THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Psalm 119:97–104

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

Whenever I hear of those who delight in laws or rules, my mind conjures up images of friends who are game aficionados, capable of arguing endlessly and joyfully over the finer points of baseball, role-playing games like Dungeons and Dragons, or board games like Monopoly. We tend to think the only people who could ever love rules and regulations are those who revel in minutiae. So for many of us the psalmist's delight in the reading of law seems so anathema to us.

But Torah, often referred to as laws and precepts in biblical translations, is more than regulations. The Torah threads law into stories. Together they succeed in describing the relationship between God, all peoples, and a particular people. There are mighty acts of redemption and triumph. There are crushing defeats, bitter betrayals, heartache, and wonders. The stories of the Torah give emotional weight to commandments that ask us to love our neighbor, honor the Sabbath, and welcome the stranger, for each of these rules relates to important experiences in the life of a covenantal people.

So like honey from the rock, there is sweetness to procure from even the seemingly rote pages of law, statutes, and commandments. The psalmist knows it. And if we look at the whole Torah, and the fullness of the Hebrew scriptures, we can taste it too.

Pastor Kingsley

Music Notes



As I write this, I am still coming down from the delightful "Tricentennial Ball" held on Saturday, October 19, at the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame. The conviviality, the food, and the silent auction were all very enjoyable.

I keep coming face to face with all the support and love this congregation has! In particular, right now, the organ project is occupying much of your time and concern. I can't express how grateful and pleased I am. I hope the outcome will be everything you could hope for, and more.

The Austin Company has made a preliminary proposal, involving less digital than before, and some appropriate new pipe work. This is getting cheaper and easier to find, unfortunately! But it could be our gain. It will all depend on price; we can leave room for future growth. I will become much more specific as soon as I can!

Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christ the King, and Advent are coming. On Sunday the 27th, there will be a 3 PM Halloween program in the sanctuary. Costumes are welcome, as are all ages. Looking ahead, the handbell choir will be performing at least once in November. They are doing a great job learning new material and you will be hearing more from them.

Consider singing with the choir during Advent and Christmas. It's a lovely thing to do for yourself as well as for everyone else!

On December 22, we'll have our third annual Christmas carol sing-along. Plan to come!

Blessings,

Jonathan



ANYONE WHO ENJOYS CAROLING

The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Carol Sing-Along at 3:00 PM

Reception following in Fellowship Hall

Bring your voice and sing along or just sit and enjoy the break from your hectic holiday preparations.



News Notes of Presbyterian Women...

Five dedicated ladies braved the rainstorm to come to the October meeting of PW. First, we designed the display that was going to be put out on Stewardship Sunday in October. We hope everyone stopped by to see it.

Discussion followed about our annual Christmas boxes for our members who are unable to attend services due to various reasons. Each year we deliver a package to many who enjoy knowing that they are not forgotten. We do need your help though, in preparing these gifts. In November, there will be a basket or box in the Narthex to drop in your donations. If you know of someone who would like to receive a holiday box, please leave the name and address (and phone number if you have it) with Carolyn Keller or Betty Lobb or leave in the office with Pat to put in the PW mailbox. Many years we have delivered up to 20 or more gifts.

We also try to add a special treat such as a tin of cookies/brownies/cookie bars/mini muffins, etc. These will be needed on packaging day which is scheduled for December 12 in Fellowship Hall. We believe we have enough Christmas tins, but of course, if you do have some pretty ones we may be able to use them to put in some of the gift items. So leave them also, in the basket in the Narthex.

We are looking for the following items, but please don't limit it to these. If you can think of something that might be appreciated, add it to our "stash" for distribution.

We are hoping to get many of the following:

Note cards and stamps, varieties of teas, large print books, paperbacks, hand lotions, small packages of tissues, game books, puzzles, packages of candy, mints or lifesavers (some sugar free), chap stick, ladies scarves, slipper socks or other socks, small flashlights, hot cocoa mixes, playing cards, small books on faith, etc. These are just some suggestions. Please use your imagination and think what you might like to receive.

So mark the date of December 12 for donation of cookies, etc. and to have the gifts left for PW for packaging. We can also use help the day of packaging and if you are willing to deliver some of the boxes for us, we also would appreciate that. In the bulletin or the next *Tower Tie*, we will let you know the time we will meeting.

Holiday Fair time is again upon us.

Baking day will be on November 21 and 22. Bring your apple peelers and a friend too, then join the fun. Ladies are more than grateful for the donations of pie plates to put the apple and pumpkin pies in. If you cannot attend to help but would like to contribute, monetary donations

are more than welcome to be used to purchase the ingredients needed for this fund raiser for the ladies. Donations can be given to Carol Gabella or left into PW mailbox in the church office. If you think you want to preorder a pie for your thanksgiving meal, let Carol Gabella or Carolyn Keller know by November 10th. If you can help on November 23 to sell the pies let PW know. PW will also accept other baked goods to sell at the Holiday Fair. We are grateful for the help of all our sisters in faith (and the guys who pitch in as well).

Carolyn Keller will also be looking for those great soup and chili makers. She has the jars, tags, and even recipes for those of you who like to help with this part of PW as well. If you need jars ahead of time see Carolyn Keller.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 2 at 6:30 pm in the parlor of the church. Hoping you can join us.

God bless,

Presbyterian Women

ONGOING REMINDERS...

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The box tops can be found on many foods and household supplies such as Progresso soups, Betty Crocker products, Scott paper towels, General Mills cereals, etc. There is a box for collection on the table in the Narthex or give them to Carol Gabella.

THE SHOPRITE CARD FUNDRAISER IS ONGOING!

When you buy ShopRite gift cards through the church you can help fund our mission trips. The church sells gift cards at full face value, and we receive a 5% discount from ShopRite when the cards are purchased. See Mark Glasse' on Sundays to purchase them or stop by the church office during the week. Any questions contact Mark at (845) 325-4439 or mpglasse@optonline.net

PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2019

Every year, the Presbytery of the Hudson River charges every member church an assessment according to the current active membership. Our recorded active membership is currently **314** and *our assessment per member* (not per family) *for 2019 is \$38.80*, which is a total of *\$12,183.20* to be taken from our operating budget. If you haven't already done so, please assist with this expense and write a check for your family assessment and either mail it to the church or place it in the Sunday offering plate. Thanks for doing your share.

PAUL E. WRIGHT ORGAN FUND

Raffle tickets are on sale during coffee hour, in the church office and from committee members through the end of November. We will also be selling tickets at the November 23 Holiday Craft Fair being held in Fellowship Hall. Please come by and get your tickets while they are hot! Ticket prices are: \$10 each, 3 for \$25, or 5 for \$40. Winners will be announced daily throughout the month of December on the church Facebook page.

The Avon Fundraiser is now active and orders may be placed through December 15. Please go to **Avon.com/fundraiser/pipeorgan** to review the catalog and place your order which will be shipped directly to your home. There is free shipping with a \$40 order. Please contact Lisa Montalbano at 845-800-0819 if you have any questions or need help placing an order. Let's make this holiday season a memorable one!

Thank you for your continued support! ~ Lisa Montalbano

If you have church concerns you want to talk about to someone, please talk with Pastor Kingsley or a Session committee chairperson. The list of the committees and their chairs are below and on our website.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Linda Boardman	845-665-9545	Christian Education Committee
Brad McLeland	845-782-5273	Fellowship Committee
Scott Roper	914-426-8574	Finance and Administration Committee
Barbara Thompson	914-443-3741	Fundraising Committee
Lori Kilmer	845-692-0426	Mission Committee
Ken Phelan	845-986-3203	Outreach/Communications Committee
Sue Varden	845-649-7830	Personnel Committee
Brian Meek	845-294-2859	Property Management Committee
George Hankins	845-294-8410	Worship and Music Committee



P.W. LADIES NEED HELP: APPLE PEELERS AND PIE MAKERS WANTED

The P.W. ladies need your assistance on Thursday, Nov. 21, 10 AM - 2PM (approximately). We will be baking pies in the kitchen for the bake sale during the Deacons' Holiday Fair.

If you are willing and able to help peel and/or slice apples for pies, please contact Carol Gabella at 342- 4367 or calgabel1@frontiernet.net



Deacons' Holiday Fair November 23, 2019 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Over 20 vendors- holiday gifts, jewelry, clothing & crafts

Baked goods and homemade soups

Quilt display: \$1.00 donation or one food item for food pantry

Complete the Holly Trail to be entered to win \$75.00 Shoprite Card





BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

- Saturday December 7, 2019
- The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen 33 Park Place - Goshen NY 10924
- Open Seating from 9:00 11:00 AM
- Tickets-
 - Paid by 11/26 \$8.00 per person;
 Children under 4 \$5.00
 - o <u>Paid at the door</u> -\$9.00 per person; Children under 4 - \$6.00

Each child's ticket includes - pancake breakfast (which includes sausage, fruit cocktail, coffee, tea, juice), face painting & shopping for a special gift in the North Pole Gift Shoppe for that special someone.

You are welcome to take your own pictures.

Pre-paid price available through November 26, 2019.

Mail reservations or stop by the church office (294-7991) – Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. You can also make reservations online on our website www.fpgoshen.org

SANTA BREAKFAST RESERVATION FORM

Name:		
Address:		
Phone:		
E-Mail Address:		
Number Attending: Adults:	Children	

Return to: First Presbyterian Church – 33 Park Place-Goshen NY 10924

Attention: Santa Breakfast

Make Checks Payable to: First Presbyterian Church

POINSETTIAS to adorn our Sanctuary ORDERING DEADLINE DECEMBER 9

In honor of the birth of our Savior and in celebration of this glorious season, please consider helping us to decorate our Sanctuary with beautiful red, white, pink, and marbled poinsettias. They will be placed in the church for Sunday, December 22 and remain for the Christmas Eve candlelight service. One may take them home after the evening Christmas Eve service.

Kindly consider ordering a plant in honor of or in memory of a special person(s) or loved ones, or simply to the Glory of God and in celebration of Christ's birth. **THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS MONDAY**, **DECEMBER 9.** All orders must be accompanied with a check. Please complete the form below and submit with your payment of \$13.50 per plant made payable to the *First Presbyterian Church in Goshen* (put **Poinsettias** in the memo). You many send in your order, drop it off at the church office from Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., or put into the collection plate on Sunday.

Thank you for helping us honor Christmas with festive flowers!

Yes, I woul	d like to order Christmas poins	ettias for the Sanctuary	as follows:
Quantity	<u>Color</u>		
	Red		_
	White		
	Pink		
	Marbled		
	Total @ \$13.50 each = \$	due	
Please make	e checks payable to the First Presb	yterian Church in Goshe	en (put Poinsettia in the memo)
Given by:_			
(Kin	dly PRINT as you would like it to	appear in the bulletin.)	
To the Glo	ry of God and:		
In memory	of:		
In honor of	; <u> </u>	·	_
	ion of:		
To honor th	he birth of Jesus Christ:		
Name:		Phone:	

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

2	Darcy McDowell	18	David Kingsley
	Derek Holt		Bob Montalbano
3	Dina Sena-Viebrock	19	Emma Boardman
5	Joan Columbus		Beth Laskoski
6	Ariana Maturana		Julie Turi
7	Emma Glasse	22	Brian Taylor
8	Kathy Stringer	24	Kathy Alevras
9	Ashley Dinsmore		Amy Fontana
	Sara Hankins	25	Elizabeth Ukejianya
10	Jeff Totton	26	Jon Hourahan
14	Ria Chionchio	28	Anthony Chionchio
	Kiersten Holt		Danielle Diglio
17	Christine Person	30	Robert Kingsley
	Egidio Walsh		Sue Stenson

HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

- 8 George and Barbara Schust
- 11 Craig and Arlete Shaeffer

If you are also celebrating a special day, we wish you much happiness. If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary included, please give your dates to Pat in the church office.



Twelfth Annual Quilts of the Congregation And Friends Saturday, November 23, 2019

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come and see heirloom and contemporary quilts, as well as other cherished handmade items belonging to members of the congregation and the local communities.

Bring your family and friends to view these beautiful vintage items in our sanctuary, which will be decorated for the Christmas season. The Craft Fair and Bake Sale will also be ongoing during the Quilt Show.

<u>Suggested donation</u>: A nonperishable food item or \$1.00. All donations to benefit the Ecumenical Food Panty.

If you have a quilt or handmade item you'd like to display, please bring it to the sanctuary on Friday, 11/22, between 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Co-chairs: Kathleen Alevras, B.A. Long, Joan Howell



PRAYER CORNER

The following members or friends are going through a time in which they have asked for prayer by the church. Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ron Alevras Ed Berry Sharlene Bischof

Ann (Strong) Blake Richard Brahs Children separated from their mothers at the border

Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doehla Linda Clark's brother, Bill DeBlock Barbara Cody Peter Coyne Jean and Bruce Crandall Jon Dollar

Everyone serving in the Military James, Max, and Liam Feragola Mary Lee Farris and her sister

Judy FazioCharles FritzCharlene GoodenBarbara and George HankinsKevin and Sara HankinsSusan Johnson

Rosemary Joy Regina Kenny Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy

Jeff Kott and NataliaBrenda KujawskiThe Kurdish PeopleJames LowryKaren MageeKelly Magee Thrush

Evelyn Mercado Richard Montalbano Kevin Murphy

Eileen Myslinski Amy (Thompson) Nguye Owen

Dave Paffenroth Josephine Pecoraro Carlos and Miarose Reyes

Carolyn ReynoldsKaren SaleskiTom SawyerMary Rita SchlagelEva SicklerGary SmithLouise SpencerBarbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch

Christopher Tucker Lori Kilmer's mom, Learle VanEmburg

Charles Velzy Kenneth Van Etten The Wade Family

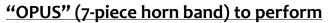
Jerry Westphal Sue Whitson Jo Wolfe

Orra Wood

(If you or someone you know would like to be on this list or if you would like to take a name off the list, please call the church office and the name(s) will be included/omitted next month.)

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

NOVEMBER UPDATE





Benefit Concert for Meditation Garden on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9th @ 7pm

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND this fun-filled evening of classic "Horn Band" music All part of our Tricentennial Celebration year! All for a very good cause!

Memorial Pavers

To order a memorial paver to honor or remember your loved ones, please see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is only \$100. We will place an order when we have 10 requests.

Consider a Donation to Support Your Meditation Garden

Your garden operates on 100% donations (not part of the church's operating budget). Consequently, any and all donations will be used to maintain and beautify your garden. Remember, eventually we will need to construct a 2nd columbarium wall.

Only 4 Niches Remain Available for Purchase in the Memorial Columbarium

Each niche allows for double or single interment with four purchase options:

Payment in Full = \$2,500

12-Month Payment Option = \$250 / month for 12 months (\$3,000)

24-Month Payment Option = \$130 / month for 24 months (\$3,120)

36-Month Payment Option = \$ 90 / month for 36 months (\$3,240)

"Stewards of Our Garden"

Special thanks to our dedicated Stewards for keeping the garden neat!

The NOVEMBER/early DECEMBER Steward's Schedule:

Bill Eustance November 1 - November 15
Barbara and George Hankins November 16 - November 30
Bill Eustance December 1 - December 15

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We could certainly use a few extra "Helping Hands"...

It takes only a few minutes of your time to pick up any litter, pull a weed, sweep a few pavers clean, or gather a few leaves and you too can help keep YOUR garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up and be added to our Steward's schedule.

BENEFIT CONCERT For The MEDITATION GARDEN at First Presbyterian Church



"Opus" a 7 -Piece Horn-Band Reunites to Perform Classic Hits!

SAT. NOVEMBER 9th





Over 50 years after performing shows in NY, these life-long friends will be travelling from all over the U.S. to Goshen to perform this benefit concert! t00% of the proceeds to be used for the on-going maintenance costs of the church's beautiful, non-denominational Meditation Garden.

<u>Tickets on-sale at Church Office</u> Mon - Fri, 9am-4pm a at Sunday Coffee Hour

Doors open for concert at 6pm - Show starts at 7pm

\$15 Adults, \$12 Seniors/Students, under 5 free

Info: Call Church OFFICE: 845-294-7991 - 33 Park Place, Goshen, NY 10924

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Confessing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we shall seek to use our gifts through worship, ministry, and mission, to gather the Church in from the world, to continue to nurture one another, to serve a world still broken, and to exemplify through common values and purposes Christian discipleship to the greater glory of God.

BOARD OF ELDERS

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
George Hankins	Mark Glassé	Linda Boardman
Deb Hourahan	Bill Hodges	Geri Corey
Barbara Thompson	Lori Kilmer	William Eustance
Sue Varden	Ken Phelan	Brad McLeland
Rob Warner	John Redman	Brian Meek
	Scott Roper	Rob Person

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Diane Church	Michael Coyne	Liese Boese
Carol Gabella	Allison Csernai	Margaret Dickover
Jane Geyer	Don Dinsmore	Jon Hourahan
Gina Gruber	Patrick Ellis	Jody Kopec
Mary Kopec	Paty Glassé	Logan Quick
Betty Lobb	Barbara Schust	Felicia Van Doran
Charlie von Pentz	George Schust	Mitch Weintraub

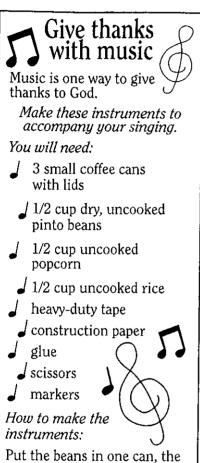
Co - Moderators of Deacons: Carol Gabella and Paty Glassé

Presbyterian Women:

STAFF

Jonathan B. Hall, Minister of Music Patricia Schwetje, Church Secretary Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer Anne Wood, CLP – Mission Pastor to Sullivan County

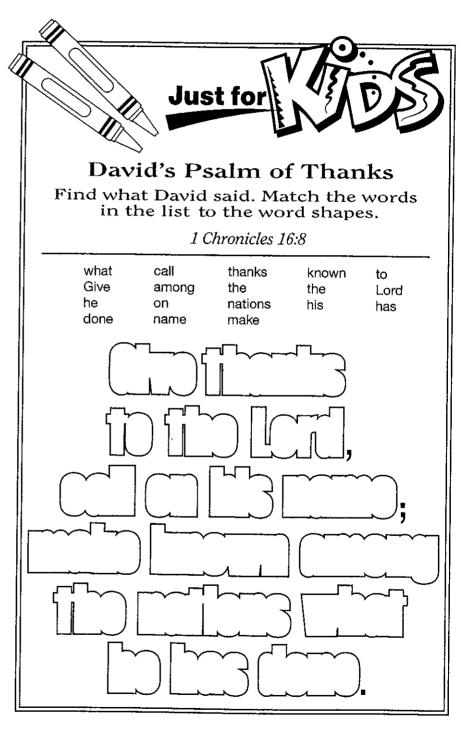
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population beans in one can, the population in another and the rice in the third can. Put the lids on and tape them securely around the rim. Cover the outside of the cans with construction paper, and glue in place. Decorate the cans with markers or crayons.

How to play: Shake the cans while you sing your favorite songs!





Answer: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Nov 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28		30	31	1	2
9:30am - Church	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	Halloween	Midnight Run	9:30am - AA @ B
9:30am - Worship/C	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - Food	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	1 p m - AA @ B
10:30am - Deacons	6:30pm - NA @ FH	12:30pm - NA @ B	6:30pm - Bell Choir	9am - GAPNS	12:30pm - NA @ B	5:30pm - Ballroom
11am - Fundraising	7pm - AA @ B	6:30pm - NA @ B	6:30pm - NAMI @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B	6pm - NAMI @ B	8:30pm - AA @ B
11:30am - Teen	7:30pm - Book		7:30pm - Choir	6pm - Food Pantry		
2pm - NAMI @ B						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Daylight Saving	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9:30am - AA @ B
9:30am - Church	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - Food	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - Inspire @ FH	9am - OPUS	9:30am - Food
9:30am - Worship/C	6:30pm - PW	12:30pm - NA @ B	6:15pm - NAMI @ FH	12:30pm - NA @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B	1pm - AA @ B
10:30am - Coffee	7pm - AA @ B	6:30pm - NA @ B	6:30pm - Bell Choir	1pm - OPUS	6pm - Friday Night	5:30pm - Communit
10:30am - Deacons	7:30pm - Book	6:30pm - NAMI @ B	6:30pm - NA @ B	4pm - Mission	6pm - NAMI @ B	8:30pm - AA @ B
2pm - NAMI @ FH			7:30pm - Choir	6pm - NA @ FH		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30am - Church	Holiday/Office	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9:30am - AA @ B
9:30am - Worship/C	Veterans Day	9:30am - Food	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - Inspire @ FH	12:30pm - NA @ B	1pm - AA @ B
10:30am - Coffee	9am - AA @ B	10am - Bible Study	6:30pm - Bell Choir	12:30pm - NA @ B	6pm - NAMI @ B	4:30pm - NA Game
11am - Mission	12:30pm - NA @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B	6:30pm - NAMI @ B			8:30pm - AA @ B
2pm - NAMI @ FH	6:30pm - NA @ FH	6:30pm - NA @ B	6:30pm - OutReach			
	7pm - AA @ B		7:30pm - Choir			
	7:30pm - Book		7:30pm - Finance			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Tower Tie Articles	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	Set-up for Fair	9am - Craft Fair @
9:30am - Church	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - Food	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - Inspire @ FH	9am - AA @ B	8:30pm - AA @ B
9:30am - Worship/C	7pm - AA @ B	12pm - Clergy Mtg.	6:30pm - Bell Choir	10am - PW Pie	10am - PW Pie	
10:30am - Coffee	7:30pm - Book	12:30pm - NA @ B	6:30pm - NAMI @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B	
2pm - NAMI @ FH		6:30pm - Mark	7:30pm - Choir	6pm - Food Pantry		
		6:30pm - NA @ B	7:30pm - Session @			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:30am - Church	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	Thanksgiving Day	Black Friday	9:30am - AA @ B
9:30am - Worship/C	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - Food	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - AA @ B	Office Closed	1pm - AA @ B
10:30am - Coffee	6:30pm - NA @ FH	10am - Bible Study		12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - AA @ B	8:30pm - AA @ B
11am - Fundraising	7pm - AA @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B			12:30pm - NA @ B	
2pm - NAMI @ FH	7:30pm - Book	6:30pm - NA @ B			6pm - NAMI @ B	