

The Chimes



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# Worship Schedule

#### 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 3 10:00 am Service John 6:35-40 *"I Am the Bread of Life"* Rev. Laura

#### 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 10 10:00 am service Mark 2:1-13 *"With A Little Help from our Friends"* Rev. Laura

#### 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 17, Father's Day 10:00 am Service Mark 4:26-41 *"Let Anyone with Ears Listen"* Rev. Laura

#### 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 24 *10:00 am service* Mark 4:35-41 *"Do Not Fear"* 



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#### **Church Leadership**

#### Session

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### **Letter from Laura**

#### Letter from Laura

I got separated from my car the other day. In the midst of trying to get to her and drive away, I felt confused, frustrated and stupid. None of my knowledge or coping skills were helping. Here's what happened: I drove into the OSF parking garage. It was packed. I drove higher and higher, with nary a space appearing. One layer down from the roof, I decided I didn't want to sweat when I got back into my car, so I decided to start going down so I could park in the shade. That usually leads to a spot pretty quickly. Then I stopped paying attention so didn't register the *floor color* at the elevator when I took it down to the main floor. I know better. My brain was on my day ahead. Visits finished, I went back to my car. Walking up the ramp I realized my car was not there. Puzzled, I clicked my remote and could hear my car respond. Weird. Followed the sound to the edge of the ramp and saw my car parked beneath my feet. Clicked the remote again. Yup. Walked down one ramp level. No car. What? Clicked the remote but didn't trust what my ears were telling me on direction because I could not figure how to get to there. Was it really my car clicking? Back I went to the sighting spot. There was my car, one level down, at my feet, responding to the remote. Confused, I rolled my brain back a few hours and realized I could not remember the walk from my car to the elevator. Floor sloping up or down? Decided not to believe my eyes and went down a level. Nope. Back to Lookout Point. Briefly considered scaling the fence and dropping down beside my car but felt that would not go well. Time for help. At the front desk, the lady reached for the phone to call security, but an alert valet, having heard the conversation asked if I really could see my car and when I said yes, said "I'll help you in a few minutes." Bit tongue on elevator to keep from sharing why I know I'm not an idiot with him. He's already worked there 3 years. Heard it all. Oy! We proceeded to Lookout Point. Clicked the remote to prove to us that I could see my car and he said "All you need to do is go up one floor." Up to go down !??! I did not think he could be right, but provisionally trusted, tipped and dismissed him. Sure enough, up got me to down and away I drove.

When I enter a church to help it towards our common goal: to call a competent pastor who is the right pastor and right fit to be a guide for several years, we have some confidence about getting there. You told me the first draft of your story in the interviews. The reality of partnering in ministry leads to constant revisions of the story while sustaining the ongoing life of the congregation. It reveals where work is needed. My research intensifies while I work with key leaders to push to the place of traction. UPC being so competent and layers deep in talent, we expected to find traction sooner. As soon as the Session was able to name our essential challenge on Tuesday, it was clear we've hit the traction point. Horray! We are going to have so much fun now, making new discoveries as we excavate further. There is nothing too minor in fact or thought at this phase. Just as the valet could offer invaluable aid from Lookout Point, we now need everyone's participation in sharing even if we might believe it's irrelevant. I did tell the valet on the elevator the color of the number I saw on the wall opposite my car the **third** time I went to Lookout Point. You already hold all the clues we need to release the gifts of the Spirit already within you. Let me guide you on the way. Talk to me. Up to go down?? Absolutely. God is with us.

Blessings, Rev. Laura

### **Pastoral Prayers**

Please keep the following people in your thoughts Mary Buesing Ken Brower Kerry Dickerson Geneva Hall (Gulley)

Geneva Hall (Gulley Jaxson Harper Mary Jermac Duane Mach Gladys Neal Dave Nixon Henry Noetzel Dean Peoples Stephanie Rittmiller (Rouzer) Larry Stotts Sara Stotts Josh Swank Jon Wrigley Ruthie Yingling



Our prayers of Christian sympathy for Rob Lohnes and Clay Giese and their family on the recent death of Rob's Aunt, Paula Farrar.

Our prayer of Christian sympathy for Sam Peel and Katelyn Romero on the death of their father on May 2nd.

Our prayers of Christian sympathy for the family of Mil Berry on her death on May 12th.

Our prayers of Christian sympathy for the family of Evelyn Humphrey on her death May 23rd.

# Due Date Schedules

Please note the calendar has new due dates for CHIMES info and Session Packet Info.

CHIMES: The Chimes is collated on the last Wednesday of the month with the information deadline two Sundays before.

Session Packet: Info for the Session packet needs to be in the office by 8:00 am the Thursday prior to Session. Session is on the 4th Tuesday.

### **News from the Pews**

#### Thanks

Dear All,

Miss you all-hope all are doing well. Laurie Hartshorn came last week for a lovely visit-all those Valentine's and candies. But we had a fine visit and I think I must have talked a



lot. I certainly remembered things I hadn't thought about in years! This has been a long, cold, miserable winter season and Laurie Hartshorn was the bright spot. I thank her. Love, Janet McKinty

Dear UPC Friends,

A belated thank you for all the work and opening your hearts and doors to me and my family so that we could celebrate Bill's life with all of our Peoria friends. UPC is a very special family and I miss you all. Thank you for your cards, prayers, caring, and concerns.

Love, Carla Hall

We would like to thank the staff and fellow members of United Presbyterian Church for all of your support, care, and prayers during Josh's cancer treatment. We have been very fortunate to have such wonderful support through this; from the phone calls, text messages, visits and cards. Knowing that so many people have you in their thoughtful prayer really helps face this disease a little easier. Although the main treatment is complete at this point, we appreciate and welcome your continued prayers for a full recovery. Thank you for all that you've done. Sincerely, Josh and Danette Swank.

From Fred, Kathy, Jim's wife Dorie, family members, and many friends, we want to say, "Thank you" to the staff and church members who contributed time, effort, and condolences to the funeral service for our brother, husband, father and friend, Jim Roland. Not having lived in Peoria for many years, Jim and Dorie lacked a proper local venue, and the Church stepped up to serve. The service and meal afterwards were accomplished smoothly. Everyone in attendance was consoled, uplifted, and gratified. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ was upon us, and we pray it is upon you. Thank you very much. Fred & Kathy Roland

# **Church Life**

#### BUNCO

Will take the summer off. See you in September.

#### **Ladies Night Out**

June 21, 2018 6:00 pm Red Lobster, N. Sterling Ave, Peoria RSVP to Eunice Andrews at 688-8458 or Betty Pugh at 822 -8500. Come a little earlier if you want to visit more.

#### Anna Circle & Share the Warmth

Anna Circle will not be meeting during the summer. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 13th. Also, with an adequate supply of blankets, the Share the Warmth Blanket Ministry will not meet again until September.

### **Stewardship & Finance**

#### **Good News to Share**

We have some good news to share. During the month of April, we received two monetary gifts that were applied directly to the principal of our mortgage.

The first gift, \$7600, came from Carol Agner's bequeath of \$10,000 to UPC. (The remaining \$2400 was deposited into our mortgage abatement program (MAP) savings account that holds 18 months of mortgage payments and assures we can continue to meet our mortgage obligations.) The second gift, \$2400, came from Pastor Laura's 25 years in the ministry celebration. A big thanks to all of you who contributed to this gift!

The combined \$10,000 helps our church two ways. The length of the mortgage was reduced by two months and the amount of interest we will pay was reduced by \$4000.

We forecast paying off our mortgage September 2024. So please remember that every additional \$5000 gift, applied to the principal of the mortgage, will allow us to pay the mortgage off 1 month earlier and pay \$2000 less interest.

### **Children's Sunday School**

Children's Sunday School After time with Young Disciples in worship

#### May 27 - end of summer: Movie Sundays

Children ages  $3-5^{th}$  grade are welcome to join us for a short movie and fellowship time for children in the gym or on the playground.

#### After Time with Young Disciples in worship Upstairs Sunday school rooms

Note: On 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be in worship and the two younger classes will return for Communion and the end of the service. Parents can pick up their children in the balcony. If you would not like your child to receive the Lord's Supper, please let us know. There is no Sunday school on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays so families can worship together.

#### Vacation Bible School\*

#### July 15-19 6:00 –8:00 pm

Join us as we become tourists and explore the globe to learn more about our neighbors. Children will fully immerse themselves in a new country Sunday – Wednesday with a big family celebration on Thursday night. We will learn from an expert or native of Romania, Peru, Pakistan, and Laos through art, games, food, and more. The fun continues with music and crafts to complete our tourist look. We will also take time to hear how Jesus spent time with neighbors and always made them feel welcome through story and Holy Yoga. Do not miss this wonderful week of fun, exploration, and learning how to become welcoming like Jesus.

\*See insert for registration form

### **Christian Education**

#### **Adult Sunday School**

We will be taking the summer off. See you in September.

### **Parish Nurse**

#### Safe Fun in the Sun

It is spring! It is spring! I didn't think it was ever going to appear this year- but thankfully the wait is over and it is spring! I don't know about you, but I am definitely enjoying sandals and warmer weather. While it is great to be getting outside and enjoying the outdoors, are you making sure you are keeping safe in the sun? A few facts:

- I in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in the course of a lifetime
- 1 person dies of melanoma every hour
- Nearly 50% of Americans who live to age 65 will have skin cancer at least once
- Your risk for developing melanoma doubles if • you have had more than five sunburns
- Regular daily use of SPF 15 or higher sunscreen • reduces the risk of melanoma by 50%
- People who first use a tanning bed before age ٠ 35 increase their risk for melanoma by 75%

How to Protect Your Skin:

- Seek the shade especially between 10am and • 4pm.
- Do not burn.
- Avoid tanning and UV tanning booths.
- Cover up with clothing including a broad-• brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.
- Use a broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen • with an SPF of 15 or higher every day. For extended outdoor activity, use a water-resistant, broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.
- Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to • your entire body 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming and excessive sweating.
- Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months.
- Examine your skin head-to-toe every month.
- See your physician every year for a professional skin exam.

It is important to take care of your skin each and every time you are outside. By following a few simple rules you can enjoy the great outdoors. Be smart, be safe and have a fun spring and summer! For more information head to www.skincancer.org Kirsten Tharp RN, BSN Parish Nurse



#### **Medical Equipment Available**

If you or a loved one has a need for medical equipment- shop UPC first. UPC offers a medical equipment loan program. The following equipment is available for borrowing:

- Wheelchairs
- Walkers
- Shower seats
- Commodes •
- Canes •
- Crutches
- **Toilet risers** •
- Knee scooter •
- Long handled grabbers •
- Long handled shoe horns and sock assistance devices

Call the church office or contact Kirsten Tharp with questions.

# **Help Needed**

#### Wedding Hostesses Needed

Want to have a little fun?\* How about joining the wedding hostess team of UPC? This is a fun and helpful ministry of the church. For more information contact Deb Hanson at 251-1508.

\* Help a bride relax on her big day.

### **Youth Groups**

JUMP START – a youth group for ages 8-11. RUSH – a youth group for ages 12-15. QUEST – a youth group for ages 16+.

#### JUMP START

Taking a break for the summer. See you in the fall.

#### RUSH/QUEST Mission Trip Meeting Sunday, June 3

#### 3:00 pm

Parents and youth going on the trip will need to attend to go over details. We will also get prepped to provide the best experience for the people we are working with from Charlotte Cronin.

#### Serving at Salvation Army

Sunday, June 17 RUSH & QUEST 4:00 pm meet at church 6:30 pm pick up

#### **Mission Trip**

Saturday, June 23– Saturday, June 30

# **Covenant Gathering**

Rooted and Grounded in Love - Covenant Gathering 2018 July 8, 4 pm - July 13, 11 am Geneva Retreat Center Rochester, IN This event is the most wonderful week of my life annually over the last 22 years. It's the closest thing to heaven I will ever experience while living in my body and the relationships I have from it are among the most profoundly important ones of my life. I can't believe a great congregation like UPC isn't sending 25 plus folks to Christian camp each year it's life changing AND economical! If you need to choose just one camp each year, this is the one to go to. Registration includes food, housing, classes and activities. There's a cap on how much any family pays. There are deep discounts for attendees under the age of 10. Register before June 10<sup>th</sup> and receive a 15% first time participant discount. Designed for ages 0 to 99; you'll enjoy it if you come alone or with others. Built as the camp and conference center of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley, Geneva Center is accessible, comfortable and convenient. It's only 4 hours from Peoria. **REGISTER NOW!** Go to www.covenantgathering.com to download a brochure and for more details. I can answer any questions you might have. Rev. Laura

### **Stephen Ministry**

#### Three New Stephen Ministers Commissioned

Christie Cook, Ann Gropp and Debbie Sullivan were commissioned as Stephen Ministers of United Presbyterian Church on May 6 during the worship service. They will join the current Stephen Ministers: Erin Heilman, Shirley Poshard and Rich McClain, who have served since 2013.

The new Stephen Ministers have worked extremely hard since they began meeting in September. The preclass reading assignments, in class lectures, discussion and role playing have helped the group grow in knowledge and skills. They recently joined the current Stephen Ministers at a workshop on divorce care hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church.

A recurring emphasis of Stephen Ministry training has been confidentiality. What a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is held in strict confidence. Even the identity of the care receiver is kept confidential from the other Stephen Ministers. The confidentiality of Stephen Ministry lets people know they can discuss difficult concerns with their Stephen Minister and not be afraid of others finding out.

Rev. Laura and Parish Nurse Kirsten Tharp serve as Stephen Ministry Referral Coordinators. If you are hurting and in need of Christian care, please contact either one of them at 693-2002. They will explain more about the program to you and find a Stephen Minister to meet with you on a weekly basis.

#### **New Military Address**

Teslyn Armstrong graduated from high school on May 20th and then shipped out Monday to Basic Military Training (BMT) for the Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. She enlisted full time and is going into Security Forces. She would really appreciate hearing from her church family with notes and photos. (Please NO packages or food).

AB Armstrong, Teslyn M 324 TRS/FLT 508 (Dorm B2) 1320 Truemper Street Unit 362913 JBSA Lackland AFB, TX 78236-6433

### Worship & the Arts



#### VIVID We are taking a break for the summer. See you in the fall.

#### Save the Date- Two Concerts at UPC

The first concert will be Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> as the Peoria Municipal Band will be playing on the church grounds at UPC for an outdoor concert. More details to come as the date approaches.

The second concert will be Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm and is titled "There Always, Something Sings: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Composers on Religious Division and Unity." Soprano Angela Born, tenor Matthew Peckham, pianist Dana Brown, and percussionist Matthew Kibort will be performing works by Paul Winchester, Mohammed Fairouz, Erik Contzius, and Michelle Isaac. This will be a wonderful opportunity to explore the commonalities between Christianity and Islam through music. Angela and Matthew will also be at the morning worship service on September 16<sup>th</sup> to sing one of the songs from the program during the offertory time.

#### **Community Choir**

The Community Choir is back! This group is designed for anyone who likes to sing. You do not have to be trained, you do not need to read music, and you don't have to have any choir experience! The goal is to meet the singers in the Chancel Choir, have fun singing, and offer music to God and the community in worship. If you have wanted to sing with a group, or have sung with a group but can't commit to weekly rehearsals, this opportunity is for you.

On the second Sunday of the summer months (June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, and August 12<sup>th</sup>) we will have a rehearsal in the sanctuary at 9am to learn the music. Then, the Community Choir will sing for the prelude and then head back to their seats so everyone can be in the pews for the rest of the service.

If you have any questions, please let me know. If not, I hope to see you at Community Choir!

#### Praying the Daily Examen

One of the many reasons why we worship communally is to establish formative habits within worship that will shape us into better Christians in the dailyness of our lives. The way we enact our devotion collectively informs the way in which we worship privately. That is why the content, rituals, songs, rubrics, and style in worship services are so important to how we are formed as Christ-followers.

Many people struggle with incorporating confession into daily life. On Sunday mornings we confess our sin together and in the silence, but it can be easy to hide behind other people's prayers and not take ownership for what we are saying to God and to one another. When we confess to God privately it is deeply intimate because we uncover habits that make us uncomfortable to look at for any extended time.

One form of prayer I use is called the Daily Examen. This way of praying has been around for a long time. St Ignatius (a 15<sup>th</sup> Century Christian) described this way of praying in his Spiritual Exercises. Put simply, this practice allows us to listen to God, review the events of the day, ask for necessary graces, and look forward with hope to tomorrow. I love this prayer form because it put our prayers of confession into action. In using the Daily Examen, we stare our short-fallings down without judgment or shame and imagine how those sins could be transformed by God's grace and allows ourselves to think of better ways of handling ourselves in the future.

I recommend that you work up to doing this midday and in the evening. But maybe you start by praying it at the close of the day so it fits into your schedule more easily. I usually allow 10-15 minutes for this prayer to allow myself time to sit with God and become attentive to the Divine Presence within me. Below are the 5 steps of the Daily Examen I use. If you have any questions about it I would love to chat with you about it. Blessings on your time with God.

The Daily Examen:

- I quiet my mind and my heart for prayer. I believe God's presence is with me...
- I offer gratitude to God for the blessings of the day and begin by savoring my gifts.
- I review the events of the day noticing the feelings that surface: my hopes, fears, regrets, joys, and sorrows.
- I pray from the feelings that surface: talking to God as a friend, listening with my heart for God's response of love.
- I look forward in hope, asking for the grace to better serve God.

Aaron Schultz

### **Preschool & Nature Connections**

#### What is BYT?

You will notice a lot of action at UPC June 12-14 when **Becoming Young** Thinkers Summer Institute for teachers of children (toddlers through 2nd grade) come to Peoria to learn how to support children's intellectual development through project work. It is the primary fund raiser for UPC Discovery Preschool and also raises money for the church operating budget. This year about 100 teachers and ad-



ministrators from 10 different states, Mexico and China will be spending three days together in an intense teacher training experience. In addition to learning how to support children's investigations, they also learn what research says about classroom set-up and children's connection with nature.

First year participants learn about project work by conducting their own study of something of interest to them at UPC. UPC congregation members serve as resource experts. Past topics have included such topics as our Mulberry Tree, the Waterfall, Church Chairs, and Trees. The first year teacher projects will be on display in the Centrum on June 17. Second year participants study advanced applications of neuroscience.

Come to PechaKucha Night to see what the future of early education looks like. If you are interested in observing any of the rest of the training contact judyhelm@telstar-online.net or 446-9664.

#### PechaKucha Project Night! June 13 - 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

And you are invited! PechaKucha (say "puh check' uh chah") nights are informal fun gatherings where creative people share ideas, work and photos. At our Pechakucha Project Night our Fellowship Hall is transformed into a lounge area by the Preschool and Nature Connections Committee and eight teachers at UPC's Becoming Young Thinkers Summer Institute share project work in the traditional PechaKucha format (20 slides, shown for 20 seconds each). Between these 6 minute slide shows UPC parents serve beverages and snacks and Don Baker, our DJ, keeps things lively with fun music. A photo booth keeps the fun coming. See what is happening in early education. have a fun time and connect with our participants.

# Mission

#### Projecto Amar- Thank you!

Thank you for your generous support of Projecto Amar, the school in Brazil, through our VisionTrust partnership. Eight children are now sponsored by members of the congregation providing not only needed financial assistance, but an opportunity to share God's love and form a relationship. In addition, we collected over \$1,500 for teacher salaries at the school in our special offering. The Mission Committee decided to match these donations to provide over \$3000 in total financial support.

Prayer Requests & Praises for the Projecto Amar I Learning Center:

- The Projecto Amar I staff praises God for the commitment of the staff, sponsors and donors that serve the children
- Praise God for Patricia, a psychologist that works with the children; she is committed to help the children have good emotional health
- Please pray for staff member, Maria, whose husband is a drug addict; they are trying to get him to go to rehab
- Please pray for the safety of the children when they are not in the Learning Center - the community is very violent; muggings and robberies are increasing and gang rivalries often lead to

- Please pray for the health of the children; there is an outbreak of Dengue fever in the region
- Please pray for the country of Brazil; political instabilities and corruption impact the everyday lives of Brazilians
- Please pray that the Lord will provide resources to fix the minibus that is used by both Projecto Amar I and Projeto Amar II; the staff have had to cut back on sporting activities with the children due to lack of transportation and it has also made pick up of donations for the program very difficult; they are working on a campaign to raise funds for the repairs pray that they are able to fix it before the camp in August that is a highlight for the year for the children

The children and staff have enjoyed many special milestones and festivities over the past couple of months, including the 30 year anniversary of Projecto Amar and Literacy Day.



### Invitation to the congregation from Bill and Bobbie Rice



### **Session Shorts**

The Session met on 5/15 to meet the Confirmation class and hear their statements of faith. Alex Barrett, Grace Hofmann, Patrick Huber, Blake Sullivan, Anika Tharp and Isaac Tharp. These young people were publicly recognized in worship on Pentecost Sunday. The same evening, the Session received with regret the resignation of Karen Miller as our Director of Children and Youth Ministries. Karen is taking us through July 19<sup>th</sup>, which marks the end of Vacation Bible School. She and her family are relocating to NC so Karen can pursue vocational and educational opportunities there. Karen will be preaching her last sermon on July 8<sup>th</sup> and the time of fellowship to follow will provide us the opportunity to offer our well wishes to her and Scott, Bella and Nash.

The Session met on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and voted to cease being a polling place, due to security concerns; updated our hiring practices, such that with the exception of UPC Discovery staff, UPC will not hire a member to a staff position; and reviewed the second draft of our Safe Kids policy and determined what areas need further refining. The Session received an overview of the steps in the Mission study process and is providing Rev. Laura with their suggestions on good candidates for this service. Updates on the entire calling process will be provided to the congregation in June. The next Session meeting is June 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Thank You**

I want to thank UPC for helping celebrate my 25<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary with me. It provided a wonderful opportunity to see old friends and new, to have memories refreshed and reflect on the great transitions that have occurred in how churches remain nimble and devoted to God in a culture that no longer supports our values. I was amazed by the number of UPCers present, especially on the first decent Saturday of 2018! Thank you for coming and for the cards, notes and words you have shared. I especially am thankful for Member Care co Moderators Deb Hanson and Mary Jo Mays for organizing the reception, for Trish keeping her capable fingers on more details than I will ever know and for Aaron's dedication in planning and overseeing both the Saturday service and the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service the next morning. No one has your back for worship like Aaron. I'm glad you enjoyed my partners in Christ from Chicago Heights - the Douala Gospel Choir under Ebenezer Ekoi's direction. If you'd like them to return in concert some time, please talk to Aaron about this possibility. I am also thankful to God, who calls us to service, for it is true that God dares to not call the equipped but to equip the called. Blessings to you in this day. Rev. Laura Reason

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#### Education Hour 9:00 am (Sept-May) Worship Service: 10:00 am



We grow and nurture followers of Christ in a welcoming community.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 2018					<b>1</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg 4:30 Wedding Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 4:00 Potts/Shea Wedding
3 Communion Blood Pressure Screening Marsh Baptism 10:00 Worship/ Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship 3:00 Rush/Quest Mission Trip Meeting No VIVID	<b>4</b> 8:30 Exercise 5:30 Member Care 6:00 Tai Chi 6:30 Properties 6:30 Church Life 7:00 Troop #333	<b>5</b> 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:30 Families Anonymous	6 8:30 Pastors' Bible Study @ First Federated 6:00 Tai Chi	7 8:30 Exercise 1:30 Tai Chi 6:00 Bereavement 5:30 Stewardship & Finance	8 Wedding Re- hearsal 1:00 Mah Jongg	<b>9</b> 3:30 Jordan/Kuhl Wedding
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17 8:00 CHIMES INFO DUE IN OFFICE 10:00 Worship/ Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship with Rootbeer Floats for Father's Day 4:00 Serving at Sal- vation Arm (Rush & Quest)	<b>18</b> 8:30 Exercise 11:30 PASGB 6:00 Tai Chi	Begir 19 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:30 Families Anonymous	20 8:30 Pastors' Bible Study @ First Federated 11:30 ANG 6:00 Tai Chi	21 8:00 Session Info Due 8:30 Exercise 1:30 Tai Chi 6:00 Bereavement 6:00 Ladies Night Out @ Red Lobster	<b>22</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg	23 9:00 American Sewing Guild Youth Leave on Mission Trip
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