



Ebenezer United Methodist Church

June – July – August -2018

From Your Pastor

Rev. Judy Emerson

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

Romans 15:7



JUNE

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

JULY 3RD - SEPTEMBER 2ND

10:00 AM ONLY

SEPTEMBER 9TH

RETURN TO

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH OFFICE

JUNE 3RD - SEPT 2ND

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Have you ever walked into a room full of people and felt as though you were out of place? You just feel uncomfortable and as though you want to get back in your car and go home. This often happens to Pastors when they go to a new church. You serve an appointment for several years and you get to know the congregation. You serve on committees with colleagues in your district and meetings become a homecoming event where you catch up with old friends. Then one day you get “the call”. Oh, I’m not talking about God’s call in our lives, I’m talking about the life changing call pastors always have in the back of their minds – a call from the District Superintendent saying “*I have an opportunity for you!*” and you find yourself in one meeting after another with people you don’t know. We can choose to respond to this type of situation by sitting on the sidelines and checking email or putting in the effort to meet new friends.

Over the past year we’ve had quite a few new people joining us for worship and events and commenting on our social media pages. The Winfield Community is interested in what’s happening at Ebenezer UMC. In other words, we are making an impact. New people are showing up at Ebenezer. The word is getting out that Ebenezer has something exciting going on. The question is, when people come to see what’s happening, do they feel part of it? Do they feel welcome?

Summer provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the words of the Apostle Paul when he encouraged the church in Rome to welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you. This is a wonderful time to consider what it means to be Christ-like and welcoming. For some, it may mean approaching someone we do not know and asking his or her name. For others, it could mean giving up that sacred seat we have in the sanctuary and letting a stranger have a seat. As we use the months of July and August to worship together as one congregation, we will have to share our space. In the midst of all the changes we are experiencing with our building project, programs and ministries will continue and God will keep sending us people. Some of them know Christ, others are exploring, and some are showing up because someone else is making them show up. We know how it feels to walk into an unfamiliar space where everyone feels at home except for you. As disciples of Jesus we are called to make everyone feel welcome and at home.

When we began the confirmation process last fall the leaders asked the youth to question their parents and mentors about why they made Ebenezer their church home. More often than not the response was familiar. People made them feel welcome! Someone at Ebenezer invited them or warmly welcomed them and offered a handshake, a hug or a smile and then made a follow-up invitation to come back. Everyone had their own story of how a member in this church made them feel at home.

All of us need to discover our own way of reaching out and embracing others as Christ has embraced us. In the process, I believe we will bring people to Christ, discover some new friends and touch others who need to know God loves them and they have a home at Ebenezer.

May this summer be a time when EUMC rolls out the welcome mat in Jesus’ name! Let’s take the words of the Apostle to heart when he says: *“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God!” Romans 15:7.*

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"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

—Jeremiah 29:11

2018 Graduates



Shaun Arnold will be graduating from South Carroll High School on June 7th.

Shaun plans to attend Towson University in the fall to study Sport Management.



On another note...we congratulate **Carolene Will** as she retires from teaching.

Carolene has been teaching elementary school for over 32 years. She has taught at Mechanicsville, Westminster, and is finishing up at Freedom Elementary where she has been teaching fourth grade for the last five years.



EUMC undergraduate scholarship applications are in the narthex. It is available to active church youth (under age 23) for up to four years of undergraduate studies including trade and vocational school. Applications are due to the church office by June 15, 2018. If you have any questions, contact Brenda Baker.



We have come to the end of the 2017/2018 choir year. As usual, the time together has flown by. Each rehearsal and each worship service has been full of beautiful music provided by our musically talented and dedicated members.

Thank you is not sufficient to express my gratitude for their joyful presence. God's gift of music is an integral part of the Ebenezer worship experience because we are truly blessed with our chancel choir.

Sincerest appreciation,

Linda

FEED MY SHEEP NEWS

Student Service-Learning Hours

To earn service-learning hours, students in 6th grade and higher may volunteer this summer at the FEED MY SHEEP Soup Kitchen, located at Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church. There is a limit of **TWO** volunteers each day, so you must sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. The sign-up sheet will be put up at the beginning of June. Student

volunteer duty time is 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Ebenezer hosts the meal on the second Monday of each month and students from Ebenezer will get first priority on these days. Our church is scheduled for July 9 and August 13, 2018. Remember to bring your service-learning form to be signed for credit.

Holly Mart Crafts

June:

Wednesday, June 13th 9:30 – 12
Dried flower note cards

Wednesday, June 20th 9:30 – 12
finish and pack up note cards

Wednesday, June 27th
finish packing up supplies to get
ready for construction.

We will see how things are going after that. We may not do crafts in July or August (**unless someone would like to work on some projects at home**)

Any donations gratefully excepted.

Any help is appreciated.
NO experience necessary, come and enjoy the fellowship while we craft .

Thanks for whatever time you can help,
Linda Bennett
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TREASURER TIDBITS

SANDY WEAN



Here it is almost summertime again. Where did the time go????? I pray your summertime will be filled with leisure time together with family and friends; time to travel, explore, and have fun; and time to reflect on the past and the future. Thanks to your dedication and generosity, our church finances are in good shape through May. You can see our offering information each week in the bulletin. Our Capital Campaign is doing well and still accepting donations, even if you have already met your pledge. A gentle reminder to continue your offerings and financial support through the summer months so that our financial status will remain in good standing. And as always if you have any questions, concerns, or if you would like a hard copy report, please contact me.

Enjoy the summer and be blessed!!!!

Sandy:-)
treasurereumc@yahoo.com

ATTENTION ALL CANNERS –

As you plan and plant your garden please consider contributing this year to the Pickle, Jam and Jelly Sale Fundraiser.

We can always use additional canned goods as well as new variety. There aren't very many canning contributors and we aren't getting any younger!

We can use some new and different canned items to offer for sale. If you need jars, please let Laura or Linda know. We have extra thanks to everyone who returned their jars.



KITCHEN PACKUP - We need to start thinking about packing up the kitchen. In particular, we can start packing up things we don't use everyday such as the set of dishes. If you're interested in helping, please contact Laura Scott, 410-795-0878.

THIS AND THAT

HOLLY MART

Holly Mart news: It's never too early to start thinking about Holly Mart! Look for news about our first meeting of the season! I hope to meet in mid-July to get everyone engaged in our plans. Thanks in advance.

Janet Davis

OWLS

In June, the OWLS are looking forward to having Marlene Conaway tell us about the Keys where she spends the winter. We do not meet in July nor August, but we hope to have more of you join us in September.

Diane Biddinger

WOWS

It's hard to believe another amazing year has past. We've had so many answered prayers and God continues to bless us. Summer promises many exciting opportunities with our church family as well. We are waiting for info from Liberatores concerning our end-of-the-year dinner. Keep Thursday, June 21 open, more info and sign-ups will be coming. Please join us for an evening of fellowship, laughs and good food. Thank you to everyone who made this an incredible year.

Sharon Torosky

2019 WOMEN'S RETREAT:

The 2019 Women's Retreat may seem a long way off, but we need to reserve a certain number of rooms now. It will be the weekend of March 8th-10th, 2019 once again at Skycroft Retreat Center. Please register now to hold your spot! Questions? Contact Susan Brown at StmpnSusan@AOL.com.

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We will again be supporting Winfield Elementary School with backpacks for the students. Although we do not have specifics numbers or dates yet, please be aware that we will be collecting during the summer months and will be packing them sometime in August. The following is a list of items we use as well as the fully packed backpacks. We will also accept monetary donations. More information will be available in the bulletin as soon as we have it. As always, thank you in advance for your continued support of this ministry.

Glue Sticks

24 pk. crayons

Highlighters

12 pack colored pencils

erasers

Fine tip black or blue dry erase markers

Pencils

8 pk. wide markers

Blunt scissors

Package of pencil top

Zippered pencil cases

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 - Friday, June 01, 2018

The 234th session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference will be held May 30 through June 1, at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore. This annual event is an opportunity for United Methodists from 631 churches in Washington, D.C., Maryland, the panhandle of West Virginia and Bermuda to gather for worship,

fellowship, learning and holy conferencing as they conduct the business of the church.

Rev. Judy, Susan Brown and Lori Rapids will represent Ebenezer again this year. Please keep them in your prayers.

UMYF



Thank you to the fearless and dedicated leaders who helped make UMYF a success this past year. Shout out to: Darlene Carlock, Cyndi Diethrich, Angie Grim, Christy Kessinger, Julie Jones, Shannon Murphy, Nicole Streaker and Nancy Thompson.



Camp Hope is now less than a month away! Our team will leave on June 24th following the 8:30 service. Please come and send them off with your thoughts and prayers. The team appreciates all the support we have received throughout the year. We are ready to go and share the good news of Christ and also represent Ebenezer UMC as we serve families in Western Maryland.

WALK FOR THE ROCK !!

Save the Date: September 9, 2018

The Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club has begun planning to sponsor a fund-raising walk at nearby Krimgold Park on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Proceeds will benefit the Ebenezer Rock of Help Food Pantry. More information and details will be shared in the coming months but start spreading the word to family and friends!

CHURCH PICNIC

Please join us as our church family plans to spend the day in fellowship. We will begin the day in worship together at 10:00 AM at Krimgold Park. There will be no regular worship services at the church that day. After worship, stick around and enjoy the fellowship. The church will supply hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a side and drinks to share. We will be at the back of the park under the pavilion. Please bring lawn chairs for extra seating, and any games or activities to share.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

PICNIC IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING



June – Body Wash/Soap

July – Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

August – Liquid Dish Soap

GOINGS ON

Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 24th through

Saturday, June 30th

CAMP HOPE

Tuesday, June 26th

Ebenezer to supply dinner for
CAMP HOPE.

Sunday, July 15th through

Friday, July 20th

Camp Manidokan

Sunday, July 22nd through

Thursday, July 26th

VBS – Rolling River Rampage

Sunday, August 26th

Worship & Church Picnic at
Krimgold Park

June Anniversaries

Buck & Laura Scott	6/06
Steve & Kate Luetze	6/07
Mike & Angie Grim	6/07
Gary & Debbie Paulsgrove	6/10
Steve & Joanne Davis	6/12
Bob & Diane Biddinger	6/17
Karl & Nicole Streaker	6/23
Gene & Carolene Will	6/24

July Anniversaries

Dave & Cindi Arnold	7/08
Lisa & Kevin Pieciewicz	7/15
Paul & Nancy Thompson	7/16
Tony & Susan Sager	7/21
Matt & Jess Middleton	7/25
Jeff & Julie Partridge	7/28
Brenda & Rick Baker	7/31

August Anniversaries

Susan & Jim Brown	8/02
Jim & Doris Leary	8/12
Billy & Bonnie Zavona	8/14
Jared & Elizabeth Blocher	8/23
Ron & Linda Bange	8/29

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June Birthdays

Brittney Zavona	6/02
Diane Biddinger	6/05
Doug Diethrich	6/05
Jaxon Partridge	6/06
Billy Zavona	6/07
Rich Holl	6/07
Christopher Rapids	6/11
Brian Connelly	6/11
Haley Wildbore	6/13
Erin (Roelle) Pruner	6/18
JoAnne Weatherholtz	6/20
Katie & Donnie Roe	6/20
Buck Scott	6/23
Debbie Paulsgrove	6/23
Jakob Partridge	6/23
Mike Grim	6/27
Joyce Davis	6/28

July Birthdays

Kathleen Biddinger	7/05
Mindy Coates	7/07
Scott Baker	7/12
Becky Middleton	7/13
Sam LeDuc	7/15
Kenny Wean	7/19
Jennifer Conaway	7/21
Kim Watson Middleton	7/23
Shannon (Roelle) Brown	7/24
Becky Paulsgrove	7/25
Mary Lamb	7/25
David Thompson	7/27
Jeff Arnold	7/30

AUGUST

Judy Kressig	8/01
Susan Brown	8/08
Chris Will	8/09
Jim Lutz	8/10
Stephanie Wells	8/10
Robbie Middleton	8/11
Cyndi Diethrich	8/13
Ally Kessinger	8/18
Julie Shacochis	8/21
Jan Connelly	8/21
Cole Murphy	8/24
Sammie Jaharias	8/25
Brian Rapids	8/25
Linda Bennett	8/25
Brenda Sebyl	8/30
Angie Grim	8/31

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Meet Jan and Brian Connelly

By Ellie Baublitz

Brian and Jan Connelly first visited Ebenezer on Good Friday 2017 after Jan saw a blurb about the church on the Mount Airy Facebook page.

“Jan’s been looking for a place to worship and I wanted to attend worship service with my wife,” Brian said. “I think we picked a good place.”

Jim and Nancy Huff welcomed the new couple to Ebenezer that Good Friday and helped them with the books they needed for various parts of the service, Brian said.

Brian, who was raised Catholic, attended St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Libertytown, where both volunteered, and still do, in a couple of mission projects there. Jan was raised Protestant.

“I really like this church,” Jan said.

“I love Judy and want to hear the word of God,” Brian said. “Judy is witty and charming, she’s great. I feel good when I leave here and I think about what Judy’s said.”

Brian and Jan said they love the people at Ebenezer – “they’re the real deal and so open,” Brian said. They also like the small family atmosphere.

“We brought a friend of ours – an ex-nun from St. Peter’s – to the spaghetti dinner,” Jan said. “She said she could never belong to a church this small and when I asked why, she said, ‘You can’t lie [about things], you can’t hide!’”

Although Brian and Jan have not officially joined Ebenezer yet, they are already involved in a couple of projects. Both help out at the monthly food pantry and are on the church crisis team, as both are in the medical profession. Brian also helped serve communion at the early service May 6.

Jan recently retired after almost 40 years with the state as a pediatric nurse working with emotionally disturbed adolescents. “She’s an excellent nurse,” Brian said, obviously very proud of her skills. “It takes a special person to work with these kinds of kids.”

Brian has worked in the physical therapy field as a P.T.A. for 30 years. Three years ago he co-founded Rebound Physical Therapy in Rockville, where he serves. He hopes to work two or three more years full time, then cut back to part-time, he said.

The couple, who live in Mount Airy, have two daughters. Leah Cole is a lieutenant commander in the Coast Guard stationed with her fellow lieutenant commander husband, Rob Cole, in Hawaii. They have one daughter, Harper, 3 years old. Elizabeth Albrecht lives in Los Angeles and is a buyer for TJ Maxx, flying all over the world looking for furniture for the company, Jan said.

Jan, originally from New York, also has two brothers and two sisters “scattered around the country,” she said. Brian’s mother is at Lorien in Mount Airy, close to home. He also had a sister who died at age 5 in a swimming pool accident, he said.

Although Brian is still working long hours, the couple go to the gym, like to travel, and do garden and yard work. They’re also working on downsizing and cleaning out their home.

“I’m waiting for him to retire so I can play full time,” Jan said. They have been to Hawaii to see Leah, but want to go cross country and see more of the U.S. on the way to Los Angeles to see Elizabeth, Brian said. He’d also like to do some international traveling.

The couple are obviously very close after almost 29 years of marriage and family oriented. “We really love each other,” Brian said. “We’re each other’s best friend.”

FINANCIAL PICTURE

Ebenezer UMC-"Building on our Rock of Faith" Building Project Funding Report

Activity Through 04/30/2018

Donations Received			Capital Campaign Breakdown		
01-Beg. Bal 9/30/2015	\$	38,045	Capital Campaign-Original Pledge	\$	333,344
02-Building Fund Donations	\$	2,845	Capital Campaign Donations		
03-Capital Campaign Donation	\$	454,348	Capital Campaign-Pledges Paid	\$	316,229
04-Memorial Bldg. Donations	\$	11,742	Capital Campaign-Non Pledged Paid	\$	138,119
Total Donations Received	\$	506,979	Total Capital Campaign Donations	\$	454,348
Other Items			Where's The Money?		
05-Amazon Smile	\$	588	Building Expenses Paid to Date	\$	156,991
05a-SCRIP Gift Card Profit	\$	1,502	Building Fund Balance(all accounts)	\$	356,624
06-Investment Income	\$	4,545	Total Use of Funds	\$	513,615
Total Donations + Other Items	\$	513,615	Capital Campaign Status		
Pledges Outstanding			Percent of Pledges Paid		94.9%
10-Capital Campaign-Remaining	\$	17,115	Percent of Campaign Time Passed		79.4%
11-Cemetery Pledge	\$	30,000			
12-Endowment Pledge	\$	500,000			
Total Pledges Outstanding	\$	547,115	Funding Remaining	\$	903,739
Total Funding	\$	1,060,730			

EBENEZER PALOOZA

JUNE 8TH 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Come join us for an evening of FUN and Fellowship! Enjoy an evening of fellowship while listening to Contemporary Christian & Classic Acoustic Rock performed by local musicians and volunteers. Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks and Desserts will be offered for purchase during the event



CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER

The Spaghetti Dinner turned out to be a great - and much drier - replacement for the Spring Fling. But I know some of you missed a chance to clean out your closets to stock the White Elephant Room, so here's your chance.

As an additional project, I set up a clothing drive through the Savers/ValueVillage thrift stores. They will pay us by the pound for clothing, shoes, and accessories (and soft goods like linens), as well as small household items (which they describe as no larger than a breadbox such as pots, pans, home decor, small appliances, etc.). Their on-line calculator says that 200 kitchen trash bags of clothing could fetch up to \$500. We already have a great starting point with leftover clothing from the last couple of Food Pantries.

The Drive will go through Sunday June 17, and I will deliver all items to their Owings Mills store on Monday June 18. Please bring all goods to Church in plastic bags - the starter collection is back in the youth room. Or contact me directly (twSager@comcast.net, 443-952-0542) to arrange pickup or drop off. I have offered the use of my garage for storage (but did not tell Susan yet. This might become one of those "for better or for worse" moments...).

So get to work - time for spring cleaning! And tell your friends! (and if you are willing to help load and transport on the morning of June 18, please let me know).

thanks

—Tony Sager

<<https://fundrive.savers.com/e/springflingfunddrive>>



Shop With Scrip

Fundraising Example

The Brown/Emerson Family Food and Gasoline for 1 Month:

\$600 for Martin's Supermarket
\$400 for Royal Farms (Gasoline)

Just purchasing gift cards for these two items monthly brings in \$40 each month for EUMC's Building Fund.

This equals \$480* for one year from just 1 family!

**This does not even include any other cards purchased such as Walmart Cards, Restaurant Cards, etc.*

Please consider ordering gift cards for your everyday needs! The money adds up for the church and these items have to be purchased anyway. Also, you never have to worry about identity theft at the supermarket or gas pump when you use a gift card!

Go to ShopwithScrip.com to see the hundreds of gift cards available!

Contact Susan Brown (StmpnSusan@AOL.com) with any and all questions!



CONFIRMATION 2018

WELCOME TO EBENEZER'S NEWEST MEMBERS



2018 Confirmands and their Mentors

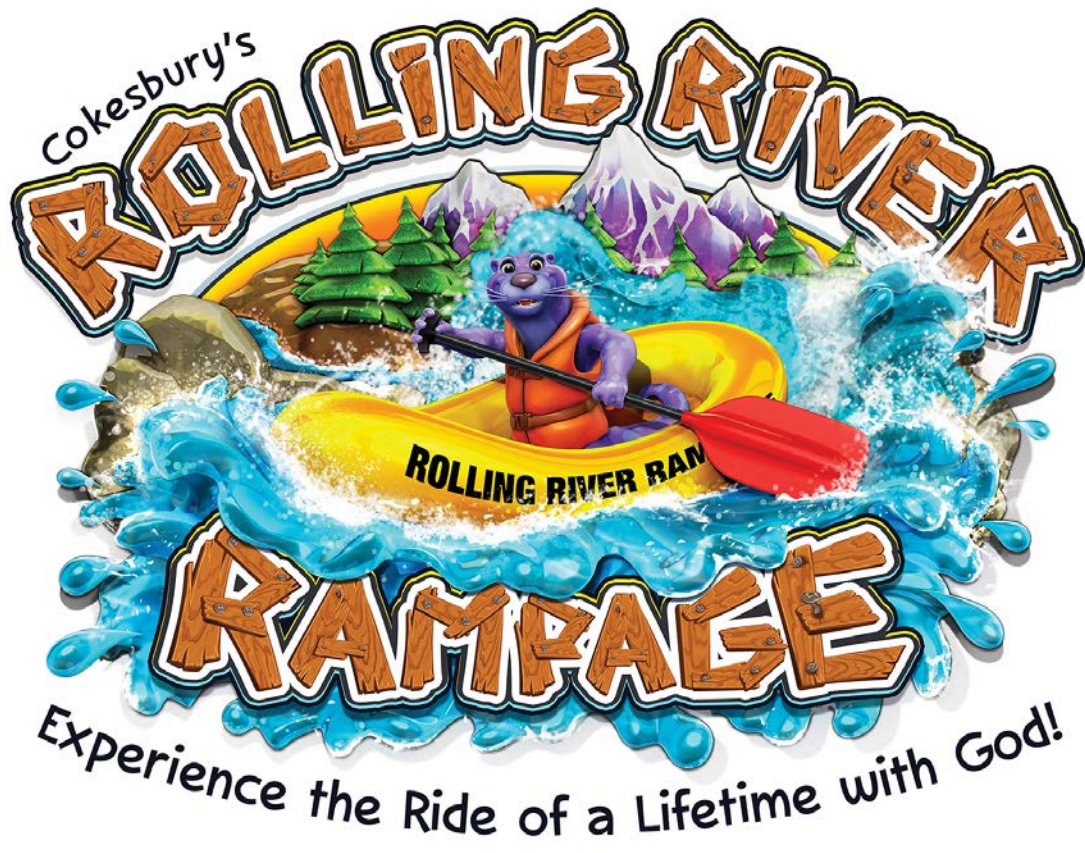
Carla Clagett – Nancy Thompson
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Katie Grim – Susan Sager
Jason Humphries – Scott Murchie
Cole Murphy – Lori Rapids
Luke Piecewicz – Steve Davis
Christopher Rapids – Susan Brown
David Rapids – Rev. Chuck
Shacochois
William Streaker – Tony Sager



Pastor and Confirmation Leaders for The Class of 2018

Rev. Judy Emerson
Bill Jones
Susan Brown
Carolene Will


Congratulations!



VBS IS COMING!

Join us at Ebenezer United Methodist Church
As we experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God.

We will explore how to
serve God and God's mission for our lives.

Sunday, July 22nd through Thursday, July 26th

Join us for a free dinner before we start.

Dinner will be at 5:45 PM

Activities from 6:00 PM to 8:15 PM

See sign up in narthex for both campers and adult helpers.

Don't miss out - be a part of the fun!

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM					1	2
3	4 Ad Council Meeting 7:00 PM	5	6 OWLS Luncheon noon	7	8 Ebenezer Palooza 7:00-9:00 PM	9
10	11 Feed My Sheep 10:30 AM	12	13 Holly Mart Crafts 9:30 - 12	14	15 Scholarship forms due. CAMP HOPE meeting 7:00 PM	16 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 AM
17 Clothing drive cut-off Father's Day	18	19 Brinton Woods 10:30 AM	20 Holly Mart Crafts 9:30 - 12	21	22	23
24 CAMP HOPE Week	25	26 Ebenezer Dinner at CAMP HOPE	27 Holly Mart Crafts Pack-up	28	29	30 CAMP HOPE Return

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship 10:00 AM Only						
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
8	9 Feed My Sheep 10:30 AM Winfield Carnival Week	10	11	12	13	14
15 Camp Manidokan Week	16	17 Brinton Woods 10:30 AM	18	19	20 Campers Home	21 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 AM
22 VBS Week	23	24	25	26 VBS End	27	28
29	30	31				

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship 10:00 AM Only			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Feed My Sheep 10:30 AM	14	15	16	17	18 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 AM
19	20	21 Brinton Woods 10:30 AM	22	23	24	25
26 10 AM Worship at Krimgold Park followed by Church Picnic	27	28	29	30	31	