

Christ UMC Vision Statement
*"Living Christ's ways and
exploding with love and service"*

Sunday Worship Schedule
Praise Celebration 9 am
All Ages Education Hour 10 am
Traditional Style Celebration 11 am

*TOTAL STEWARDSHIP
PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS,
AND SERVICE*

Serving - the nature of stewardship

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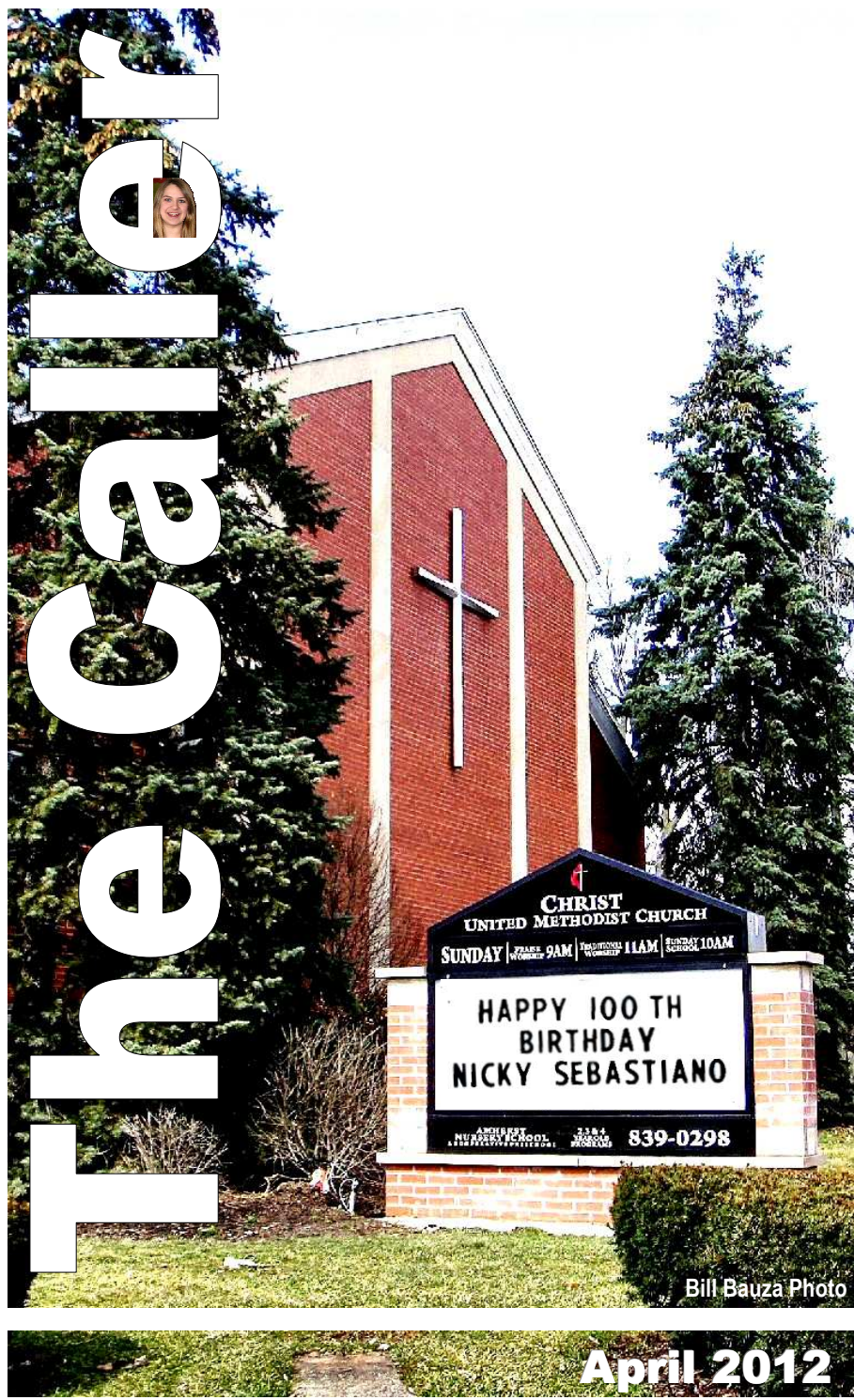
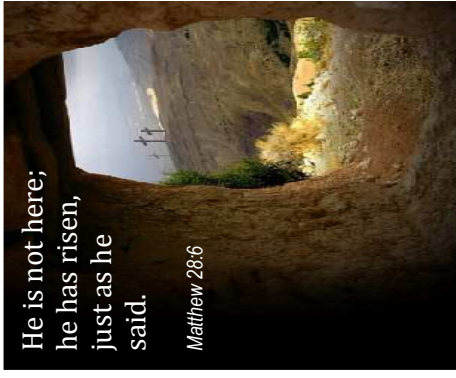
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He is not here;
he has risen,
just as he
said.

Matthew 28:6



Bill Bauza Photo

April 2012



With Joy... From Sally

Live What You Are

Someone said to me recently, “We’re all destined to die, so why do we cling to life so strongly when the ultimate goal is to get to heaven; why not rush it so we get there sooner?” Luckily they were kidding, but

there are some who hear what the Bible has to say about the harmony of all things with God and think of it only as the time-beyond-time to come. But what about this life? Didn’t God create all of life and declare it good? This month starts out with a journey through the events of Holy Week and the great celebration of Easter. If the resurrection doesn’t affect this life we’re already living, then it’s just an empty promise so let’s break out the chocolate bunnies and bring on the peeps!

In one of his last gatherings with his first followers, Jesus gives them a new command, that they love one another as Jesus has loved them. That little word “as” makes all the difference. Love one another? Sure, no problem. Love as Jesus loves? Now that’s frightening, because I know that on my own I can’t live and love as Jesus does. When I see the consequences of loving like that, I’m pretty sure I’m not up to it. Sooner or later I run into situations when my courage evaporates and I don’t live the faith I claim. But then I remember that Jesus didn’t ask his disciples to do this on their own. He invited them to follow, to do and be what Jesus taught them, and to accept God’s love and presence to make them more than they already were. They were loved completely by God. When Jesus surrendered to death on the cross, it showed without a doubt that there are no limits, no boundaries to God’s love for us.

So how will we live in this wounded world? Individually each of us is pretty weak and readily distracted by our culture and our personal desires. As a community of faith we help each other remember who God is and who we are together as God’s human family. We can’t do everything to change the world, but God’s loving presence enables and strengthens us to do our part... to live loved, to live as trusted followers of Jesus. Every day that we live as Jesus lived, we change the world. And Jesus lives again!

Sally



FROM BJ’S DESK...

Rhythm. Events happening in real time create a unique flow and rhythm. There is an inexorable drum beat that marks the march we call Holy Week. Somewhere in the months before Holy Week, Jesus made a choice. Luke 9:51 says “Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem.” From that moment forward he is on a march to the culmination

of the story. Rhythm.

Hear the crowd and see the colors of bright greens of the plants and the tans and off whites of clothing lying on the ground. There, in the distance, is a man. He is riding a donkey. He is surrounded by children and adults. They are waving leafy branches and whatever else they can get their hands on. The entire city is in an uproar as this parade like no other marches down Olivet, across the Kidron valley, and through the gate called “Golden.” Hear the voices shout Hosanna! Hear the cries of blessing: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! It is Sunday of Holy Week.

See the little man, treasurer for the group. He is a reputed thief. Some suggest he is evil and others that he is misguided; most just ask why. His name is not given with pride to children anymore. His name is Judas. He goes to the religious leaders and sells his soul (and the life of his teacher) for 30 silver pieces. It is Wednesday of Holy Week.

Smell the aromas: Roasting lamb, unleavened bread, vegetables, and new wine. Jesus and his friends are in a furnished upper room. He stoops to conquer, washing their feet. He shares bread (remember me); he shares wine (remember me). He talks with his friends, he warns them, and then they go out to a garden where the olive press resides – in Hebrew called Gethsemane. The scent of anger, of violence, and of spilled blood dominate the garden as a mob arrests Jesus and carries him away. It is Thursday of Holy Week.

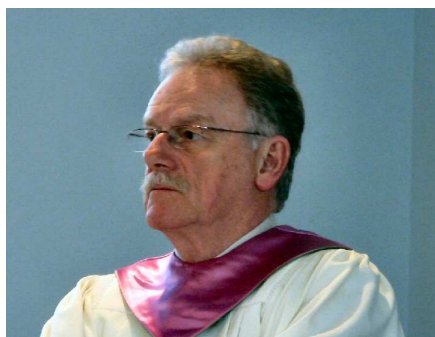
Notice the furtive figure. He is at the edge of the shadows. His name means “rock” but he is not solid tonight. He denies . . . he denies again . . . he denies a third time his relationship with Jesus. He does this while Jesus stands trial for his life, when Jesus could use a friend.

Taste the blood. Jesus is hit, he is beaten, he is flogged, and he is abused. Thorns spike into his head and the blood trickles down. He is condemned out of fear and jealousy; condemned to die a criminal’s death; condemned to die the worst imaginable death; condemned to be crucified. It is Friday of Holy Week. Jesus is nailed to the cross. He speaks, he waits from noon to three, and he dies.

Rhythm! Friday he dies . . . Friday he is buried. . . Saturday we wait . . .

Hear the thunder. Taste the joy. Smell the new life. See the resurrection! Christ is risen, Indeed! It is hope against hope, joy unspeakable, light unutterable! Eight days mark the pivot of the world! Eight days are the culmination of our faith. Feel the rhythm of Holy Week.

Dr. BJ



FAITH + PRESS

Pre-K - 5 † Sunday mornings † 10 am † Lower level
April 1, Palm Sunday

11 am Worship Celebration

Puppet presentation of the story, "Remember Me"

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April 8, Easter

No Faith Express

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April 15 - May 20

Living Like Jesus

Love the Lord your God with all your heart...soul...and might. Children will learn that when we read the Bible, we can discover what God expects us to do and be.

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May 20

"Make A Difference - Be The Church" Sunday

Children and youth will participate in ministries of service to others. Look for details in your Sunday bulletins, weekly updates, and on our Facebook page and website.

SOUL-STRENGTH

Middle School † Grades 6-8 † Room 22 † Lower Level

What Does God Want?

BREAKFAST & FAITH

High School † Grades 9-12 † Kitchen † Main Level

See United Methodist Youth, Page 11

MAY 2012 CALLER DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 13

E-MAIL TO CALLER350@YAHOO.COM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATHY WEAVER @ 839-5918 OR KDWEAVER23@VERIZON.NET

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Adult Opportunities for Learning at Christ Church

Sunday mornings † 10 am † Wesley Room

April 1, May 6, 13 - Morning Coffee - Discussion series

Be the Church Sunday - May 20

Wednesday mornings † 11 am † Wesley Room

DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BJ

Thursday mornings † 10 am † Wesley Room

ACTS - "SEEING GOD'S POWER IN ACTION"

Diane Klenk, Facilitator

SUNDAY EVENING SUPPER AND BIBLE STUDY

at Christ Church with Audrey & Mike Gavin

Note Change of Location

Call for dates & time 835-2619

THANKS

Thank you all for the support to help me through my recent surgery. I appreciated all the prayers and cards. It's such a pleasure to be a part of such a wonderful congregation."

Ed Maker

MATURE YEARS MINISTRY

Seniors are living longer and better in the 21st Century. The MYM marks its 30th year in 2012 and reflects this fact.

To mark this anniversary, MYM is bringing back a program that was started by Hal and Dorothy Brown. It is called "Lend An Ear." As originally set up, folks with skills in certain areas are called by church members for advice. These skills include, but are not limited to, car repair or purchase, home repairs such as heating, plumbing, electrical, and/or appliances, finances, painting, school matters, etc.

Details are being worked out. MYM is seeking folks who are willing to Lend An Ear. If you have a skill, talent, or knowledge that could be of interest to the congregation, please call the church office at 839-2460 and give your name, phone number, and your area of interest. A list will be generated and made available to the congregation.

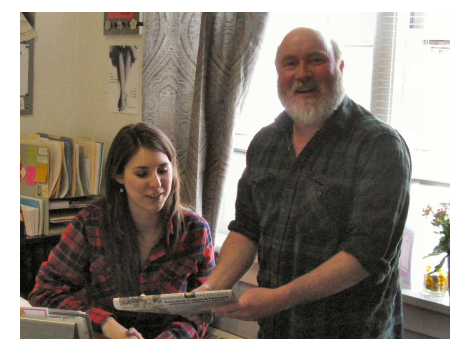
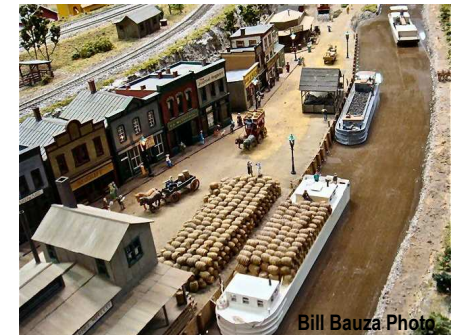
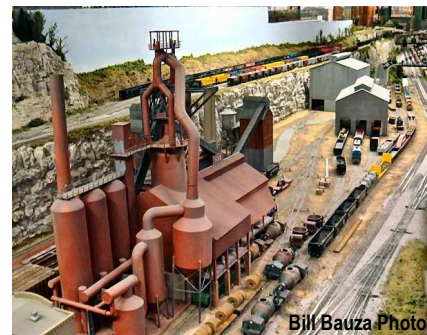
UNITED METHODIST MEN



On March 3, 9 members of the UMM journeyed to Medina, NY to visit the Medina Railroad Museum.

On April 14, we'll carpool from the church at 10 am to see more than 36 aircraft on display at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, 9280 Airport Road, Mount Hope, Ontario, with lunch to follow. Admission \$12, Seniors \$11. **Please be advised that a valid passport or Enhanced Driver License, etc. is required to return from Canada.**

If you have any questions call Don Critoph at (716) 832-4408.



April Outreach Opportunities

Asbury Shalom Zone (ASZ)

For years we have been bringing clothing for the thrift store and to be baled and sent around the world to be given away for sale. For years it has done double duty providing clothing for people who have little, and also to provide needed funds for the ASZ. Typically the clothing has brought in around 11 cents a pound and more for shoes, belts, hats, and purses. Once they have enough to fill a tractor trailer or about 45 bales plus boxes of shoes, etc., they call the company and the heavy bales are trucked away bringing the Zone somewhere around \$5000-\$6000 depending on many factors. But the latest load, the price per pound sky rocketed to 21 cents per pound which meant the check they received was a huge boost to the ASZ ministry. So please keep your clothing, belts, purses, shoes, and hats coming. They can be dropped off in the Outreach closet in the Narthex/front hall.



Native American Sunday: April 22, 2012

Changing the World One Life at a Time.



Fifty percent of the offering remains in the annual conference to develop and strengthen local Native American ministries. Should none exist within the conference, the offering is remitted in full to the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA), and then distributed equally between the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry to provide scholarships for American Indians attending the church's schools of theology and the Native American Urban Initiative of the Board of Global ministries.

Thank you for sharing God's love and hope with the world and with our community by supporting the many Outreach ministries of our church



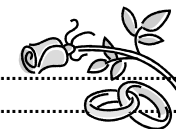
APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Weaver.....	5
Charles Gilbert.....	6
Stephen Mugel.....	6
Larry Burdette.....	10
Don Critoph.....	10
Julie Jackson Janecek.....	11
Alexia Malpica.....	11
Mary Jayne Nehrboss.....	12
Erich Beyer.....	13
Wendy Johnston.....	14
Linda Rekate.....	15
James Luss.....	17
Joyce Delong.....	18
Ed Maker.....	18
Charles Terranova.....	19
Janet Barber.....	20
Courtney Hannon.....	21
Drew Smith.....	21
Chris Klenk.....	22
Pamela Gibson.....	23
Doris Schanzlin.....	26
Benjamin Weaver.....	30



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas & Martha Shields.....	April 13, 2002
Andrew & Jamie Rapini.....	April 26, 2003



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT

Read a single chapter each weekday and read through the complete New Testament in 2012.

2.....	John 15
3.....	John 16
4.....	John 17
5.....	John 18
6.....	John 19
8.....	Easter
9.....	John 20
10.....	John 21
11.....	Revelation 1
12.....	Revelation 2
13.....	Revelation 3
16.....	Revelation 4
17.....	Revelation 5
18.....	Revelation 6
19.....	Revelation 7
20.....	Revelation 8
23.....	Revelation 9
24.....	Revelation 10
25.....	Revelation 11
26.....	Revelation 12
27.....	Revelation 13
30.....	Revelation 14

Lots of questions? One answer...

Talk To The Expert

Workshop Series - 3 pm

Financial Legacy Planning

Tuesday, April 24

Patrick Allaire, CEO & Keith Shottman, VP, Allaire Financial Strategies

This interesting workshop will cover in depth the purpose of Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, and Health Care Proxies as a foundation for the rest of the workshop series. Also we will discuss what legacy planning means outside of the documents. As an example, "What value system are you trying to convey to your heirs?" That part of the workshop will be thought provoking and should help stimulate some conversations that will help you frame what you want to best be remembered for after your life.

Planning Ahead for All The Right Reasons

Tuesday, May 1

Michael Pignatora, Manager, Dengler Roberts Perna Funeral Home

Jeff Reed, VP, Mt Calvary Cemetery

Wise decisions that show you care. This workshop covers information on pre-planning for a funeral, what happens when a death occurs, and the role of the cemetery and how it operates.

Honoring Memories, Celebrating Lives

Tuesday, May 8

Rev. Dr. BJ Norrix, Senior Pastor, Christ United Methodist Church

Funerals and memorial services are for the living. They are formal farewells that help to bring closure and to process grief. Funerals and memorial services are for the deceased. They are a way to honor those who have gone and to say an appropriate "goodbye." Planning a funeral or memorial celebration is finding a healthy balance between these needs. This workshop will explore the elements of vital and appropriate funeral/memorial celebrations and will give an opportunity to indicate how we wish our lives to be celebrated.

Overcoming Medicaid Myths

Tuesday, May 15

Patrick Allaire & Keith Schottman

There are real rules for eligibility. This workshop helps make the complex a little easier.

Values Workshop with a Financial Twist

Tuesday, May 22

Patrick Allaire & Keith Schottman

Includes discussion of the advantage of planning as technology, inflation, longevity, health, and knowledge change in the future. What impact will these changes have on your life and goals? An interactive workshop of brainstorming and formulating directions and considering imponderables.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The Executive Board will meet Tuesday, April 10, at 4 pm.

The Niagara Frontier District Event: "Morning Apart" – will feature a Health Fair at Trinity UMC on Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, at 9:30 am on Saturday, April 28th.

There will be a UMW General meeting for all women on Saturday, May 5 at 10 am. The topic will be "Dress Our People," presented by Debbie Underwood from Cortland UMC. Elizabeth Circle will be the hostesses. A continental breakfast will be served. A suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated.



CIRCLE NEWS

Elizabeth Circle **will not** meet in April, and encourages all to attend the Holy Thursday Service on April 5.

Rachel Circle will meet Tuesday, April 17 in the Wesley Room at noon.

Deborah Circle will meet at 12 noon, Tuesday, April 24, in the Wesley Room.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH



April 5	Seneca St	2-5
April 8	Easter - No youth group	
April 15	Rent-A-Kid	1-4
April 20-22	CCYM gathering	Syracuse
April 29	Youth talent show	

More Information? Call Tim Reed, 838-4230 or Viki Smith, 839-1989

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

go out to Chuck Kellner, his son Mark, daughter Sally, and two grandchildren on the death of long-time CUMC member Jean Kellner, Jean, who joined the church in 1961, passed away March 3 at the age of 82. A service celebrating her life was held on March 10.



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE TEAM

We wish to thank all of you for your "Extravagant Generosity" in your pledge commitments to Christ Church. We appreciate your support as we go forward with our ministry, both to our congregation and also to the community at large.

The new offering envelopes will be available in the Parlor area the first Sunday of April, which is also Palm Sunday.

WE WELCOME

Caleb Joseph Parete born March 3 9# 22", the son of Gregg & Melissa Parete, grandson of Frank & Linda Parete, great nephew of Sue Estee & Barbara Munley.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED FEBRUARY 26

Dave and Patti Bechtel have been worshipping with us since late last summer and are good friends of Don and Barb Critoph.

Molly Butler, who moved to Buffalo in July with her husband Wayne. Please make these three "B"s welcome in our midst.



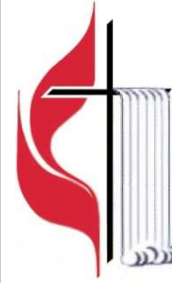
UPPER NEW YORK CONFERENCE NIAGARA FRONTIER DISTRICT

Eighth Annual Laity Banquet

Sunday, April 29, 2012

Registration: 4:15 pm, Dinner: 5:00 pm

Samuel's Grande Manor
8750 Main Street, Williamsville



It is our joy to honor Richard Mestler, Christ Church photographer and Caller newsletter editor. All are welcome to join the celebration of Richard's ministry and the wonderful ways God is working through the people of our churches in the Niagara Frontier District!



Menu:

Italian Wedding Soup and Dinner Rolls, Samuel's House Salad and Dressing
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Baked Potatoes, Vegetable *du Jour*
Coffee, Tea, Water
Dessert - Baked Alaska Flambé

Vegetarian Option: Pasta with Olive Oil, Garlic, and Steamed Vegetables

Cost: \$25 per person

Please make checks payable to UNY Annual Conference.

Mature Years Ministry

Dinner in the Country

W Sunday, May 6, 2011 at 1:30 PM

Tillman's Village Inn

NW corner of Rte. 104 and 98, Albion, NY (585) 589-9151

Menu choices: Veggie Lasagna, Broiled Haddock Almandine, and Boneless Chicken Breast, Salad, Coffee, Tea, or Pop, and Dessert.

Please make entrée selection when purchasing your ticket.

Tickets are \$18 each and will be on sale in Crafts Hall following Church on April 15th, 22nd and 29th

Driving directions and maps will be available with your tickets.

Let the ticket sellers know if you need transportation and it will be arranged.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Praise Celebration 9a</i> <i>All Ages Education 10a</i> <i>Traditional Celebration 11a</i> Israel Trip Info Mtg 12:15 Youth Seneca St., 2-5p	2 Zumba 6p Staff/Pastoral Relations Team 7p	3 Library Team 9:30a Dance 6:15p Outreach team 7p	4 Pastor's Bible Study 11a Praise Team 6p Choir 7:30p	5 Bible Study 10a Zumba 6p Holy Thursday Worship 7p	6 Books We Have Loved 10a Good Friday Worship 12n & 7p	7
8 Easter <i>Praise Celebration 9a</i> <i>All Ages Education 10a</i> <i>Traditional Celebration 11a</i> Youth - Flower Sale	9 Zumba 6p	10 UMW Exec. Board 4p Dance 6:15p	 Pastor's Bible Study 11a Praise Team 6p Choir 7:30p	12 Bible Study 10a Zumba 6p Stewardship & Finance 7:30p	13 CALLER DEADLINE Dance For Your Mind 6:30p Hide Under The Bed Day	14
15 <i>Praise Celebration 9a</i> <i>All Ages Education 10a</i> <i>Traditional Celebration 11a</i> Youth Service 12-4p	16 Zumba 6p	17 Rachel Circle 12p Dance 6:15p Christian Ed. Team 7p	18 Pastor's Bible Study 11a Praise Team 6p Choir 7:30p	19 Bible Study 10a Zumba 6p Trustees 7:30p	20 Books We Have Loved 10a Dance For Your Mind 6:30p	21 Dance 7p 
22 <i>Praise Celebration 9a</i> <i>All Ages Education 10a</i> <i>Traditional Celebration 11a</i> Youth - CCYM Syracuse	23 Zumba 6p	24 Deborah Circle 12p Dance 6:15p	25 Pastor's Bible Study 11a Praise Team 6p Choir 7:30p	26 Caller Collation 9:30a Bible Study 10a Zumba 6p Church Council 7p	27 MYM Board Meeting 12n  Game Night 7:30	28 Niagara Frontier UMW Morning Apart Health Fair @ Trinity UMC 9:30a
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