



First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek

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Church Leadership

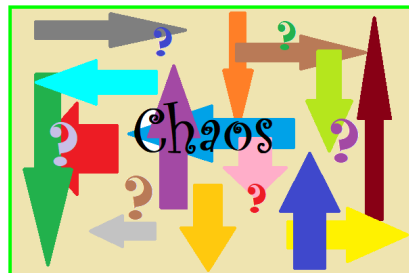
Pastor.....Robin Cuneo
Music Director.....Chris Thomas
Organist.....Joyce Kriner
Secretary.....Mary Stewart
Sexton & Librarian.....Eileen Kriner
Treasurer.....Jim Watson

Committee Chairs—2019

Clerk of Session.....Mary Ellen Flowers
Christian Ed.....Jennifer Wedzik
Membership Care &
Development.....Barb Griffith
Ann Nesgoda
Mission/Outreach.....Ann Nesgoda
Sue Kellerman, Jim Watson
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Jennifer Wedzik
Personnel.....Sue Kellerman
Scott Shunk
Property.....Jared Mosier
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Stewardship & Finance.....Dave Maille
Bob Kellerman, Jim Watson
Worship.....Scott Shunk
Chris Thomas
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Cindy Skladanowski

Deacons

Chairperson.....Nancy McNally
Secretary.....Bill Nesgoda
Treasurer.....Peggie Smith
Flower Coordinator.....Sally Wakeley
Caring Tree.....All Deacons
Scheduling.....Nancy Brown
Thanksgiving Baskets.....All Deacons
Correspondence.....Aye Mosier
Funeral Dinners.....Peggie Smith
Aye Mosier



Can I rant for a few minutes? Why do stores feel like they have to completely rearrange their entire departments every few years? Walmart, for the last few months, have been moving freezers and shelves and merchandise. They had to temporarily move whole sections from one place to another. There

appears that there was no strategic plan to get things to their final destination. When I needed to buy a new tablecloth, it took me over an hour to find it by the office supplies—and yes, I did ask a Walmart associate, but she had no clue either where the table cloths were temporary put.

Carts are bumping into carts. Aisles are so narrow that two carts cannot pass side-by-side. Customers are grumpy, associates are frustrated and managers are standing around leafing through store maps. I still cannot see the logic for this change—it certainly has not made this consumer's life easier!

Chaos!

“In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light” (Genesis 1:1-3 NRSV).

In the chaos, God is there!

Throughout scripture we read about pillars of the Judeo-Christian tradition as they find themselves wrestling deeply with the reality of their humanity and the challenges it brings. We read about Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Hagar and Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, David and the list goes on.

In each of these stories of jumbled, chaotic mess we hear the voice of God speaking. Sometimes God's words will bring comfort—God brings order to the chaos. Other times, God speaks demands that make us uncomfortable and raise difficult questions about the nature of our faith—questions for which we do not have easy answers.

But the presence of God is a constant in the lives of our forebears in the faith, just as the presence of God is a constant in our own lives, through the good times and the bad.

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Life is a jumbled, chaotic mess. Every human being faces times in which everything seems to be coming apart at the seams. Some of our times of trial seem to come out of nowhere. Tragedy simply strikes. A person is fired from his or her job. An accident happens. A disease takes hold in a body. A loved one dies. A tornado hits. A war breaks out. All these turn lives upside down...inside out and life becomes a twisted, jumbled mess.

Other periods of uncertainty and strife can be predicted. The human life cycle takes each of us on a journey of growth and transition. We leave the dark, watery security of our mother's womb by violently passing through the birth canal and out into the bright, noisy, frightening world. We start out as completely dependent, helpless infants, but in a short time, we change into crawlers, walkers, skippers, and dancers. Each one of these life transitions requires us to renegotiate our relationships and our place in the world. The changes we face as we grow and develop and transition through the human lifespan throw us into periods of jumbled, chaotic mess.

In the chaos, God is there!

Just like each one of us, the people of our faith tradition faced those same life transitions. Some of their struggles—their moments of jumbled, chaotic mess—are recorded in our sacred texts.

The good news is God is with us, speaking light and love, hope, into the murky, jumbled, chaotic mess of the world. In fact, it is often in the chaos itself where the work of God happens most profoundly. When life feels messy, look for signs of God hard at work!

As we walk this journey with our forebears in the faith, may we look for the light of God shining brightly on the path ahead. May we listen for God's voice speaking creation into being and forming community out of chaos. And may our unjumbled jumble begin to dance, even as we sing, "It is well! It is well with my soul!"

(I offer these words as Pastor Robin heals from her recent surgery. Life has thrown her into a temporary chaotic mess. May God's light shine upon her bringing her physical healing so that she may quickly return to us. God's blessings to you, Pastor Robin! ~ Mary)



September Birthdays!

- 1 Nicole Dorman
- 4 Bill Fannin
- 14 Dena Barker
- 24 Bob Mulvin
- 28 Christine Schrimper
- 29 Larry Resinger



September Anniversaries!

- 4 Jeremy & Annie Stewart
- 6 Jim & Linda Erickson
- 7 Laura & Jeremy Rockwell
- 11 Dave & Sue Beighley
- 13 Michael & Christine Schrimper

If you notice an incorrect or missing birthday/ anniversary or one that is listed that should no longer be there, call the church office 899-1031 and we will update our records.

Church Family News...



Prayer List: For those serving in the armed forces. Ricky Hinkle, Jeremy Rockwell, Ryan Lemke, & Brian Hellmann. For the Lake Erie Presbytery & its leaders; for our pastor, Robin Cuneo, for church members, family & friends, we pray.

Barb Bemis
Claudia Brown
& Mike Faycheck
Lois Cochran
Jeanette Comstock
Margaret Crider
Donna Fannin
Kevin Fisher
Rachel Hube
Dave & Judy Johnson
Pat Kocher

Dick May
Hannah May
Emily Mellish
Jim Nelson
Jacob Nesgoda
Yvonne Peters
Sandy Spangler
Bill & Sandy Stewart
Tammy Stewart
Larry Stultz
Megan Sweezey
David Zacks



Worship Schedules

Worship returns to 11:00 a.m. beginning September 8

Lectionary Readings for September



Sunday, September 1

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 81:1, 10-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sunday, September 8

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Philemon 1-21

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18
Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, September 15

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
1 Timothy 1:12-17

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 14
Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 22

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
1 Timothy 2:1-7

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 79:1-9
Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 29

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
1 Timothy 6:6-19

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16
Luke 16:19-31



We return to our regular worship
hour on Sunday, September 8



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please stay **AFTER CHURCH**
for a **FELLOWSHIP HOUR**
on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.**

Membership Committee



PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world.

This important offering will be received on World Wide Communion Sunday, October 6, 2019. It is used to support avenues which help create peace and understanding. Please give prayerful thought as to what you are able to give.



Liturgists and Greeters/Ushers for September

September 1

Liturgist: Dave Maille

Greeters: Nancy Brown & Eileen Kriner

September 8

Liturgist: Jim Watson

Greeters: Bob & Carol Mulvin

September 15

Liturgist: Bob Kellerman

Greeters: Sue & Bob Kellerman

September 22

Liturgist: Scott Shunk

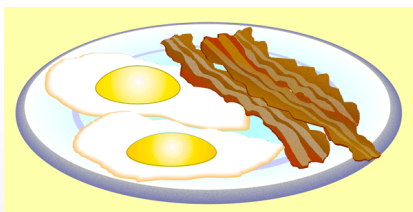
Greeters: Jim & Izzy Lyon

September 29

Liturgist: Debi Lyon

Greeters: Kevin & Patty Graff

Learning Opportunities...



Breakfast and

The Breakfast and a Movie series will start again on Sunday, September 8th and will continue every Sunday until we take a summer break.

9:30 a.m. BREAKFAST in the Fellowship Hall

9:45-10:30 a.m. MOVIE in the Youth room downstairs

We hope we see you there even if it is just for breakfast or just for the movie. But COME for BOTH if you can!!!

A short discussion of the movie and how it pertains to our lives and our faith follows the movie.

See **YOU** there!



**Think you are too old
to learn more?**

Think you know it all?

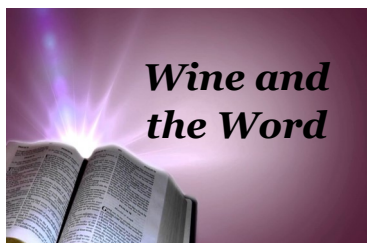
We challenge you to take the monthly...

I KNOW THE BIBLE QUIZ

Each month we will offer you a quiz about a section of the Bible.

Missed quite a few? Then, take time to look up and read that section of the Bible.

Got them all right? Congrats - no homework for you this month!



Wine and the Word

Wine and the Word will continue to meet every other Monday. We meet at different homes, so please see the church bulletin or call the church office for the place that week.

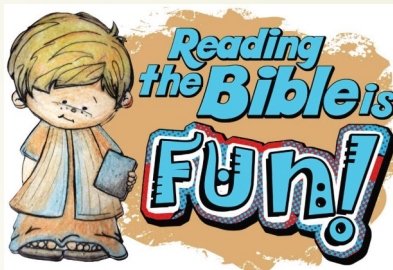


What's in the Bible?

Kid's Sunday School starts

September 8th at 9:45 a.m.

Come along with us and learn about God's great rescue plan! This year we will be learning about the stories in the Bible in new and exciting ways - movies, music, and more! This is one journey through the Bible you won't want to miss. Find out why you want to know more about "What's in the Bible."



OFFICE HOURS!

The church secretary will be in the office from 9 a.m.—12 noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If there are days that Mary needs to adjust her hours or days, the congregation will be notified and the change posted on the door. Pastor Robin will continue her hours 10-1 Monday and Wednesday. Please keep in mind since pastors serves on required Presbytery committees she might not always be available during the planned office hours.

Here's what's happening...



4th Tuesday Fellowship

Where: First Presbyterian Church,
Harborcreek
(unless otherwise indicated)
When: 12:00 noon

Tuesday, September 24

Program: Kathy Carlson & Kris Nelson from
Rabbit's Foot Estate Sales—bring an
antique to be appraised
Menu: Chili, Cornbread, Fruit, Dessert

Tuesday, October 22

Program: Jeremy Bannister will talk about Sunken
Ships in Lake Erie
Menu: BBQ Ham Sandwiches, Macaroni &
Cheese, Salad, Dessert



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

The School Book bag Drive was a huge success. Thanks to you there are 29 High Schoolers who started school with a great new supply for school. This Church Family always comes through when something needs to be done.



UPPER ROOM DINNER

The third Upper Room Dinner is quickly approaching. It will be served on September 29. The menu has not been determined yet, we will let you know the needs as soon as we work out the details. As always we will need volunteers to serve the dinner. Thank you for your continued support of this important Mission project.



Learning Opportunities this fall —pick one or pick them all!

- 1) Kids Sunday School or Adult Fellowship with Breakfast and a Movie
- 2) Wine in the Word
- 3) I Know the Bible Quiz (monthly challenge)
- 4) Commit to read a chapter of Bible on your own each day
- 5) Come to church and hear the sermon!
- 6) Listen to a great Christian Podcast on your commute or while you exercise
- 7) Get a text with a Bible Verse each day from Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church is hosting an "active shooter training" class on Sunday, September 22. A free lunch will be provided at Emmanuel after church for all who attend. Please contact Brian Griffith at 459-8311 by September 13th if you plan to attend this important class.

Emmanuel is located at East 35th and Perry street in Erie.

We return to our regular worship
hour on Sunday, September 8

News Briefs...



"Weeeeeeeeeee!"

Family Fun Night was AWESOME!!!

If you were unable to join us in our church parking lot on Saturday, August 10th you missed a great Community event!

Kids (and adults!) enjoyed a LARGE inflatable slide, corn hole, ladder ball, and a spinning prize wheel.



Experts showing proper form!

The church playground was also put to great use. Around 75 of our church's neighbors, preschool families, and our members came and enjoyed listening to the Derf Hopseger Trio while enjoying hot dogs grilled to perfection, sauerkraut, chips, & water.



Enjoying our music favorites!



Hot Dog anyone?

Jenn and Dave Wedzik set up a movie screen at sunset. 45 adults and kids watched an inspiring movie.

"Breakthrough" as we wore glow necklaces and munched on popcorn.



Thank you all for donating your time, money and electricity! We couldn't have pulled off this Community event without YOU!

We are looking forward to help planning another Fun Night next year!

We would love to hear your comments and ideas.

THANK YOU!

Brian & Barb Griffith



Church exterior restoration should finally get underway by NW Restoration Co. around the end of August or early September. They will start with the west side foundation mess that everyone sees!

Dave Maille



Notes from August's Session meeting:

Clerk's Report: Chris Thomas agreed to follow up on advertising in the Harborcreek community magazine. Session voted to spend no more than \$300 on an ad.

Correspondence: The 2020 general assembly to be held in Baltimore, MD. Presbytery has changed the method for choosing delegates, and is looking for anyone interested. Please ask Mary Ellen for an application if you'd like to consider it

Pastor's Report: Pastor Robin updated us on her medical concerns. We are very happy to learn that no back surgery will be needed at this time.

She also reported on her attending a group of area pastors who meet to share ideas for community outreach and faith exploration.

The kids' reading club was very successful. Next year it was suggested to have a length of only 6 weeks instead of 12. Thanks to all who helped.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Unglued Church Project: The committee reported on their meeting with updates on the details of the Family Fun Night to be held on Aug 10th.

They presented their idea for a new 9 word mission statement: "Loving and serving others as Jesus does." There is only one more meeting left in the program, but the committee will continue as they are not yet ready to dissolve and still have more ideas to explore

Stewardship & Finance: All accounts balanced and session voted to approve June and July's Treasurer's report.

Session voted to send \$2,000 toward presbytery loan.

Worship: The following pulpit supplies have been scheduled:

Sept 29 th	Rev. Carl Hull
Oct 27 th	Ken & Cindy Hall

Christian Education: On Sept. 8th Sunday school will start back up at 9:45am.

Chris Thomas will begin the Sunday school mornings with music working toward more kids singing in worship. Thanks to Marnie Logan for volunteering the last several years.

Adult breakfast & and movie will start on Sept 8th.

Membership Care & Development: We still need someone to count those attending Sunday morning worship.

4th Tues (Aug 27th) will have Ron & Mary Ellen Flowers present a slide show of their trip to Iceland.

Mission & Outreach: The Pentecost offering was \$347 on June 16 with 40% (\$138.80) retained by our church.

The June 30th Upper Room luncheon at St. Paul's Church was a success. We served about 80 people and they appreciated the small toiletries we gave out from the congregation.

Next Upper Room luncheon will be Sept 29th at which time we will distribute hats and gloves made by our shawl ministry.

Nominating & Training: The committee has begun working on the church officers for the year 2020.

Personnel: Employee evaluations have been started.

Church Secretary Mary Stewart will work on the church's web site on Tuesdays.

Property: The committee has been working on the playground upkeep, including the challenge of the parking lot water runoff in front of the sidewalk of the CE building. The committee will check into some repairs needed on the CE ramp before school starts.

Old Business: Reminder of church family pictures to be taken Oct 3rd.

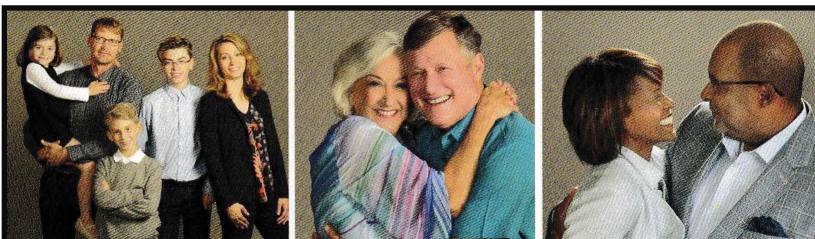
The church is still looking for someone to maintain the Church's Facebook account. It is currently up and running.

New Business: Session asked the worship committee to research and collect bids on upgrading our sound system and this will include finding someone to run a sound booth.

Session approved the position of a nursery attendant during Sunday morning worship. The church will pay for clearances needed. Chris Mosier has agreed to staff the nursery and can start as early as Aug 18th. The weekly bulletin will reflect this change.

Mary Ellen Flowers





Be included and make our directory complete

What to expect

- A professional photography session, no session fees.
- View your images after your session and make your selections.

You will receive

- One FREE 8x10 standard print and church directory.
- \$30 to spend at Shutterfly.com with any Lifetouch photography purchase.

Schedule your session and be included in our new directory.

Photography dates and more information will be shared with you soon.

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NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY!

Please mark your calendar for:

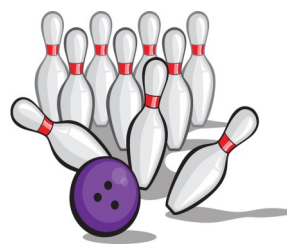
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

when all members can be photographed for the new church directory.

This is a ONE DAY ONLY opportunity so please plan to participate as we update our directory at no cost to the church.

A sign-up sheet (for your desired time) will soon be posted on the back bulletin board.

Membership Committee



Christian Men's Bowling League

**Eastway Lanes
Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
4-Man Teams**

Contact:

Eastway Lanes at (814) 899-9855
or

Keith Reed at (814) 450-4846

***Come out for some fellowship
and friendly completion!***



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a request for the prayer chain, please speak to any 2018 Deacon or Peggie Smith (814-899-9103) to activate the prayer chain. We care about confidentiality so please let us know what information you would like to share and what is confidential.



September 2019

Hello, everyone! The new school year has begun and our Preschool has gotten off to a wonderful start! I am very glad to welcome back my terrific staff: Daunice Scipione (Science, Social Studies, Library, & Music Room); Jenny Beskid (Art & Fine Motor Skills Room); Karalee Space (Large Motor Skills, Snack Room & Spanish); Marlena Smith (Pre-Kindergarten Skills Room Assistant); Stephanie Battista (Art & Fine Motor Skills Room Assistant) and Ann Nesgoda (Finance). They are all dedicated and hard-working individuals and I feel very blessed to have them back “on board” again this year!

Our preschoolers are doing very well! The returning children have jumped right back in and the new children are definitely becoming comfortable with all of us. They are remembering or learning to share with others, cleaning up after playtime, sitting for Storytime, and listening to their teachers! Even the Bears (the youngest group) are getting used to “lining up” and are having fun moving from one room to the next. The children are talking, playing, exploring, moving, and enjoying! We are certainly off to a great start!

During these initial weeks of school, we talk about making friends, sharing, cooperating, listening, staying in line, and the importance of circle time – all those things that are needed to acclimate us to a Preschool setting. This is done *prior* to my introducing the letters of the alphabet, which occurs toward the end of September -- by then the children have become used to our school routine.

Everyone is looking forward to our Port Farm Pumpkin Field Trip at the end of this month. I'll tell you more about that next time!

It is wonderful to see our classrooms filled with energy, enthusiasm, smiling faces, and caring hearts! There is nowhere else that we would rather be! Until next time . . . take care and may God bless you and yours!

Char Chmielewski
Director and
Pre-Kindergarten Skills Room Teacher

Excellent Work!

This is our new “at-a-boy” and “at-a-girl” section. If you see some in the church going above and beyond in any activity or responsibility, leave the secretary a note or send an email so we can recognize the people blessings we have in our church.

This can be something small or something big. It does not have to be something life-changing—it may have been something that brought a smile to your face. Just jot down your name (just in case we have a question,) the name of the person who has done something that has blessed us , and a brief description of what he or she did.

This month’s “at-a-guys/gals” goes to those who planned, organized, and carried out the Family Fun Night. It started out as an outdoor movie night, but the excitement spread like wild fire. We had a whole evening of music, games, food, and plenty of laughter—and yes, a MOVIE! It took many hands, lots of time and a big dose of commitment. Thank you!! The Spirit of God is moving, inspiring and passionate in the life of FPC of Harborcreek!

New Website is live!

<https://hcpresbyterian.org>



Remember Our Homebound

Some of you have asked about what you can do to keep connected to those who are unable to come to worship or participate in church activities. Listed below are some of those you could send a card or a note of encouragement.

Lois Cochran
4400 E. Lake Road
Apt. 257 Erie, PA 16511

Margaret Crider
Heritage House 30 East Street
North East, PA 16428

Jessie Denniston
1885 Rifle Range Rd. Cove 34
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Jim & Peggy Nelson
2 Gibson St. Apt. 102
North East, PA 16428

Sandy Spangler
Sarah Reed Retirement Ctr. Room 9
227 W. 22nd Street
Erie, PA 16502

Eleanor Stanley
Springhill Retirement Com.
2301 Edinboro Road
Erie, PA 16509



Harborcreek Food Pantry

Just a reminder our congregation supports the Harborcreek Food Bank. Nonperishable food items, paper products and personal hygiene items are always needed and can be left at the top of the stairs in the main entrance of our church.

Please bring your cancelled stamps to church and place them on the table on the old entrance. The stamps are boxed and forwarded to a Leprosy Organization to benefit their cause.

Cancelled Stamps



Aluminum Cans

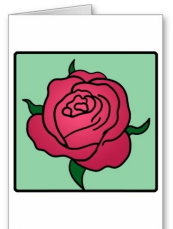
Helping the Homeless



A BASKET has been placed in the old vestibule for collection of **travel size personal care products** to be given to the homeless at The Upper Room. Please consider donating those little bottles from your hotel stays. Thanks, Mission Committee

Greeting Cards

Sue Kellerman is still collecting greeting cards to be sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. The cards are recycled by the residents at St. Jude's Ranch to sell. There is a basket on the table in the old entrance.



The recycling of aluminum benefits our outreach ministries to those in need.

Please place your cans in the recycling can behind the church.



September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 a.m. Worship 	2 Membership Care Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Women's AA Fellowship Hall	3	4 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. (when indicated)	5	6	7 Unglued Meeting
8 Breakfast and a Movie 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.	9  Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.	10	11 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. (when indicated)	12  Deacons 2:00 p.m. Session 6:00 p.m.	13	14 Cass-Foust Wedding
15 Breakfast and a Movie 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship/Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour following worship	16  Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.	17  Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00 p.m.	18 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. (when indicated)	19	20	21
22 Breakfast and a Movie 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.	23 NEWSLETTER MATERIAL DUE  Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.	24  4th Tuesday Fellowship 12:00 noon	25 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. (when indicated)	26	27	28
29 Breakfast and a Movie 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.	30  Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.			<div> Elder of the Month: Sue Kellerman 866-3563 Deacon of the Month: Nancy Brown 899-7736 </div>		