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**The Ben Salem Voice**  
*Ben Salem United Church of Christ*  
PO 128, Andreas, PA 18211  
**November – 2011**



**Give thanks with  
a grateful heart.**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here it is the month of November and the year is drawing towards its close. Soon the landscape will be gray while the air is already turning brisk and chilly. Some of us may not look forward to this time of year with its blustery days and cold, cold nights. Others though, find the end of fall and the winter season to be a time of comfort. I suppose it is because in the season of winter they find comfort in a thick sweater and a warm blanket or if they have access to a fireplace or stove they find comfort sitting by a warm fire with a good book or a nice hot cup of tea – or maybe some warm cider.

There is a wise man named Peter Dring who once said that it's easy to be thankful for the good things. But a rich and fulfilling life comes to those who also can be thankful for the setbacks of life. He said if we find a way to be thankful for our troubles and dislikes they just might become our blessings.

And how do we do that? By using gratitude to turn a negative into a positive, such as being thankful during difficult times since we have probably at one time in our lives found that they can be an opportunity of enlightenment. God provides for us and will always provide for us. God is with us always so we can be thankful even when things seem out of sorts.

If we are thankful for each new challenge in our life we may with God's help build our strength and character. And in the same regard we can be thankful of our limitations because they give us opportunities for improvement. When we don't know something, we can be thankful for the opportunity to learn. When we make a mistake we can be thankful for the valuable lesson it taught us.

Gratitude is a wonderful feeling but it is also an emotion that we have all received through God. An emotion that as faithful believers we show to God first. God also wants us to be thankful in our life, even when we may not see the reason clearly. We all have times of misfortune and hardship but we also have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. In our Triune God we can truly be thankful.

As the cold months approach and the hustle and bustle of the holidays grow near, let us remember that we can be thankful even though we are tired and weary, because if we are celebrating the season with gracious hearts giving thanks to our Lord, it means we have made a difference. May your month of November be filled with love and thanksgiving.

Blessings and peace to you all,  
Pastor Mike



## **Sunday Worship Schedule for November – December 2011**

**[8:15 and 10:30 AM Services]**

**November 6, 13, 20, 27**

**November 27 [Advent 1] Communion at both services**

**December 4 – One Service at 10:30 A.M. – Congregational Meeting following service**

**December 11 – One Service at 10:30 A.M. – Christmas Cantata**

**December 18 – Services at 8:15 [contemporary worship] and 10:30 A.M. with Children's Christmas Program**

**December 24 – 2 P.M. Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Service  
7 P.M. Special musical prelude**

**7:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Service**

### *Thanksgiving Eve Service*

*November 23*

*7:30 P.M.*



### **Communion Service:**

**November 6 and 27  
at both services**



### Coffee Hour

Volunteers are needed to help with serving. Please contact Sharon Elder to volunteer.



### **Call to a Congregational Meeting – Dec. 4**

**[one worship service at 10:30 AM]**

**Congregational Meeting will follow the service**

**Purpose:** Vote on 2012 Budget [a copy is included in this newsletter]  
Elect Church Board Officers and Cemetery Trustees,  
Appoint Auditors

### **Slate of Nominees for Election of Officers:**

**Elder, Deacon, Auditor:** [slate of nominees incomplete as of this printing]  
**Cemetery Trustees:** Dennis Frantz, Walter Keeck, Doris Lusch

**Thursday Morning Bible Study:** will meet during the month of November on Thursday morning Nov. 2, 10 & 17 beginning at 10 AM in the Church Parlor.





## Ben Salem Youth Group Activities

The Youth Group is planning to go Christmas Caroling on December 3. The group will meet after caroling for a Christmas Party at the Social Hall.

Also during November and early December, the group will be collecting gifts for Bethany Children's Home. Please bring your donations of White Gifts to church by December 4. There is a list of suggested gift items for Bethany Home below this article in newsletter. The gifts should not be wrapped.



On December 10 the group will travel to Bethany Children's Home to deliver gifts and to take a tour of the facilities. The group is looking into an activity for after the tour of Bethany...watch the bulletin announcements for further details.

The youth leaders wish to compile an accurate list of who plans to participate in either the Jr. Youth Group or the Youth Group, please contact Terry or Kevin Lusch if your children plan to participate and fill out the form below and return to Terry or Kevin:

### Youth Group Information Form

Youth Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Any Concerns we should know:  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way to contact you: Email or phone

#### **Suggested Gifts for Bethany Home:** [Gift Cards to area malls, Wal-Mart, Target, K-Mart are always appreciated!]

**Personal Care:** hairbrushes, combs, picks, men's shaving kits, electric shavers, ethnic hair care products, travel hygiene kits, nail clippers, emery boards, hair dryers, straighteners, flat irons

**Accessories:** jewelry, wallets, watches, umbrellas, make up sets, bath & body sets, overnight travel duffle bags

**Clothing:** hooded sweatshirts, athletic shorts, plain white t-shirts, sneakers, snow boots, winter jackets, men's gloves, girl's bathrobes, slippers, girl's socks, women's underwear, men's boxer briefs [long]

**Electronics:** DVDs [no R rating] CDs [no parental advisories] Wii, PS2, Xbox games & accessories, MP3 players [no built in cameras], digital alarm clocks

**School Supplies:** backpacks/gym bags, spiral notebooks, folders, mechanical pencils, binders, book sox – asst sizes, poster boards

**Hobbies/Games/Toys:** teen books, jewelry making supplies, scrapbooking supplies, model cars, art supplies, journals

**Sports Equipment:** exercise equip., exercise training DVDs, adult bike helmets, swimming goggles, snow tubes, sleds & boards, pool cues, tips, chalk, football gloves, fish rods, reels and tackle boxes, baseball gloves, outdoor games

**Cottage Needs:** smart mops & refills, bed pillows, body pillows & covers, kitchen dish towels, bath towels & wash cloths, oven mitts, wall clocks, toasters, swiffer cleaners, electric griddles

**\*\*\*Bethany Home cannot accept used clothing, toys or personal products. We do not have infants or toddlers in our care.\*\*\***

# Church Business

How to Contribute to Our Operating Budget: to pay Ben Salem's bills]  
+ Use your weekly envelope [in your envelope packet]  
+ Designate "Current Expenses": [Benevolence is only for Missions - OCWM]  
+ Place in offering plate or send to the Church:  
Ben Salem UCC, PO 128, Andreas, PA 18211

## 2011 Church Board Members:

Officers: Sharon Elder, President

Ken Scherer, Vice President

LaVaun Shanton, Secretary

Elders: Brian Beidleman, Sharon Elder, Ken Scherer, LaVaun Shanton

Deacons:, Barry Fink, Amy Frantz, Denise Gerber, Walter Keeck,

Terry Lusch, Judy Pope, Bernice Steigerwalt, Ron Steigerwalt,

Pastor: Rev. Michael McGowan

Church Secretary: Dollie Behr

Treasurer: Dawne Beidleman

Financial Secretary's Address: Susan Messina, 66 River Road,  
Tamaqua, PA 18252

Upcoming Church Board Meetings: Nov. 21, 7 PM  
Dec. 19, 7 PM

**Ben Salem History Books**  
are still available / \$60  
Contact the Church Office  
[570-386-3870]

**Cemetery Association Officers:** Next meetings November 3 and Dec. 1, 7 PM

[Meetings held on first Thursday of each month at 7 P.M.]

President: Dennis Frantz

Secretary: Walter Keeck

Trustee: Richard Bealer

Vice-President: Christopher Galloway

Treasurer: Doris Lusch

Caretaker: David Fritz

**Hospitalization ?** If you or someone you know is going to be in the hospital for surgery, please let the church office know a day or two before the surgery. This way the Pastor will make every effort to be there to visit and pray with the patient before the surgery.

## **Scheduling Events** **at Ben Salem Church:**

To prevent scheduling problems...prior to calling meetings or events, please check with the Church Secretary at 386-3870 to make sure that the date you have planned is available.

**Altar Flower Sponsors:** [Checks payable to Ben Salem UCC]

A sign up sheet is located in the narthex. Cost of flower sponsorship is \$20.00. If you would like to sponsor flowers call Cindy Smith at 570-386-4248. \*\*\*Payment should be sent directly to: Cindy Smith, 707 Hoffman Rd., Lehighon, PA 18235.

**Bulletin Sponsorship:** [Checks payable to Ben Salem UCC]

Please call Sue Messina at 570-386-2880 with your sponsorship information or e-mail Sue at [suemess@ptd.net](mailto:suemess@ptd.net). Cost of Bulletin Sponsorship is \$7 per week. \*\*\* Payment should be sent directly to: Susan Messina, 66 River Road, Tamaqua, PA 18252.

*Please do not call the church office with sponsorships!*

## **Note from Church Office & Financial Secretary:**

Remember, it is important to keep us informed of any address changes. Please give changes of address to either Dollie Behr or Sue Messina.

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

## **Property Committee**

The Property Committee is looking for a substitute sexton to fill in for times when our permanent sexton takes family time/vacations. Contact Ken Scherer at 570-386-4907 if interested.



## **Upcoming Committee Meetings**

Fundraisers – November 1, 7 PM  
Cemetery Association – November 3, 7 PM  
Worship Committee – Nov. 7, 7 PM  
Called to Care – Nov. 11, 10 AM  
Phase II Bldg. Program – Nov. 13, 1:30 PM  
Membership & Growth – Nov. 14, 7 PM  
Christian Education – Nov. 16, 6:30 PM  
Missions Committee – Thurs., Nov. 17, 1 PM  
Property Committee – November 17, 7 PM

**Recycle...save your soda cans...**

Larry Nothstein and Herlin Haberman will take aluminum cans to Zaprazny's. To help with this project...bring your **aluminum soda cans** [crushed or uncrushed] to the Old Social Hall and drop them off at the lower basement entrance. Benefits the Phase II Building Fund.

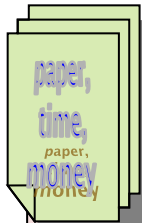
**Please do not throw any other garbage items in with the aluminum soda cans.**



**Phase II – Building Program**



Next Planning Meeting – November 13, 1:30 PM Anyone interested in helping should attend this meeting. The Board has decided that any money donated will stay in the Building Account until such time as a building program is approved by the congregation. To contribute to Phase II, please use the gold envelopes included in your offering packets - checks payable to Ben Salem UCC.



**WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HELPING BEN SALEM CHURCH  
SAVE PAPER, MONEY AND TIME?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL?**

If so, please fill out the following form and place it in the box located in the narthex or mail it to Ben Salem UCC, PO 128, Andreas, PA 18211.



Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Blanket Makers/Quilters**

The Blanket Makers and Quilters meet on Thursday mornings. Contacts for the group are Dollie Frantz [570-386-4034] and Betty Nothstein [570-386-5644]. Helpers are always welcome! Come out and join them. If you know of someone who is in need of a knotted blanket, please let the group know. The new quilt is a multi-colored log cabin design. Raffle Tickets will be available at fundraisers until Dec. 17 when the winner will be drawn.

**Help needed:** If you have new or used blankets or sheets, the group could use them...drop them off at the upper entrance to the social hall on Thursday morning between 9 and Noon or call Dollie or Betty.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** The Prayer Shawl Committee is in need of helpers to make the prayer shawls. If you can knit or crochet and would like to help, please contact Betty Nothstein at 570-386-5644 for more information.



Next meeting: **Thursday, November 17 at 1 PM in the parlor**

## Mission Projects

### **Strengthen the Church**

Strengthen the Church is the special mission offering found in your box of envelopes on November 27<sup>th</sup> and labeled as "Thank Offering". Through our gifts to Strengthen the Church, we further our commitment to be a multiracial, multicultural church, open and transforming and accessible to all. We strengthen and renew existing congregations. We fund leadership for new congregations. We provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. We fund leadership development for the whole church. Our Conference and Local Church Ministries each direct half of your generous gifts for these purposes. Receive the Holy Spirit! Strengthen the Church!

### **Hunger Relief Program → OBI – Hunger in USA**

Real Hunger is a reality for millions of people on this great planet of ours and far too many right here in the USA. They don't know where or when they will get their next meal. Hunger pain is a constant companion for them. Operation Blessing is a non-profit humanitarian organization whose mission is to demonstrate God's love by alleviating human need and suffering in the US and around the world. Every week, OBI's Hunger Strike Force delivers an average of 55 truckloads of food and supplies to more than 100 organizations in the US. Please consider donating to Hunger Relief to help hungry kids in the US. You can make a difference!!

### **Family Promise → coming in January**

Ben Salem will be hosting families in January.

Please see Lonnie Christoff if you are interested in helping with this project in any way.

### **Operation Christmas Child →**

#### **Please filled have shoeboxes here at the church by November 6**



Last year, Ben Salem donated a total of 105 boxes to Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child. Please help maintain our goal to fill 100 boxes again this year. We need your help!! We are very enthusiastic about this project and are looking forward to Dedication Sunday on November 12<sup>th</sup>. This project is a very worthy cause, directly touching the hearts of the children who receive our boxes. Eight million children received shoebox gifts last year. The church has touched hearts and changed lives of children all over the world. Ben Salem has made many friends over the years. A display with more information about the project will be coming in October!! ----**The absolute last day to turn in boxes is on November 6<sup>th</sup>----**

### **Food Bank Distribution**

**will take place on November 19 and December 17**

**The Leighton Furniture Bank is in need of beds, dressers and sofas. They also could use volunteers to help pick up donations. Contact: Shirley Radler 610-377-4278**

## Special Prayers

### **Our Members and Friends with Special Needs:**



**Prayer Chain:** The Prayer Chain is a way for anyone to request prayer for a specific need....[or thanksgiving or joy]. To have our Prayer Chain pray for you: Contact Betty Nothstein at 570-386-5644. Please call Betty if you would like to be called with others' prayer requests as part of the Prayer Chain.

**Called to Care:** Trained volunteers from our church are available to assist the Pastor in visiting people. If you would like a "Called to Care" volunteer to visit you, please contact the Pastor at the Church Office [570] 386-3870. We are looking for more volunteers for this Committee...Please call the Church Office or speak to the Pastor if interested.

**The next "Called to Care" Meeting is scheduled for November 11, 10 AM.**



### Support Our Troops - All military personnel

Brettany Smith – Ramstein Air Force Base – Germany

\*\*Please notify us if you know of anyone who is serving at this time or if any names are missed or if status changes.

*Our sympathy is extended* to the Family of Hilda Wolfe.

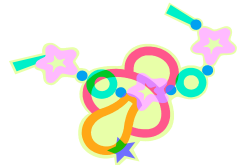
Hilda passed away on October 15, 2011.

*Our sympathy is also extended* to the Family of Olive Mucklow.

Olive passed away on October 6, 2011. She was the mother of Kay Andreas.

*Congratulations* to Jeffrey and Karen [Hope] Kistler on the birth of their daughter Liv Anna. Liv was born on October 2, 2011.

Liv is the granddaughter of Aleta Paul.



*Welcome* to Mary Mower who was received as a member of Ben Salem Church on October 23.

### AVON HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

**NOVEMBER 5, 9 AM TO 3:00 PM**

Come and see the lovely gift items that are available as Christmas gifts for all member of your family. There will be "Cash & Carry" items. Proceeds will benefit the Ben Salem Phase II Building Fund.

For those who have a new baby in the family...we now carry a baby line [0-24 months] called "Tiny Tillia". Please bring all Avon brochures back on the day of the display so they can be recycled. Free refreshments will be served. This is a chance to do your Christmas shopping as well as support your Church ! Orders are due by November 6.

. Come and join us for an enjoyable time!

[The display will also be set up on Sunday, Nov. 6 from 9 A.M. to Noon]



**HOMEMADE PIE & POTATO FILLING SALE**

Deadline for orders - November 13

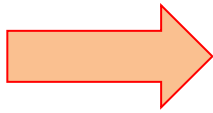
Pick-up - November 23 – 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Pies \$10.00 Filling \$4.00 per quart

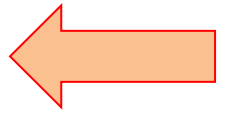
Pumpkin Pie \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Apple Pie \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Potato Filling \_\_\_\_\_ qts. @ \$4.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Tray of Filling \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Place order form in box in narthex or call LaVaun at 610-377-3618 or Sharon at 570-386-2530



**FUNDRAISER HELP NEEDED!**



November 21 and 22 to make filling and bake pies.

December 5, 6 and 12 to make Christmas Candy.

**Donations of candy supplies should be at the church or social hall by Nov. 27.**

**Bake your favorite Christmas cookies** and bring them to the Social Hall for our Cookie Sale on Dec. 17.

**HOAGIE SALE TO BENEFIT NEW BUILDING FUND**

ORDERS DUE November 6 PICK-UP November 17 (11:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

PLAIN – HAM, SALAMI, CHEESE, LETTUCE & TOMATOES (no onions or peppers)

PLAIN \_\_\_\_\_ WITH HOT PEPPERS (no onions) \_\_\_\_\_

WITH ONIONS \_\_\_\_\_ WITH ONIONS & HOT PEPPERS \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL # ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$4.00 EACH TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Place order form in box in narthex or call Sue Messina at 570-386-2880.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with the **pierogie sale** and purchased pierogies...the profit from the sale was \$1273.00. Special thanks to Laura Frey for organizing this project. The profit from the **October hoagie sale** is \$906.88. Thanks to all who helped make the hoagies and those who purchased hoagies...Special thanks to Sue Messina for organizing the hoagie sales throughout the year.

# HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS CANDY SALE

## Ben Salem U.C.C.

Orders must be received by Sunday, November 27  
Pick-up on Wednesday, December 14 (5:00 - 7:00 P.M.)

Candy is packaged in half-pound containers.

**Cost: \$5.00 per half pound - Please specify # of half-pound containers.**

Kind	Milk	Dark
Peanut Butter Cups		
Peanut Butter Rolled in Peanuts		
Butter Creams		
Peanut Rolled Creams		
Peanut Clusters		
Raisin Clusters		
Coconut Creams		
Molded Choc. Mini Pieces		
Non-Pariels		

Fudge - \$5.00 per half pound	# of ½ lbs.
Chocolate	
Peanut Butter	

Assortment (Peanut Butter, Peanut Rolled Creams & Coconut Creams)	Milk	Dark
Sold in pound boxes only - \$10.00 for 1 pound box		

Chocolate Covered Pretzels	Milk	Dark
Mini Pretzels – \$4.00 for a half-pound bag		
Rods decorated for Christmas - \$2.00 for a package of 4 rods		

<b>Christmas Lollipop</b>	Cost \$1.00	
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ amt. ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Sold by \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to “Ben Salem U.C.C.”**

Orders may also be placed by calling Sue Messina at 570-386-2880.

**If you are donating items for candy making, please have them at the church or social hall by Nov. 27.**

**[see the list of items needed below]**

### **Items needed for Candy Making:**

90 lb. Domino Powder Sugar	4 large containers - Pretzel Rods	20 lb. Butter
12 jars Dry Roasted Lightly Salted Peanuts	5 - 40 oz Jar Jif Creamy Peanut Butter	5 lb. Raisins
24 - 8 oz. Phila Brand Cream Cheese	20 lb. Mini Pretzels	6 cans evap. milk
1 small bottle vanilla	4 lb. real chocolate chips	3 lb. peanut butter chips
10 lb. sugar	6 jars marshmallow crème	4 rolls wax paper



**Poinsettias for Christmas**  
 sponsored by the Ben Salem Youth Group  
 Deadline for orders is December 4, 2011  
 Cost of plant - \$7.50



Orders can be placed in memory of someone, to the Glory of God, or in honor of someone. Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Payment should accompany the order. Orders should be placed in the box located in the narthex of the Church. The contact person for this project is Amy Lusch [570-386-5816].

The Youth Group appreciates your support!

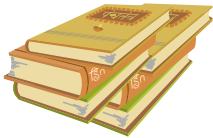
Amount of Poinsettias ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God by \_\_\_\_\_



**Used Book Sale and Bake Sale**  
 on November 5 from 9 AM to 3 PM at Zion Stone Church,  
 45 Cemetery Road, New Ringgold.



**Thank you notes:**

Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Makers and to Pastor Mike for his visits & prayers. Mable Wertman

*Dear Friends and Neighbors, Your kindness is appreciated! We would like you to know how deeply appreciative we are, of your generous gifts to John and myself. Words cannot describe how we feel and appreciate the gifts. It is truly a blessing to us to be part of Ben Salem's neighborhood. Thank you for your gift as it will be used to purchase coal for the winter months. One less thing to worry about. Thanks so much. John & Diane Strockoz*




To the Congregation of Ben Salem Church, I want to send a personal thank you to friends, family and church members for your support, cards, kind words of encouragement, & prayers and of course the beautiful prayer shawl which is a comfort in itself. The surgery went well & we received good news which was another blessing! Thanking all of you & thanks be to God. Kathy Wentz

*Dear Pastor Michael and the Congregation of Ben Salem, Blessed are those who give of themselves...You are most generous, awesome and marvelous all in one...And we don't know how to thank you! You embody what is best in all of us...Goodness, kindness and caring without ever asking in return. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your help during our time of need. Your gift let us know how much you care and has inspired us. It is impossible to formulate the words to express how much you have touched us. Our house fire was truly a tragedy, but we are all here alive and well. Your generosity has renewed our spirits. We are thankful to have Family and Friends like you. Your substantial gift has simply overwhelmed us. We have lost our physical possessions and your gift has helped us rebuild our lives. More importantly, there is something very special happening here...You have given us hope. We have undergone a transformation because of your support and generosity. It is so important for us to let you know how we feel. We extend to you our deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks for thinking of us. How can we ever thank you! May God bless all of you!!!!!! With love and sincerest thanks, Ronny, Maggie, Andrew and Mary Catherine*

# November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>7 PM</b> <b>Fundraisers</b>	<b>2</b> <b>6:30 PM Cherub Choir</b> <b>7:30 PM Senior Choir</b>	<b>3</b> <b>9 AM Blanket Makers/Quilters</b> <b>10 AM Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 PM Hand Bell Choir</b> <b>7 PM Cemetery Association</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>9 AM to 3 PM</b> <b>AVON Holiday</b> <b>Fundraiser</b>
<b>Setting Up for Avon Holiday Display</b>						
<b>6</b> <b>Communion at both services</b> <b>8:15 AM Worship</b> <b>9:15 AM Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 AM Worship</b> <b>Hoagie Order Deadline</b> <b>Christmas Child Shoebox Deadline</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Memorial</b> <b>Service at the</b> <b>Church</b>  <b>7 PM Worship</b>		<b>9</b> <b>6:30 PM Cherub Choir</b> <b>7:30 PM Senior Choir</b>	<b>10</b> <b>9 AM Blanket Makers/Quilters</b> <b>10 AM Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 PM Hand Bell Choir</b>	<b>11</b> <b>10 AM</b> <b>Called to</b> <b>Care</b> <b>Committee</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>2 PM</b> <b>Wedding at Church</b>
<b>13</b> <b>8:15 AM Worship</b> <b>9:15 AM Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 AM Worship</b> <b>1:30 PM Phase II Committee Mtg.</b> <b>Pie &amp; Filling Orders due</b>	<b>14</b> <b>7 PM</b> <b>Membership &amp;</b> <b>Growth</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>6:30 PM Christian Education</b> <b>6:30 PM Cherub Choir</b> <b>7:30 PM Senior Choir</b>	<b>17</b> <b>7 AM Hoagie Sale</b> <b>9 AM Blanket Makers/Quilters</b> <b>10 AM Bible Study</b> <b>1 PM Mission Comm. Mtg.</b> <b>6:30 PM Hand Bell Choir</b> <b>7 PM Property Comm. Mtg.</b>		<b>19</b>  <b>Food Bank</b> <b>Distribution</b>
<b>20</b> <b>8:15 AM Worship</b> <b>9:15 AM Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 AM Worship / Hand Bells</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Baking Pies &amp;</b> <b>Making Filling</b>  <b>7 PM Church</b> <b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Baking Pies</b> <b>&amp; Making</b> <b>Filling</b>	<b>23</b> <b>5-7 PM Pick up orders</b> <b>for pie &amp; filling</b> <b>6:30 PM Cherub Choir</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> <b>Thanksgiving Eve</b> <b>Service</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9 AM</b> <b>Hand Bells</b> <b>Decorate the Church</b> <b>for Christmas</b>
<b>27 Advent I</b> <b>Communion at both services</b> <b>8:15 AM Worship</b> <b>9:15 AM Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 AM Worship</b> <b>Deadline for Christmas Candy Orders</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>6 PM Newsletter</b> <b>Assembly</b> <b>6:30 PM Cherub Choir</b> <b>7:30 PM Senior Choir</b>			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>19</b> 10 AM Blanket Makers/Quilters 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Hand Bell Choir 7 PM Cemetery Association	2	<b>3</b>  Youth Group Christmas Caroling and Party at the Social Hall
<b>4 Advent II</b> <u>No 8:15 AM Worship</u> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Congregational Meeting	<b>5</b> 7 PM Membership & Growth  <div style="color: red; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Candy Making at Social Hall</div>	6	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM Cherub Choir 7:30 PM Senior Choir	<b>8</b> 9 AM Blanket Makers/Quilters 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Hand Bell Choir	9	<b>10</b> Youth Group goes to Bethany Children's Home to deliver Gifts  
<b>11 Advent III</b> <u>No 8:15 AM Worship</u> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	<b>12</b> <div style="color: red; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Candy Making at Social Hall</div>	13	<b>14</b> 5-7 PM Pick up candy orders 6:30 PM Cherub Choir 7:30 PM Senior Choir	<b>15</b> 9 AM Blanket Makers/Quilters 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Hand Bell Choir 7 PM Property Comm.  <div style="color: blue; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-decoration: underline;">Bake Cookies</div>	16	<b>17</b> Food Bank Distribution  9 AM to 1 PM Homemade Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale Quilt Raffle

