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THE MESSENGER

From Pastor Megan's Desk

"Glad and Generous Hearts"

"Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people." - Acts 2:46-47

This is a description of the first Christian community. After Jesus rose from the dead and then ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit was sent as a companion for God's people. That Spirit descended in "tongues of fire" and prompted Peter to offer a sermon that stirred the hearts of many, who then chose to be baptized and to dedicate their lives to God. When they did so, they had to make decisions about how to live in community together and Acts 2 paints that picture for us.

Glad and generous became two primary characteristics of the community they formed together, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I believe these same words describe First Reformed well. While I've only been here a short time, "glad and generous" is who I have known you to be.

- When my first Sunday coincided with the first in a series of horrific hurricanes that devastated several parts of the United States, you gave generously to relief efforts, totaling over \$2,500.
- At the Dutch Fair, I watched you all chip in with warm smiles, kind words, and much needed donations to serve members of our community who count on this event every year to replenish school clothes and furnish their homes.
- As I continue to introduce myself to church family members who are home-bound, I uncover story after story of other FRCS members who visit them regularly offering a listening ear, a gentle hand to hold, and sometimes even bringing sweet treats to share.
- This past month, the first of many backpacks were filled with food to help feed local families over the weekend, when they cannot count on the nutrition provided by school meals.
- When I moved into my house, a whole team of you showed up at my front door and moved all of my belongings inside in under two hours! And still others helped clean out the cupboards, and many more helped fill those cupboards with jams and jellies, syrup and honey, homemade breads, rolls, cookies and more! In your generosity, you have helped me turn that house into a home.

During the month of November, there will be much talk of generosity. Letters will encourage each of us to pledge our annual financial gifts to the ministry of this congregation. We will hear announcements about the congregational meeting in December, where the proposed budget will be presented. In each case, it is my prayer that we hear these updates and announcements not as commands or obligations, but as invitations to live even more deeply into who we are in Christ - a people with glad and generous hearts. Thank you for blessing me with your generosity already. I look forward to opportunities to serve with you in the days and years ahead!

Blessings,

Pastor Megan

Consecration Sunday: November 19, 2017

To “consecrate” is “to make or declare sacred; set apart or dedicate to the service of a deity,” according to dictionary.com. God does exactly that to each of us in the waters of baptism - we are marked as sacred, set apart and dedicated to serve God all the days of our lives. This is a gift of a grace! And it’s in gratitude for that gift that we then set aside and dedicate a portion of what we have for God’s work in the world through our local congregation.

Soon letters will be sent out with encouragement and instructions for each household to make a pledge to the Ministry Spending Plan of First Reformed. Pray over that pledge. Give thanks for the gifts God has given you and consider what you feel called to contribute to our next season of life and ministry together.

We experienced a healthy year of giving in 2017. Offerings have exceeded the previous year by an average of 10.5%. This is worth celebrating!

And still, there are some important financial details to keep in mind as we look forward to the future:

- **We will be fully staffed for the entirety of 2018** with two new pastors, a new organist, and other faithful staff continuing to serve. This means an increase in the salary and benefits portions of our Ministry Spending Plan.
- **We would also like to limit our dependence on reserve funds**, in order to be more fiscally responsible and utilize those funds at a more sustainable rate. This will require an increase in weekly offerings in order for the ministries of this congregation to flourish.

In an effort to honor our shared value of transparency, more details of the proposed 2018 Ministry Spending Plan will be shared soon. You are invited to review those details and ask any clarifying questions you may have prior to Consecration Sunday so that you can make an informed and prayerful decision about your pledge. Please feel free to contact any member of consistory or Pastor Megan for more information.

On Sunday, November 19, pledge cards will be received during worship. Following the 10:00 service, everyone is invited to gather for a celebratory lunch where we will give thanks to God and to each other for the gifts that have been given.

Special thanks to the members of our Stewardship Committee who have been preparing these events: Laura Bull, Karen Faulkner, Mary Grumbling, Dorothy Horstkote, and Jim Pierce!

Consistory Election Process:

On the second Sunday in December, December 10, we will call new people to serve as Elders and Deacons on our consistory at our annual congregational meeting. The Nominating Committee will present a single slate of candidates to us for election. Additional active confessing members may be nominated at that meeting, providing that any such nominee is personally present to accept the nomination.

You may participate in the election process by submitting advisory nominations to the committee for consideration. (See Richard Doyle.) Advisory nomination forms will be available soon. If you have a nomination please submit it by November 5.

Congregational Meeting – December 10

On Sunday, December 10, immediately after worship in the sanctuary, Consistory will ask for advice from the congregation on a proposed 2018 Ministry Spending Plan. They will also present us with a single slate of candidates to replace those who are ending their terms on Consistory. How we allocate our shared resources and whom we choose to lead is always important, and your input and prayer for these decisions is vital. Your Consistory appreciates your support and encourages your presence.



From Pastor Jason's Desk:

I spent many hours this summer with a harness around my waist and rope running through my hands. My head tilted upward to keep an eye on the rock climber, the centipede clamorer, the catwalk strutter or the high mohawk balancer as I managed their climb from the ground. The exciting moments outpaced the dull ones watching these young people from across Romania defy gravity and learn about themselves.

Most people were learning something new; the staff learned new skills, and the campers learned things about themselves. The most important thing I learned was how to belay, and the responsibility of harnessing myself to another person was daunting. I thought that I would be awkward, that my hands would not be able to hold the rope properly, or that I would overthink every step. Luckily the quality equipment did most of the work. New pulleys and ropes made everything smooth, while the ATC (Air Traffic Controller) device and gloves made it easy to control the rope in my hands. Most importantly though, there were people who encouraged me and trusted that my abilities would keep the climbing campers safe. They seemed to know that I could do it before I did, and that brings me to one last thought.

Over the course of the summer we had many conversations with the campers about the three zones humans find themselves in at any given time in life, and more specifically for our purposes, on ropes courses. Those zones are the comfort zone, the challenge (or learning) zone, and the panic zone. The comfort zone is where a person is completely at ease. The challenge zone pushes a person into a little more discomfort, looking for growth in the individual and/or group. The panic zone pushes a person out of discomfort and growth and into anxiety without the capacity to move forward. We encouraged everyone to step into the challenge zone. Whether it was speaking up and leading the group with a thoughtful suggestion, or jumping from a platform to face fears and grow, when people entered the challenge/learning zone they were offered a way to reach those abilities or attain that growth that seemed just out of reach. For me this is a helpful reminder and can be echoed in the work of ministry.

I'm excited to be part of this body and looking forward to the sweet spot of the challenge/learning zone. My prayer is that we might learn about one another's God-given gifts, and challenge one another to grow deeply into the strengths and abilities of ours that we think are just out of reach.

~Pastor Jason

Update on sound system for the Sanctuary & Brink Hall

Friends, I'm meeting with contractors this week as part of the bidding process to upgrade & install the sound systems in Brink Hall and the Sanctuary. This has been a long process, and I'm acutely aware of the frustration felt by the seeming lack of movement.



Please let me assure you that progress has been and continues to be made towards resolving the sound system issues. This is a major remodeling project for our church; involving installation of new speakers, control equipment, and wiring to connect it all...no small feat. The decisions have to be made carefully and deliberately to ensure that this system upgrade is one that addresses our current needs as well as the needs we'll face in the future.

I'm encouraged by the meetings I've already had, as well as the conversations leading up to meetings later this week. Finding the right company to work with to handle not only the installation, but the service and training on the new equipment, was a big part of the process that admittedly took longer than I expected. If you have any questions, please contact me directly via email at: music@firstreformedscotia.org, and I will send more updates as I have them.

Thank you, ~Barret Germain



Concerned For The Hungry Food Baskets

We'll be joining the community this November 18 at 10:00 in the morning to help pack food baskets for our Schenectady neighbors. As Thanksgiving approaches, Concerned For the Hungry reaches out to those in need, to give them what they need this holiday season. If you would like to come and help, please meet us there at 10:00; stay for an hour or stay all day, every little bit helps! Let Kristin Bodden know if you plan on coming. Happy Thanksgiving!

Early Morning Study:

As Advent comes closer we'll be offering 3 early morning learning sessions to prepare our hearts and minds for Advent. Kristin Bodden will lead us in Sparkhouse Reform video series at 6:30 in the morning in Memorial Lounge on the following dates:

- Wednesday November 15
- Wednesday, November 29
- Wednesday, December 6

Sessions will last 1 hour and we'll have time for reflection and conversation. What a better way to start your day than a view of the lake, good people and a fresh message to get you going. This is a drop in group, so there is no need to sign up.

Christmas Pageant 2017:

We have another exciting pageant planned for our Christmas Eve 5:30 service! Look for the rolling bulletin board in Brink Hall for sign ups. We'll have casting complete by December 1, so make sure you sign up soon. We'll again focus on the Christmas story using a simple play format with carols mixed in. We'll close the service with a passing of the light as we have in years past. Parents and leaders, we'll need some helpers behind the scenes. Here are some dates to remember.



December 10: 11:15 Pageant Practice in *Brink Hall* (this is the congregational meeting, so teachers will bring kids directly from Sunday school to Brink Hall)

December 17: 11:15 Pageant Practice in the *Sanctuary*

* **Date TBD** for Dress Rehearsal

Congregational Care Council:

Congregational Care Council is entrusted with oversight of several FRCS ministries; our Care Team, those who visit, tend to, or support members and friends of FRCS, coffee hour and funeral meals, and outreach to visitors. The council itself has not had active membership for several years, and we would like to invite anyone with gifts of hospitality and/or welcoming others to contact the office or Laurie Cooper (518-428-6094 - call or text) to learn more about our contribution to the church. We plan to meet every other month and work as oversight to the activities and volunteers who already do fabulous work under this umbrella. A small, energetic group is already on board - join us, won't you?



Helping Hands Meals:

Could you help someone who is recovering from an illness or loss by making them a meal? We are coordinating a Helping Hands Meals program, and are looking for folks who wouldn't mind cooking an extra meal to deliver from time to time. Meals can be frozen, in bake-able or microwavable containers, or delivered fresh. This is an incredible way to share love and caring with others! Call the office and let us know if you are interested in helping or for more details.

KIDS HOPE USA NEWS – Life Together is life at its best:

Many elementary students have households that teach kids to count their blessings, say “Thank you” and consider themselves a lucky kid. Students are taught these things to help them grow into decent people with decent manners. Research has repeatedly shown that instilling a sense of gratitude for everyday things can help make all of our brains and bodies healthier. Kids Hope USA mentors model these vital skills and way of thinking for their Sacandaga students every week for one hour during the school day.

It is easy in these busy and distractible times to forget the essential benefits of knowing gratitude. “Feelings of gratitude help bind communities together. When people appreciate the goodness they’ve received, they feel compelled to give back. This interdependence allows not only an individual but also society as a whole to survive and prosper.” In this season of Thanksgiving, here’s how our Kids Hope kids (and ourselves!) benefit from noticing and appreciating good things:

- Kids Feel Happier – People report substantially decreased depression after making an effort to write down one thing every day for which they were grateful.
- Kids Have Higher Energy Levels – The reason is unclear, but increased focus on gratitude allows our bodies to function better. The better our bodies function, the more energetic we feel.
- Kids Get Healthier - A happier student takes better care of oneself, wanting to play outside more, thinking of better choices at lunchtime, trying harder in the classroom. This results in lower stress-hormone levels and stronger hearts.
- Kids Will Be More Resilient - This crucial skill develops in kids who are taught to seek out the positives in any situation. “As a result, they are better at bouncing back from loss and trauma.”
- Kids Will Be Nicer People – Teaching kids to be thankful triggers a positive biological response in the student’s brain and a positive response in the person they’re thanking, making them feel good about the kind acts they’ve done and making them want to continue doing them, not only for the student but also for others!



Hanging of the Greens:

Our annual Hanging-of-the-Greens is scheduled for November 26, at 11:30 right after an abbreviated coffee hour. Our task is to decorate our church, inside and out, for Advent and Christmas. We’ll also make ornaments for our Brink Hall Christmas tree and create some Christmas cards for our shut-ins. There will be crafts for children. At about 12:30, we’ll gather back in Brink Hall for pizza (including gluten-free and vegan options) and for some seasonal music by the Route Fifty 5 brass quintet.

Our church’s Salvation Army Mitten Tree will be up that Sunday for the first time. One of our Hanging-of-the-Greens traditions is to add some hats, scarves and mittens to it.

Families, friends, individuals new and old, join us for this year’s November 26 *Hanging of the Greens*. Help us plan by signing up on the bulletin board outside of the Pastor’s office. See Kristin Bodden if you would like to help lead a craft.

Christmas Eve Services:

We are looking forward to Christmas Eve 2017! Since the holiday will take place on a Sunday, we are planning three services:

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| 10:00 | Liturgy will celebrate the 4th Sunday in Advent |
| 5:30 | Christmas Pageant |
| 10:00 | Christmas Eve Worship with Candlelight; Prelude begins at 9:30 |

Health & Wellness Note:

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Diabetes, a disease where your blood sugars are too high, can cause serious complications like blindness, kidney damage, cardiovascular disease, loss of limbs and premature death. The World Health Organization states that the incidence has quadrupled since 1980! However, this is a disease you can self-manage with the help of your health care provider. The first step is to know the symptoms. Common symptoms of diabetes include:

- Urinating often
- Feeling very thirsty
- Feeling very hungry - even though you are eating
- Extreme fatigue
- Blurry vision
- Cuts/bruises that are slow to heal
- Weight loss - even though you are eating more (*type 1*)
- Tingling, pain, or numbness in the hands/feet (*type 2*)

Early detection and treatment of diabetes can decrease the risk of developing the complications of diabetes. So, if you notice these symptoms, be sure to call and report these to your provider immediately. The sooner your blood sugars are controlled, the better you can manage your disease.

Communion Offering:

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at both the 8:00 and 10:00 services next Sunday, November 5. The Thanksgiving Offering received that day will be used for Joan Nicole Prince House.

The Joan Nicole Prince Home, one of our mission partners, is a community home for the terminally ill located at 22 Glenview Drive right here in Scotia. For more information on the Joan Nicole Prince Home go to:

<http://www.joannicoleprincehome.org/>

Designate your Communion Thanksgiving offering by using the specially marked envelope in your box of offering envelopes or in the pew that Sunday.



Mission of the Month:

The November Mission of the Month is in support of Reformed Church missionary JJ TenClay.

JJ, her husband Tim, and their two young girls, Sophia and Petra, have moved from upstate New York to Naples, Italy. They are working with migrant families fleeing into Italy from the violence of the middle east and northern Africa. JJ is a social action worker who helps establish partnerships with social agencies to care for the half-million refugees arriving annually in Italy. To find out more and sign up for regular emails, go to rca.org/tenclay, or follow the TenClays on facebook: JJ Johnson TenClay.

We will further support JJ with our Thanksgiving Eve offering.

Designate your Mission of the Month offering by using the specially marked envelope in your box of offering envelopes. Need a box? Call the church office at (518) 370-4751.

Choral Concert: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 5:00

The Wildwood Holiday Choir will present their annual Holiday Concert on Tuesday, December 12, at 5:00 p.m. at the First Reformed Church of Scotia, 224 North Ballston Avenue, Scotia, NY 12302. Come to hear your favorite holiday songs and catch the holiday spirit! A reception will follow the concert. The concert is free and open to the public.

Election Day Bake Sale:

We are having an Election Day bake sale on Tuesday, November 7! We need both bakers and sellers. Would you consider baking some goodies and dropping them off on Sunday or Monday? Would you like to help by selling those tasty morsels on Election day? We will start selling at 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. or until sold out. We are hoping to get enough volunteers to have 2 hour shifts with 2 people each shift. Please sign up outside of the Pastor's office, or contact Kristen Shave at (518) 370-4751 or Sue Pitts at (518) 370-1964.



Camp Fowler Events:

'OLD TIMERS' Work Week November 2017:

\$75, November 19 - November 21, Chi Rho Lodge, Meals & Lodging included.

Come and share your 'talents' as we fix, repair, and update a variety of 'camp projects' which need some of your special attention!

Our “Honey–Do” grounds list is quite long. Plumbers, painters, electricians, handy folk of all kinds are invited to this “retreat.” Our days will be filled with projects and nights with laughter and reflection guided by Uncle Kent. Retreat Guides: Kent & Mark

Adirondack Artists Retreat 2018:

\$150-\$325 (see options online) January 14 - 17, 2018, Chi Rho Lodge, Returning OPTION: Stay an extra day! Meals and Lodging included.

The dead of winter is prime time for creating. The Adirondacks have a long history of inspiring art. The crystalline stillness of snowfall in the woods piques creativity. Come be part of an artistic community. Spend a few days where it’s warm and cozy, or venture out into the cold. Inspiration could be anywhere: whispering in the hush of snowfall among the balsam; across a still, frozen Sacandaga Lake; or crackling among the flames of a roaring fire. Retreat Leaders: Scott Adams and Heather Moore Niver.

Thinking of Becoming a Member of FRCS?

If you are brand new to FRCS or have been attending for a long time, and are feeling called into church membership, please join Pastor Megan and members of the Board of Elders in conversation on November 5 and 12 at 11:30 in Lakehill. Participants will share their faith journeys and their hopes for membership, as well as learning more about the Reformed Church in America and First Reformed Church of Scotia in particular. You can speak with Pastor Megan ahead of time – or you can just walk in! If you are simply curious, or not sure about committing now, come to explore!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Hugh F. Boyd	1	John Lehman	12	Dave White	20
Joan Grant	1	Sandra Suits	13	Caitlin Crowley	21
Al Snyder	2	Maggie White	13	Aubrey Pierce	21
Marion Wade - 101!	3	Kenneth Earl Willcox Jr.	13	Kathy Hoskinson	22
Fran Mathes	4	Cheryl Conover	14	Bob Pitts, Jr.	22
Tom Monaghan	5	Jim Geiger	14	Jim Pierce	22
Olivia Farone	8	Karl Griffith	14	Harris Gregory	23
Shannon Warfield	9	Cliff Tygert	14	Jenavieve Hoefler	25
Jane Willcox	9	Amparo Pitts	16	Philip Hermance	26
Evelyn Deamer	10	Jay Harlow	17	Heather Kramer	26
Beth (Oaks) Krieger	10	Rheana Gravel	18	Dot Allen	27
Linda Schaefer	10	Barbara Talbot	18	Timothy Dort	27
Ken Nelson	11	Sawyer Huisman	20	Karen Faulkner	29

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bob Jr. and Amparo Pitts	11
Ed and Dorothy Horstkotte	19
John and Susan Hoefler	21
Dan and Trudi (Thun) Ertel	28

Please note: We list the birthdays and anniversaries of our church’s local active members and friends.

If we missed yours, please call the church office at (518) 370-4751

or e-mail office@firstreformedscotia.org.

Thank you.

November Food Pantry Needs:

Every month our bulletin lists the food most needed for the Scotia Food Pantry. Below are the items for November. Please place your donations in the container in the narthex or in the one outside Brink Hall. What a great offering we would give if **everyone** brought the weekly item!

There is **always** a need for bags and for monetary donations. Donations are used to purchase milk certificates and other items available at the Regional Food Bank for just 16 cents a pound. Make out your check to the First Reformed Church of Scotia and put "Food Pantry" on the memo line. Here are the summer food themes:

Let Us Give Thanks

Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Green Beans, Stuffing Mix, Pie Filling, Pie Crust Mix, Oatmeal, Yams, Instant Mashed Potatoes



Thanksgiving Eve Service:

A perfect beginning to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend happens in here in the sanctuary On Wednesday, November 22 at 7:30. This service offers the opportunity for us as a community to thank God for all our blessings in hymn, prayer and reflection on scripture – and to ask God’s blessing on others as well.

The Thanksgiving offering is designated by the Board of Missions this year to Missionary J.J. TenClay for their work with refugees in Italy. If you will be away, your gift is still welcome.

We hope to see you there!

Would YOU Like To Submit an Article to *The Messenger*?

We welcome your information and input. Please submit your articles no later than the 20th of the month. Articles must be e-mailed in MS Word, to Kristen Shave at office@firstreformedscotia.org. You are also encouraged to submit photos of church events! Please list in the e-mail the people shown in the photo. Thanks!

Announcements for the Sunday bulletin are due on Wednesday by 9:00 in the morning.

Giving:

Each month we report our giving. Here is how we gave so far this year:

(as of October 23, 2017)			
	Budget	Income	Difference
Congregational Giving	\$348,700	\$263,933	-\$84,767
Other Giving	\$127,400	\$83,368	-\$44,033
Total Income	\$476,100	\$361,121	-\$270,612
Total Expense	\$476,100	\$203,387	-\$114,979

October Attendance:

(as of October 23, 2017)			
	2017	2016	Difference
MONTHLY AVERAGE	187	229	-42
YTD AVERAGE	181	237	-56

BackPack Update:

We're off and running----- well, actually packing! Our dedicated group of volunteers picked up food and packed bags on Oct. 11, delivered them on the 12th, to go home on the 13th. As of Oct. 25, we will be providing 16 to the Middle School, 5 to Glen-Worden, 9 to Glendaal, and 9 to Sacandaga for a total of 39.

We are able to provide additional bags because of the generosity of our congregation and a NYS grant administered through Schenectady Foundation, whose goal is to expand the BackPack program to all districts within Schenectady County. This grant will provide enough money for our church to supply an additional 30 backpacks this year. Scotia High School students will pack 15 bags and we will pack the other 15, bringing our total to 45 bags each week. Over 5,500 students in 20 counties are being served in this program through the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. Here are some statistics for us from last year when we started the program in November: Total bags distributed--779; equivalent meals distributed--4,674; pounds of food distributed--9,430 (which included 1,231 pounds of fresh produce).

Other exciting things in the works include the possibility of starting a food pantry at the high school and adding 14 children in the Head Start program housed at Glen-Worden (these are included through the grant money). Since we will be packing up to 45 bags, we may need additional volunteers to pick up food and deliver it to the schools. Please contact Martha Eberle (weberle@nycap.rr.com) or Linda Lewis (lrlscotia@aol.com.) if you are interested. We are gaining a reputation in the district as a church that cares about the children in our community and, for this, we should be very proud.

Women's Epiphany Retreat:

As a new year approaches, it is time for us to think about our annual Women's Retreat. We'll be joining together in the comfort of Chi Rho Lodge at Camp Fowler Friday, January 5-7. The cost is \$130 per person and includes meals and room and board. Our focus this year is Epiphany; The Light We Seek. Sign up on the bulletin board, see the room choices and sign your name in desired room. First come first serve (they're all beautiful rooms!) We'll provide a program including faith focused discussions, games, crafts, fun and more!

Holiday on the Avenue:

We will again be participating in *Holiday on the Avenue* on Sunday, December 3 from 2:00-5:00. Please consider helping as we offer complimentary coffee and hot cocoa again. Contact Kristen Shave at the office (518) 370-4751 or sign-up on the sheet in the hall to let us know you can help. Come spread good cheer!

Cookie Walk:

Do you love homemade Christmas Cookies, but don't have time to bake? Come to our "Cookie Walk" fundraiser on December 9 from 1:00-4:00, where you can select from a huge array of homemade holiday themed cookies, which you can purchase by the pound, or a pre-made platter!



Do you love to bake? Consider contributing by baking 5 pounds or more of cookies. (This is equal to a double or triple batch, depending on recipe) We are looking for small to medium sized cookies of the holiday variety. Get creative! Those are the cookies that go the fastest. Bigger, heavier everyday cookies are not as popular at these events, but Ethnic favorites are! Please drop off cookies no later than Friday, December 8 by 4:00, so we have time to tray them and prepare for Saturday.

This event will be promoted at *Holiday on the Avenue*, as well as in print and on the Facebook page. Pick up some flyers to give to your family and friends over the Thanksgiving holiday!

We will also need some volunteers to man the day of the Cookie Walk. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the pastors' office. All monies raised will support the Backpack Program.

November Calendar:

SA Nov 4: 8:00 Fall Clean-up Day
 9:00 "Taste & See"
Regional Synod of Albany

SU Nov 5: Daylight Saving Time ends
 Communion
 11:30 New Members Class 1
 12:00 SICM Harvest for Pantry

M Nov 6: 11:30 Caregivers

TU Nov 7: **General Election**
 5:30 *Worship Council*
 7:15 *Health & Wellness*

SA Nov 11: 10:00 Kid's Hope Mentor
 Training

SU Nov 12: 11:00 Diabetes Awareness
(during coffee hour)
 11:30 New Members Class 2

TU Nov 14: 7:15 Caring Ministers

W Nov 15: 1:30 Sharing & Caring
 M Nov 20: 7:15 Consistory Meeting
 TH Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day - office closed
 F Nov 24: - office closed -

SU Nov 26 11:30 Hanging of the Greens
 M Nov 27: 7:15 Care Team
 TU Nov 28: 7:15 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
 TH Nov 30: 7:00 4-H

EVERY WEDNESDAY:
 8:30 Time of Prayer, Sanctuary

EVERY THURSDAY:
 9:00 Mission Bells, Bell Room
 7:15 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

EVERY SUNDAY:
 8:00 & 10:00 Worship, Sanctuary

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