



From the Pastor:

"In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven." Colossians. 1:3-5a

Every year before our confirmands stand before their church family to affirm their Baptism and agree to take on more responsibility for their faith life and within our community, I ask them to write a prayer. It can be about anything, which makes it easier. Plus, I truly believe that we are hard-wired to pray, so we all have the capacity to do so.

God created us for relationship. Communication is essential for relationship. Prayer is a major way of communicating with God. Therefore, we can all pray and create prayers, because God made us that way. Sometimes it just takes a little nudge to remind us we can all do it. Confirmation is one of those nudges.

This year our confirmand Ethan Thomas wrote a beautiful prayer. It reminds me that we are all a family in God, and that is one of the biggest gifts that God has given us because of the love that gift unlocks for us. Here's his prayer, **"Dear all powerful God, I know I haven't always been kind to my siblings, but thank you for giving me a chance to be a part of their life, and help me be kind to them in the future. Amen."** Now Ethan doesn't mention that his siblings are more than James, Logan, and Jocelyn, but that is one of the wonders of prayer. God's Spirit works with our thoughts, feelings, words, and sighs to stretch our hearts beyond what we thought were our limits.

Ethan's prayer also teaches us with freshness about the love of God as it is lived out by the family of God. We're not perfect. Maybe you are, but I certainly am not. Love helps us to be honest about ourselves and our shortcomings. If we never admit to our faults, then we are not being kind to those who are impacted by them. Instead taking responsibility, "I haven't always been kind," shows we care about others and the relationship. Likewise, vulnerability is a work of love when we allow our armor to come down and we accept carrying the burden of the hurt we caused another.

Christian love isn't perfect either, only God's love is. Yet, the Christian in love seeks to be made more perfect as God is. Love acknowledges not only our imperfections, but seeks to be better for the sake of the love made known to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus as well as out of deep care for the people God has called us to love. "Help me be kind to them in the future." When we operate in Christian love, we realize that there are ways that we could be better for the sake of the well-being of others and we seek out ways to grow in love. Reaching out to God for help is a great way to make that happen.

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Finally, love lived out in Christian family recognizes that, while none of us are perfect, we have much for which we can be thankful. Each other is a fantastic place to start with that thankfulness, “Thank you for giving me a chance to be a part of their life.” Love remembers that we are not islands and our words, actions, and inactions always have an impact, so seeks for them to be impactful in positive ways. This isn’t a burden but a gift, because it transforms existing into living. You are a part of something bigger than yourself. Sometimes we call it God’s family, other times the Body of Christ. Either way, they mean we are a part of each other and all together with God as well. Each life has as much value as every other and the space we share in life is sacred and each connection is an honor. The gift of love from God makes it so.

Dear God, I don’t love as I should but I want to be better. Please help me to be. Thank you for loving me the way that I am and enough to help make me the way that you made me in love to be. You put so many wonderful people in my life and my family is bigger than I even realized. Thank for their love. Help me to receive it and spread it with grace. Amen.

Thank you Ethan for inspiring me to this prayer. May all of your prayer lives and love be refreshed by our newest confirmand as well.

**Watchin’ Waldo at the Station Dinner
Theater in Erie.**

RSVP by July 3rd for the Wednesday, August 24th Outing

Enjoy lunch followed by a show. The show is a comedy revolving around ‘John’ who was recently promoted and finds himself in charge of his Boss’s company, apartment, and a dog named Waldo when the boss goes on vacation. Nothing goes as planned and soon his world is spiraling out of control, including a new “foreign bride” who shows up unannounced! A host of kooky characters will tickle you funny bone.

Coach bus transportation is provided for this trip.

175 YEARS

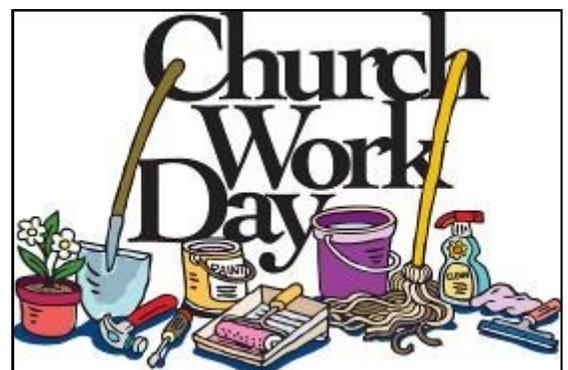
Anniversary Committee

We will be celebrating 175 years at St. Peter’s in 2024 and are looking for volunteers to serve on this committee. If you are interested please contact Rita Reifenstein or Ted Lingren III.

We need to begin the brainstorming process and need your help!

A special thank you to everyone who helped with work day 2022! Work completed included both indoor and outdoor work with cleaning, landscaping, and organizing.

We are blessed to have such a dedicated crew of volunteers and can’t say thank you enough for your dedication and hard work. There are lots of jobs still posted on the chalk board in Luther Hall if you would like to volunteer to help maintain our ministry outpost.



MORNING MANNA & KID CAMP TIME



Morning Manna was held June 6th—10th from 9 am—noon with 31 kids participating and 7 adult volunteers. The kids had a great time “Growing their Faith”. Thank you to Christine, Patti, Teresa, Pastor, Becky, Jan and Heidi for their dedication to teaching children about God’s love for them this week! Kid camp was also held June 6-10 and 13-17 with 11 kids (our maximum) registered. Kids played games, swam, went to the park, and more. Our families who participated were very excited that we offered this program for them this summer!



ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS:



Volunteers needed this summer

– Please speak to Marlene Domhoff as soon as possible if you are willing to share your musical talent with your church family and friends this summer.

Meals On Wheels— your help is needed to provide fruit and desserts again for this annual project made possible from volunteers. St. Peter's has elected to provide fruit and dessert for meals from July 18th—August 5th. There is a need for 10 diabetic and 30 regular desserts and fruits each day. Please see Christine Johns if you are willing to help with this ministry.



Bright Hope Children's Cancer Retreat Center— St. Peter's youth will be volunteering at this center while on their annual mission trip. They will be collecting items to take with them to donate to the retreat center: beach towels, sand toys, sun screen, gift cards for families to eat out, etc. If you would like to donate items please place them in the donation box located in Luther Hall.



Thank you for making a difference at Lutherlyn!

It is friends like you who make it possible for Lutherlyn to keep our vitally important promise to never turn a child away from summer camp for financial reasons. Your recent gift of \$60 goes further than just helping kids get to camp. As their time at Lutherlyn draws to a close we challenge every camper to take Christ's love into their communities and to shine their light everywhere they go. Through them, your gift is a blessing to their families, friends, and communities.

- Deb Roberts

July Birthdays

St. Peter's Church Family Wishes Many Blessings To You!

- 1 Trista Weir
- 3 Sheli Grosick
- 4 Peyton Weber
- 5 Pat Capella
- 8 Garrie Wearing
- 9 Paige Lindgren
- 11 Angie Banyay
- 15 Davin Beahm Sr.
- 16 Marlene Domhoff
- 16 Marcia Marburger

- 18 Heidi Beahm
- 23 Troy Barkley
- 24 Anna Plank
- 25 Charleen Lippencott
- 25 Alyssa Barnhart
- 26 Lori Geisler
- 29 Christi Barnhart
- 29 Owen Price
- 30 Eilene Budisky
- 30 Kierstin Beahm
- 30 Tyler Barron
- 31 Melody Beaton
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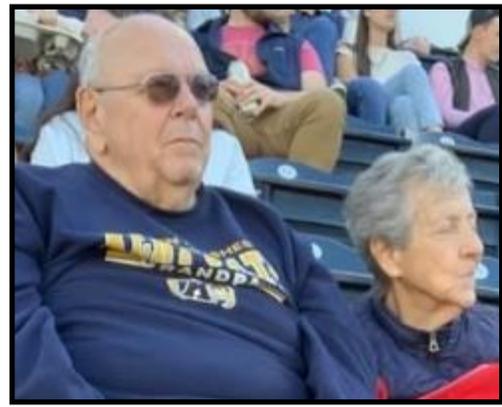


Teacher Appreciation Dinner 2022

A special thank you to Pastor Johns for recognizing the 2021-22 Sunday School Teachers to a special dinner. Those who were able to attend had a wonderful time. Many thanks to our teachers who dedicate their time to help educate others about their love for Christ.

2021-22 teachers included: Robin Van Dyke, Casey & Dan Guerriero, Amy Anthony, Christine Johns, Teresa O'Malley, Cassie Zoelle, Jenn Erin

If you are interested in teaching, assisting, or subbing for the 2022-23 school year please see Jenn Erin, head of learning ministry, and she can add you to the volunteer team!



St. Peter's Pirates fans enjoyed a sunny day together at the park on Saturday, June 18th. The game was a nail biter coming close to a win. Many thanks to all who participated to make the outing a success! Hopefully we have even more join the fun next year!



Softball Games- (all games are double headers)

All are welcome! You can bring chairs to set up at a social distance or there is some bleacher seating as well. At Middle Lancaster parking is permitted in the lot beside the community building (unless otherwise stated not to park in that area) and in the grass past the trees on the first base side.



Game nights are July:
11th—6:30 pm SRU Stadium
18th—6:00 pm Middle Lancaster



Congratulations to St. Peter's Volleyball teams for making it to the finals! Champions for the spring season went to "Team Rengers." Making memories & friendships have been a blessing!

Inner Tube Trip!

Sat. July 23rd

Sign up today to attend our church tube trip!
(email, call, or sign up on the sheet at church)



- ⇒ **Time:** We plan to leave the church at 8:30 am.
- ⇒ **Location:** Cooks Forest (The Pale Whale)
115 Riverside Dr. Cooksburgh, PA 16217
- ⇒ **Cost:** \$11.25 single tube, \$21.00 double tube
(Do not pay until the day of our float)
- ⇒ **Transportation:** We plan to take the church van, and/or caravan as a group, or meet at the location.
- ⇒ Pack a picnic lunch and we can eat after we float. There are restroom facilities and picnic tables on site.
- ⇒ The float is 2.5 miles long and takes approximately 2.5 to 3 hours depending on the current of the lazy river.
- ⇒ There is not rain date for this event. Our calendar is full and does not permit a time to reschedule.
- ⇒ **All ages can participate in this outing!**

WELCA SCHOOL KITS

Collection will begin now and continue through mid September. A bin will be located in the back of the church or on the table outside of the glass doors (near the handicapped parking lot) with a list of items needed for each kit. Please consider donating the following items to help make much needed school kits:

- 3 – 70 sheet spiral notebooks (8 1/2 x11)
- 1 ruler (12 inch)
- 1 pencil sharpener,
- 1 BLUNT end scissors
- 6 **unsharpened** pencils with erasers
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 1 large 2" eraser

If you want to give a monetary donation instead of items please give it to Nancy Zattiero or turn it into the church office marked School Kits.

**(Please make checks payable to WELCA not
St. Peter's Lutheran Church)**

Thank you!

To everyone who helped in any way to make the 2nd Annual Rege Rengers Memorial Cornhole Tournament a huge success! As of end of June, \$1,916 were raised to benefit ALS of Western PA. A special thank you to the fellowship committee for their dedication to serving others!

Congratulations to Kate & Cam for winning the tournament this year! *It was fun to watch & cheer you on to victory!*



Debbie Merrison & Kurt Wearing won door prizes!



FINANCIAL FACTS

May 2022 Contributions:

2021 Contributions to Date:

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Funds Report
Posted Contributions For Period: 05/01/2022 to 05/31/2022

Fund Description	Amount
212 Food Cupboard	660.00
213 Synod Benevolence	1,291.10
214 ELCA World Hunger Appeal	1.16
215 ELCA Lutheran World Relief	20.00
223 ELCA Luth. Disaster Response	50.00
228 Seminary	65.00
242 EDCO Park	10.00
400 Current Fund Income	14,107.01
401 Music Fund Income	26.00
405 Flower Income	294.00
407 Priority Project Income	10.00
408 After School Program Income	4,590.00
409 Loan Income	2,828.25
410 Campership Income	316.13
412 Manna Night	311.12
Grand Total	24,579.77

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
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Posted Contributions For Period: 01/01/2022 to 05/31/2022

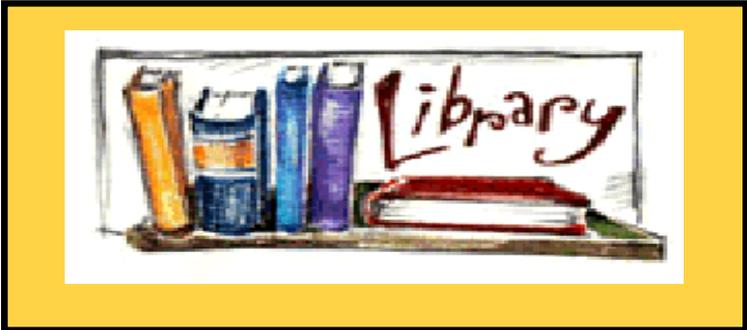
Fund Description	Amount
204 W.E.L.C.A.	10.00
211 Meals on Wheels	305.00
212 Food Cupboard	1,508.47
213 Synod Benevolence	6,552.14
214 ELCA World Hunger Appeal	296.66
215 ELCA Lutheran World Relief	130.00
217 ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect	60.00
223 ELCA Luth. Disaster Response	2,722.00
228 Seminary	65.00
234 Sherri Ifft - Missionary	110.00
240 Evans City Library	200.00
242 EDCO Park	115.00
400 Current Fund Income	61,288.73
401 Music Fund Income	100.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	75.00
403 MIF Endowment (M.M.)	500.00
405 Flower Income	1,444.00
406 Youth Fund Income	2,785.00
407 Priority Project Income	1,465.00
408 After School Program Income	12,915.00
409 Loan Income	15,774.16
410 Campership Income	3,288.53
412 Manna Night	342.12
414 Heating System Income	125.00
440 Softball Team Income	600.00
Grand Total	112,776.81



A Financial Update – in an effort to keep everyone informed about our current financial situation the reconciled treasurers report of our current fund **as of the end of May 2022** is as follows: Current Fund \$3,204.48, Memorial Fund \$3,584.72, Youth Fund \$7,549.76, Manna Fund \$4,283.24, Priority Project Fund \$7,119.13, After School Program \$19,840.23. Many thanks to those who continue to give to these funds which give us the ability to serve Christ and others.

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for July

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause will support Evans City Public Library. If you would like to support this cause, please mark the "Other" line on your contribution envelope.



If you have Thrivent Choice Dollars and you have not appointed them for 2022 it is time to do so. Choice Dollars need to be renewed once a year. St. Peter's has been the grateful recipients of Choice Dollars from Thrivent members for several years. We thank all Thrivent members who choose St. Peter's to benefit financially from their designation at no cost to them!

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Cole Barkley
 John, Summer, Timothy Barron & Family
 Amanda Barron
 Sharla Barron
 Herb Brittner
 Tom Broeren
 Jane Brown
 Jane Carruth (*Colon Cancer - B.Barkley*)
 Jimmy Dapper
 David English (*Lung Cancer*)
 Diane Fair
 Bob & Joan Ferringer
 Pat Foringer (*ALS*)
 Mary, Glenn, and David Fulghum
 Lori Goodwin
 Joyce Hays
 Rich Isreal
 Marylee Jones
 Val Kurth (*Breast Cancer*)
 Carol Kerr
 Kim Long (*cancer*)
 Todd Manuel (*blood cancer*)
 Tom Manuel (*brain tumor*)
 Matt & Kim Morris
 Erin Price
 Bill Puryear (*cancer*)
 Harold & Barb Rader
 Carol Smith (*Cancer*)

Tammy Dauben Speck (*Breast Cancer*)
 Carrie Sphar (*cancer – from: Cheryl Thomas*)
 Sadie Terek (*cystic fibrosis – from: Kim Morris*)
 Garret Thomas (*cancer – from: Kim Morris*)
 Cathy Van Dyke (*Robin Van Dyke’s Sister-In-Law*)
 Dave Van Dyke (*Cancer*)
 Tracey Weimer (*submitted by Vonda Weimer*)
 John West
 Beverly Williams (*colon cancer- submitted by Vonda Weimer*)
 John & Kay Yuengert (*submitted by Karen Ferrari*)
 Nancy & Butch Zattiero



PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Please contact the church office as soon as possible to request additions or changes.

Norma Iman
 Mary Belle McMillen
 Ruth Rasp
 Lucille Wingard
 Ginni Rinkus

INTERCESSIONS FOR CONSOLATION IN GRIEF

Members and friends who have entered the Church Triumphant in the previous 3 months:

The family of Rob Boring (3-13-22)
 The family of Ron West (3-29-22)
 The family of Agnes Watson (6-25-22)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Westminster Presbyterian Church hosted the 2022 Community Vacation Bible School with St. Peter's volunteers leading games and St. Johns UCC leading snack time. A special thank you to Loraine Brock and a team of dedicated volunteers from Westminster for providing a week full of fun and learning for children and families in our community.



JUNE COUNCIL MINUTES—UNAPPROVED

June 14th, 2022

Present: Pastor Johns, Debbie Merrison, Casey Guerriero, Patti Flach, Robin VanDyke, Marlene Domhoff, Adam Price, and Ted Lindgren III, and Rob Burr

Absent (excused): Dan Erin, Jane Taylor, Rita Reifenstein, and Michael Bettencourt

Visitors: None

Vice-President Robin VanDyke called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and Pastor Johns led us in prayers of love and thanksgiving.

Minutes: May10th, 2022 minutes were read. Ted motioned to accept the minutes, 2nd by Patti. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Secretary Report: Written reports submitted. The brick loan is paid off! We are waiting for an official letter from the bank. We would like to have a celebration once we have notice that it has been finalized.

Pastor's Report: Written report submitted.

Fellowship: No report submitted. We had our Church Picnic, and everything went well with that. It seems like people enjoyed having fellowship after worship.

Finance: Meeting needed.

Learning Ministry/Youth: No report submitted. Sunday School and Bible Study ended for the Summer. Sunday School will resume on September 11th, 2022. Pastor Johns is starting a Summer book study.

Memorial: No meeting.

Mutual Ministry: No meeting.

Property: Written report submitted. There are lots of things leftover from the Work Day. New fire alarms were ordered for the parsonage. The fire alarms just need to be installed.

Music & Worship: Ethan Thomas was confirmed. We will be switching to the summer schedule.

Unfinished Business: We are still searching for a new church secretary. Pastor will be making calls to two people who might possibly be interested.

We are looking at doing a couple outdoor worship services this summer.

New Business: There might be a possible Refugee Ministry. It would involve the Evans City churches working together for this. Greg Hartung would be leading this for our area. There will be a meeting with the JFCC (Jewish Federation). There would be a one year commitment with families for this.

Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

Ted motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM, 2nd by Debbie. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be August 2nd, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Guerriero

SYNOD ASSEMBLY & CHURCH PICNIC

Pastor Johns, Marge and I were St. Peter's delegates to the 35th annual Synod Assembly of Southwestern Pennsylvania. This was held on Thursday evening, June 16th, and Saturday, June 18th, via zoom.

For me, it was quite a learning experience. I learned that that our Synod, like St. Peter's, does a lot of things in the name of Christ, from feeding the hungry in our local communities, to providing support to our fellow Lutherans (and others) in Madagascar.

We heard riveting words of inspiration from the keynote speaker, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry. Using the theme of the Synod, "I love to tell the story," he told stories about the love of Jesus in lives past and present, and emphasized that with the love of Christ, there can be unity.

Indeed, throughout the assembly, there may have been disagreements, but there was unity in Christ. Presided over by Bishop Kusserow, the assembly heard many reports and took action on some items:

- Committees are being restructured

- Elections to Synod Council and committees were held

- The budget passed

- Committees gave their reports

- Lutherlyn is in the middle of a major capital campaign

- To get more specifics, go to the Synod's website.

In her report, Presiding Bishop Eaton indicated that she has a goal to involve one million young people in the whole church body.

And we heard many inspiring words from the Synod Chaplain, the Reverend Peggy Suhr-Barkley. She tirelessly kept us motivated and honored those ordained servants of Christ that left us in the past year.

Lastly, it is my pleasure to report that St. Peter's was one of two dozen churches out of 150 in the Synod to be recognized as we achieved a 10% tithe to the Synod.

It was a privilege to attend the Synod on behalf of St. Peter's. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted, Ted Lindgren II



St. Peter's Annual Church Picnic was held on Sunday, June 12th and honored St. Peter's graduates.



Date	07/03/2022	07/10/2022	07/17/2022	07/24/2022	07/31/2022
Acolyte	Elsa Plank	Alyssa Mossor	Ethan Thomas	Penelope Erin	Owen Price
Altar Flowers (\$35)	Eilene Budisky	Eilene Budisky	Jane Taylor	Barb Graham	Spons or Needed
Altar Guild	Pat Capella	Pat Capella	Pat Capella	Pat Capella	Pat Capella
Asst. Minister	Robin VanDyke	Glenn Fulghum	Troy Barkley	Karen Ferrari	Teresa O'Malley
Bell Ringer	Davin Beahm	Joe Ludwik	Wes Schmidt	Adam Price	Jason Plank
Communion Ministers	Robin VanDyke	Teresa O'Malley	Debbie Merrison	Pastor Johns Ted Lindgren	N/A
Eternal Candle (\$15)	Carol Kerr	Carol Kerr	Carol Kerr	Carol Kerr	Carol Kerr
Greeters	Adam Price Family	Marge Wearing Robin VanDyke	Wes & Linda Schmidt	Rick & Rita Reifenstein	Tom & Cindy Ayres
Lector	Tom Ayres	Emma Plank	Marsha Reedy	Ted Lindgren	Robin Plank
Mowers	Lindgren (July 8 or 9)	Price (July 15 or 16)	N/A	Bonicky (July 29 or 30)	N/A
Tech Support	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price
Ushers	Casey & Dan Guerriero	Brian Johns Troy Barkley	Tom Ayres Joe Ludwik	Heidi Beahm Cindy Ayres	Dean Zinkhann Adam Price

If you would like to volunteer to assist with worship services and are not currently on our volunteer list please contact the church office so you can be added to the schedule.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
10:15am - Worship	7pm - Boy/Cub Scouts	9am - Pr. Cluster -Zelia. 6pm - Softball Game 7pm - Property Mtg.		9am - Quilters Group		
10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Food Cupboard	6:30pm - Softball Game 7pm - Boy/Cub Scouts	7pm - Fellowship Meeting	9am - E.C. Ministerium 12pm - Lunch Bunch Outing 6:30pm - Relay for Life	9am - Quilters Group 5:30pm - Free Community		6:30pm - Game Night
10:15am - Worship	6pm - Softball Game 7pm - Boy/Cub Scouts 7pm - Sowers			9am - Quilters Group		Tubing Trip 
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	7pm - Boy/Cub Scouts 7pm - Worship Mtg.	7:30pm - Dorcas Circle		9am - Quilters Group		
10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Peach Fest 						

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Our Staff:

Pastor Brandon Johns

Heidi Beahm, *Secretary*

Marlene Domhoff,
Organist / Music Director

Joe Ludwik, *Sexton*

- The Sunday Bulletin Deadline is
Wednesdays at 10 am
- Monthly Newsletter Deadline is the 3rd Sunday of
each month
- Weekly Outdoor Worship Services:
Sundays at 9 am
- Weekly Book Study:
Sundays after worship
- Check Our Weekly Calendar of other events.
**Summer Office Hours for Secretary:
M-W-F**

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