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Fall Kickoff! *with Pastor Jordan Louks*



Pastor Jordan Louks

Can you believe that summer is almost over? It seems that it was just a little while ago that we were entering the warmer months and now we are preparing for fall. I will not complain though as I really do enjoy the changing of the seasons and apple-themed desserts.

To kick-off the fall, on **Sunday, September 11** we will be celebrating **National Grandparents Day** with a photo booth. We will also be having **Sundae Sunday** in the Multi-Purpose Room after the 9:45 and in the Wesley Dining Hall after the 11:01. I am looking forward to seeing all the fun pictures and eating some ice cream that day. Moreover, our Sunday programming begins that same day with **Kid's Connection, Next Generation Bell Choir, and Storytime.**

That Sunday will also start a **new sermon series** based on the book **"Everybody, Always"** by Bob Goff. This book is all about striving to become love. With the sermon series, we will have **five different book/video study groups** (see right) starting that same week, as we seek to dive deeper and grow in faith together. Signup in the church office!

Additionally, we will launch our Wednesday night discipleship on September 14. Beginning with a meal at 5 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room, there will then be opportunities for kids, youth, and adults, from 5:45-8:15 p.m. **Wednesdays this fall** is all about growing in our love of God and love of neighbor. Please check out the **flier enclosed in this newsletter** for a full list of discipleship opportunities this fall, including many service opportunities

with **Feeding South Dakota, Nightwatch, The Banquet, Habitat for Humanity,** and so much more.

It is amazing to be part of a community that strives to grow in faith. Let us continue striving to be that sanctuary of Christian hope, love, and encouragement, looking to the Spirit's guidance as we continue to learn more and more what that means together.

God's peace be with you,

Pastor Jordan Louks

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"Everybody, Always" Book Studies

On 9/11, we start a new sermon series based on the book "Everybody Always" by Bob Goff. This book is all about how we become love in a world that is full of setbacks and difficult people. A fun series that explores how we can grow in our love of God and our love of neighbor.

This will be five 5-week book/video studies:

- Tue @ Noon w/Pastor Deborah Stowers (*Fireplace Room*), starts 9/13
- Wed @ 5:45 p.m. w/Pastor Jordan Louks (*Fireplace Room*), starts 9/14
- Wed @ 6 p.m. w/Brian & Stacey Jans (*Library*), starts 9/14
- Thu @ 7:15 p.m. w/Heather Coombs (*"The Source", in the Jones Building @ 421 Phillips Ave.*), starts 9/15
- Fri @ Noon w/Nancy Hallenbeck (*Zoom*), starts 9/14

Books are available in the church office as well as signup sheets for the various studies. Feel free to jump in at any time even if you have missed or will miss a week or two.

THE 11:01

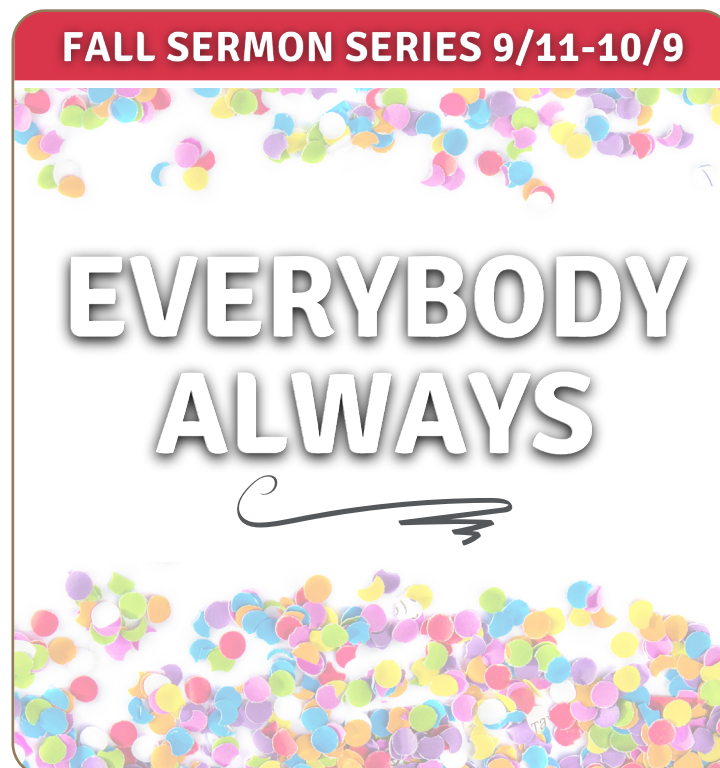
One community joined by hope

SUNDAYS @ 11:01AM
MODERN WORSHIP

First United Methodist Church
401 S. Spring Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104



www.sfumc.org/the1101



Information is correct at publication.

Please visit our website, sfumc.org, for further details and updates.

Adult Discipleship



Loving the 605 with KidStop

Love the 605 is all about showing the love of our God to our neighbors around us. One of the great ministries that we partner with throughout the year is **KidStop**. KidStop provides after-school care and summer programming for 80+ kids in our community right in our church building. We are grateful to be a part of this thriving ministry.

You can support KidStop several ways this September:

- First, you can give financially toward KidStop. Part of those donations will end up going toward a closet that KidStop has that provides kids items they need throughout the year, such as shoes, coats, mittens, and school supplies.
- Second, you can donate canned goods (black beans, refried beans, and vegetables) as well as breakfast cereals that will go into the mini-food pantry that KidStop has. Food insecurity is a problem here in Sioux Falls, and it is no different for some of our KidStop families. Drop them off at the church.
- Third, on Sunday, September 11, it is Second Service Sunday at the 11:01, and we will have a mission project that will help our KidStop kids with some necessary items.

20s and 30s Group

- Are you in your 20s or 30s?
 - Do you like food, hanging out, conversation, and games?
- This young adults' group gets together regularly. The date and time fluctuate, so please contact Pastor Jordan to see when the group meets next.

Higgins Bible Study

We are continuing in our journey through the Old Testament. Higgins meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays @ 8 a.m. in the Fireplace Room. There are donuts and coffee as well as great discussion about who our God is as revealed to us in the Old Testament. Join us!

Wedded Band

Wedded Band will meet **Wednesday, Sept 14 at 1 p.m.** in the **Friendship Room** following the S.A.G.E.S. meeting. Rev. Rodney Gist will present a program on his travels to different countries. Our dear friend and long time member, Harlan Meyer, will celebrate his 100th birthday in September. We celebrate with you, Harlan!

S.A.G.E.S.

S.A.G.E.S. meets **Wednesday, Sept 14 at 11:30 a.m.** in the **Multi-Purpose Room**. After a meal of pork loin, au gratin potatoes, baby carrots, and home made cream puffs, we will have a program resented by representatives from the **211 helpline**.

We'll also have devotions, a bio in a nutshell, and a drawing for a free meal. All are invited for 90 minutes of fun, food, and fellowship. Come and enjoy this time with us. R.S.V.P. by calling the church office at (605) 336-3652. Hope to see you there.

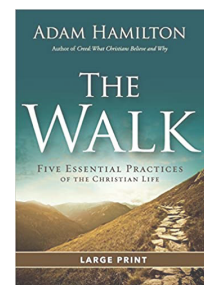
Men's Retreat ~ Sep 30-Oct 1

Mark your calendars for the end of September as we will be having a men's retreat Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1 at the church. The theme for the event is **"Love the 605: Faith Inside and Outside the Church."** At this retreat, we will have opportunities to serve together at various organizations here in-town. We will hear a message from Mayor Paul TenHaken who is our guest speaker on Friday night. Additionally, we will have an opportunity to worship together and ask what it means to lead a life led by God's spirit. It is going to be a fun two days as we serve together, worship together, and grow together in faith. Please register in the church office!

New Member Class

This Sep/Oct we're offering a six-week new member's class. This will help participants discern how, through membership at First Church, they can make an impact for the kingdom through their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We'll be walking through Adam Hamilton's book **The Walk**, which is all about cultivating lifelong spiritual practices that help us grow in faith. The course runs 9/21-10/26 @ 7:15 p.m. in the Fireplace Room. New Member Sunday will be Sunday, October 30.

If you have interest in the class, please contact the church office to sign up. The books are available in the church office, free of charge. Let Pastor Jordan know if you have any questions.

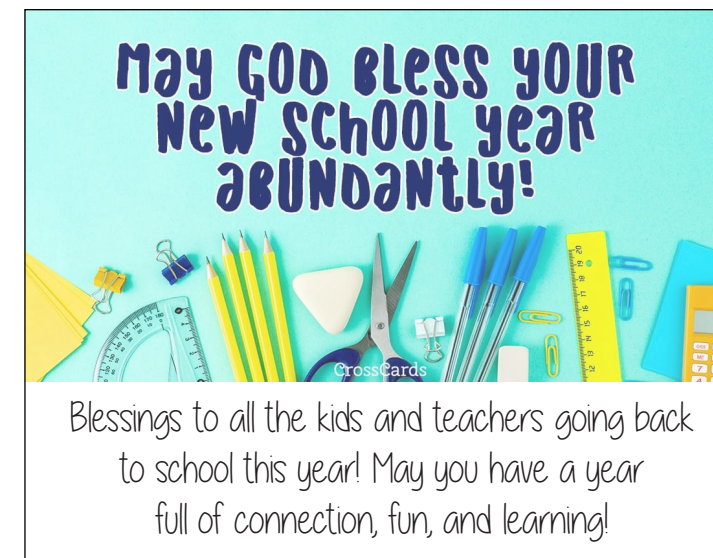


Congregational Care

Fall Grief Group

Pastor Ron Olson will lead a grief group this fall during which we will use the recently published book **Two Hands: Grief and Gratitude in the Christian Life**, by Lynne Baab, to explore the relationship between grief and gratitude. If you desire a "safe place" to explore the grief from your own loss and your gratitude for what lies in and proceeds from that loss, we invite you to come to this weekly group!

- Wednesday evenings, 7-8 p.m., from 10/5-11/16.
- Lewis Friendship Room
- Sign up at the Information Center or contact Pam Knuth: knuthp@sfumc.org



CLEAN COMEDY

September 11, 2022 *for a cause*

Central Church

(Oakwood Chapel)
3102 W Ralph Rogers Road - Sioux Falls

For more info: www.LaGonaveAlive.com/comedy

LAGONAVE ALIVE!

A HAITI MINISTRY

CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTH

- Mabel Grace Moon Erickson (*granddaughter of Lori Erickson*)

BAPTISM

- Luke Joshua Crisp (*son of Joshua & Katie Crisp*)
- Ryan Levi Reker (*son of Corey & Alicia Reker, grandson of Todd & Julie Hanisch*)

HOSPICE

- Mary Newcomb
- Ray Bucklin (*father of Val (David) Mickelson*)
- Dennis Reents (*husband of Lucille Reents*)

DEATH

- Sandy Odegaard (*friend of Jane Leonhardt*)
- Pat Walton (*wife of Dr. Jerry Walton*)
- Tom Zimmer (*father of Sarah (Bill) Meredith*)
- Evelyn Blumer (*wife of Rev Boyd Blumer*)
- Dean Everetts (*father of Dan (Carol) Everetts*)

JOYS & CONCERNS

- Ron Kimball (*husband of Sondra Kimball*)
- Renita Schepeler (*wife of Bill Schepeler*)
- Alexis K (*requested by Dawn*)
- Mike McConniel (*husband of Cynthia McConniel*)
- Jim & Arlene Kieffer (*parents of Cynthia (Mike) McConniel*)
- Conner
- Heidi Stricherz-Geranen & Family
- Brad (*requested by Traci Gilbertson*)
- Connor (*requested by Traci (Brad) Gilbertson*)
- Karionna Johnson (*niece of Lora (Roger) Barthelman*)

ATTENDANCE

- July 10: In Person..... 241
Online..... 176
- July 17: In Person.....202
Online.....276
- July 24: In Person.....209
Online.....290
- July 31: In Person.....243
Online.....386
- Aug 7: In Person..... 210
Online.....282
- Aug 14: In Person.....276

"The Bag Ladies"

AA Women's Only Group Meeting

Bring your "brown bag" lunch.
Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m., Fireplace Room
First United Methodist Church



"3C's" Al-Anon Family Groups

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting

Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Fireplace Room
First United Methodist Church
To request Zoom link send email to:
SDAAnonOutreach@gmail.com

www.al-anon.org / www.sdal-anon-alateen.org
Sioux Falls Hotline / meeting information: 605-679-5497
Rapid City Hotline / meeting information: 605-390-6432

Next Generation News

Summer Was a Blast!

We had **45 people go to camp** and **27 go on mission trips** this summer. We enjoyed a kick-off to summer with watching **"Despicable Me"** at the movie theater, a great morning of worship and a fun **scavenger hunt** at Sertoma park mid-summer, and an end of summer celebration with **root beer floats and inflatables**.

We are busy gearing up for the "Fall Kick-Off" on September 11! We have great new things in store for children and youth, including updates to a few meeting spaces. You should come and check them out! Kids Connection and Kids@First will have 2 classes: pre-K-1st & 2nd-5th. These will meet in rooms 301 and 304 upstairs. This will allow even more interaction with the kids at their level. We are also adding a High School study that will be primarily student-led and a wonderful opportunity for them to continue to grow in relationship with God and with each other. Youth group from 5:45-7pm and Confirmation continue to be great places for students to learn and grow.

Any questions, please contact Pastor Andrea — johnsona@sfumc.org

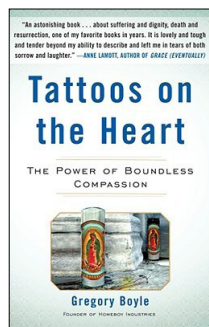
"Read @ First" Book Club

Read @ First is a new monthly book club where we will build faith and community together. Open to all adults.

3rd Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Led by Jane Healy

• **Sep 20 – Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion by Greg Boyle**

Father Gregory Boyle's sparkling parables about kinship and the sacredness of life are drawn from twenty years working with gangs in LA. How do you fight despair and learn to meet the world with a loving heart? How do you overcome shame? Stay faithful in spite of failure? No matter where people live or what their circumstances may be, everyone needs boundless, restorative love. Gorgeous and uplifting, Tattoos on the Heart amply demonstrates the impact unconditional love can have on your life.



Upcoming Date and Title:

• **Oct 18 – Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate**

Email Jane Healy jheitman22@hotmail.com or call the church office if you have questions or want to sign up. The group is limited to 12 to enhance discussion, so sign up now!

KIDSTOP

by **Kathy Martens, KidStop Executive Director**

We just started a new school year—what a fun time when you can start fresh.

We have **83 children enrolled in our KidStop after-school program** and are excited for all the fun adventures and learning planned for this school year!

We are looking forward to Wednesday Night Activities starting as well. We will also be doing the silverware ministry for Wednesday night meals again.



The **October Here @ First** newsletter articles are due by **4:30PM, Tues, 9/20**. The August newsletter will be mailed on **Wed, 9/28**. Please email information to Jill Johnson at **johnsonj@sfumc.org**

Join A Discipleship Opportunity Now!

Gather • Grow • Go

2022 SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

GATHER

Worship & Social Groups

- **Wednesday Night Meals**
Wednesdays, 5-5:45 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room, Starts 9/14
- **Parents Happy Hour**
Wednesdays, 5:45-8 p.m.
Wesley Dining Hall, Starts 9/14
- **20s & 30s Group**
Various Times & Places
- **Triple F: Food, Fun, Fellowship**
Various Times & Places

GROW

Small Study Groups

- **Midweek Refresh**
Tuesdays, Noon
Fireplace Room, Year-round
- **Adult Bible Study**
Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.
Fireplace Room, Year-round
- **New Members Class**
Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., 6 weeks
Fireplace Room, Starts 9/21
- **S.A.G.E.S. – Senior Adults: Growing, Exploring, Serving**
2nd Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.
Multi-Purpose Room, Year-round
- **AMen's Fellowship**
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, Noon
Leopard Library, Starts 9/6
- **Men of Integrity**
Saturday Mornings, 7:30 a.m.
W. 41st Street Perkins, Year-round
- **Higgins Bible Study**
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8 a.m.
Fireplace Room, Starts 9/13

GO

Mission & Service Groups

- **Nightwatch**
1st Mondays, 5-7 p.m.
- **The Downtown Banquet**
3rd Tuesdays, 5:30-8 a.m.
- **The Banquet West**
4th Tuesdays, 3:30-6 p.m.
- **Feeding South Dakota Food Distribution**
1st Wednesdays, 5:30-7 p.m.
- **Habitat for Humanity**
2nd Saturdays, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- ➔ **Connect @ First** – Every Sunday
Serving as ushers and greeters
- ➔ **Events @ First** – Meet as needed
Planning and serving special events.

EVENTS

- **Kick-Off Sunday, National Grandparents Day, Sundae Sunday**
Sunday, September 11
- ➔ **Men's Retreat**
Friday, 9/30 – Saturday, 10/1
- **Trunk or Treat**
Wednesday, October 26
- **Turkey Dinner**
Sunday, November 6

NEXT GENERATION MINISTRIES

- **Kids Connection** – Starts 9/11
Sunday mornings, dismissed during 9:45 a.m. worship service.
- **Kids @ First** – Starts 9/14
Wednesdays, 5:45-7 p.m.
- **Youth @ First** – Starts 9/14
Wednesdays, 5:45-7 p.m.
- **Confirmation** – Starts 9/14
Wednesdays, 7:05-7:45 p.m.
- ➔ **High School Study** – Starts 9/14
Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.

➔ New This Fall

For more information scan the QR code, go to our website www.sfumc.org, or call the church office @ (605) 336-3652.



A sanctuary of Christian hope, love, and encouragement in the heart of Sioux Falls.



St. Michael's Ethiopian Christian Church Update

By Jennifer Larsen

On March 26, 2022, First United Methodist opened its doors to the St. Michael's Ethiopian Orthodox congregation. St. Michael's needed a temporary church home after a devastating fire destroyed their church building. Since their first Sunday with us, St. Michael's congregation has worshipped every Sunday, deepened their faith through Holy Week and Easter services, celebrated a wedding and hosted a large celebration on the Sunday of their patron saint, St. Michael.

First Church has received hundreds of 'thank you's' from St. Michael's congregation members, as well as multiple public statements of thankfulness including in the Argus Leader and other media outlets, a regional Ethiopian magazine and at a fundraiser held in July. They greatly appreciate that they have felt welcomed in our church building and have been able to continue to worship and be in community together.

St. Michael's has been working diligently on determining their future. Since the fire, they have learned that they will not be able to re-build their old building as they would be required to build a building based on current building codes, and they just don't have the land to fit both a building and a parking lot. They have also done a substantial amount of fundraising, settled insurance claims on the old building, found new banking relationships and have searched for possible buildings to rent or buy. They have negotiated for the purchase of a building in northwest Sioux Falls and the offer was accepted this week!! They are now working through due

diligence on the building and trying to finalize financing. If they are able to acquire this building, they will likely continue to worship at First Church for three more months. If this purchase falls through for any reason, then it will be longer.

We initially set the termination date of the Building Use Agreement at August 28, 2022. We knew at the time that we may need to extend the term, but wanted to encourage St. Michael's to be diligent in looking for a permanent home. The Church Council has extended the term of the agreement to January 31, 2023 (we don't want a termination date during the holidays).

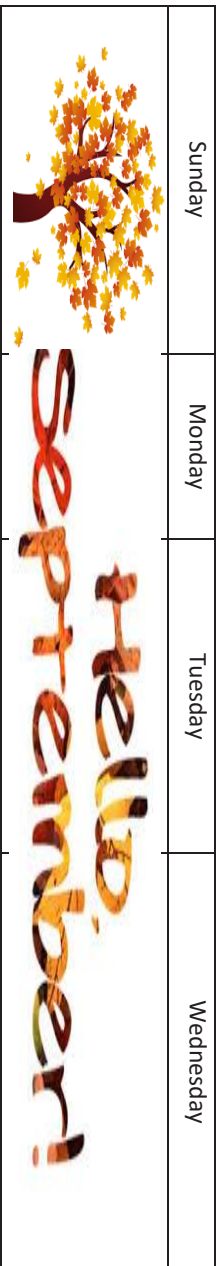
As with any relationship, our time with St. Michael's has had a few minor bumps. Mostly that their congregation continues to grow and sometimes spills into our hallway and that some of their special celebrations create more dancing, drumming and singing than we are used to in our hallways. We have had excellent cooperation in working with St. Michael's so that we all live in harmony. They have been great guests and are very willing to work with us. And, we are grateful for our congregation's willingness to accept the periodic busy hallways and appreciate that St. Michael's has Christian traditions that are different than ours.

It has been a blessing to "Love the 605" in such an important and meaningful way. First United Methodist is truly living into our commitment to show Christ's love in our community.

We also help support local hands-on projects such as freezer meals, funerals, Shoebox Christmas, and other projects as they arise.

All women at First Church are automatically members of United Women in Faith. Every UWF activity you participate in helps support our mission. In addition to our church wide programs you can participate in fellowship and educational activities through one of our local circles (women's small groups), Mission U, the UWF Reading Program, The Response Magazine, and podcasts.

For more information on UWF as an organization, go to: uwfaith.org. For more information on UWF here in Sioux Falls, or information on joining one of our circles, contact UWF President Mary Jane Richardson.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 Communion Hymn Sing Sunday Worship: In-Person & Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:01am Jam Session (Wesley Dining Hall)</p>	<p>5 Church office closed Nightwatch at Hayward: 9pm</p>	<p>6 Allen's: 12pm Midweek Refresh: 12pm (Fireplace Room)</p>	<p>7 Feeding SD Food Distribution: 5:30pm Chancel Choir: 7pm</p>	<p>1 Les Cloches Rehearsal: 5:30pm 11:01 Band Rehearsal: 6pm Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm</p>	<p>2 Facebook: FYI Friday 11am</p>	<p>3 Men of Integrity: 7:30am</p>
<p>11 Grandparents Day Sundee Sunday Sunday Worship: In-Person & Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) Storytime: 9am (Library) 9:45am w/in Person Kid's Connection (Sanctuary) 11:01am (Wesley Dining Hall)</p>	<p>12 </p>	<p>13 Higgins: 8am Midweek Refresh: 12pm (Fireplace Room)</p>	<p>14 Women's Bible Study: 9:30am Sages: 11:15am Wedded Band: 1pm Dinner: 5pm Kids @ First: 5:45pm Youth @ First: 5:45pm Adults Book Study @ First: 5:45pm & 6pm High School Study: 7pm Chancel Choir: 7pm</p>	<p>8 Les Cloches Rehearsal: 5:30pm 11:01 Band Rehearsal: 6pm Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm</p>	<p>9 Facebook: FYI Friday 11am </p>	<p>10 Men of Integrity: 7:30am Habitat for Humanity Team Build: 8:30am</p>
<p>18 Sunday Worship: In-Person & Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) Storytime: 9am (Library) 9:45am w/in Person Kid's Connection (Sanctuary) 11:01am (Wesley Dining Hall)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Serve the Downtown Banquet: 5:30am Allen's: 12pm Midweek Refresh: 12pm (Fireplace Room) Carifest Meeting: 5:30pm Read @ First: 5:30pm September Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>21 Women's Bible Study: 9:30am Dinner: 5pm Kids @ First: 5:45pm Youth @ First: 5:45pm Adults Book Study @ First: 5:45pm & 6pm High School Study: 7pm Chancel Choir: 7pm New Members Class: 7:15pm (Fireplace Room)</p>	<p>15 Rachel Circle: 9:30am Les Cloches Rehearsal: 5:30pm 11:01 Band Rehearsal: 6pm Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm Rebecca Circle: 7pm Book Study w/Heather Coombs: 7:15pm (offsite)</p>	<p>16 Facebook: FYI Friday 11am Book Study w/Nancy Hallenbeck via Zoom: 12pm</p>	<p>17 Men of Integrity: 7:30am Nan Circle: 9:30am (Library)</p>
<p>25 Sunday Worship: In-Person & Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) Storytime: 9am (Library) 9:45am w/in Person Kid's Connection (Sanctuary) 11:01am (Wesley Dining Hall)</p>	<p>26 </p>	<p>27 Higgins: 8am Midweek Refresh: 12pm (Fireplace Room) Serve Banquet West: 4:30pm Finance Meeting: 5:30pm SPRC Meeting: 5:30pm Trustee Meeting: 5:30pm Church Council Meeting: 7pm</p>	<p>28 Women's Bible Study: 9:30am Dinner: 5pm Kids @ First: 5:45pm Youth @ First: 5:45pm Adults Book Study @ First: 5:45pm & 6pm High School Study: 7pm Chancel Choir: 7pm New Members Class: 7:15pm (Fireplace Room)</p>	<p>29 Les Cloches Rehearsal: 5:30pm 11:01 Band Rehearsal: 6pm Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm Book Study w/Heather Coombs: 7:15pm (offsite)</p>	<p>30 Facebook: FYI Friday 11am Men's Retreat: 5pm (M/PR) Book Study w/Nancy Hallenbeck via Zoom: 12pm </p>	<p>24 Men of Integrity: 7:30am</p>

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Did you know that you could get a copy of Pastor Sara's Sunday sermons?