

**MARCH SPIRE**  
**DEADLINE: MONDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2026**



**Official Newsletter of Lititz Moravian Congregation**  
**FEBRUARY 2026**

## **A CHANGE TO THE DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE OF THE SPIRE**

For many years, *The Spire* has served as an important source of communication within our church community—sharing announcements, events, ministry updates, and moments of celebration. As we continue to evaluate how best to communicate effectively and responsibly, we will be making a change to the publication schedule of *The Spire*.

Beginning this year, *The Spire* will transition from a monthly publication to a bi-monthly publication.

### **This decision was made thoughtfully and with several key factors in mind.**

- First, the amount of information being distributed on a monthly basis has naturally fluctuated. In many months, the volume of content does not require a full publication, while in others, important information can be more effectively grouped together. A bi-monthly schedule allows us to provide fuller, more meaningful issues that reflect the life and activity of the church without unnecessary repetition.
- Second, rising costs associated with printing and mailing have become an important consideration. By reducing the number of mailings each year, we are able to be more mindful stewards of church resources while still ensuring that vital information reaches our congregation. This change allows funds to be redirected toward ministry, programming, and mission efforts that support the church's broader goals.

*The Spire* will continue to be available on the church website, ensuring that everyone has ongoing access to church news and information regardless of the mailing schedule.

### **To clarify the transition:**

- The Spire will be available on the website and mailed in February.
- The Spire will be available on the website and mailed again in March.
- There will be no web issue/mailed issue in April.
- The next web issue/mailed issue will be available in May, after which The Spire will continue on a bi-monthly mailing schedule.

This transition also allows for improved planning, organization, and clarity. Staff and volunteers will have additional time to gather accurate information, highlight key events, and present content in a clear and engaging format. Our goal is to ensure that each issue of *The Spire* remains relevant, informative, and worth your time.

We want to assure you that timely announcements and updates will continue to be shared through other communication channels, including weekly bulletins, email communications, and the church website.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we make this transition. We look forward to continuing to share church news and updates through *The Spire* in both print and online formats.



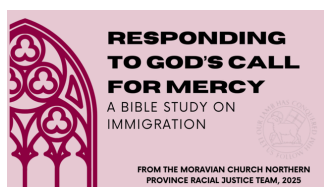
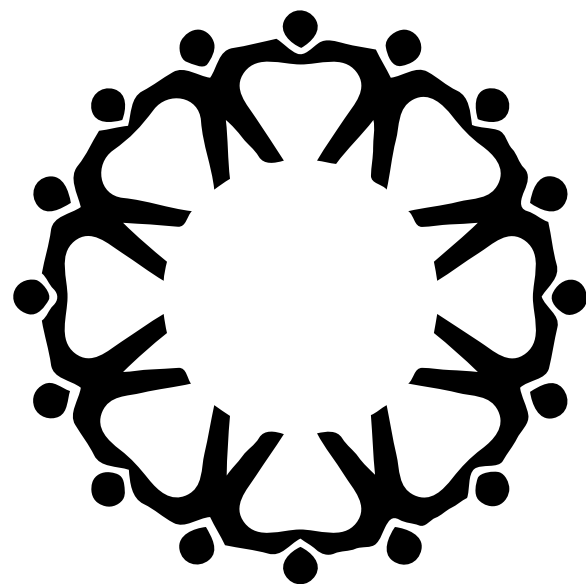
## Church in Society

### Welcome to our Spire Page!

The Church in Society Committee at Lititz Moravian has been educating the congregation about Social Justice issues for three decades. In that time we've presented small group Bible studies, public forums, and summer Sunday School classes, among other activities. Now we are excited to be bringing a monthly focus on justice concerns through this Spire page that will be available to everyone.

#### Who Are We?

- We are a committee founded by Pastor Dotty Burcaw in the 1990s and most recently led by Pastor Mark Breland.
- We are Christ-followers dedicated to the task of doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God.
- We are a self-selected group of concerned congregation members who meet on the first Thursday evening of each month in the Outlook Library. Come join us!



In selecting topics we look to the Social Justice resolutions that have been approved and published by Synod actions of the Moravian Church in America, Northern Province over the years. Previous studies led by the committee have included focus on racial justice, support for the LGBTQIA+ community, and welcome of refugees.

In coming months we plan to expand on these and other topics of concern. During the summer we'll take a close look at the resolutions passed by the 2026 Provincial Synod scheduled for late June. We'll suggest study materials, provide descriptions of and contact information for organizations doing good work, and describe ways to be involved in justice making.

~ February Is Black History Month ~

**Lift Every Voice and Sing**



KINDERGARTEN-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
MEETS IN THE MUSIC ROOM  
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
MEETS IN THE RAO  
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM



### PHOTO OF THE MONTH

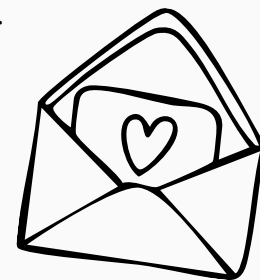
Christian Wolf directed the Rooted Sunday School class in a skit, based on The Price is Right game show, that examined the cost of discipleship. The skit was performed for the January LIFT worship service on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM.

WHAT: Making Valentines for the residents of Moravian Manor

WHEN: Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

WHERE: In the Prep Room, with possible delivery to Moravian Manor afterwards

WHY: Because we *love* them!



### A NOTE FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR'S DESK

February is a wonderful time to celebrate the heart of our church family! A heartfelt thank you to all who served at our January Kids' Night Out: God's Winter Wonderland! Your creativity, energy, and loving presence helped make the evening a true celebration of faith and fun. From snowy crafts to joyful games (and everything in between), our children felt God's warmth through each one of you. We're so grateful for the time and care you give to help our little ones grow in spirit, laughter, and community.

As we look ahead to spring and the excitement of our Kids' Night Out: End of Year Splash Bash coming up on May 30th, we're reminded how vital our volunteers are in helping faith come alive for our youngest members. Whether leading a craft, sharing a story, or simply offering a smile, your time and presence make a lasting difference. If you've ever thought about volunteering with our children's ministry, now is the perfect season to join in the joy and help nurture the next generation of faith and fellowship.

In all things , ALLYSON



# **CANDLE MAKERS**

HERE WE GO AGAIN!

FEBRUARY 26, 6:30 P.M. HERITAGE DINING ROOM  
THE FUN BEGINS. WE WILL BE TAKING THE WICKS FROM THE USED  
CANDLES. THEY WILL BE MELTED AND USED TO MAKE NEW CANDLES.

MARCH 5, 6:30 P.M. CRAFT ROOM AND HERITAGE DINING ROOM  
WE BEGIN POURING NEW CANDLES. MANY HANDS ARE NEEDED FOR  
THIS PROCESS.

COME AND LEARN AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN

MARCH 7, 9:00 A.M. , CRAFT ROOM

WE REMOVE THE CANDLES FROM THE MOLDS AND TRIM THE CANDLES TO  
FIT THE TRAYS.

WE MAKE CANDLES EVERY THURSDAY AND SATURDAY FOR 6 WEEKS

(EXCLUDING HOLY WEEK, APRIL 2ND&4TH)

COME AND SEE WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT.  
QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE ZIMMERMANS  
ZIMMIE@PTD.NET OR 717-626-7928



## **HELP WANTED:**

### **Floral & Seasonal Worship Coordinator (Volunteer/Ministry Role)**

Our church is seeking a detail-oriented and organized individual to help coordinate florals and seasonal preparations that enhance our worship services throughout the year. This role works closely with Pastoral and Office Staff and serves as a vital support to our liturgical celebrations.

#### **Responsibilities Include:**

**Palm Sunday:** Coordinate palms for Palm Sunday services (confirm quantity with Pastoral Staff; palms provided by Hendricks Flowers).

#### **Easter Lilies:**

Ask Office Staff to include the Easter Lily order form in the bulletin.

Coordinate delivery dates with Hendricks Flowers.

Ensure lilies are placed in the sanctuary following the Great Sabbath service. Collect orders and funds, prepare a Memorials/In Honor Of list, and ensure funds are deposited into the Savings account.

Arrange payment of flower invoices to Hendricks.

#### **Mother's Day:**

Order carnations after confirming needed quantities with Pastoral Staff.

#### **Special Events:**

Mark significant occasions, such as the anniversary of the sanctuary, with a special altar arrangement from Hendricks Flowers.

#### **Advent Season:**

Ensure the Advent wreath and candles are prepared for services.

Arrange placement of exterior door wreaths (from Hendricks) prior to the Advent Tea.

Coordinate placement of three interior wreaths before the first Vigil Service.

#### **Additional Information:**

All florals are normally ordered from Hendricks Flowers.

Ideal for someone who enjoys organization, seasonal planning, and contributing to the beauty of worship.

If you have an eye for detail and a heart for service, we would love to have you join this ministry!

Please contact the church office for more information.



# Save the Date

Church Grounds Cleanup  
Sunday, February 1, 2026  
Lititz Moravian Church

Easter is April 5 this year. To get the grounds looking beautiful for this service and the walk to God's Acre, the Cemetery Board is hoping/praying for your help starting the week of March 16. Please consider working alone or with a partner raking leaves from around the shrubbery, picking up limbs and twigs, weeding, edging, etc. We will be grateful for anything you're willing to do to help beautify the grounds for Easter.

Mulch and final cleanup is Saturday, March 21, starting at 8:00am (rain date March 28). It would be helpful if you would bring a shovel or pitchfork and gloves. Nourishment in the form of drinks and donuts will be available.

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## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 • 7:00 PM  
LITITZ MORAVIAN CHURCH

BEGIN YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY WITH A REFLECTIVE, MEANINGFUL EVENING SERVICE OF PRAYER, SCRIPTURE, AND THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES AS WE ENTER THIS HOLY SEASON TOGETHER.

### **DRIVE-THROUGH ASHES**

CAN'T MAKE THE EVENING SERVICE?

DRIVE-THROUGH ASHES WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE DAY FOR ALL WHO WISH TO RECEIVE A BLESSING AND BEGIN LENT WITH INTENTION—NO NEED TO LEAVE YOUR CAR.

MORE DETAILS TO COME. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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## **Lenten Program 2026**

"Mr. Rogers Guides Us Through Lent"

Wednesdays in Lent 6:00 p.m.

Lititz Moravian Church

Dessert & Discussion Each Week

Step into a gentle, reflective Lenten season inspired by the wisdom and kindness of Fred Rogers. Each Wednesday, we'll explore how Mr. Rogers' grounding themes—neighborliness, compassion, emotional honesty, and quiet courage—can shape our walk with Jesus during this holy time.

We'll gather for dessert, then move into guided discussion and Scripture reflection. This series is designed for anyone longing for a more soulful Lent.

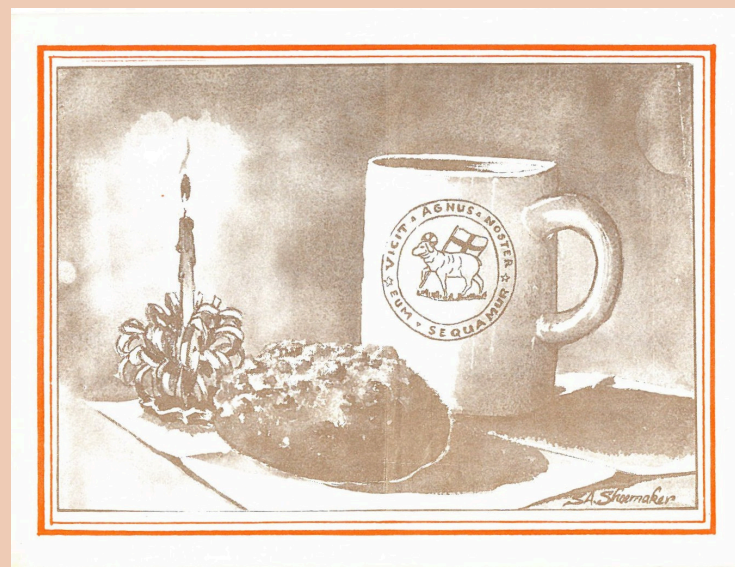
Mark your calendar and make plans to join us as we rediscover God's love through one of the most trusted neighbors of our time.

# Thank you

To the Church Staff,  
Our family thanks you for all your help in planning Art Shoemaker's memorial service on December 13<sup>th</sup>. From having tables for Renee to set up the display about her grandfather's life, working with our son, Greg, for the lunch and self-directing the choir and finding the hymns that Art had specially asked for and gave sketchy information on them! You were always so patient, kind and helpful to all of us.

Blessings to all of you,  
Nelda

P.S. Art painted this picture of the lovefeast & candle. He taught printing in the Industrial Arts Department at E-Town High School. He always tried to find useful and educational things to print as they learned to run the presses. This was one of those along with the history of the Moravian Lovefeast!



“Lititz Moravian Church &  
Community,  
You helped me when I  
needed it most. You  
welcomed me with open  
arms. For that, I will be  
eternally grateful.”

With Thanks,  
Barb Flosdorf

“Dear Moravian Congregation of Lititz,  
Your gift of \$1,928.40 will help to ensure that free food  
and clothing, homelessness services, and supportive  
outreach partners are sustainably available under the big,  
red awning. Because of your generosity, we can uphold  
our commitment to meet neighbors where they are and  
support them toward more stable life circumstances, and  
for that, we are so grateful.”

With warm thanks and best Christmas wishes,  
Paige McFarling





**DO YOU HAVE A PASSION OR TALENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US? WE HAVE MULTIPLE GROUPS AND EVENTS THAT YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN! PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONTACT INFORMATION. (717) 626-8515**

**CHOIR DIRECTOR: JEFF GEMMELL  
SENIOR CHOIR- WEDNESDAYS AT 7:15 P.M. SEPTEMBER - MAY**

**HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: MARILYN WINFIELD  
PRACTICES: MONDAYS AT 7:30 P.M. SEPTEMBER - MAY**

**TROMBONE CHOIR DIRECTOR: MARILYN WINFIELD  
PRACTICES: 3RD AND 4TH TUESDAYS AT 7:15 P.M.**

**EVANGELISM: RANDY BRICKER  
MEETS: 2ND MONDAY EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.**

**ARCHIVES: TOM WENTZEL  
MEETS: 2ND TUESDAY EACH MONTH AT 6:30 P.M.**

**QUILTING: WILMA BEARD  
MEETS: TUESDAYS AT 9:00 A.M.**

**YOGA: EILEEN CRONE  
MEETS: MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 8:30 A.M.  
& THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PASTOR SAYWARD E.G. LIPPINCOTT  
OFFICE MANAGER: COURTNEY HACKMAN  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: JAIME WEIK  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: ALLYSON MILLER**





# CANDLEMAKERS

Christmas is over and the freezers are empty.  
It is time to start to make more candles.  
Recycling old beeswax candles will be  
February 26, 2026 at 6:30 in the  
Heritage Dining Room.  
All are welcome.  
Come and join in the fun!



## 2026 Second Mile Offering

**"Whoever goes with you one mile, go with them two" Matthew 5:41**

### 2026 Second Mile Offering

January - The Food Hub - LCCC  
February - Power Pack  
March - Camp Scholarship  
April - Warwick Release Time  
May - Camp Scholarship  
June - Milagro House  
July - Warwick Community Chest  
August - Power Pack  
September - North Star Initiative  
October - Warwick Community Chest  
November - The Food Hub - LCCC  
December - Milagro House

### 2026 Joyful Noise Offerings

January - Linden Hall Donation  
February - You Belong  
March - Camp Hope  
April - Board of World Mission (General Fund)  
May - LMC Refugee Project  
June - Camp Hope  
July - CWS  
August - Rooted's pick  
September - LMC Refugee Project  
October - Cultivate's Pick  
November - You Belong  
December - CWS



## *Book of Remembrance*

In Memory of Art Shoemaker  
John Geist

Marlin & Rita Schaffstal  
Samuel & Joyce Nolt

In Memory of Dick Martin  
LMC Archives

In Memory of Ralph & Lillie Pfautz  
Mary Carolyn Lefever

In Memory of Harry Lefever  
Mary Carolyn Lefever

In Memory of Dan Garrett  
LMC Dieners & Sacristans

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Smith  
Larry & Marcia Lefever

In Honor of Russ & Carolyn Weidman  
Larry & Marcia Lefever





## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Sunday, February 1**

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

11:30 a.m. Church Council - Sanctuary

### **Sunday, February 8**

#### **Anniversary Lovefeast**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

11:45 a.m. Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, February 15**

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

### **Monday, February 16**

#### **Spire Deadline**

### **Wednesday, February 18**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

### **Sunday, February 22**

#### **Lenten Holy Communion**

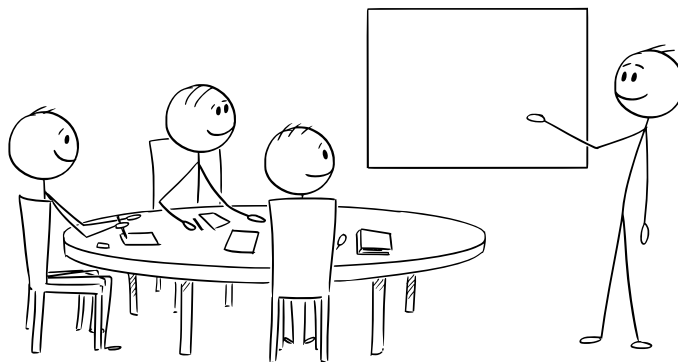
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. LIFT Worship - Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

### **Wednesday, February 25**

6:00 p.m. Lenten Dessert & Discussions

# NEWS FROM OUR BOARDS *Meeting*



## **Highlights from the Board of Elders for January**

- Outgoing Board members Randy Bricker, Rachel Best, and Barbara Stoltzfus were thanked for their service.
- A motion was made, and passed to have only one Anniversary Lovefeast at 10:30 on February 8th.
- Independence Day Lovefeast will be June 28, and John Hus Communion will be July 5.
- On Ash Wednesday, Pastor Sayward will be available to provide ashes to members who wish to drive up to the portico from 2 - 4 pm.
- The Elders approved by consensus to have the Spire published bi-monthly.
- Formal Operating Procedures will be distributed to every committee and group.

## **Highlights from the Board of Trustees Meeting December 2, 2025**

- It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes from the Trustee Meeting of November 18, 2025. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to end the Trustee meeting at 8:12pm. Motion Carried Unanimously.





The Spire is a monthly publication of the Lititz Moravian Congregation. The Spire's mission is to inform and engage everyone involved in the church's life and ministry and reach out to visitors and friends offering opportunities to share in the work of Lititz Moravian. We welcome your suggestions and input.

\* Deadline for submitting articles: Noted on the upper left corner of the first page of The Spire.

\* Submit articles to the church office: [office@lititzmoravian.org](mailto:office@lititzmoravian.org) or drop them by the office.

#### **Newsletter Staff:**

Writers: Members of the Congregation

Editor(s): Courtney Hackman & Jaime Weik

Proofer: Sue Bomberger

#### **Stewardship To Date for 2025**

##### ***Financial Summary (December)***

- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$78,166
- Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$62,265
- General Fund Other Income 2024: \$9,735
- General Fund Other Income 2025: \$14,241
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$55,136
- General Fund Expense 2025: \$54,484
- Net Income 2024: \$32,765
- Net Income 2025: \$22,022

##### ***2025 Year-to-Date (through December)***

- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$609,738
- Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$616,726
- General Fund Other Income 2024: \$86,653
- General Fund Other Income 2025: \$106,110
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$664,419
- General Fund Expense 2025: \$730,933
- Net Income 2024: \$31,972
- Net Income 2025: (\$8,097)

#### ***Joint Board Leadership***

Randy Bricker, Vice Chair, 2026 (Elders)  
Diane Bainbridge, Secretary, 2027 (Elders)  
Dave Walter, Chair 2027 (Trustees)  
Paul Swope, Vice Chair, 2026 (Trustees)  
Chris Styers, Secretary, 2027 (Trustees)

#### **Prayer Requests**

Please remember all of our nursing home residents  
and shut-ins at home in your prayers.



Prayer Request

#### ***Serving our country in the military:***

Lt. Col. Neal Miller, Army  
Sgt. Jason Stoner, Army Reserves  
Lt. Dain Bomberger, US Navy  
Major Andrew Kemp  
Staff Sgt. Austin Heacock  
Lance Corporal Shawn Stauffer, US Marine Corps

#### ***Prayers of Healing for:***

Barry Erb  
Jeff Bamberger  
Pastor Dean Jurgens  
Marilyn Diener  
Laura Pedersen  
Susan Yeagley  
Melissa Hostetter

Meda Hostetter  
Joan Keenen  
Erelene Deist  
Jonathan Yerger  
Lisa Donmoyer  
Roger Groce

#### **Vision Statement**

We are a community that seeks first, last, and always to follow Jesus.

Faith—We see a community of FAITH where all are welcome to join in Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Evangelism. We see people on a faith journey, actively living a Christian life in our world and providing support for all those in need both at home and in mission.

Hope—We see a community of HOPE where people are encouraged and equipped to develop their spiritual gifts and to use them in the service of our Risen Lord. We see a congregation where all are involved in a rich variety of opportunities to serve and be empowered to follow God's calling.

Love—We see a community of LOVE where questions of faith are welcome, where the broken find comfort, where unconditional acceptance and love abound, and where all are under God's canopy of grace and forgiveness.

# February 2026

*March Spire Deadline: Monday, February 16th*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</b> 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All 11:30A Church Council	2 8:30 a.m. Yoga  7P CEC 7:30P HBC	3 9A Quilting  7P Elders	4 8:30A Yoga 11A ROMEO's  7P NA Meeting 7:15P SC	5   7P CIS 7P Yoga	6 9A Beginner Yoga	7 6:30P Movie Night: "The Robe"
8 <b>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</b> <b>Anniversary Lovefeast</b> 9:15A Sunday School for All 10:30A Worship 11:45A Birthday Celebration	9 8:30 a.m. Yoga  6:30P RAK 7:30P HBC	10 9A Quilting  7P Stewardship Comm. 6:30P Archives Comm.	11 8:30A Yoga  7P NA Meeting 7:15P SC	12   7P Worship Comm. 7P Yoga	13 9A Beginner Yoga	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b>
15 <b>Last Sunday after Epiphany</b> <b>Transfiguration Sunday</b> 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All	16 8:30 a.m. Yoga  <b>Spire Deadline</b>  7:30P HBC	17 9A Quilting  6:30P Trustees 7:15P TC	18 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 8:30A Yoga 9:30A Women's Morning Circle <b>7P Ash Wed. Service</b> 7P NA Meeting 7:15P SC	19   7P Yoga	20 9A Beginner Yoga 9:30A Preschool Story Hour	21
22 <b>First Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Lenten Holy Communion</b> 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All	23 8:30 a.m. Yoga  7:30P HBC	24 9A Quilting  7:15P TC	25 8:30A Yoga  6P Lenten Desserts & Discussion 7P NA Meeting 7:15P SC	26   6P Vigil Candle Prep 7P Yoga	27 9A Beginner Yoga	28 10A Random Acts of Kindness
Abbreviations: CEC = Christian Education Committee, NA = Narcotics Anonymous, HBC= Handbell Choir, SC= Senior Choir, CIS= Church in Society, TC= Trombone Choir						