

All Souls is a welcoming spiritual community. We seek truth, practice love, and celebrate life.

November Worship Schedule

November's Theme is "Gratitude"

November 1

10:00a.m.

(9:00am Choir)

Day of the Dead

In celebration of life we will honor all those with whom we have shared the journey, who are now gone, but not forgotten. Bring photos and memorabilia to help us build a traditional Mexican ofrenda.

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer

Coordinator: Julia Tibbitts

Musician: Kristi Holler

Sound: Terry Lang

Hospitality: Dan Davis & Clara Hart

November 8

10:00a.m.

(9:00am Choir)

"Beads On One String": A Service Of Message & Song

Dennis Warner will be sharing in song and message his thoughts on connectedness in the world, or how we are more alike than we are different. "We are all like the beautiful beads on a necklace." Read more about Dennis Warner on page 3.

Guest Speaker: Dennis Warner

Coordinator: Sue Ann Lang

Musician: Kristi Holler

Sound: Terry Lang

Hospitality: Linda Hallstrom & Michelle Siert

Lunch will be served after the service.

November 15

10:00a.m.

All the World for a Slice of Pie

Giving thanks seems so simple. It seems like the easiest thing to pray for. Yet in this holiday season, filled with joy and plenty and warmth and family, family especially can be challenging. How can we give thanks? Who do we give thanks to?

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer

Coordinator: Chris Provance

Musician: Debbie Reid

Sound: Terry Lang

Hospitality: Richard & Mariah Lockhard

November 22

10:00a.m.

Lakota Generosity

Generosity is one of the seven virtues of the Lakota way of life that helps humble individuals within the family to include extended relatives and into larger societies. George Eagleman speaks on the practice of generosity within the traditional Lakota community. Read more on page 8.

Guest Speaker: George Eagleman

Coordinator: Julia Tibbitts And Mark Sanderson

Musician: Debbie Reid

Hospitality: Gina Hale & Nelson Volnick

November 29

10:00a.m.

Thanksgiving Potluck

Join us for a Thanksgiving leftovers potluck meal with Scott Kunze hosting. Please bring your own service, beverage, and dishes to pass. All are welcome for this time of fellowship. The church will be open at 10:00am with gathering in Eiza's Kitchen.



From the Minister David Kraemer

Gratitude

In October, I asked the Theology on Tap group to think about a time when they were deeply moved. The answers came back: time in nature, stirring music, astonishing architecture, community. Maybe these ring true for you, too. They do for me. From the back of our hymnal, words from Jacob Trapp, "To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars, before a flower, a leaf in sunlight, or a grain of sand ... To worship is to work with dedication and skill, it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music." We pretty much nailed it.

I didn't share this at the time. I was being a good leader. Which is to say, I was getting out of the way. But as I sat there, in the back of the sanctuary, in a circle of chairs, scoping the group in front of me and the open door to my office, with its bookshelf, bird feeder and window, I was thinking that I am getting a bit of that feeling now. That feeling of standing under a heaven of stars, the mystery beyond. It was a good time together, good conversation on a worthy topic, with a little enjoyment, as well.

It was observed that no one identified church as the

place this feeling occurred. I'm not particularly bothered by that. I'm the same way. But I do wonder how what we can do to make it more likely that here you may find that sense of mystery, that sense of awe. We bring art, and music and poetry into worship for this very reason. We bring ourselves to find that warmth of community.

"Worship is a loneliness seeking communion; it is a thirsty land crying out for rain," says the hymnal. It is "the mystery within us reaching out to the mystery beyond."

Our worship theme for November will be "gratitude." On Sunday mornings we will consider gratitude for all those who have gone before, and all those with whom we share the journey. During the Theology on Tap segment in November, we will take that theme into its personal expression as we consider what it means to pray. Gratitude is sometimes thought of as the easiest thing to pray for. But what exactly does that mean? Who do we pray to? For what?

David's schedule in Sioux Falls is Nov. 1–15, 2015.

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Gratitude [grat-i-tood]

noun

1. The quality or feeling of being grateful or thankful:



From the President Paul Thompson

I'm sitting down to write my column, and hoping to reach one or more members with an opportunity. An opportunity to get a little more involved in our church.

We all have different reasons that lead us to come to All Souls, and which lead us to continue to be involved. In the case of Joy Hembel and myself (we are married, for those who didn't know), our involvement began in 1992, when we lived in Cleveland, 2 jobs and 2 houses back. At that time, we had three small children, and were interested in religious exposure which would be appropriate for our family. We went to several religious functions from different churches, but found a good church in First Unitarian Church of Shaker Heights. We enjoyed the music, the minister, and the fellowship. We joined the choir, and had the opportunity to express ourselves musically, as well as contribute to the church. When you contribute in some way or another, you find your involvement in the church growing, and this makes the process deeper and richer.

After 1997, we moved to the St. Louis area, and joined the 1st Unitarian Church of St. Louis. This was another rela-

tively large church (especially in comparison with All Souls). Again, there were many places that we could involve ourselves. We lived a bit far from church, so attending choir was less practical. There, we were members of the Partner Church Committee. Joy was a member of the Board of Directors for a time as well. We also participated in plays written by a church member about Unitarian history. These allowed us to again become more involved in church.

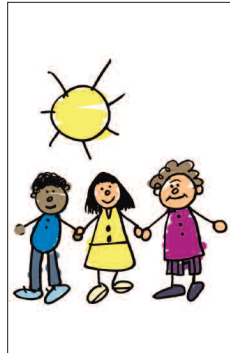
Involvement in committee work takes time, of course. Committee chairs understand that no one wants to waste time on useless and silly meetings, so most do their best to keep meetings short, start on time, and end promptly, sometimes early. Our committees generally have clear agendas, and do the work of the church with as little pain as possible.

If you are interested in getting more involved with our church, we'd love to have your contribution. In early November, David Kraemer, our minister, will guide a Leadership Retreat, which will run from 5:00pm Friday to 3:00pm Saturday, Nov. 6-7. Joy and I will participate, as well as others from our church, and member of First Unitarian Church in Sioux City, IA (our friends who are working with us to find a minister for both congregations). The cost is minimal (\$25), and includes food and lodging. If you are interested in increased involvement, why don't you join us? There are still spots available.

Dennis Warner speaking at November 8 Service

Dennis will be sharing in song and message his thoughts about connectedness in the world, or how we are more alike than we are different. "Cultural diversity is a great thing, but let's also remember how much we have in common with each other." "We are all like the beautiful beads on a necklace." "The goal is to make the world a more peaceful place to live, starting right here in our own backyard."

Dennis is an accomplished singer/songwriter that has taken his gift to public and private forums. His book *Beads on a String*, was adopted as the basis for a school curriculum by the Directory of Education at St. Cloud State University. Since then he has taken his words and song to many spiritual venues at the request of educators.



Children's RE

November Happenings

During November, the Sunday morning children's religious education programs will be a Native American theme.

November 1 - Day of the Dead

November - 8 - Multigenerational service (see story to the left)

November 15 - Iktome and the Ducks

November 22 - White Buffalo Calf Woman

November 29 - No services

We are also having a Children's Religious Education Meeting on November 15 after circle time ends at 12:00pm.



Why We Give

"Welcome to All Souls Church."

Those words welcomed us the first time we entered this church and they welcome us—members, friends, newcomers—every week. Our church is dependent on the creativity, vision, and generosity of our members and friends. It is up to us to keep the door open and the welcoming hand extended.

Giving to a community we believe in is an opportunity for personal growth and for extending our presence to others looking for a religious home.

It is the act of giving that ennobles us, not the amount.

To give to the Endowment Fund, email joyhembel@gmail.com or call 605-215-3391.



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Women's Group

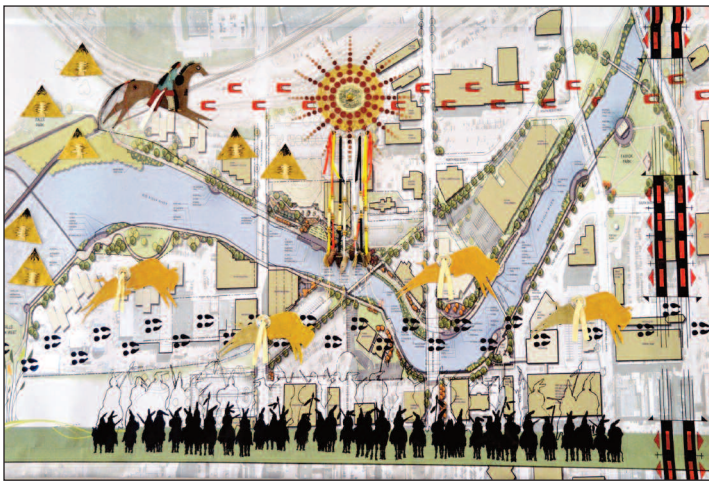
5:00pm, Tue., November 10

Bracco's, 5001 S. Western Ave. Sioux Falls

NOTICE:

For security reasons, the basement door will be locked on Sundays from 10:00-11:00am. Please plan to use the front door if you will arrive during that time. Thank you!

Journey Toward Justice Honoring Native American Day



The top center circle in artist Jerry Fogg's multi-mixed-media piece, "Past, Present, Future," which hangs at the front of All Souls' sanctuary (photo above), is the seal of the state of South Dakota. It is encased in a circle with rays extending outward and the ribbons representing the four directions as expressed in colors by the Lakota-Dakota-Nakota people. These insights into the embedded meanings in Fogg's art were revealed by him on October 11 at a special Sunday service honoring Native American Day. Numerous pieces of Fogg's art were on display, ranging from bead work to drawings to his famous multi-mixed-media art. The Eagle Spirit Drum Group led by Dr. George Eagleman and sons opened and closed the service.

On Monday evening, October 12, All Souls convened a forum at the Washington Pavilion Belbas Theater, featuring J.R. LaPlante, enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and South Dakota's first cabinet-level Secretary of Tribal Relations from 2011 to 2014. Mr. LaPlante's theme was Native-White Relations. He explored ways to breathe new life into reconciliation between Indians and non-Indians. He emphasized the value of building upon relationships, opening dialogue, and tackling the tough issues of racism and prejudice.

Participant evaluations from the two events were very positive, indicating that participants gained new insights and that they would attend another such event if convened in the future.

Sponsor support was provided by the South Dakota Humanities Council and the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation, in addition to All Souls Church. The events were organized by the All Souls' Social Justice Committee as one means to join with the Unitarian Universalist Association in repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery. To learn more, visit www.sfu.org/journey.



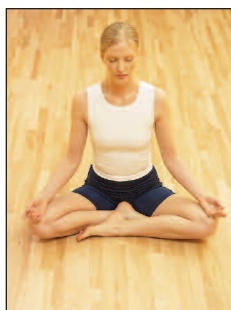
Above: The Sunday, October 11, service honoring Native American Day, was well attended. This was the first of two Journey Toward Justice events sponsored by All Souls Church, The South Dakota Humanities Council and the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation.



Above: Native American artist and regular at All Souls, Jerry Fogg, discusses his artwork, offering insights into the meaning behind many of his pieces of artwork.



Above: The Eagle Spirit Drum Group led by Dr. George Eagleman and sons performed at the service.

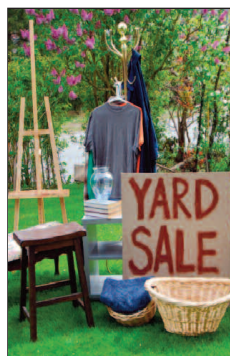


Meditation Group to Meet in Parsonage

An established meditation group, the Lay Buddhist Meditation Community, meets at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, in the parsonage just north of the church.

All Souls members are welcome to join them. The fee is a free-will offering, so it is hoped our members take advantage of the opportunity. Here is a link to their Facebook page if you'd like to check them out or "like" them:

www.facebook.com/LayBuddhistMeditationCommunity



Fundraising Rummage Sale Success

Thanks to all who helped by marketing, donating to, working at and/or buying at our All Souls Book & Rummage Sale. We made over \$1,100 to support our church!

Thanks so much,
Your Fundraising Committee

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

~William Arthur Ward



Theology on Tap

All Souls invites you to a Wednesday night social event: Theology on Tap. Come for snacks and beverages of your choice and imbibe in a little theological discussion. Enjoy a good time together, good conversation on a worthy topic, with a little enjoyment, as well.

Theology on Tap will run from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. This month it will be on November 11. Please, bring your own beverage of choice.



High School Youth Group

Who's interested in High School Youth Group?

Explore Unitarian Universalism with your peers and get to know other high school youths in the church community. All Souls UU Youth Group will meet the second

Wednesday of each month.

If interested in attending, please RSVP to Kelli Bul-tena: text / call: 351-8172 or email: b_kelli@hotmail.com

**All roads lead to Rome ...
or Monk's**

**Men's Un-Group
5:00p.m., Wed., November 18**

Monk's House of Ale Repute, 420 E 8th St, Sioux Falls



Themed Dinners & Socials Help Raise Funds & Foster Fellowship

Thanks to Claudia Dail for hosting the New Members and Friends Social on Oct. 17. Rumor has it that everyone had a great time!

Barbara Peterson will be hosting a Vegan Dinner Party at 6:00pm Nov. 21 at her home, 3008 S. Hawthorne. Cost is \$30 per person. Sign-up for this event will begin Nov. 8. Barb will be serving appetizers, two kinds of soup accompanied by a salad, and a dessert. For more details on the menu, please attend the dinner!

Rev. Chef David Kraemer will execute some impressive cooking skills at the Holiday Dinner at the Parsonage event Saturday, December 12, at David's Sioux Falls digs. Cost will be \$35 per person. More information will be provided in the Dec. 1 newsletter. Sign-up for this event will begin Nov. 29.



Five women (sometimes known as "The Napa Valley Five") from the All Souls Women's Group traveled together to the Napa Valley this past September. Joy Hembel, Janelle Lenser, Barb Peterson, Yoshi Sato, and Michelle Siert visited wineries, museums, olive oil tasting rooms, and many other sites. They stayed with members of the Napa Valley Unitarian Universalists and attended a Sunday service at that church. A great time was had by all!

Above (left to right): Yoshi Sato, Janelle Lenser, Michelle Siert, Joy Hembel and Barb Peterson.



Pat Loughead and Joy Hembel work the booth at the Inaugural Peace and Justice Festival held in October in Riverdale Park.



Social Justice Committee Report

Submitted by Terry Lang

October has gone and our Journey To Justice program is a great success. Jerry Fogg spoke on Sunday the 11th about his art and heritage. The Eagle Drum Group honored us with their drum performance. Thanks to

Dr. Eagleman and drummers.

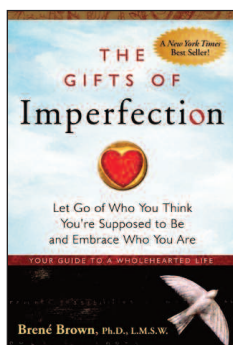
JR LaPlant spoke to a crowd of about 50 at the Belbas Hall in the Washington Pavilion on Monday the 12. His discussion focused on his time as a cabinet-level minister in the state government. His experiences there were given context and meaning during his discussion. Mr. Fogg also displayed his art in the lobby of the Hall.

The Leadership Development committee will be hosting a leadership development retreat at Shalom Hills in Minnesota in November. It is our hope that members from our community and those from Sioux City will meet and further develop leaders in both communities.

When we focus on our gratitude, the tide of disappointment goes out and the tide of love rushes in.

~Kristin Armstrong

Attention: If you are driving past and notice that the church sign out front is messed up (because the letters have been jumbled) please feel free to stop and fix it. We would appreciate it!



Book Club

Book Club will meet at 7:00p.m., Monday, November 23, to discuss *Gifts of Imperfection* (nonfiction) by Brené Brown. Discussion leader is Claudia Dail.

The December 28 selection will be *This Boy's Life* by Tibas Wolf (a memoir). Discussion leader is leader Bob Vrchota. This is also the Holiday pot luck.

Questions or comments can be directed to Barb Peterson, who currently coordinates club activities at barbpeterson@sio.midco.net.

We Can Do It!



November 14
at 10:00am
Church Cleaning

Join the Clean Team!

Survey Results Bring About Changes and More Focused Activities

Submitted by Claudia Dail

It has been over 6 months since All Souls surveyed members and friends regarding their interests. I'd like to report you that were heard and we are making great progress! Three areas were identified to focus on from the results of the survey:

- Activities/gatherings such as circle suppers
- Affinity groups
- Opening the church to host events, especially spiritual practices/development

I've added "building community" to my focus as president-elect since it encompasses all of these items. Here is a quick summary of what's been done to address these:

On the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 Rev. David is facilitating Theology on Tap, adult discussion with snacks and beverage of your choice. The discussions have been fun and inspiring. This is a casual stop on your way home from work in the evening.

The fourth Wednesday has been designated "Family Fun Night." Each committee will be hosting one, and the first one was held on Oct. 28 with lots of fun, games, food, puzzles and pumpkin carving.

A group of parents with adult children is meeting monthly to commiserate and discuss the challenges of parenting adults. I've heard great comments and it has only met twice.

There are some interested in a craft group and looking for others to join them.

The parsonage is home to a meditation group that meets the second and forth Tuesday of each month.

All Souls hosted Kirill Dushechkin and Alda Turgieva, an opera singer and pianist, in a concert earlier this month.

This is a quick recap, but I wanted you to know that your comments and ideas are being taken seriously. The board and committees are working to make All Souls a warm, welcoming and active place. Continue to share your ideas and join us, we are having fun!

**Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions.
The more you express gratitude for what you have,
the more likely you will have even more
to express gratitude for.**

~Zig Ziglar



Treasurer's Notes Terry Lang/Janet Kunze

Submitted by Terry Lang

Since the last time that I submitted a report for the newsletter, we have secured a new mortgage. The new mortgage is with Home Federal Bank and sports a much better payment schedule and a lower interest

rate. The receipts that you get from Vanco now should say that the deposits are to Home Federal Bank. Checks that you get for expense reimbursement will be from Home Federal as well. I have been working to get our bills paid via this new account, but find that some of them are taking longer for the transition to get done.

Paul Thompson, Rev. Kraemer and I did meet with the accountants, and I am hopeful that issues which have plagued that relationship have been ironed out.

I want to thank everyone for their patience with this transition. I do not understand why everything seems to take longer than expected, but there it is.

We honor. . .

The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

Acceptance of one another and
encouragement to spiritual growth;

A free and responsible search
for truth and meaning.



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Get involved in the many groups and committees here. There is something for everyone.

Getting to Know UU

Getting to Know UU Paul Thompson

Submitted by Kelly Christiansen

I am sure that we have all seen Paul Thompson at church. Paul and his wife Joy Hembel are both active members of our church. Together they have 3 children: Alex (28, Houston), Gregory (25, Sioux Falls), Victoria Thompson (25, New York City). Paul is our current President of the Board of Directors, and also Chair of the Ministerial Search Committee. He also attends meetings of the Finance, Facilities, Religious Education, and Leadership Development Committees.

Paul has lived and traveled to many places in his life. He grew up in Illinois, says Paul, "From ages 5-10, we lived in Frankfurt, Germany, and traveled a lot in Europe. I don't remember much, but was in Berlin about 1 year after the wall went up. We also went to Yugoslavia in 1960 to visit the town my grandfather was from." He attended the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. His family lived 16 years in Ohio, 9 years in Illinois, and now 6 years in Sioux Falls.

Paul is a Biostatistician at Sanford Research, working with physicians and scientists to test and examine medical cures. He enjoys reading, computer stuff, and photography.

When I asked Paul about his background with the UU church he said, "We first attended a Unitarian Church in Cleveland, OH, when our children were 7 and 4. We enjoyed the ideas, the welcoming nature of the congregation, and the people. We still have a few friends there, although we have lost track of quite a few. We continued our interactions with UU churches in St Louis. In both churches, the music was a great part of the church, as both had good friends in the symphony, and a small orchestra could be assembled in the church when needed. Joy and I both participated in the choir in Cleveland."

Paul says that he enjoys the close friends he has made at All Souls as well as, "the openness to Indian religion, the music, and the different ministers we have had."

Speaking from his own experiences, Paul would like to encourage people to join a church committee. "It involves a little time, but when you are on a committee, you get more involved in the church, and it all means something more to you."

As President he is interested in moving All Souls into a better communication situation and hopes to help find a mission for the church to concentrate on. "More on this later," he says with a smile.



George Eagleman to Speak about Lakota Generosity on November 22

George Eagleman will be the guest speaker at 10:00am on Sunday, November 22, 2015. George will speak on the tradition of Lakota gratitude.

Generosity is one of the seven virtues of Lakota way of life that helps humble individuals within the family to include extended relatives and into larger societies. It is difficult to live this way of life as life is a struggle onto itself. Prior to European arrival in this country, the Native American Indians lived a humble life, in essence practicing the seven virtues of which today is called spirituality. In the olden days, if a person admired something that another person was wearing, like a shirt or boots that person would take the clothing off and give it to the admirer.

George Eagleman, PhD, LAC, is a substance abuse/mental therapist with Keystone Treatment Center in Canton, SD. He works primarily with Native American Indian clients. George admits being an alcoholic and has been in recovery from it for the past thirty years. He was married to his former spouse for twenty-five years prior to succumbing to alcohol in 1997. He has three adult sons from this union; they practice their culture with their father. He has been married to his current wife for twenty-five years with one adult son. George is a Native American Indian from Rosebud, SD who is fluent in his language and practices all aspects of his culture. He also teaches Lakota language, Native American studies and Sociology at Kilian Community College in Sioux Falls. He has done culture sensitivity training, not only for law enforcement officers, but also organizations that serve Native American Indian clients. He is a Vietnam veteran, enjoys helping those that are in need, and has extensive experience in giving presentations in many topics to include addiction, suicide, and Native American Indian culture.

We Care!



Caring Referral Box

The CARING REFERRAL BOX is located downstairs under the bulletin board. If you know someone in need of a friendly call from one of the caring team, please drop a note in the box or contact Mark Sanderson at marksanderson@sio.midco.net.

Parish House Renewed

Submitted by Susan Randall

Major changes underway this past quarter have transformed All Souls' parsonage at 2200 S. Cliff Avenue into a multi-use Parish House. Volunteers have worked diligently, donating hundreds of hours to accomplish the following:

- Restoring the wood floors with fresh paint following removal of carpets and cleaning.
- Walls freshened with new coat of paint.
- Stairs repaired and stabilized.
- Removable folding door built/installed to separate meeting room space from Rev. Kraemer's private residence.
- Exterior windows scraped, glazed, caulked, primed, and painted.
- Exterior eaves/fascia scraped, caulked, primed, and painted.

In addition, contractors removed the multi-layered shingled roof and replaced it with new wood underlayment and shingles, as well as new eave troughs and downspouts.



Above: Yup—that's Rev. David Kraemer scraping away from the peak of the Parish House!

Today, the Parish House is being used as a residence for our half-time minister, as an office for the SD Peace and Justice Center, and as a meeting space for meditation groups, education classes, committees, and workshops. Reclaiming the house for All Souls' work has expanded the church's capacity to provide for the minister, to schedule activities (even while the main church building is being rented by Palabra Miel), and support social justice work.



Above: The transformation team who worked hundreds of hours the past quarter to renew the Parish House are (L to R back row) Mark Sanderson, Rev. David Kraemer; (L to R middle row) Sue Ann Lang, Chris Provance, Joy Hembel; (L to R front row) Susan Randall, Paul Thompson. Not pictured Ken Abbe, Greg Thompson, Sandy Thompson.



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All Souls Calendar

November 2015

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1 Daylight Saving Time ends 9:00 am Choir 10:00 am Day of the Dead With Rev. Kraemer 2:00 pm Path to Faith Class	2 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm COC	3	4 4:00 pm LDC	5	6 5:30 pm Leadership Retreat	7 5:30 pm Leadership Retreat
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8 9:00 am Choir 10:00 am "Beads On One String" A Service Of Message & Song	9	10 5:00 pm Women's Group @ Bracco 6:00 pm Meditation	11 Veterans Day 5:30 pm Theology on Tap RE Ad	12 7:00 pm Board	13	14 10:00 am Cleaning Morn
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