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# Most Wonderful (or not!) #RealLife By Julie Cook

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

I'll be home for Christmas, you can count on me!

Have yourself a merry little Christmas now!

There's something dreamy and so American about longing for the **perfect** Christmas. This romanticized portrayal of the holiday is one of my least favorite elements of the season. Has every Christmas holiday you've experienced been blissfully giddy? Do you have the expectation that this Christmas (or any or all future Christmases) will be the epitome of the American Christmas dream? If you're longing for that perfect American Christmas, I'm sorry to say, you're probably setting yourself up for disappointment. Such an idyllic Christmas doesn't leave much room for the realities of life.

Every Christmas, my heart aches for so many who are walking through dark and painful places, longing for some sort of elusive Christmas miracle, but clueless about how to grasp true Hope that will not disappoint.

I know I'm not the only one who's experienced some less than dreamy Christmases—a Christmas of gut-wrenching grief saying goodbye to a most beloved family member, two Christmases halfway around the world completely separated from family, a Christmas or three along the way feeling absolutely miserable thanks to some holiday virus...

#### #RealLife.

In America (and perhaps the Western world in general), the best part of Christmas—the ultimate Miracle—has been traded for a slight lie. There's a commercialized message that no matter how awful your life is currently, Christmas will make it better.

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm not a scrooge looking for ways to avoid the true peace and joy of the Christchild. That peace and joy—so lacking in our world—is truly something to be desired. And those who experience the wonder of his redemption and reflect on the gift of his life are well-positioned to experience the miracle of hope despite the darkness of the present age.

A couple years ago, I started reflecting on the #RealLife factor of the original Christmas story...

So there they were, two people in a majorly awkward situation, completely misunderstood by anyone around them (Um, yeah... so, she's pregnant and you had nothing to do with it? Um, right...).

And then there was the government element (politics add a bit of spice to every story, right?): this leader who sends out an edict. I mean, as if life weren't complicated enough already without making a trek to register in the family town!

They get to wherever they're going, and... then can't figure out where to stay... I have totally had that experience as an exhausted traveler. Ugh!

This is NOT sounding romantic, dreamy, or blissfully wonderful to me!

But let's keep going...

There's the couple, in an animal shelter(!) (Um... hello... I grew up on a farm, and spending a few nights with the animals is definitely not my ideal situation). And then, there's the baby... and they dress him in a darling little snowsuit that says, "Baby's first Christmas" right?... no... what? In some strips of cloth? Maybe the equivalent of



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Please use this address to connect with the church leadership about any needs you may be experiencing during this time.





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an ancient cotton gauze swaddle? Maybe not even that... Ok, this is really not sounding idyllic to me.

And there's an angel perched on the roof, right? Or at minimum an angel sitting beside the happy couple strumming a little harp?...

Or maybe there's a screaming infant and a first-time mom who's trying to figure out how to nurse this tiny human (and I don't know who she has helping her, but chances are her mom and best friend are not there to assist in this massively exhausting life adjustment...), and a dad who's wondering how in the world he let this situation happen and what in the world is he supposed to do next...

And then there are those shepherds. They are, well, smelly. I mean... seriously gross.

They're out there watching the sheep, and an entire troupe of angels come to visit! Okay... wow. That is absolutely miraculous and incredible! But, also only believable to the group of crazy, stinky shepherds.

...and that's how the story rolls.

And I realize it's an ultimate #RealLife story. It's about a guy and a gal who were doing their best to please and honor God. It's about some shepherds who were out doing what shepherds do. It's about a bunch of angels who had a few moments to shine through our atmosphere to proclaim the Miracle of God's Story of redemption. And yet, over, and through, and in the midst of all of the #RealLife, the ultimate Story is something so much bigger than any of the individual parts or players.

Priscilla Shirer says, "Ordinary is often the disguise of the Divine." That statement seems especially fitting as I reflect on the first Christmas.

If you're tempted to long for a romantic Christmas this December, or pity yourself because your family isn't perfect or your dreams can't come true in the unrealistic American way, remember God is walking with you in the ordinary. Not only that, God is walking with you in the extreme darkness and pain that so frequently find their way into that ordinary.

Sometimes he gives us little glimmers of the absolutely divine ways he is working in the #RealLife we know all too well. Sometimes he sends his angels to announce joys of heaven on earth. But sometimes those angels aren't sent to our ordinary day (remember, it was just the shepherds who witnessed the awesome angel announcement).

We can still trust his orchestration, resting in the knowledge that he is weaving the divine even as we experience the ordinary.

Merry Christmas!



# A Word from Pastor Rob ....

#### "Look, I'm doing a new thing..." Isaiah 43:19

We read in Isaiah 7:14 that "the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

I have shared before that the word in Hebrew that is translated "virgin" can also mean young woman. I think that when Isaiah prophesied this, he meant young woman, having no way of even imagining how it could be true if virgin is what was meant. Otherwise, it would have been the dumbest prophecy to ever be pronounced or written down. Virgins do not have children! But the amazing thing about our God is that he is often doing things that far surpass our ability to comprehend or anticipate at the time.

It seems like our whole lives were turned upside down last March. Without question, COVID has been a completely unsettling experience. Yet, while we may feel dislocated and uncertain about the future, God knows what is happening and I believe that nothing has caught him by surprise.

I had two reasons for not applying to DBIC when the position was posted back in 2016. I want to share briefly about one of them. I was concerned about the fact that DBIC was landlocked. There was no place available for expansion. After we had been in Dillsburg a month, the church was approached by the family who owned what is now our greenspace, asking if we had interest in purchasing it. Before my first winter arrived in Dillsburg, the church had purchased the land beside our upper parking lot. God used (and still uses) this to confirm to me that he had plans for us all, by removing one of my two reservations for coming.

Today, the greenspace is not just a daily reminder of his faithfulness to me personally, it has now become a symbol of the God's foresight and provision for us all as we have been able to enjoy worshiping God outside for five months in the space that he provided three years earlier.

Similarly, almost two years ago, a few leaders started brainstorming how we were going to handle the growth we were experiencing. After much prayer and conversation, we determined to begin a major project that would allow us to have two separate worship areas while doing all we could to remain one church. Although we didn't know it then, it would be Gary Lebo's last project at the church.

We have now essentially completed a major renovation of equipment and space to accomplish the project that was envisioned long ago. Little did we know at the time, that instead of needing to be able to stream to multiple locations because of the attendance numbers, we would need to stream because we needed to have extra space between us. Not only was the project itself providential, the timing was too. Worshiping outside gave us the time to have the sanctuary in disarray for several weeks. It is yet another example of how we attempted to follow God's leading in one way, only to discover that he was preparing us for things we could not have imagined.

This leads me to the point of this article. We have made a few changes to staff recently that we want you to know about.

Naomi Smith has been hired as a part-time associate pastor. She is joining Jeff and me in providing all forms of pastoral ministry to the congregation and is giving particular attention to our discipleship efforts for kids and adults. Those of you who have experienced Naomi's gifts in Sunday School can appreciate the enhancement she brings to the congregation.

"I am sure that the seed of my calling to ministry was planted long ago, when I was a child at DBIC. The growth of that seed has been slow and steady, and I have been graced by many voices of encouragement along the way," Naomi said in expressing gratitude for this new ministry opportunity. "This gift of a place to serve, and a position as pastor, feels like the moment when that seedling bursts from the dark soil into the sunlight. I have a passion for intergenerational discipleship and for finding small ways to express big truths. I am excited to grow deep and reach far with you!"

In addition to Naomi, we have brought Esther Spurrier on staff as pastor of congregational care. She is now a full member of the staff, even though she will not be getting paid on this side of heaven. Esther took the final Equipping for Ministry (DSP) elective, while she was still in Zambia. It was "Congregational Care of Older Adults." During her study, she was strongly impressed to put into practice what she was learning both immediately in the Macha congregation and in Dillsburg after retirement. My request last year that she consider a ministry assignment in that area confirmed the Spirit's leading in her life. And if you're not "older," she'll still be happy to connect with you!

Even in the midst of things we don't understand and can't anticipate, we are rejoicing at the new things God is doing and the ways he is preparing us for whatever is to come.



## **Christmas is Coming!**

Although our traditions may look a little different this year, we are planning on these special events in celebration of our Lord's birth.

#### Wednesday, December 9 Christmas Caroling, 6:30 p.m.

Please bring two dozen cookies to be given away in one sealable bag. If there is someone to whom you have been reaching out and you think they would enjoy a visit from our carolers, please contact Jaylene Shannon. Sponsored by the DBIC Local Outreach Commission, we will try to carol to neighbors in Dillsburg borough or close by who are your unchurched friends or lightly connected to DBIC.

### Wednesday, December 16 Communion via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for our regular Wednesday evening gathering and enjoy a communion celebration together.

#### Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve Service 6:30 p.m.

Watch for your chance to sign up online to attend this annual favorite gathering. A second service may be added if interest is high. This is a mask-required event. Please note there will be no Wednesday evening Zoom gathering on Dec. 23.



# Leadership Council Report

By Avis Whitesel

Here are some highlights from the October Leadership Council meeting:

- Some Financial reports of note, as of the end of August:
  - Loan Balance is \$111,093
  - Our net operating income is \$54,000
  - Giving is above budget by about \$10,000
- Motion was made seconded and passed that masks will be required by everyone, all the time in the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall would be a family-friendly area with masks required for those ages 3 or older, the Orange room will be a mask optional space (This decision has since been changed and masks are required on all floors.). This will be examined at our next LC meeting. The people on the platform will be able to lead without masks.

The full minutes of the Leadership Council meeting are located on the bulletin board in the lobby. If you would like additional information or to follow up on any items, please contact a Leadership Council member, Pastor Rob Douglass, Phil Engle, Landon Horton, Ray Knepper, Sharon Miller, Rachel Pease, Heidi Tucker or Avis Whitesel.

\*You just never know what a small act of kindness will do for a person. We received a note of thanks from a guest, and it was particularly interesting to note that while they thanked us for the food and help they received at New Hope, they were just as much, if not more, impressed with the kindness and respect they received. Treating our guests with the utmost dignity and respect is a driving force in our ministry work. Our vision, mission and values statements encapsulate who we are as an agency. What an honor to receive such a loving note through the eyes of a guest.

~Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries

\*Thank you for your partnership in helping to tell and live out the transformational story of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for renewed mission vision among U.S. churches. Pray people will seek God regarding possible mission service and respond to His calling. Thank you for joining with us to make a difference in the world. Thank you for your support of Matt and Julie Walsh.

~ Randy Fairman, President, SIM USA

\*Blessings to you as you are a blessing to others! Thank you for your recent donation to Paxton Ministries, and thank you for helping us make this house a home for many people!

~ Jodie Smiley, Executive Director, Paxton Ministries





Abundant thanks to each of you who donated gravy packets toward the New Hope Thanksgiving boxes. It was a bit more difficult this year due to the short advance notice and our limited access to the donation boxes at church. I am sure that every packet donated was deeply appreciated by needy families. Your donations are never taken for granted.

Please take note of the Christmas "Trees" with 'ornaments' of specific items to purchase and return unwrapped for the Christmas Blessings Express. For many of you, possibly shopping will be either abbreviated or difficult to do this year so whatever you can do will be appreciated. There are many churches involved so be assured that there will be no shortage of gifts coming in to the Dillsburg New Hope Center.

Please do not feel badly if you just cannot participate this year. Our Heavenly Father sees, knows and understands, and needs will be met! The unwrapped Christmas gifts are due to the church no later than Wednesday, December 16. Thank you!

Be in prayer that each New Hope guest who receives a gift will be drawn to receive the greatest GIFT of Jesus Christ this Christmas. God's richest blessings to each of you!!

#### Just Call Me Cindy-Lou Who

#### By Carolyn Kimmel

In our house, we're usually playing Christmas music in mid-October. That's how much we anticipate the coming season!

Just hearing the familiar strains of Amy Grant's "I'll be Home for Christmas" stirs gladness in my heart. I think of all the festive joys in store – the Christmas open houses, the craft shows, the concerts, our annual women's Christmas event at church, family traveling in from out of state.

And then it hit me. This year—this COVID Christmas year—that's a no, no, no and no. Many of these annual festivities and traditions can't happen.

At first, I must admit I felt deflated. I turned off "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" and moped around the house.

Where would I get that light and happy lift that December always ushers in? Forego the treasure-hunt adrenalin that accompanies a day spent Christmas shopping? Repress the urge to plan a special evening of fellowship around beautifully decorated tables at church? Tell my New England family that it's OK if they don't want to leave their bubble to come visit?

No! This all felt so wrong, so unfestive, so not Christmas!

But then who should pop into my head but Dr. Seuss's silly bunch of villagers, the Whos of Whoville.

Their anticipatory celebration of Christmas could rival even mine, not to mention their annual Christmas morning tradition of singing, hand in hand, with Christmas bells ringing.

As we all know, that nasty ole' Grinch dreamt up a master plan to steal their presents, their trimmings and trees... Hmm, I thought, just like COVID was stealing the things I love about Christmas!

But what was the message of that story? The Grinch planned to steal Christmas, but he didn't realize he couldn't steal what mattered most:

He stared down at Whoville! The Grinch popped his eyes!
Then he shook! What he saw was a shocking surprise!
Every Who down in Whoville, the tall and the small,
Was singing! Without any presents at all!
He HADN'T stopped Christmas from coming! IT CAME!
Somehow or other, it came just the same!"

The Grinch, with his feet ice cold in the snow, puzzled over how "it came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!"

So, what matters most to *you*, I asked myself... Could *my* Christmas come without craft shows and dinners, without caroling and family visits? Would the lack of any of these diminish the true meaning of Christmas in any way?

No! The answer is unequivocally no! This year, I realized, offers a unique and beautiful opportunity to celebrate the purest, most precious Christmas of my life – the Christmas that celebrates the birth of Jesus. Period.

While the Grinch realized for the first time that "maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas means a little bit more," I remembered with more certainty than ever that Christmas means much, much more.

With far fewer holiday events on the calendar, I can spend more time in joyful and quiet anticipation. I can look forward to unhurried evenings to sit by the tree to read my Bible, thank the Lord for his faithfulness during this strange time and ask for his protection and mercy for our country – and respite for those whose lives have been forever changed by this pandemic.

And I can take time to really ponder the words of the Christmas songs that stir my heart and relish the truest, best gift of all – my Savior. Just as Mary "treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Luke 2: 19), I want to do the same this Advent season. Will you join me?



# How Do I Pray for Missionaries?

#### By Cara Musser

When we give ourselves to the Lord, everything of ours belongs to Him. This includes our time, and I believe specifically our prayer time, too.

I find joy in connecting with missionaries and count it a privilege to be involved in the commission Christ gave to "... go and make disciples of all nations..." in Matt. 28:19-20. For those who GO to share the "Good News" in foreign places or here in the US, they are surrendering their lives . So, I can certainly surrender my time to pray for them and for those with whom they share the Gospel.

How do I become involved in praying for missionaries?

I choose families or individual missionaries to pray for (you could choose those you know or do not know, or are serving in particular place and culture that interests you).

I ask to receive their email updates or mailings; otherwise how would I know to pray specifically, as they share details of requests and praises.

I learn where in the world they live, what type of ministry they are involved in, who are the people they share Christ with (culture, religion, worldview).

I usually send a short email telling them I'm interceding for their situation (may be physical, emotional, spiritual, relational, finances, danger), and for the people they mention for prayer, projects, etc.

I often add a verse that I am praying for them such as "God will give wisdom" (James 1:5), "for peace at all times" (2 Thess. 3:16), "God will hide them in trouble" (Ps. 27:5), "He will delight, quiet and sing over them" (Zeph. 3:7). Suggestion: when you read a verse you want to remember – put it on a ColorNote in your mobile, tablet or computer by sending it from BibleGateway, then it is easy to choose to send to an email. Your email will be an encouragement to them and will let them know you read their letters, too!

When missionaries are on home ministry, I try to connect by attending where they are sharing with churches – I can even learn more to pray specifically.

Inviting them to eat with me shows them my love and support.

I may give them a devotional book that I have found very uplifting/challenging, or money for an item they can choose.

By choosing occasionally to give towards their support, or a project from their region of service, is a wonderful way to show them my love for their faithfulness in being obedient.









#### For Unto Us a Child is Born

When I resort to an escape response [in dealing with conflict], I am generally focusing on "me." I am looking for what is easy, convenient, or non-threatening for myself. When I use an attack response, I am generally focusing on "you," blaming you and expecting you to give in and solve the problem. When I use a peacemaking response, my focus is on "us." I am aware of everyone's interests in the dispute, especially God's, and I am working toward mutual responsibility in solving a problem.

Taken The Peacemaker: Α Biblical Guide Resolving Personal Conflict to Ken Sande, Updated Edition (Grand Rapids, Baker Books. 2003) 46-47. by Food for Thought

The great pronouncement of the prophet Isaiah concerning the Messiah--" For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given" (Is. 9:6a, emphasis ours)--takes on special meaning this time of year as we reflect on Ken's words, above.

By definition, Christmas can never be fully celebrated by "me" as a "personal family time with loved ones." If we celebrate in this way, we duck the piercing challenge of Christmas. We embrace the left side of the Slippery Slope and seek only that which is "easy, convenient, and non-threatening."

But Christmas is very threatening indeed. It is good news, but it is the kind of good news that cuts through "easy, convenient, and non-threatening" like a sword. Christmas is a stubbornly "us" celebration.

Just as Jesus redefined "neighbor" in the parable of the Good Samaritan, Christmas redefines "us" and insists that that definition--and the celebration of Christmas--must include those we'd rather not see around the tree on Christmas morning. In Jesus' Christmas celebration, our enemies are there--those who slander us and curse us and steal from us. Total strangers are there, for whom we now can and must care because God has cared for us. And even those who simply hurt our feelings unknowingly are there--those against whom we may presently be harboring tiny seeds of bitterness in our heart.

How and where will you celebrate Christmas this year? Will it be an "easy, convenient, and non-threatening" celebration spent entirely with loved ones? (One can almost hear Jesus' question in Matthew 5:47, "Do not even pagans do that?")

Or will your Christmas celebration take you to visit a home you'd rather not visit? Will it cause you to pick up the phone and dial a number you've long since quit dialing? Will it draw you outward to bring good news to a modern-day "shepherd" watching flocks by night (a convenience store clerk on Christmas eve, perhaps; or on-duty police officer or fire fighter)? Will it cause you to proclaim "good tidings of great joy for all the people"--to a stranger that you might otherwise pass without a word?

If so, then you will be swept up into the great prophecy recorded in Isaiah 9:7: "Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end" (emphasis ours).

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News about the future of Bible quizzing and a DBIC quiz team are both lacking, unfortunately.

I have not heard anything from the denominational quiz director. Please check the following blog post for updates to the quizzing calendar and other information about BIC quizzing: <a href="http://bicbiblequizzing.blogspot.com/2020/09/2020-2021-season.html">http://bicbiblequizzing.blogspot.com/2020/09/2020-2021-season.html</a>

At the same time, Dillsburg does not have enough interest to have a quiz team this year. A little history of Dillsburg's quiz teams: Dillsburg combined with Cumberland Valley BIC (currently The Meeting House – Dillsburg) from 1991 to 1994. Dillsburg had its own teams from 1995 to 2004 and then from 2008 to 2020. Of course, the 2020 season was cut short because of COVID-19. The last event was a practice tournament hosted by Dillsburg on March 7, 2020. There was also lunch and games after quizzing.

Verses of the month: Matthew 11:28-30 — "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Berean Study Bible (BSB) ©2016-2020 Bible Hub.

Over the years, purchasing Giant gift cards has been a great source of money for the quizzing ministry at Dillsburg. As far as I know right now, there are still some gift cards available. Please see Avis Whitesel to purchase gift cards or if you have any questions.

To be eligible to quiz, you must be between the ages of 12 and 19 sometime during the quizzing year, which is defined as starting November 1 and ending October 31. Quizzing provides an opportunity to study God's Word, fellowship with other youth, participate on a team and experience positive competition.

If you have any questions about quizzing, please contact one of us:

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Please note the current mask guidelines at DBIC: If you are attending ANY gathering inside the church building, you MUST wear a mask the entire time you are inside. This is for the protection of yourself and others and to help those whose ability to work will be impacted if they meet with others who are not wearing masks. When meeting outdoors, it is requested that you wear a mask when moving around, but you may remove the mask when seated.

The church office will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and on Thursdays from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Other hours will be by appointment, so please call or email to schedule an appointment.





# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



| Ray & Peggy Knepper    | December 16 |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Matt & Julie Walsh     | December 18 |
| Jim & Faithe Spurrier  | December 22 |
| Stan & Sherry Eyster   | December 23 |
| Nathan & Rachel Pease  | December 23 |
| Tim & Arlene VanDyke   | December 24 |
| Paul & Kimberly Tucker | December 27 |
| Jay & Judy Smith       | December 30 |



| Andrew Miller | December 1  | Jason Smith       | December 14 |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Lincoln Horst | December 4  | (Naomi's husband) |             |
| Ron Shannon   | December 4  | Peggy Knepper     | December 16 |
| Gail Brubaker | December 5  | Tony Beers        | December 19 |
| Julie Walsh   | December 5  | Jane Tucker       | December 19 |
| Reuben Smith  | December 5  | John Spurrier     | December 19 |
| Avis Whitesel | December 7  | Jordyn Moyer      | December 20 |
| Susan Hatch   | December 9  | Wendell Hoover    | December 20 |
| Angelina Delp | December 11 | Julie May         | December 21 |
| Julie Cook    | December 12 | Daniel Gabikiny   | December 22 |
| Nicole Rank   | December 12 | Clarence Brubaker | December 23 |
| Randy Fish    | December 13 | Walter Sharp      | December 26 |
| Tanya Moesch  | December 14 | Lauren Renard     | December 28 |
|               |             | Abner Sell        | December 29 |



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| 9                | 7                       | 8   | 6   | 10   | 11   | 12   |
| 10:30 am Worship |                         | Doulos Deadline<br>7:00 pm ZOOM Wom-<br>en's Study  | 9:00 am ZOOM Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm ZOOM Gathering 6:30 Christmas Caroling   | 6:30 pm Fresh Hope<br>meeting (basement)<br>6:30 ZOOM Human<br>Trafficking Meeting | 11:00 am ZOOM Book<br>Bunch                              | 7:00 pm (Zoom) Prayer<br>Gathering                           |
| 13               | 14                      | 15  | 16  | 17   | 18   | 19   |
| 10:30 am Worship |                         | 7:00 pm ZOOM Women's Study 7:00 pm ZOOM Ministry Council                                  | 9:00 am ZOOM Women's Bible Study<br>6:30 pm ZOOM Gathering/Communion  | 6:30 pm Fresh Hope<br>meeting (basement)<br>6:30 pm ZOOM Leader-<br>ship Council   | 11:00 am ZOOM Book<br>Bunch<br>6:30 pm ZOOM Dea-<br>cons | 7:00 pm (Zoom) Prayer<br>Gathering                           |
| 20               | 21                      | 22  | 23  | 24   | 25   | 26   |
| 10:30 am Worship |                         | 7:00 pm ZOOM Wom-<br>en's Study   |   | 6:30 pm Christmas Eve<br>Service<br>Church Office Closed                           | Christmas  | 9:00 am Prayer Walking<br>7:00 pm (Zoom) Prayer<br>Gathering |
| 27               | 28                      | 29  | 30  | 31   |  |  |
| 10:30 am Worship | e events subject to cha | Blood Drive<br>nge. Stay tuned for inf  | Church Office Closed  Blood Drive  Blood Drive  These events subject to chapge. Stay tuned for information from DBIC on any canceled or rescheduled events. | Closed<br>n any canceled or rescr  | ieduled events.  |  |
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