season on Sunday, 11/26 at noon. Lunch will be served. The more helpers, the faster the job will go. Contact Sue Roessler with questions 708-802-1523.



MISSIONS Committee

We will be collecting Christmas gifts for the children of Together We Cope families. Tags will be available in the lobby the end of November. Exact dates will be in upcoming weekly bulletins. Help make the holidays brighter for area families.



Food Collection

More info will be coming on the collection for the Angel Tree gifts.

Effective Nov. 1st through the end of February we will not be accepting canned goods due to freezing, inclement weather.

Any questions contact Genie Lang, Mission Chair at 708-638-8461.



If you're still wondering what our RaiseRight program is all

about, please stop by our table in the church lobby between services on Sundays. I would be happy to explain how buying gift cards helps fund our adult and youth mission trips. A list of all the cards we offer can be picked up at the table. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Blessings,
Genie Lang
RaiseRight Coordinator

SHOP RaiseRight THIS CHRISTMAS!

Don't forget to check out our one-stop shopping for gift cards through our RaiseRight program. A check made out to the church or cash must be turned in with your order form. Gift cards make great gifts (there are cards for \$10 available for Christmas) for teachers, your mail carrier, garbage man, stocking stuffers and anyone you like to give a little something to for Christmas! Profits from the sale of the cards goes toward missions trips.



SO MANY BLESSINGS



Veterans Voices: Join a group of veterans of the armed forces of the United States. We support each other & the greater community of veterans in the

area and the U.S.A. Check out the Veterans Voices Website: www.veterans-voices.org. May we never forget their service to our country.

General Membership Meeting: Our next meeting will be Thursday, 11/2, 7 p.m., at the Orland Park Veterans Building, 15045 S. West Ave., Orland Park. Program/speaker to be announced as the date nears.

Support Our Troops: Veterans Voices will be supporting this Orland Park Veterans Commission event at Apple Chevy, 8585 W 159th St, Tinley Park, from 9 a.m. to noon, Friday 11/3. Donations of goods to send to the troops, especially small Christmas decorations, will be collected and mailed to our service members around the world. Monetary donations for postage will also be accepted. Items may be dropped off at Apple Chevy any time the week of 10/30 to 11/3.

Veterans Day Observance: Veterans Voices will be posting the colors at Faith UMC during all services the weekend of 11/11-11/12. A video tribute to our veterans will be shown at each service.

Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast: Everyone is invited to a free breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and drinks, Sunday, 11/12, from 8-11 a.m. in the FUMC fellowship hall. Freewill offerings will be accepted. Any proceeds will be donated to Kruse's Krew to send packages to troops deployed around the world. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. All are welcome!

Veteran Voices is now a 501c3 charitable organization. All contributions will be tax deductible. 100% of all contributions will go to veterans in need, veterans' support organizations, and veterans' activities.

Questions? Contact Gary Lang @ 708-638-5213.



VETERANS DAY

The church office will be closed on Friday, 11/10 in honor of Veterans Day.



Men of Faith United Methodist Men Activities for November 2023, and beyond!

Lake South District UMM Wednesday Night Bible Study: The Bible Study group has just started to study 1 Kings. We will be using the study guide, "1 and 2 Kings" published by LifeChange.

Questions? Contact Dale Carver.

United Methodist Men National Give Day: This is the only fund-raising event each year for the General Commission on United Methodist Men to support UMM and Scouting programs. Donations are accepted by phone, mail, text, and online. Details will be forthcoming.

Lake South District UMM Monthly Breakfast: Saturday, 11/11, 9 a.m. at Transformation Community Church, 15446 Lexington Ave, Harvey, IL.

Men of Faith Sunrise Breakfast: The Sunrise Breakfast this month will be the Veterans Voices Military Group pancake and sausage breakfast, in the FUMC Fellowship Hall from 8-11 a.m. Please plan to attend and help our veteran brothers and sisters by working at this event. All are welcome: family friends, neighbors, etc. This is a freewill offering event.

Promise Keepers Breakfast: Wednesday, 11/15, 8:30 a.m. at Stacks Restaurant. Stacks is located at the corner of Harlem Avenue and 183rd Street. Jim Simmons will lead the meeting.

Questions? Contact Dale Carver @ 762-218-7657 or aonemanshow@comcast.net

In John 6:1-15 a young boy gave up his lunch of five loaves and two fish



to the disciples. We all know the parable and how Jesus fed the five thousand from this simple meal. Imagine how astonished and proud this young boy must have been to witness such a miracle. A small boy, a small lunch that fed a multitude of people.

With Jesus our small gifts and abilities can grow and grow if we trust in him. Praise the Lord and practice the art of sharing and caring. If you need help call Pastor Conroy or Bruce Person, Stephen Ministry coordinator.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5-6

Miracles Everywhere
Nancy Duracka

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1	Chris O'Connor	14	Ethan Cook
	Kelli Zawadzki		Dave Manchester
	Steve Wertzbauger	16	Marge Pantaleo
3	Delores Reimer	17	Dale Carver
	Zoe Steenvoorden	19	Peter Struck
4	Aaron Sejud	20	Rowan Casto
5	Lance Cardinal		Daniel Larmon
6	Karin Bayles	21	Mario Vergara
7	Donna Marquez	22	Debbie Gruetzmacher
8	Rich Jones		Emily Cook
10	Jan Kubillus	23	Leah Girard
13	Allen DeNormandie	24	Bill Haberichter
		26	Steve Fedorenko
		29	Mike Brown
			Al Anderson
			Sarah Matchen



**Pastoral
Emergency Fund**
Objective: *Provide monetary assistance to our neighbors in need.*

Background: Faith currently has a designated fund that provides bill

assistance and gift cards to our neighbors who express need. By donating to the Pastoral Emergency Fund, your resources will be used by Faith's pastor to assist with bill payments and gift card assistance.

How to help: You can donate to the Pastoral Emergency Fund by mailing a check to Faith United Methodist Church, 15101 S. 80th Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462. Please make checks payable to Faith United Methodist Church. In the memo line of the check write Pastoral Emergency Fund for your donation to be used towards bill assistance. Or, in the memo line of the check write Pastoral Emergency Fund - Gift Cards if you would like for your donation to be used to purchase gift cards for assistance.

You will be credited on your giving statements for donations to the Pastor Emergency Fund.



THANKFUL THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 9, 2023

6:30-8:00 P.M.

Guest Singer

Sing-a-long

Devotion

Snacks

Craft

Faith United Methodist Church

151st & 80th Ave.

Orland Park

Any questions contact:

Dorothy 708.370.7504

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP & SINGLES EVENTS

Thursday, November 16 - Tribute to Elvis at Jacob Henry Mansion in Joliet. \$56 for meal and show. Please pay when you sign up. This is a carpool event.

Time for a Christmas cookie exchange!

Sunday, December 10 at 1:30. There will also be a hot chocolate bar with a variety of add ins. Babysitting can be available if requested. Sign up outside room 4 beginning November 1. Bring 3 dozen cookies to exchange and a container for your "haul". Serving gloves will be provided. The actual exchange will begin at 2 p.m. to allow everyone to display their goodies and enjoy some fellowship time.

Tuesday, December 12 @ 10:30 AM, Singles Christmas Brunch at Sandy Ward's home. Bring finger food and plan for a fun time!



Fellowship News

I would like to thank our wonderful team of caring-giving Christians who regularly and without one word of complaint answer God's call to become "His hands and feet" whenever I put out the call that we are need to offer "Love and Caring to those who are grieving.

God calls us to minister with love and caring to those in need. We have had three very large funeral luncheons in the last few months and we already have been called again to host two more in October. I cannot tell you how very grateful I am for this team who always reply with yes I will help and yes I will bake a dessert and provide a dish to share, and many times more than one dish and dessert.

I ask you to take a moment to thank these people whom I call my team. I thank God every luncheon we are called to serve that these people so willingly offer their time and caring. We are truly blessed to be able to offer this ministry at Faith.

Al and Meriellen Anderson, Donna Brazda, Beth Bryce, Wendy Connolly, Sue Eade, Elaine Eubank, Kathy Jones, Lynn and Ken Low, Connie Lundin, Brenda Madding, Marge and Denny Pantaleo, Donna Petersen, Sally Puzon, Sue and Frank Roessler, Marla Smith, Carole Terlep and Lois and Gary White.

I am happy to report we had a few people sign up at the Ministry Fair. Some to be on the team and some to be on a list when we need extra dishes. Thanks to the volunteers.

This congregation is truly blessed by these people.

God Bless,
Mary Kough,
Funeral Coordinator



I would like to thank everyone for all your support that you have given during my time at Faith. I have felt welcome since the first day I walked in. There was never a day in the time I was here, that I woke up and thought, I don't want to go to work today. That is saying a lot about all of you!! I am grateful for all that I have learned here and for meeting all of you. I am not going to say good-bye because I will still be around. In fact, right after the holidays we will start planning the Tee Up for Youth fundraiser. Anyone that is interested in being on that committee you can email me at michelle.babics@gmail.com.
~ Michelle Babics



If you are excited about watching, “The Chosen” or just curious about it, why don’t you join our small group? We currently meet on the first and third Mondays of the month. There are some exceptions to this around any holiday - check with the group. The group meets at 6 PM. Bring your own soft drink and a snack to share. You will watch an episode and then have a lively conversation! If you have any questions, contact : Wendy Connolly at wrconnolly@comcast.net.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all who provided gifts for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children in need throughout the world. At the time of this newsletter printing we did not have a count of the number of boxes received but our loving congregation always responds and I’m sure this year is the same.



Contact Kim Clifton with any questions.
kim.clifton@sbcglobal.net or 708.906.4365.

Calling Post

As most of you are aware, Faith has been using an automated phone delivery service called Calling Post for many years. It allows us to distribute information to the entire congregation or small groups which have been previously set up. It is used to inform of the passing of members or immediate family of members, to inform of immediate changes in church activities that cannot be communicated otherwise, and to inform of special church-wide announcements such as Holy Week and Christmas services. We also have a small group of "Prayer Warriors" who receive calls when prayers are requested. The cost for Calling Post calls is 8 cents per phone number called. I recently reviewed our recent messages and noticed that a number of people have not received their messages because their phone is "intercepted". This means that the phone is blocked to receive incoming calls or that the phone number is not valid. I've checked the phone numbers and that is not the problem. If you have not been receiving Calling Post messages, you may be one of the almost 35 numbers on the Intercept List. This is something that can only be rectified with your phone company. Since the church is still being charged 8 cents per call for the system trying to reach you, this adds up to a wasted almost \$3.00 each time we use Calling Post. If you didn't receive the latest Calling Post message (regarding details for Wendy Koch's funeral), please call me so I can check and make sure your phone number is correct and whether you're on the Intercept List. If you are on the Intercept List and don't want the messages from church, I will take your name off the Calling Post list so we are not charged for calls to your number.



Sandy Ward, Program Coordinator

CPR Class

Faith will host a CPR class on Sunday, November 19th from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The class will be limited to 6 participants and will cost \$30 per person. You will receive an official CPR card after completing the class. For more information contact Kitty Chapple at 708-828-2803.





Thank you to all who donated blood at the Blood Drive on October 29th.

Debbi Sumner and Lois White



“Witness to Fitness” meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday, at 9:00 AM for exercise, fellowship and walking class.

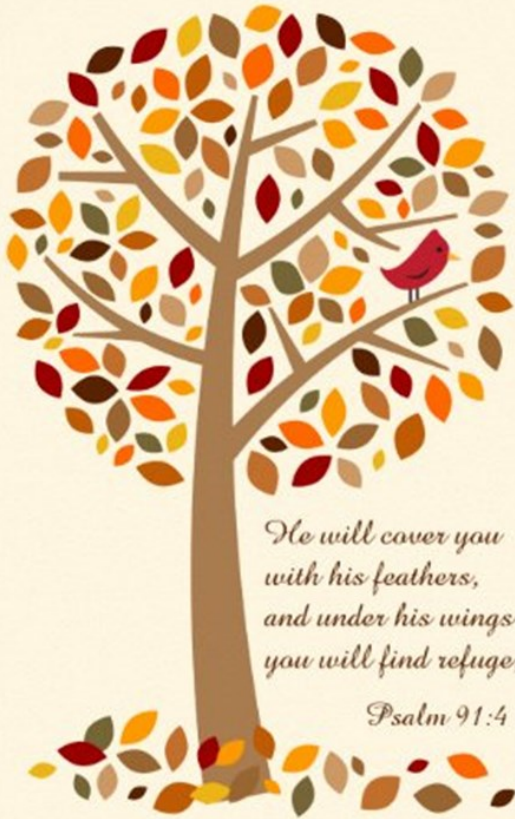
Tai Chi: Meetings at the church on Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 AM. Call Bill Grizzle for more information. 708-636-5330. God Bless !!



Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Ministry Fair and viewed the showcase of Faith’s programs! Thank you the participants for your support and all you do for your groups!



~ Diane Pochinskas



He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge;

Psalm 91:4



Faith United Methodist Church is a church family dedicated to bringing people to Jesus Christ through worship, education, mission, and fellowship.



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Saturday Service: Blended - 4 PM
Sunday Services: Traditional - 9:00 AM
Contemporary - 11:00 AM
Nursery - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM — 3:00 PM
Friday 8:30 AM — 12:00 PM

Jacques Conway: Pastor
Beth Ridderhoff, Director of Music
Jamie Meehan, Director of Family Ministries
Jim Sandberg: Director of Congregational Care
Sally Puzon: Office Manager
Sandy Ward: Program Coordinator
Rolf Moan: Choir Director
Renee Powers: Custodian

Please submit newsletter articles by the 15th of each month. Articles can be e-mailed, or submitted in MS WORD format.

Nursery Help Needed

We are in need of a team of volunteers to help occasionally when one of our attendants is ill or on vacation. We want to ensure that our nursery is able to offer an excellent, inviting, and safe environment for our youngest children. Volunteers need to have attended a Safe Sanctuary class within the past 3 years. If you are willing to assist occasionally with this important job for Sunday services or have questions, please contact Kathy Broadhurst at (708) 535-3591.



Strategic Goals

Bless Children & Youth
Deepen Discipleship
Broaden Missional Impact

Deadlines

Please forward all articles/information/photos for the monthly newsletter and for the Sunday bulletin to: faith@faithumcop.org. The deadline for all newsletter articles is noon **the 15th of each month**; the deadline for the bulletin information is **Wednesday at noon**. Be certain to indicate if the news is for the bulletin and/or



If you are looking for ways to serve the church, the AV team is looking for volunteers to help out with the sound provided during services. We are looking for someone for Saturday, (even one Saturday a month would help), the fifth Sunday at 11 AM, and as a back up.

No experience needed and training will be provided. If you are interested, contact the office at faith@faithumcop.org.

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Please keep our homebound in your thoughts and prayers:

Nancy Jeutter, Garnet Suhs, Mario Vergara, Doreen Wardell,
Bob Fulton, Maury Junod

Please lift up in your prayers:

For people of Maui/Lahaina who lost so much due to the awful fires.
For people of Morocco who lost so much due to an earthquake.
For neighbors in Chicago & around the world impacted by gun violence
For people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and all parts of the world torn apart by war
For healthcare workers, first responders, police officers, & fire
fighters
For all who struggle with sadness and depression

For Health & Healing:

Al DeNormandie for his sister, Pamela and brother, Jack
Al Januszewski
Barbara Kellogg
Barry Barnett
Beverly Dowdle prayers for sister-in-law Ruth & friend Darryl
Bill Grizzle
Debbi Sumner prayers for friend Denise & Marge
Don Edgren
Frank Roessler for sister, Olga
Greg Brudnicki
Gwen Svoboda prayers for daughter's father-in-law
Harold Deneka
Herb & Carmen Mohn
Jeanette Kreuz
Kathy Drechsel
Kathy McGahan
Kevin Palmer prayers for mother Maureen & brother Tim
Marla Smith prayers for her sister April.
Meriellen Anderson
Michelle Babics prayers for friends, Tracy and Kristina
Pastor Conway prayers for mother-in-law, Louise
Peggy Gillespie prayers for son John
Rita Littman
Ron Drechsel
Sally Puzon prayers for her friend Barb
Steve Kreuz
Vicki Brudnicki prayers for friend Nicole

Condolences:

Steve & Terry Velten on the passing of Terry's brother Destry





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Faith UNITED METHODIST CHURCH			1 CODA 10 AM Upper Room 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM Choir 7:30	2 WW 9:30 AM ALS 4 PM WW 6 PM RISE 7 PM AI Anon 7:30 PM	3 WW 8 & 10:30 AM WW 10:30 AM Quilters Plus Boutique	4 All Saints OA 8:30 AM WW 7, 8:30, & 10 AM UMM 9 AM New Len Worship 4 PM
5 All Saints OA 2 PM Daylight Savings Time ends 	6 Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM Disciple 6-8 PM The Chosen 6 PM	7 AA 6:30 PM	8 CODA 10 AM Upper Room 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM Choir 7:30	9 WW 9:30 AM WW 6 PM Thankful Thursday 6:30 PM Trustees 7 PM RISE 7 PM AI Anon 7:30 PM	10 Veterans Day (observed) Office Closed WW 8 AM WW 10:30 AM UWIF Set Up 11 AM	11 OA 8:30 AM UWIF Meeting & Breakfast 8 AM-12 PM WW 7, 8:30, & 10 AM Worship 4 PM
12 Veterans Voices Pancake Breakfast 8-11:30 AM OA 2 PM Ruth Circle 5 PM	13 Worship Comm. 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM Disciple 6 PM Church Council 7 PM SA 7 PM O'Green 7:30 PM	14 AA 6:30 PM Endowment 7 PM Ray/Bea Doctor Memorial 10 AM	15 CODA 10 AM Upper Room 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM Choir 7:30	16 WW 9:30 AM WW 6 PM Finance 10 AM Rise 7 PM AI Anon 7:30 PM	17 WW 7:30, WW 10:30 AM	18 OA 8:30 AM WW 7, 8:30, & 10 AM Worship 4 PM
19 OA 2 PM CPR Class 12:30 PM 	20 Worship Meeting 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM Disciple 6 PM The Chosen 6 PM SA 7 PM	21 AA 6:30 PM 	22 CODA 10 AM Upper Room 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM Choir 7:30	23 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed Jimenez Family Dinner 1-6 PM AL Anon 7:30 PM 	24 Office Closed 	25 OA 8:30 AM Worship 4 PM
26 OA 2 PM Hanging of the Greens 12 PM 	27 Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM	28 AA 6:30 PM Mary Circle	29 CODA 10 AM Upper Room 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM SA 7 PM Choir 7:30	30 AI Anon 7:30 PM	Witness to Fitness M, W, F 9-10 	

Key:
 AA — Alcoholics Anonymous
 AI-Anon - Alcoholics Anonymous
 Anonymous Group for Families
 CODA - Codependent Anonymous
 O'Green - Financial
 SA - Sexaholics Anonymous
 CPR CLASS

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Special Upcoming Events

November

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Nov. 4 & 5	All Saints Day
Nov. 5	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov. 10	Office Closed
Nov. 11	Veterans Day United women in Faith Breakfast & Meeting 8 AM
Nov. 12	Veterans Voices Pancake Breakfast
Nov. 14	Doctor Memorial Service
Nov. 23	Happy Thanksgiving
Nov. 23 & 24	Office Closed
Nov. 26	Hanging of the Greens



Be sure to check bulletin for any changes and/or additions to the events listed here.

Please check with the office or the committee chair for exact times and locations. See our website for other, regularly scheduled events & meetings.