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November/December 2026 Newsletter

Greetings Church Family!!!

November and December are two of the busiest months of the year. We cast our vote, honor our Veterans, give thanks and share in the bounty of the harvest. We hang the greens, bake, cook, decorate the Christmas tree, light candles and sing the wonderful carols of the season. We celebrate all these special times with family and friends. What a glorious busy time of the year!

> Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
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> 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

In the midst of all the events and preparations we must keep our focus on who we are and what our mission is as disciples of Jesus Christ. The words from Paul to the Church in Thessalonica give us a good way to keep our focus on doing the "will of God" – even in the busy times. The directions are simple: Rejoice – pray – give thanks.

Rejoice in God's gift of life here and now with our family and friends. Rejoice that we have the freedoms: to vote, to honor veterans, to gather to remember, and to openly celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Pray unceasingly for: our government, our military, the farmers who grow the harvest, the ability to share generously through our gifts, food, and decorations. Pray that the Light we shine will bring others to know Jesus as their Savior too!

Give thanks for: the right to vote, the men and women who put their lives at risk to serve our country, the blessings of all creation and the nourishment we receive in the harvest. Most importantly give thanks for Immanuel, God with us, on that first Christmas Eve and still today and even into all eternity.

Enjoy these next two months with all the activity and celebrations, at the same time, remember to REJOICE, PRAY, and GIVE THANKS! To God be the Glory, forever and ever! Amen.

May ALL your days be blessed.

Hugs and Prayers,

Pastor Karen L. Smith



Mission

Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

Vision

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Global Methodist Church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.



Daylight Savings Ends on Sunday, November 1st

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Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church: Focus on Prayer

Please consider praying for **The Northeast Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church** with these prayer points in mind, prepared by Conference Superintendent Steven Taylor, October 2026

1. For Our New Season of Episcopal Leadership

As Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory concludes her leadership among us and Bishop Jonathan Lee prepares to begin serving the Northeast Conference on November 1, we give thanks for faithful leadership and pray for a Spirit-filled transition. May God grant wisdom, strength, and unity as we enter this new season of ministry together.

Scripture: *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" — Isaiah 43:19*

2. For Our Presiding Elders and Fall Charge Conferences

Pray for our Presiding Elders as they lead Charge Conferences throughout the Northeast. May these gatherings be more than administrative responsibilities, becoming opportunities for encouragement, accountability, and renewed vision. Ask God to guide congregations as they discern leadership, establish budgets, and prepare for another year of fruitful ministry.

Scripture: *"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." — Proverbs 16:3*

3. For Spiritual Awakening and the Renewal of Our Churches

We pray for a fresh movement of the Holy Spirit across our churches and communities. As District Awakenings, prayer gatherings, and discipleship ministries continue, may hearts be stirred toward repentance, holiness, and a renewed passion for reaching the lost. May our churches become places where lives are transformed by the power of Jesus Christ.

Scripture: "*Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." — Acts 3:19*

4. For Our International Partnerships and the Global Church

Lift up our brothers and sisters in Malawi as they pursue faithful leadership, financial sustainability, and a growing witness for Christ. Pray also for the emerging Global Methodist movement in Spain, Portugal, and Western Europe. May God provide wisdom, resources, and strong relationships as we work together to make disciples across cultures and nations.

Scripture: *"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love." — Ephesians 4:16*

5. For the Development of Christlike Leaders

Pray for the International Leadership Institute training, our Conference Missional Strategist, and those investing in the next

generation of pastors, church planters, and lay leaders. May God raise up leaders of deep faith, godly character, and courageous vision who will equip others and multiply disciple-making churches throughout the Northeast.
Scripture: *"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." — 2 Timothy 2:2*

6. For Peace, Justice, and the Gospel in a Troubled World
As conflict, persecution, political division, and human suffering continue around the world, we pray for the peace that only Jesus Christ can bring. Strengthen believers facing hardship, especially our brothers and sisters in places of violence and instability. May the Church respond with compassion, proclaim the truth of the gospel, and demonstrate the reconciling love of Christ.
Scripture: *"For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility." — Ephesians 2:14*

7. For a Renewed Passion to Make Disciples and Plant Churches
As we move forward from General Conference, pray that our commitment to making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness will bear visible fruit. Ask God to open doors for new church plants, strengthen existing congregations, and awaken a spirit of evangelism throughout the Northeast. May we be faithful in passing on the gospel to future generations.
Scripture: *"Neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow." — 1 Corinthians 3:7*

Indian Falls Global Methodist Church and
WNY Alzheimer's Caregiver Partnership offer a
Free Respite Program: *Caring Hearts & Hands*

On the **third Wednesday of every month** we offer a **FREE four hour program from 10am-2pm** for **Alzheimer/Dementia patients**. We offer a safe and fun environment for the patients to visit, do crafts, and have a nourishing lunch. This program gives the caregivers a break they can depend on, for some much-needed time to themselves. ***If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program, please have them get in touch with Celinda McQuistion at 585-478-8188.***



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Attention Senior Citizen:

Indian Falls offers a **Senior Luncheon** on the **second Saturday** of every month except January and February at **12:00pm**. We offer a meal, program, give-aways, and fellowship. The cost of the meal is **$8/person**. ***To make a reservation please call Celinda McQuistion at 585-478-8188 the week prior to the scheduled meal***. The remaining dates for 2025 are: **Nov. 14** **Dec. 12**
Hope to see you!!!



Food Pantry Update

All food donations must be NON-Perishable.
No Frozen food items please.

Always in need of Cereal, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, & Soup*

Thank you for your continued food donations!

We Donated **20** Bags of groceries
&
34 Box of Cereal
in September & October to Batavia's Salvation Army

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Turkey Dinner
With All The Trimmings



November 19th
4:30pm-6:00pm

Eat In OR Take Out
Olcott Beach Church
5956 Main Street, Olcott



Please bring jars of peanut butter & jelly
Monetary donations will be used to buy
peanut butter & jelly to support the PB&J Drive

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Well, here we are again, preparing a budget for 2027. My mom was right, the older you get the faster the years go by.

When everything was said and done this year our new budget will be approximately 3.5% more than 2026. As I am sure you know we are a church that is very cautious with our spending. Lately we have spent quite a bit of money on painting and new carpets but we paid for both in cash. You must admit it looks fantastic.

We try to base our budget on what we anticipate our tithing to be. This year we put the pledge request forms in the bulletins the weeks of October 4th and 11th. When all was tallied, we have the following results: of the 70 possible giving units (people who tithe to the church annually) we had 26 responses. That is only 37% of the giving units. The amount pledged from these 26 is $103,840.^{00}. So, as you can see our budget is absolutely a leap of faith. Please don't misunderstand this is how it happens every year.

If you have not filled out one of these forms we will have some at the front of the sanctuary, by the offering plate for the next two Sundays. Nov 1st and 8th.

Our capital fund has a current balance of approximately $11,500 and will continue to receive $6,250.^{00} quarterly from our general fund. These monies will be used by the Trustees for large capital projects. Having this money in the capital fund will help with things that come up that were not planned.

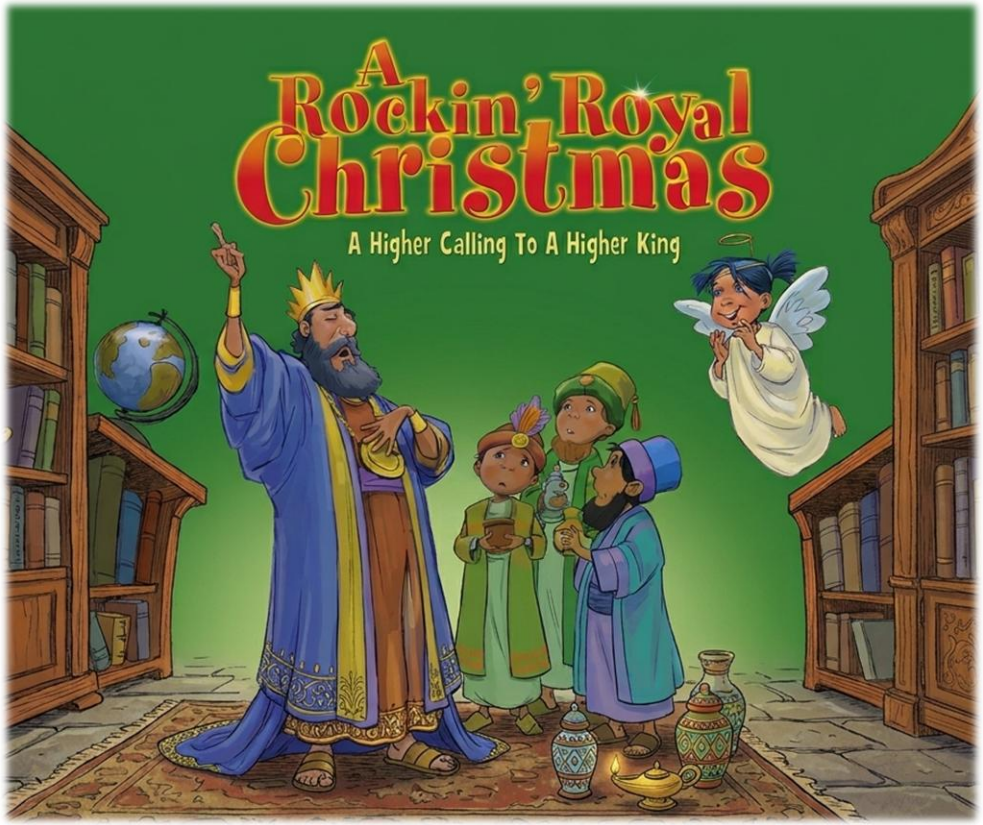
Our strawberry social was a great success this year, and we were able to give the proceeds from the dessert booth at the social directly to the youth group for further mission trips.

I would like at this time to thank all the folks on the finance committee for their guidance and support throughout 2026. I look forward to a fantastic 2027.

Once the 2027 budget is approved at the ad council meeting on November 24th, copies of the budget will be on the table in front of Mandie's office.

Peace: Celinda McQuistion-Finance Chair

"Trust in the Lord with all you heart, and lean not on you own understanding." Proverbs 5:3



Get ready to rock around the throne! 🎸👑 Join us for A Rockin' Royal Christmas—an exciting musical journey featuring quirky characters, amazing kids' performances, and the true meaning of Christmas. Don't miss it!

December 13th @ 7pm

Santa & Cookies to Follow

We are looking for people to help supply cookies for the refreshment hour afterwards. Cookies can be dropped off in the dining room prior to the start of the show.

Mission News

Conrad and Irma Phelps in Peru have sent their deep thanks for the support that they need so much. Irma had excellent help from the Presbyterian mission eye clinic for successfully removing her cataracts. Now she will need hearing aids. She has celebrated her 81st birthday and she continues to bless many people. She has started planning for the next lady's retreat. Anita is discouraged and tired and continues to need our prayers for breast cancer healing. She has been helped with her pain as she went through her radiation therapy with occupational therapy. *Please remember that the cleaning/dish cloths outside the sanctuary are 2/$5 and all the money received goes to support them.*

Corrine Long (working in finance for OMS in Indiana) was able to travel in September with the OMS finance team to Colombia and Ecuador as part of a field visit and financial audit. She enjoyed meeting with the missionaries there and seeing first hand the ministry activities that she supports through her role in Global Ministries finance. They visited a Bible seminary where her husband Jonathan's family served 40 years ago. In Ecuador they met with the team that has a heart for reaching the lost. She even got to stand on the Equator. In October "supervisor" was added to her role for new hires, Luis and Charlie whom she trained to be working remotely with and serving the four regions financially within OMS. She asks for prayers for the start of the busy budget season and her responsibilities with global finance. She also needs prayers for continued financial support.

John and Tricia Fraser have returned to Hungary where Tricia is starting her 10th year as the librarian in a Christian school. John is preparing a Bible study for the school staff. They will be leading the twenty Teach Beyond missionaries in Hungary this year. This summer they had traveled to the United States for Tricia's mom's memorial service and for the rest of the time alternated between spending time with their kids and getting Jonathan ready for university, and helping to clean out the houses. Both John and Tricia's fathers have moved to assisted living facilities. *They ask for our continued prayers for their ministry and families.*

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox packing time is upon us. The youth have us off to a great start with 100 boxes packed and ready to go! Congregation or community members are invited to join us on Sunday, November 8th, before (9-10 am) and after church (11:30 am-1 pm) for a PACKING PARTY to help pack some shoeboxes with donations that have been collected throughout the year.

On November 15th we will be blessing our packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child as they get ready to make their journey around the world. We can be confident that God will meet each child with a promise of hope and a message of love as he or she receives a shoebox. Thank you for your continued support in this ministry to help fulfill the Great Commission.

I wanted to send out a BIG thanks with much appreciation to all who have supported this ministry throughout this year. I am so thankful to share and serve this ministry with all of you. I know God will do big things with the gifts we are sending to bless His children who have packed them as well as those who receive them. I can't wait to see how many boxes we will pack together this year. We will announce our final count November 15th.

Our church is also a designated drop-off location for collecting shoeboxes from area churches and individuals. National Collection Week runs from November 16-23. Our church will be open for 2 hours each day to accept shoeboxes packed by other groups. If you would like to volunteer during collection week, please see Meagan Stringham (585-409-3946) or just show up during the designated times as listed below.

Mon, Nov. 16- 9:00am - 11:00am
Tue, Nov. 17- 9:00am - 11:00am
Wed, Nov. 18- 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Thu, Nov. 19- 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Fri, Nov. 20- 9:00am - 11:00am
Sat, Nov. 21- 8:00am - 10:00am
Sun, Nov. 22- 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Mon, Nov. 23- 8:00am - 10:00am

Prayer Garden Memorial Cross "Walk of Faith"

The bricks in the cross of our Prayer Garden are being offered to the church congregation and public for memorializing a loved one, honoring your family or someone special to you. A special engraving in the block will last a lifetime and beyond.

One brick, 2 lines =$125
Additional brick(s) $100 ea.

One brick, 3 lines=$135
Additional brick(s) $110 ea.

Each line consists of 15 characters (spaces & punctuation count). To take advantage of the reduced pricing on any additional bricks, they must be ordered and paid for at the same time. Please complete this form (form is also in the greeter's kiosk) and return to the Finance Committee or mail to:

Indian Falls Global Methodist Church
7908 Alleghany Rd.
Corfu, NY 14036

All checks should be made out to: ***Indian Falls GMC.***

Proceeds to benefit the Building Fund.
Thank you for your support!

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(3rd Line Optional)

Name, address, phone:_____

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Pay-Pal

We have a church Pay-pal account. If you would like to tithe using Pay-Pal all you need to do is scan the QR code or go to https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=P5QSYF2CV3XN6&source=url and that will take you where you need to go and the rest is just a couple of clicks and your tithe is sent. Since the account is managed by Mandie Coughlin, her name will appear on the receipt, but the description will say it is going to Indian Falls Global Methodist Church.

Scan. Pay. Go.

Domestic Violence at the YWCA- Sample sized toiletry items are collected in the west bin in the entryway to the narthex.

Ronald McDonald House- Can top rings in a jar by the Sunday School rooms.

Samaritan's Purse Livestock Projects- Contribute to the birthday offering jar found in the church office during the week and in the sanctuary on Sunday morning.

Empty ink jets and toner cases- top of stairs from the Narthex.

Salvation Army Food Pantry- In the grocery cart in the narthex and special "food pyramid" collections throughout the year.

"Bible Bucks"- If a dollar bill has the letter 'B', 'I', 'L', or 'E' in the Federal Reserve Seal, donate it to the Capital Improvement Fund. Place in an envelope marked "Bible Bucks" and give with your offering.

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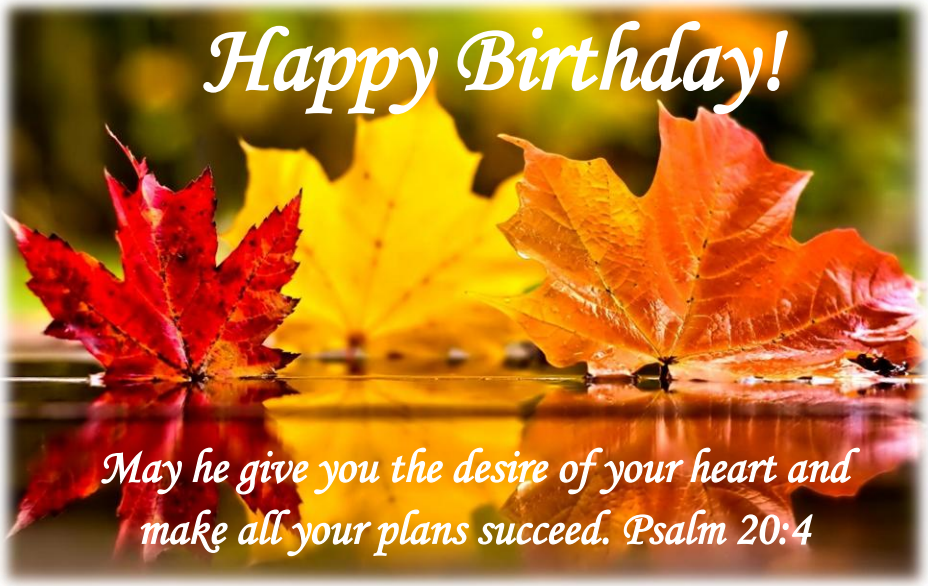

November

3rd	Jane Grehlinger	19th	Macy Tamburlin
	Gary Diamond	24th	Teri Tamburlin
8th	Sharde (Klotzbach)		Garrett Kenyon
10th	Christopher Fehr	25th	Lola Hallet
	Micah Klotzbach	26th	Andrea Easton
	Marvin Meiser		Janet Klotzbach
11th	Wilma Ianni	27th	Pam Klotzbach
16th	Jared Konieczny	28th	Jennifer Glor
17th	Scott Adamczak		

December

3rd	Julie Klotzbach	18th	Kathy Craig
5th	Karin Phelps		Ann Marie Kelsey
11th	Carol Klotzbach		Dean Schaal
	Cooper Klotzbach		Annabel Swimline
13th	Kelly Wolsiefer	20th	Wyatt Summers
	Elena Hartz	22nd	Dan Johnston
14th	Troy Harlach	24th	Kay Green
	Jackie Van Dussen	28th	Garth Hinkson
18th	Katlyn Gerwitz		Al Scalzo



November

15th	Scott & Chris Adamczak
20th	Mike & Deb Murray
30th	Larry & Linda J. Klotzbach

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3rd	Rodney & Debbie Stringham
30th	Wesley & Pamela Klotzbach

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends **8:00am** Men's Bible Study **10:00am** Worship **11:30am** Sunday School **6:30pm-8:00pm** YG Meeting	**2**	**3** **9:30am** Women's Bible Study	**4** **9:00am** Being the Light at Linda's Restaurant **7:00pm-8:00pm** Choir Practices	**5**	**6**	**7** **4:00pm-7:00pm**-Spaghetti Dinner "Dr. David A. Stringham Memorial Scholarship" Benefit
8 **8:00am** Men's Bible Study **10:00am** Worship **11:30am** Sunday School **11:30am** YG Mission to Seneca Street UMC	**9**	**10** **9:30am** Women's Bible Study	**11** Veterans Day **9:00am** Being the Light at Linda's Restaurant **7:00pm-8:00pm** Choir Practices	**12** **7:00pm** Emmaus Gathering	**13**	**14** **12:00pm** Senior Lunch **6:00pm-9:00pm** Family Fun Night
15 **8:00am** Men's Bible Study **10:00am** Worship **11:30am** Sunday School **6:30pm-8:00pm** YG Meeting Movie Night	**16** **9:00am-11:00am** Shoebox Drop Off	**17** **9:00am-11:00am** Shoebox Drop Off **9:30am** Women's Bible Study **6:30pm** Charge Conference	**18** **9:00am** Being the Light at Linda's Restaurant **10:00am-2:00pm** Respite Care **2:15pm** Women's Fellowship Meeting **4:00pm-6:00pm** Shoebox Drop Off **7:00pm-8:00pm** Choir Practices	**19** **4:00pm-6:00pm** Shoebox Drop Off	**20** **9:00am-11:00am** Shoebox Drop Off	**21** **8:00am-10:00am** Shoebox Drop Off
22 **8:00am** Men's Fellowship Breakfast **10:00am** Worship **11:30am** Sunday School **12:00pm-2:00pm** Shoebox Drop Off	**23** **8:00am-10:00am** Shoebox Drop Off	**24** **9:30am** Women's Bible Study **6:30pm** Ad Council Meeting	**25** **9:00am** Being the Light at Linda's Restaurant **7:00pm-8:00pm** Choir Practices	**26** **Thanksgiving Day**	**27**	**28**
29 **8:00am** Men's Bible Study **10:00am** Worship **11:30am** Sunday School	**30**	Notes:				

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		1 **9:30am** Women's Bible Study	**2** **9:00am** Being the Light at Linda's Restaurant **7:00pm-8:00pm** Choir Practices	**3**	**4**	**5**
6 **8:00am** Men's Bible Study **10:00am** Worship **11:30am** Sunday School **6:30pm-8:00pm** YG Meeting- Christmas PJ Party	**7**	**8** **9:30am** Women's Bible Study	**9** **9:00am** Being the Light at Linda's Restaurant **7:00pm-8:00pm** Choir Practices	**10** **7:00pm** Emmaus Gathering	**11**	**12** **12:00pm** Senior Lunch **6:00pm-9:00pm** Family Fun Night
13 **8:00am** Men's Bible Study **10:00am** Worship **11:30am** Sunday School **7:00pm** Christmas Play	**14**	**15** **9:30am** Women's Bible Study **6:30pm** Trustees Meeting	**16** **9:00am** Being the Light at Linda's Restaurant **10:00am-2:00pm** Respite Care **2:15pm** Women's Fellowship Meeting **7:00pm-8:00pm** Choir	**17**	**18**	**19**
20 **8:00am** Men's Bible Study **10:00am** Worship **11:30am** Sunday School **6:30pm-8:00pm** YG Meeting	**21**	**22** **9:30am** Women's Bible Study	**23** **9:00am** Being the Light at Linda's Restaurant **7:00pm-8:00pm** Choir Practices	**24** **7:00pm** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	**25** Christmas	**26**
27 **8:00am** Men's Fellowship Breakfast **10:00am** Worship **11:30am** Sunday School	**28**	**29** **9:30am** Women's Bible Study	**30** **9:00am** Being the Light at Linda's Restaurant **7:00pm-8:00pm** Choir Practices	**31**	Notes:	