

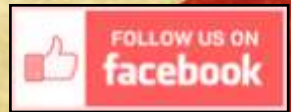
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UPCOMING SERMONS FOR July 2020

Greetings to all! On July 5th, my brother, Stan, will be preaching the second part of a two-part sermon series on the most important relationship of all—our vertical one! Then, I'll be back to start a brand new worship series called 'The Power of Words.' Here's what you can expect this month:

- July 5 – "Lordship II: My Way or the Highway?" – Matt. 25:31-40
- July 12 – "The Power of Words" – Proverbs 18:21
- July 19 – "The Art of Confrontation" – Proverbs 27:6
- July 26 – ""The Art of #@\$%!@#" – Proverbs 18:21

So, how are you doing with words? Words can either build up ... or tear down. Words can either be used to heal ... or to kill. How are you doing with words? They're important, aren't they? And we're going to learn more together as we get started with 'The Power of Words' in July. Won't you consider joining us? (Corporate worship outside starting on July 19.) Pray for good weather, would you?

Walking the walk of faith together... *Pastor Rom*

“OUR HERITAGE”

“Anyone who wants to be my disciple must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.”
— John 12:26 (NLT)



Dear Trinity family,

I want to speak to you today about ‘our heritage.’ But in order to do that, I have to begin by talking about the phenomena of ‘camp meetings’ that have been a prevalent form of religious gathering for some time. From Wikipedia, we read this about camp meetings in general: The camp meeting is a form of [Protestant Christian](#) religious service originating in [England](#) and [Scotland](#) as an evangelical event in association with the [communion season](#). It was held for worship, preaching and communion on the American frontier during the [Second Great Awakening](#) of the early 19th century. Revivals and camp meetings continued to be held by various denominations, and in some areas of the mid-Atlantic, led to the development of seasonal cottages for meetings.

Then, regarding Methodist camp meetings in particular, we read this: Francis Asbury once called camp meetings “a battle ax and weapon of war” that broke down walls of wickedness throughout America. He believed they were a great means of grace. And in 1811, he estimated that these spirit-filled gatherings brought together one-third of the total American population.

As we contemplate returning to worship together in some form, I can’t help but think of our heritage here at Trinity UMC. The property we now sit on was once the Lomira Evangelical Campground. While Wisconsin was still a mission of the Illinois Conference, the people of the Lomira Circuit expressed a desire for a camp meeting session and the first such meeting was June 15-21, 1853—changing specific locations over the years. The more permanent location for these camp meetings was established in 1904 and is the (camp) grounds where Trinity UMC sits today. These camp meetings ran on this property up until about 1957—a year before I was born, 104 years of camp meeting activity in the Lomira area.

Folks, what a heritage we have! And during these days of COVID-19—that seem so debilitating in so many ways, many are discovering these days are also wonderful opportunities for the ‘new thing’ God is wanting to do in our lives. Do we know everything God is wanting to do? Do these days we’re navigating through make total sense to us? Well, no ... and no. But, in faith, we can trust God for these days. And, as hearty followers of Christ (that’s our heritage!), we are going to make the most of these days—together.

Please continue to pray for your leadership here at Trinity UMC, as we make decisions on how to start back to worship together—responsibly. We are sensing that July 19 will be our target date to begin some form of corporate worship. And I can tell you right now that, because we’re in the summer months, we’re going to do that (whatever form our worship takes) outside—just the way our forebears did it at the camp meetings (and the safest way to begin gathering again right now). What better way to honor those who’ve gone before us! What better way to honor our heritage! And, as Jesus himself stated in our opening scripture, “...the Father will honor anyone who serves me.” Let’s serve Jesus together, honorably, by doing the best we can during these days—praying for one another and supporting one another in love ... just like we’ve been taught. With all that in mind, won’t you consider joining us for ‘Worship on the Grounds’ this month? Stay tuned. You’ll hear more details in the near future...

Taking steps of faith together, *Pastor Rom*

Stewardship and Finance

Offering

Generosity, what does that mean to you when it comes to your church? Well I know what it means to God when it comes to you. Look at Luke 6:38 "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full-pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you give back. (NLT)

Is this not the way Trinity should be operating...pouring out generosity? We should have the funds to do so many good things in our community and local areas, but yet we can't because we seem to always be just getting by, always struggling. For as long as I have been coming to Trinity (since Pastor Scott) and since I became a member (Pastor Hobbins) we have been in the same place at Trinity, behind in budget or at the end of the year a big donation would come in to help us make budget. Yet, we all should have been giving though out the year so we would not be in that situation. We can't just give at Easter and Christmas and think that is enough.

Being in the position I am in now, I am looking a lot harder at how do we make this financial change to where Trinity has an overflow of funds to do more than just "keep our doors open". Churches do not have budget issues they have **GIVING** issues and Trinity has the same issue. I know that may sound harsh but we are the only ones that can change the outcome for Trinity. Cutting programs and removing items from the budget will not make us a well-funded church. If we cut a program, is that being Generous, would Jesus have cut a program that helps someone, I don't think so. So why should a church do that? We all need to take a deeper look at ourselves and determine...what do we want for Trinity, to be the same old church we

have always been, or do we want to make a change, do we want the community to talk about how Trinity is helping out and being involved and making change in our area. We can't rely on some huge donation at the end of the year to make budget. We are the majority and we can make the change together but we need to start and we need to start now! We can't wait for someone else to handle our needs. We have the capability to do it but yet we don't act on it, scared to give away the almighty dollar. How often do you only give on the Sunday's you come to church? Is the church not operating on the weekends you are gone? We didn't go anywhere; Trinity takes no vacations. When Sunday School is over, what do you do to help Trinity in the summer months? We are still here and functioning, just not functioning as well as we could, struggling, just getting by as we always have, no change. We can't just rely on the 150 people that attend Sunday service each week and big donations alone. If you are a member (not just a Sunday attendee) of Trinity help us be the church that people talk about because of the things we do and the generosity we show. Help us be the church that you are proud to call yourself a member of. Let's change Trinity!!!

Be generous so that we can be generous together through Trinity, remember Luke 6:38.

SF Committee Chair
Josh Marschie



Making Lemonade



The Genesis and inspiration of this article was coming together of three contributions. Because I have ample time on my hands, I was sorting out various photographs and labeling them. One happened to be a picture of my first classroom at Oconto High School. On the wall was a poster that struck me as fitting of our world today. The poster read: If life throws you lemons make lemonade. Certainly, life today is tossing many lemons our way, especially the Corona Virus Pandemic. Not to disregard all the other lemons, the corona virus is an immediate concern for me being a member of the most vulnerable category.

While sorting through the pictures, I was listening to the Broadway musical "Carousel". One song caught my attention because it related to lemons, that song was "You'll Never Walk Alone". The Lyrics really hit me, "When you walk through a storm, hold your head up high and don't be afraid of the dark. Walk on, Walk on through the wind and the rain because at the end of the storm is a golden sky and the sweet silver song of a lark".

The third factor was a quote by the Reverend Billy Graham. From one of his sermons came the following: "Good news, I have good news for you! The good news is that God loves you. He has a plan for your life, there is purpose for living, there is a reason for existence. Don't let the news get you down, don't give up! God is still sovereign, he is still on the throne: and for those of us who believe and serve him, there is a future brighter than tomorrow."

With these three factors, I was able to write the article and make lemonade. Facing the Covid 19 virus

physically and medical is relatively easy-take medicines, social distance, wear face masks, avoid crowds, self-quarantine and frequent sanitizing of hands and other measures. These I can handle, but it is the emotional, psychological, worry and spiritual challenges caused by the pandemic that are difficult to deal with because solution is not as easy as wearing a face mask. That explains the making of lemonade as it is my recipe for dealing and coping with this aspect of the challenge- it is my recipe and we all have to create our own recipe- I give you mine only as a suggestion.

You'll never walk alone was the song that inspired the writing of this article. Music is a great help for me. The Bible would be primary, but because I have difficulty reading, I find music paramount- especially gospel songs, venerable hymns and other so-called church music. When it comes to music listening is okay, but I prefer the video singing because you can see the passion and expression of the singer. Equally significant you can often see the impact these hymns have on the audience. For me, the William Gaither Homecoming concerts fill the bill- consider the videos- the expressions make the lyrics all the more powerful. Christian music can describe the problem as well as the offering solutions or things one can do to ease the care, anxiety, worry- how awesome. Thus, music is my great solace, comfort and relation to Jesus Christ.

There are so many hymns and songs that would help and cover almost every challenge we may face. I was listening and viewing a hymn written by Vince Gill as a memorial for his brother. It was entitled "Go Rest High on that Mountain". Although it is a memorial to his brother, it doesn't take much imagination to see how the lyrics can also describe our life today. "I Know your time on Earth was troubled and only you could know the pain. You weren't afraid to face the Devil and you were no stranger to the rain." I am sure you can see the connection. I love that hymn and on the same video is an answer of what to do. It was an old hymn sung by Randy Owen (Lead singer for the group Alabama). I also am moved by his rendition of "I Need

Thee". The lyrics really hit home: "I need the, oh how I need thee! Every hour I need thee! Oh bless me now my Savior, I come to thee!" Hymns like this draw me ever closer to God- with the uncertainties of the pandemic, I need God to get me through- praying each day for an end to the virus. Hearing and seeing these hymns sung is balm to my soul. I could listen/view these again and again and never tire.

Another hymn sung by Dan Gaither, probably his last before dying of cancer sums up the need for God, the need for the Bible and the need for music. As he was in the last stage of cancer, he sings "Something Beautiful." There were very few dry eyes including mine as he sang. In essence, the song said God makes something beautiful out of the darkness- for example the beautiful thing Jesus did at the cross by forgiving our sins. A Dan sang I gathered up the rags of my life and placed them at the foot of the cross. Forgiveness and the promise of a bright future in Heaven...WOW!

Aside from the music of the church, there is other music that helps me. I really enjoy classical music as it can be powerful and moving. You can just listen to them. They can alert your imagination- make mental pictures of what the music says. Walt Disney put out a film called Fantasia, which they put pictures to various classical music- wonderful! I've also fell for Irish music- folk songs and hymns. The DVD's of two groups provide Irish music that will get you smiling, thinking and forgetting where you are. The male group is called Celtic Thunder, while the female group is called Celtic Women. Very worth while watching and the Celtic Women always end their concert with "He lifted me up to stand on mountains." Music is a great part of my lemonade.

Another Important part are movies, especially those that are faith based. There, one can see God's words at work as many are based on true stories. Maybe you have seen some, but I will mention a few that have helped me deal with the virus. A movie I recently viewed and was true was "Crossroads". A really powerful movie about Bruce Murakami whose wife and

daughter were killed in an auto accident as a result of road racing. His predetermined picture of the teen thug is shattered when it's only a teen. As the case proceeds, he is torn by the powerful desire to forgive. A powerful and moving ending to this movie of redemption.

Breaking the Press, about a couple who adopt two small boys who grow to be good basketball players. One desires to move out to another school and demonstrate his talents. But he falls in with the wrong crowd and is suspended, ashamed to go home until absolutely necessary. His father, the high school coach, welcomes him back, a prodigal son- based movie. "To Save a Life" was a church project movie. Here a young man finds his way to God while dealing with his friend's suicide and teen pregnancy. He prays in the video to God and says "all I know is that I cannot do it alone". It harkens to the hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour". The ending is wonderful and really illustrates the hymn- Something Beautiful.

There are so many to talk about. "Pistol", the story of the young basketball superstar Pete Maravich, youngest to be in the Hall of Fame and you must watch his testimony in the bonus section of the DVD. Movies with a message helps me through the day. You see how others deal with the lemons of life and it bolsters my spirit. Then there are movies that may have a message, but they serve more as a diversion or an escape, something we all need at times. Mine are the works of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings", do that for me. Get the extended versions, because they have extensive appendices that explain how they were made. You will be astounded at the amount of time and effort expended by Peter Jackson (director) to bring these movies to fruition.

There is another part to my lemonade of living with the pandemic. With all the time, I have time to remember and this is pure release. I often think about times in my life when things were less complicated, less problems and fewer lemons. Most times it's about my family and I remember the times we functioned as a family. I remember the days when all the farm chores

were done and after evening meals we would gather round the radio and listen to the programs. I have managed to collect nearly 2,000 old radio shows and each night put a CD on and it will end my day. Shows like Fibber McGee and Molly, The Shadow, George Burns and Gracie Allen or Truth or Consequences and others. A time from the past that is like a breath of fresh air.

Well these are the things that have enabled me to cope with today's world. They may not seem much, but they are. Kitty Kallen, a singer, had a hit with "Little Things Mean A Lot". How true that these times of the pandemic are people who do things and I want to thank them. To them it may not seem like something great, but to me they were great. Like the Ray Bolster hymn "Thank you"- in the song is the phrase the sacrifices and the little things you did were unnoticed on Earth, but in Heaven are proclaimed. People have shopped for me, I get calls on how I'm doing, cards from people I would never expect, these things help me get through. I will not mention any

names as they know who they are, except for two. I really need to thank Jessica and Pastor Rom for all the things they've done to help us through the pandemic.

I hope my lemonade makes sense. My greatest problem is the lack of contact with others- sure there is the telephone- but it can't compare with face to face encounters. So, in the interim we must make lemonade that helps us deal with this dilemma. My music, my movies, my memories and my Christian family called Trinity will provide the strength and inspiration to, as the song says, walk on, walk on until I reach the golden sky. Are you keeping your ears open to the sweet silver song of the lark? Make your lemonade and listen.

-Bill Seefeld



Summer Special Music

No larger ensembles at this time. Solos, duets, or one household groups. Please call 922-0361 or 539-6929 with any interest

Thanks so much!

Jason Ehlert



To our precious children,

Covid-19 will not keep us apart for very long. We miss you and your sweet voices so much! We have lots of fun songs ready to sing. Until we can sing together loudly for Jesus, Keep a song in your little hearts!!

Remember, Jesus loves you and so do we!!!

Priscilla and Jason

Sunday School Music Coordinators

The Trinity Band will strike up again but not with Covid-19 in our lives. I miss all of your talents and all the fun shared as a group, so very much. It is no fun to be a one man band! God will give us more joyous days soon!!

Jason Ehlert

Band Director

TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Jodi Hernandez** (Glenn Eichstedt's Sister) complications from transplant 6/26
- **Dick Haefs** outpatient surgery 6/26
- **Brenda Bergman** cancer has spread, starting a new round of radiation 6/24
- **Larry Ledman** health issues 6/23
- **Sharyn Eilbes** (Friend of Tina Rawlins) had bypass surgery 6/20
- **Connor Steers** fractured shin, recovering from surgery 6/16
- **Tracey Roane** (Scott K's Sister) finished chemo, starts radiation soon 6/15
- **Laverne Senn** fractured hip, recovering at Hope 6/2
- **Raymond Kittleson** (friend of the Kiehnau's) doing testing in preparation for chemo 5/20
- **Rick Jaeger** car accident early this year/surgery needed 5/12
- **Tony O'Malley** leukemia, getting stem cell transplant, going into isolation 4/22
- **Gary Jesse** prostate cancer 4/7

Our Prayer list covers for 6-8 months. If you feel someone needs to continue or be placed back on the list, please let the office know.

For Prayer Requests please contact Jessica in the church office by email, our website (www.trinitylomira.org) or by phone.

*Also please contact the office if you would like to become a member of our prayer team.
Thank You.*

**The August Newsletter Deadline is July 23rd. Please have all of your articles into the church office by noon that day.
Thank you!**

CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

Sunday July 12th

STERR PARK, LOMIRA
Serving at 11:00 a.m. • Auction at NOON

CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE
Adult: \$10.00
Children (Under 12): \$6.00



**Once we come back, through Labor Day Weekend, there will be one Sunday Worship Service at 9:00 AM.
Thank-You!**

CHOIR

I hope you all are safe and healthy from the COVID-19, that is still around us. I miss you all and are sending you "air hugs" for now. I know we are all getting tired of the social distancing, I know I am, but we must stay alert, to everything that is happening around us. Talking with Pastor Rom and still hearing about what is going on with the virus, after places are opened up, is still very disturbing. So, I need to tell you, that there's going to be a delay in our choir start-up this Fall. How long a delay?? I don't know yet. Pastor will advise me, when it is safe for us to get together as a group again, to sing praises to our Lord and King! It sounds like July 19th could be our first outdoor church service. It will be nice to see each other again!! Hang in there, stay vigilante, practice social distancing and keep those prayers going!! Be Strong in the Lord!!

A big THANK YOU to Priscilla and Jason, for providing the wonderful Sunday music. Also to Pastor Rom & Jane, who work continuously to keep us all informed and for Jane who handles the video's at a moments notice. Also Jess, for handling the craziness in the office with all of her duties. I for one, really appreciate everything you all are doing for Trinity and the congregation!!

I miss you all!!

Keep a song in your heart!!

Pam Hilker



TUMC Will be hosting a blood drive at the church on Monday July 20th from 12-6 PM.



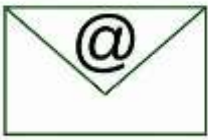
Joy Joy Joy!!! This is what comes after some unjoyful time, a little pain, well maybe a lot, and lots of prayers and good care, both from the staff at Froedtert Spine Surgery and the outstanding care that I have received from Mary, because without her care, I would still be in the hospital!!!! The surgeon and his staff forewarned me--This 8 hour spine surgery would be a real challenge to me and my physical being---and you know what--IT WAS!!!! I hope to have a song or two left in my guitar and I know I have some stories that will warm your heart. But for now, THANK YOU for all the cards, good thoughts, prayers, Rom's phone calls. YOU ARE THE BEST

LOVE

Chuck Rhein



Congratulations to Riley Menzer, grandson of Fred and Betty Menzer. He graduated from Lomira High school and will be attending Purdue University. He plans to pursue a degree in Health Science.



We are **EXCITED** to share a reply received from a recipient of one of our 2019 shoeboxes! Meet Alphonso, a 5 year old boy from Chile. After receiving an email in May, we reached out to Alphonso's family and they sent the two photos below. What a blessing to affirm our shoebox touched the heart of this young boy and his family thousands of miles away!



Spanish to English Translation: (1) "Hello brothers my name is Ligia, I am from Villarrica Chile. I thank you through this email for the beautiful gift that my son Alfonso of 5 years received. He received it on March 14 of this year just before the Covid19 began. Since that day we have not been able to gather in any Church. When he received the gift, he was very surprised and was very happy because we did not usually give them many gifts and it was something very beautiful for him. I write to thank you and know we will follow his heart and also continue to grow for the Lord blessings." (2) "Hello brothers, we are very happy to know that we had been answered. We are well. God has protected us from this pandemic. I hope that you too will be very well and that God always protect you. We send blessings and a hug in the distance. I send you some pictures of my family and one of the day Alfonso received his gift."

Villarrica is a city in southern Chile located on the western shore of Villarrica Lake bordering the Villarrica National Forest surrounding the volcano named... you guessed it, Villarrica. Tourism, grain and dairy farming, and forestry are the main economic activities of the community. The climate is mild and humid. Fishing and rafting in the various rivers, hiking to waterfalls, and thanks to the volcano, visiting numerous hot springs are popular activities in the region. Population growth and economic development has increased, due to a global reputation as a tourist destination for nature lovers, summer recreation and winter sports enthusiasts.





Merry Christmas from our church family at Trinity!

We feel very blessed and honored to have been able to pack this shoebox for you. We hope that you enjoy it! Our gift and our prayers are an expression of the love God has for you. God knows each and every one of our needs and we are sure that he is right there with you today sharing in your joy as you learn the Good News and the love of Jesus Christ. We love you too! ❤️

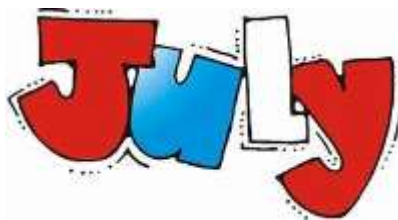
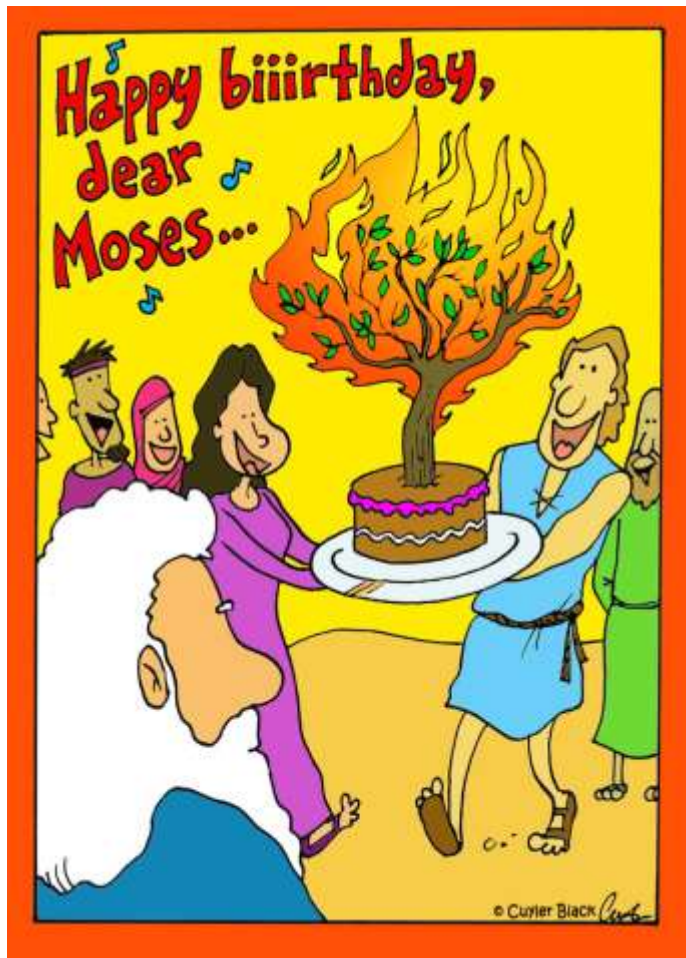
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If you are able, we would love to hear what your favorite item was in your shoebox as well as anything you would like to share about yourself with our group. Thank you & God bless!



Q: How do the shoebox recipients know how to get in contact with our team?

A: A printed sheet is affixed to the cover of each shoebox packed by Trinity's OCC Ministry Team (see in picture with Alphonso above). Included is a greeting, loving message, bible verse, contact information, and a request for a reply. As many go for years without a response or receive none at all, we are blessed to have received a response thru both email and Facebook Messenger this year!



July Anniversaries

- 4 Mike and Teresa Amerling
- 10 Dan & Brenda Michels
- 13 Augie & Andy Luedtke
- 17 Peter & Nancy Vegetabile
- 18 Gene & Marge Junger
- 27 Brian & Ashley Schaefer
- 28 Tim & Bridget Thorn
- 30 Steve & Wendy Hayes



July Birthdays

- 1 Sandy Zitlow
- 2 Kylie Neill
Lee Jesse
- 3 John Muentner, Jr.
Sofia Schellin
- 4 Owen Unferth
- 5 Gloria Faber
Richard Ullius
- 6 Dennis Michels
Jim Todl
- 8 Pastor Rom Pegram
- 9 Harold Johnson
- 10 Leightin Graf
Fran Coulter
Kaye Voight
- 11 Teresa Amerling
Josh Kanas
Ron Kretschmer
Tim Thorn
- 12 Nora Buske
- 13 Evelyn Krug
Karyn Michels
- 14 Felix Cardenas
- 17 Debra Gudex
- 18 Cal Voight
- 19 Lillee Thorn
Michelle Neill
- 20 Bob Adelmeyer
Bruce Dilling
Madeline Marschie
Scott Krueger
- 21 Elizabeth Doemel
- 22 Alexandria Bloch
Ed Faber
- 25 Ben Buske
Pam Giese
Leverne Senn
Dalton Zingsheim
Sarah Wright
- 27 Mackenzie Klein
Addison Stoffel
- 28 Mike Lavarda
Barb York
- 29 Nathan Dewhurst
Lynn Haefs
- 31 Blake Renderman
Connor Steers
David Wroblewski



TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$103,575.00


Received through

6-23-2020: \$85,780.42

Budget Shortfall: \$17,794.58

July 2020 TUMC-Lomira

Worship Service 9:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 6:00 pm Stewardship and Finance Tele-Meeting	7	8	9	10	11 10:00 am Food Pantry
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 12:00 pm Blood Bank	21	22	23	24	25 10:00 am Food Pantry
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Rom Pegram, Pastor

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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

9:00 AM

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