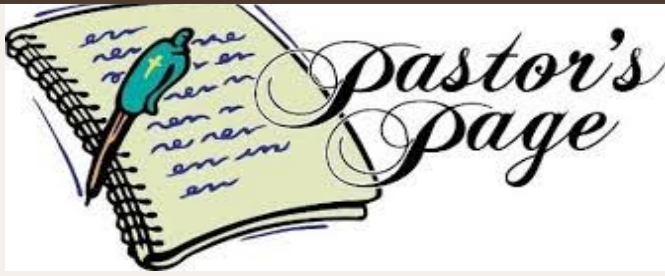


CALVARY CALLER



OCTOBER 2024



A New Initiative in Memory of a Friend

Many of you heard my prayer request for one of my colleagues back in Oklahoma, when he shared news of a pancreatic cancer diagnosis in late August. Father Everett reached the almost inevitable conclusion of that disease with shocking speed. Friends and colleagues gathered to remember him and comfort one another this past Sunday.

As the tributes poured in, several mentioned that his congregation had been the fastest growing Episcopal church in Oklahoma and possibly the whole country. I remember asking him about that once, and later I saw he gave the same answer in an interview with a national publication.

He said the key had not been his preaching or visitation, as important as those are, or the particulars of their worship style which, like Calvary's, is a blend of traditional and more contemporary elements.

No, the key was finding a phenomenal children's minister and turning her loose. And her biggest initiative had been offering a time between the children's sermon and communion for elementary-age kids to gather outside the main worship service for stories, games, and crafts. Kids start and end worship with their families, but have their own activities right in the middle.

My older kids got to experience this once, while I was on leave, right after our twins were

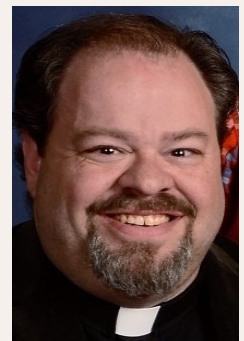
born. And they loved it! I've often told people that if, somehow, we were living in that area and I wasn't pastoring, that's probably where we'd worship for that very reason. To my knowledge there's nothing like that available on Sunday mornings around here, and parents are actively looking for it!

So, this is far too early to announce anything concrete, but Sister Jennie and I are planting seeds, gathering volunteers, generating ideas, and hoping to build some excitement.

If and when we do launch this initiative, there will inevitably be even more disruption each Sunday as an even larger group of kids leaves the sanctuary and later returns. But we believe that something like this would build on Calvary's unique gifts and calling in this community, would serve our current families well, and would position us to draw others in.

Would you please pray for clarity of vision and purpose? And if you love children, would you consider how you might contribute to such an effort?

Pastor Jon



REFLECTIONS FROM SISTER JENNIE

Learning to Worship – A Note from Pastor Jon and Sister Jennie

We have already started to welcome our twins, Katie and Addie, who just turned six, and other kids of similar age who are now too old for the nursery, into the sanctuary for regular worship. The twins have started to sit with people in worship who have specifically invited them to join them. This is a change for all of you, but also for them. We will learn how to worship together, and there's grace for us all.

They have wanted to be in the sanctuary for a long time, longing to feel like big kids, longing to feel included. They want to—and need to - be given space to learn when it's okay to talk and when they need to listen, when we sit and when we stand, and so forth. We know that some Sundays will go smoothly for them. We also know there will be Sundays that won't go so well.

We both want to assure you that if, at any point, one of the twins needs a break from worship, even though we are your worship leaders, we are also each 100 percent their parents, too. If Pastor Jon is actively leading worship, Sr. Jennie will be ready and available to help. Just tap her on the shoulder. She will be sitting near the back of the sanctuary after the Children's Message to be available, especially during this transition for the twins. And when Sr. Jennie is leading prayers or preaching, please know that Pastor Jon is just as ready and available to help deal with any of our kids. We are a team in every way, both as parents and as worship leaders.

If you have questions after reading this, we invite conversation with either one of us.
Pastor Jon & Sister Jennie Myers



More Nursery Updates

As the Parish Education Team continues to assess the needs of the kids who are coming to worship, we see that the number who are 0-5 years old and best served by the nursery space is quickly shrinking. The Myers' twins were the last ones who needed very regular, weekly attention during worship. They turned six earlier in September and, following Calvary's policies, they ought to be considered too old for nursery care.

Our most recent nursery attendant is no longer available to us. Our team will be discussing how we can continue to support the needs of young families in worship, including visitors. Until we have more clarity, the nursery space will be an open, drop-in, quiet space that parents are welcome to use if their child needs a few minutes of wiggle time during the service. We continue to offer calm-down/quiet resources on the quiet wall that have already been helpful to kids in the nursery.

We will continue to assess the needs of the congregation as we continue to grow and change. It may be that we're moving into a time where we have some volunteers, as needed. We may return to having a paid nursery attendant whenever the need arises in the future. Expense is not currently a primary concern, but rather the needs of our families and the availability of suitable candidates for nursery attendant. If you have any questions after reading this, please feel free to contact Sr. Jennie or Matt Eide.

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MATT EIDE

Dear Calvary Friends,

The colors are changing! It is God's way of showing us that we always change, each one of us, during every season of the year and throughout life. What a blessing! We have an opportunity to reflect on ourselves and our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 (NIV)

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot."

The Nominating Committee is in full swing. As Karen Blom mentioned during the service last week, we are looking for individuals to prayerfully consider making a commitment to the Church and Council. I promise the time commitment is not excessive, with the Council meetings running about an hour. Contact Karen Blom, Crystal Zimmer, or Audra Myerchin if you have questions or would like to join the Council.

Financial Results are posted by the Church office. We continue to "not meet" our budget and have taken funds from our savings. The Finance Team is working diligently on a budget for next year and will have it available in November, prior to the Congregational Meeting.

Speaking of our **Annual Meeting ... Sunday, November 24th** after service.

Lots of changes this month, particularly with the older kids (above 6) participating in the worship service weekly. As we (congregation) learn together, I ask that grace be central to the process.

Please know that Council members are always interested in your feedback on how things are going. If you are not sure who is a member of Council, we wear the BLUE nametags on Sunday mornings.

Together in Christ,
Matt



Children, Youth & Family News



We hope to see you and your family at our Pumpkin Painting and Dinner event. Bring a friend and let Sister Jennie know how many will be there from your family so we have enough spaghetti and pumpkins!



Kids & Family Communion Class

Is your child curious and wondering about what communion is or what is happening during this time in worship? No one is too young or too old to want to learn about this. We **will be hosting a class sometime the last week of October over the dinner hour.** We will eat dinner together, have a discussion with the kids using a curriculum written at their level about what's going on during communion. We might even bake some communion bread together as a class. It will be scheduled to meet all families scheduling needs. If you're interested please talk to Pastor Jon or Sister Jennie.



Children, Youth & Family News

Parish Ed Updates

We're excited to let you know that there will be some much-needed sprucing up coming to the Upper Room, especially the stage area, to make way for a youth space where they can again feel comfortable and at home. Keep an eye out for further updates on this project. Many random

odds and ends have been collected on the stage. We will be clearing everything off the stage and allowing people to look over and either claim or help us in removing items that don't belong.



We're going to do some listening with the youth and see what they would be excited to have in terms of seating, games, and entertainment before we rush to fill that space. If you are a parent of a youth 6th grade and up, we invite you to talk to them about their ideas and dreams for that space and encourage them to come talk to anyone on the Parish Ed Team.

If you have furniture, such as a couch that is in good shape that you would like to offer for this space, please talk to Sister Jennie first, and we can think together about whether the Upper Room is the right place for that donation.

We're also getting ready for our first kids, youth, and family event at the end of October. As we near Halloween, on Sunday, October 27th at 4pm, be sure to RSVP for our **Pumpkin Painting and Spaghetti Dinner**. Bring a friend. The more the merrier!

In peace,
Sister Jennie and the Parish Ed Committee

Help Us Feed the Kids Treasure Box

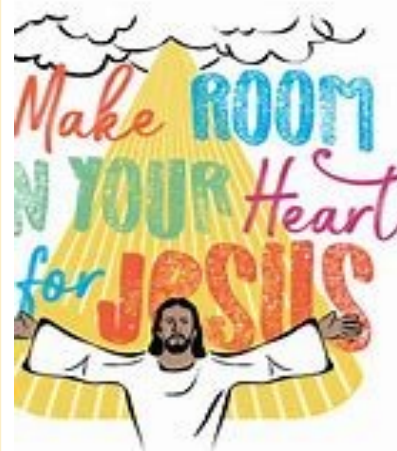
Would you help us spruce up our kids Treasure Box? We use it for some Sunday school classes and now we're using it for a fun end to worship when kids engage in the new worship box activities. If you have kids' stickers, erasers, fun unsharpened pencils or other fun items that you would like to donate, you can give any items to Sister Jennie. (No candy, please.)



New Kids, Youth and Adult Worship Resources

Hey parents and guardians, we are trying something new and shifting away from offering children's bulletin clipboards. We have new worship boxes, which allow kids to hold more drawing and art supplies for them to use. We're also pulling children's materials from some fresh sources. Among other things, these boxes contain a sheet that invites them to notice, listen, and watch what's going on in worship and then to draw or write about it. It's a brand new concept for them, so you might point them to their "I Can Listen in Church" (younger kids), or "Worship Notes" sheet (older kids/youth) and invite them to focus perhaps on just one question. We ask that the art supplies stay in the box so they're available to someone next week, and then return the box to the crate that it came from afterwards. They're invited to take the worksheets home and those will be replaced for the following week.

Lastly, we've created a Worship Doodling page that will be available on the round table in the narthex (not in the boxes). If you are one who likes to take notes during the sermon or draw to keep your hands busy, no matter how young or old you are, this page may be calling your name! Please enjoy!



Calvary News & Opportunities in October & Beyond

LEFSE MAKING!

We continue making lefse!
Our next gathering will be **Wednesday, October 2nd at 9:00 am.**

Show up to be a dough-maker, flipper, roller, or packager.

Come and join in the fun!!



H & H Meeting Announcement



H & H will be holding its last meeting on Oct 16th at 9:30 to finalize the bazaar details. Please come to share your input and be informed of what's going to happen on the day of the bazaar! Questions? Contact Mary Quick.

RED CROSS



BLOOD DRIVE



The next blood drive at Calvary will be on Friday, October 18th from 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
Your donation helps save lives. Thank you!

CALVARY INVITES, EVENTS & NEWS

**LUNCH WITH FRIENDS
WILL BE FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 4th
at NOON.**

let's do
lunch

PLEASE JOIN US!



**ANNUAL
CONGREGATION
MEETING
WILL BE ON
SUNDAY,
NOVEMEBR 24TH,
FOLLOWING
SERVICES.**



Prayer Small Group

Second Tuesdays monthly at 10:00
am at Calvary. All are welcome!



“REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY WITHOUT
CEASING, GIVE THANKS IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES...”

1 THES. 5:16-18



The next Prayer Small
Group will be
**Tuesday, October 9th
at 10:00 am.**

We will gather at
Calvary and then
carpool to the parking
lot of Asante Spears
Cancer Center to walk
the prayer labyrinth.

If you have any
questions, please talk
to Sr. Jennie.



THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE WANTS YOU TO KNOW:

If you are interested in making your donations online, but not sure how, please reach out to Janine Nave, Financial Accountant for the church, for one-on-one assistance in creating your online Vanco Profile for seamless giving.

At Calvary, we use Vanco services. They provide simple, safe, and secure monetary donations for one-time or monthly gifts. Your gifts can be designated for a particular ministry upon your request.

Go to <https://www.calvarylutherangp.org/>, click "GIVE," scroll down to bottom of page and click the green "GIVE" button. This will take you to the secure.myvanco.com site.

"The goal of our Generosity/Stewardship Ministry is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances that God has entrusted to them."

(Quote from Ask, Thank, Tell by Charles R. Lane)

THANK YOU FROM WCST

"On behalf of the entire WCST Board and the employees, I wanted to thank you and express our deepest gratitude for your continued support over the years. Your generosity allows us to continue advancing our mission and make a lasting impact in our community. Your belief in our work inspires us every day, and we are truly grateful for your partnership!

Thank you, once again, for your unwavering support.

Warmest regards,
Twila Farris"
(WCST Board Member)

A MESSAGE FROM THE BAILEYS

"Calvary Family, we miss you. We appreciate all your prayers, phone calls, and meals that you have sent us.

We feel your prayers.

Thank you so very much.

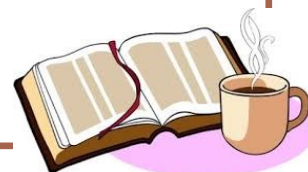
Larry & Glenda Bailey"



Community Bible Study

CBS meets on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. with the study of the Book of James, concluding on November 4th. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact Barbara Williams at 541-955-4595.



SAVE THE DATE!

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

CALVARY LUTHERAN



SWEETS | GIFTS | CRAFTS

Famous Food Room--cakes, cookies,
pies, canned goods

Quilts
&
Lefse

Pie by the
slice, muffins &
coffee

Saturday, November 16, 2024
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Our Famous
Sloppy Joe
lunch served
at 11 am

909 NE Street
Grants Pass

Proceeds benefit local charities

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

**come for the hike/walk
stay for the conversation!**

Calvary Walkers

a small group that meets to walk in the park and invites God into the conversations of our lives. If you're a regular part of this group, invite a neighbor or a friend!

Join us the last Saturday each month at 8:30 a.m. Our October walk will be at Tom Pearce Park (gravel parking lot before you enter the park)

For questions talk to Sister Jennie Myers

Self Care

Take a break and
go for a walk to invite God into the
conversation!

**The next walk will be Saturday, Oct
26th @ 8:30 am at Tom Pearce Park.**

**The next hike will be Saturday,
October 5th
at 8:30 a.m. at Elk Lane Reserve.**

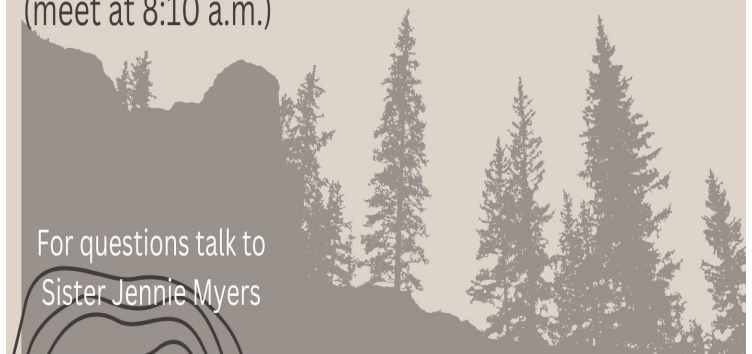
Calvary Hikers

a small group that meets to explore trails, high and low, and to invite God into the spaces of our lives as we journey together! If you're a regular part of this group, invite a neighbor or friend!

This month, join us
the first Saturday,
October 5 at 8:30
a.m. at the Elk Lane
Recreational Area
Loop.

Carpooling
available from
Calvary parking lot
(meet at 8:10 a.m.)

For questions talk to
Sister Jennie Myers



UPCOMING EVENTS & MORE INVITATIONS!

Our weekly study of Genesis resumed after worship services on September 15th in the Fellowship Hall with the reunion of Jacob and Esau.

Pastor Jon's weekly study of Ephesians on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. continues in October, as well as his Ephesians study on Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: WED, OCT 2ND ONLY, Bible Study will be at 1:30 pm.

Please let Pastor know you are interested. These are all weekly bible studies.



A monthly men's breakfast Bible study is also in the planning stage. Pastor Jon would love to speak with you if you have any questions, comments, or ideas!

PRIDE OF THE NORTHWEST MARCHING BAND COMPETITION IS HERE AGAIN! SAVE THE DATE AND BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Tickets are \$12 for general admission; \$10 for seniors and students K-12. Beginning October 1st, please make contact by phone or email to either Kelly Tommerup or Laura Boldon at boldonlaura@gmail.com or ktommerup@hotmail.com



Join us for the Pride of the Northwest Marching Band Competition

Saturday October, 12th

Mel Ingram Field at Grants Pass High School

Prelims 12:00pm Finals 5:30pm

Special alumni lunch between Prelims & Finals!

Tickets are Available for Purchase at gphsband.org

Brookings Harbor Marching Band, Century Marching Band, Crater Marching Band, Del Norte Marching Band, Douglas HS Marching Band, Hillsboro Marching Band & Color Guard, McMinnville Marching Band, North Salem, Pride of the Vikings Marching Band, North Valley Marching Band, Phoenix High School Marching Band, Roseburg Marching Ensemble, Grants Pass High School Marching Band & Color Guard

Gathering Winter Adventures Small Group

If you're curious about the idea of a Winter Adventures Small Group, gather with Sr. Jennie right after worship on Sunday, October 27 at the back of the sanctuary for a really quick interest meeting and we'll form a plan from there. And this is a great way to invite a friend who you've been wanting to check Calvary out as a first step.

A few things we could do is plan a ski trip to Mt. Ashland or Mt. Shasta, or go on a ranger-guided snowshoe hike at Crater Lake. If you know you're interested but cannot be at church on October 27 check in with Sr. Jennie.



BAPTISM OF CALYSTA DELEON!



Congratulations on
Calysta DeLeon's
baptism on
Sunday,
September 15th.

Congratulations
also to
Carmella Menke,
and many of
their family
members!



BAPTISM OF CALYSTA DELEON!



OUR FIRST LEFSE CREW!! WAY TO GO, GANG!!



Our Worship & Music Team ~ Practice Makes Perfect!



The Bulletin Board

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL:

Please use the Community Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall for communicating events such as yard sales, items for sale, and/or services. Please be sure to date your posting in the lower, right-hand corner and then remove your notice from the board once it is no longer applicable. Notices should not be larger than a 5" x 7" sheet of paper. Larger postings may be reduced on the office copier. Thank you!



ATTENTION CALVARY QUILTERS:

Quilts for the Bazaar must be brought to the church by Wednesday, October 16th.

Two very important notes: Please be sure to measure your quilts to be sold, and please pin your name to the quilts, also.

For issues or questions, please be sure to contact Carol Wilson.



OPEN COUNCIL POSITIONS


The following committees are in need of a "voice" to represent them on the church council:

**Worship & Music
Parish Ed
Fellowship
Council Vice President
Council Secretary**

If you are interested or have questions about any of these council roles, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee, who are:

Crystal Zimmer,
Audra Myerchin, or
Karen Blom.
Thank You.

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2024

Calvary Lutheran Church	
Financial Bottom Line as of August 31, 2024	
	As of August 31, 2024 <u>Actual</u>
Operating Income	\$234,573
Operating & Payroll Expenses	\$270,210
Net Operating Income	<u>(\$ 35,637)</u>
2024 Benevolence Giving As of August 31, 2024	
Oregon Synod	\$9,698
Disaster Relief Budgeted/Designated	\$13,248
Local Benevolence Budgeted/ Designated	\$17,140



OCTOBER CELEBRATION TIME!!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

*10/01 BARBARA & BUCK
WOODBURN*

*10/06 WHITNEY & KEVIN
BIXLER*

*10/12 DENISE & PETER
ANGSTADT*

*10/23 TRAVERS & JEN
VORIS*

*10/27 LARRY & GLENDA
BAILEY*

10/02	Keith Jaroslow
10/02	Audrey Myerchin
10/03	Dennis Vroman
10/04	Sophia Thompson
10/06	George Breen
10/07	Kaydan Gindlesperger
10/08	Dick Cottrill
10/08	Brad Myerchin
10/09	Tanya Haight
10/15	Emma Thompson
10/19	Lori Elrod
10/21	Rudy Dierks
10/22	Alan Cordes
10/23	John Mann
10/25	Jax Rodriguez
10/25	Carol Wilson
10/26	Eleanor Myerchin

*We didn't realize
we were making
memories, we just
knew we were
having fun*

Serving the Lord in October

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Pastor Jon/Sister Jennie
10/6 Melinda Eide & Carol Wilson

Pastor Jon/Sister Jennie
10/13 Janine Nave & Diane Weaver

Pastor Jon/Sister Jennie
10/20 David & Tanya Haight

Pastor Jon/Sister Jennie
10/27 Travers & Jennifer Voris

ALTAR GUILD

10/6 Dolly Rodriguez & Teresa Schwerdt
10/13 The Angstadt Family & Sandy Hoadley
10/20 Dolly Rodriguez & David & Tanya Haight
10/27 Bonnie Lawler & Sandy Hoadley

LECTORS

10/06 Marcia Lembcke
10/13 Linda Johnson
10/20 George Straka
10/27 Jennifer Voris

VIDEO/SOUND TEAM

Gary Blom
Larry Weaver
Janine Nave
Monte Zeller
Evan Strickland
Keith Jaroslow
Lisa Jaroslow
Jim Sweeney
Dean Schwerdt

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor Jon Myers
Matt Eide
Karen Blom
Crystal Zimmer
Karen Nantais
Jennifer Voris
Gary Blom
Noel Hoback
Janine Nave
Jackie Matheny
Audra Myerchin
Jennifer Voris
Diane Schoolitz

USHERS

Ken Jernigan, Captain
and
Justin Gindlesperger

ACOLYTES

Kimberly Gindlesperger
Kaydan Gindlesperger
Desi Gindlesperger
CJ Myers
Allie Myers

ALTAR FLOWERS PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY:

10/6 George Straka & Elaine Byrum
10/13 The Angstadt Family
10/20 Kimberly White
10/27 Tommie & Judi Putnam

OCTOBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 3:00 pm Stewardship Meeting 4:00 pm Ephesians Bible Study	2 9:00 am Lefse - (last one) 9:30 am H&H 10:00 am W & M Meeting 1:30 Ephesians Bible Study (Trial) 3:30 pm Praise	3	4 12 pm LWF 11-11:45 am Chair Yoga 12-1:00 pm Yoga	5 8:30 am Calvary Hikers—Elk Lane Reserve 
6 9:30 am Service M.Min: Karen M. Sunday School Adult Ed 6:30 pm Confirma- tion begins	7 10-11:30 am CBS 11 am Parish Ed 11-11:45 am Chair Yoga 12-1:00 pm Yoga	8 10:00 am Prayer Group 4:00 pm Ephesians Bible Study	9 9:30 am H&H 2:00 Ephesians Bible Study 3:30 pm Praise Team/Choir	10 2:00 pm Countryside 4:30 pm Council Meeting	11 11-11:45 am Chair Yoga 12-1:00 pm Yoga	12
13 9:30 am Service Sunday School Adult Ed 2:00 pm HS Youth Hangout	14 10-11:30 am CBS HOLIDAY— CHURCH CLOSED (NO YOGA)	15 4:00 pm Ephesians Bible Study	16 9:30 am H&H Meeting (Bazaar Finalities) 2:00 Ephesians Bible Study 3:30 pm Praise Team/Choir	17	18 9-2:30 pm RED CROSS BLOOD  11-11:45 am Chair Yoga 12-1:00 pm Yoga	19
20 9:30 am Service Sunday School Adult Ed 6:30 pm Confirma- tion	21 10-11:30 am CBS 11-11:45 am Chair Yoga 12-1:00 pm Yoga	22 NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY TODAY — PASTOR IS OUT	23 9:30 am H&H 10:00 am Out- reach Meeting NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY TODAY — PASTOR IS OUT 3:30 pm Praise Team/Choir	24	25 11-11:45 am Chair Yoga 12-1:00 pm Yoga	26 8:30 am Calvary Walkers—Tom Pearce Park 
27 9:30 am Service Adult Ed NO Sunday School Winter Small Group interest mtg (after worship) 4-6:00 pm P. Ed Pumpkin Painting & Spaghetti Dinner	28 10-11:30 am CBS 11-11:45 am Chair Yoga 12-1:00 pm Yoga	29 4:00 pm Ephesians Bible Study	30 9:30 am H&H 2:00 Ephesians Bible Study 3:30 pm Praise Team/Choir	31 		



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Jon Myers, Pastor

Jennie Myers, Deaconess

Wendy Ross, Director of Choirs

Kimberly White & Rosemary Adams,

Administrative Assistants

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School