

Second Life

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2019

FROM GOD, FOR GOD: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY AND A POTLUCK

On November 10, we will gather for worship and dedication of our stewardship pledges for 2020 and the creation of a Thanksgiving tree. Immediately after worship, we join together for a potluck luncheon to remind ourselves of how we have been blessed, and to try the interesting, unusual, and tasty dishes that our members are known for. When we gather together in our church family, we bring an interesting amalgam of gifts. Our potlucks are equally interesting! The main dish will be provided (fried chicken and BBQ). Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert (*if your last name begins with letters A through J, please bring a side dish or salad; if it begins with K through Z, please bring a dessert*).

Be in prayer before that day. You should have received in the mail a letter and a pledge card (if not, they are available at the church). Please consider the ways in which you have been blessed and in which you are thankful. Also be in prayer about your commitment for this coming year.

Your contributions of money, time, and participation are important to Second Presbyterian Church and to the message we share.

Sometimes it takes us years to get perspective on life, on God's call to us, and on our purpose. Hopefully we grow to increasingly see how our blessings make sense in terms of our service to others and to the church, so that the gospel will touch more and more lives.

Please join us on Sunday, November 10, for a time of giving thanks.



A NEW SERMON SERIES

THE SHADOW OF SECOND'S SAINTS: A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF RUTH AND OUR CALLING (Nov. 3-24)

Join us as we look at the charge and calling of our own lives through two lenses: the figures in the Book of Ruth and formative individuals who found their home at Second Presbyterian. In light of the pioneers of our faith, who are we called to be?



Nov. 3 Engaging our Pain: Ruth and Emma Ruth McDonald
(Ruth 1:1-22)

Nov. 10 Engaging our Resources: Boaz, Ruth Jacobs, the Robertsons, the Buggs, and Joe Adkins, . . .
(Ruth 2:1-23)

Nov. 17 Engaging our Time: Naomi and Saints Today
(Ruth 3:1-18)

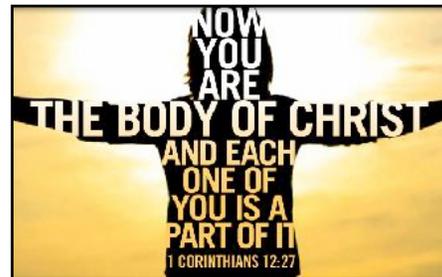
Nov. 24 Engaging our Talent: A Return to Boaz and to William Reynolds
(Ruth 4:1-22)

FROM THE PASTOR: THINKING ABOUT OUR GIFTS

When the search committee for the Director of Music met, one of the first things agreed upon was that we did not just want to only describe what we hoped for in a musician. Rather, we wanted to share with prospective candidates some about who we are as a church family. And then describe what kind of person we were hoping might find a home with us. That only makes sense. People don't go on dating websites like Match.com and only highlight the characteristics of someone they want to date. They also share about themselves.

And whenever there is a change in staff, there is an important opportunity to revisit and re-think who we are and what our mission is. That is particularly important since it is very easy for each of us to confuse our mission (what we are seeking to do) with our methods (how we do that mission). As a congregation, we are seeking to be faithful, intergenerational, joyful, open, and serving, and we know that music plays an important role of developing who we are.

Shortly after I moved to the Hampton Roads area, I was visiting a variety of churches, many non-Presbyterian, just to get a sense of the religious landscape of the area. Whenever I visit a church, I love to pick up pamphlets, information about the church, old sermons, or whatever readable material is sitting out. At one large congregation I picked up a form for persons interested in joining the church. On the first part of the form, there was a long list of occupations. The prospective member was supposed to put a check in the blank next to their occupation. What stood out to me, however, was that the first occupation listed was "Physician," with various subcategories under that (e.g., "Surgeon," "General Anesthesiologist," "Family Practitioner," etc.). The next occupation was "Lawyer," and although I don't remember the specific categories after that, the most immediate ones included "Engineer," "CEO," and "CFO" (Chief Financial Officer).



At first I had hoped that maybe I was misreading what seemed to me to be the purpose of the form, but then it was pretty clear that I had not. The professions listed were not in alphabetical or random order. They were not in order of prestige, however that is measured. Their order did seem to be related to the income of the professions. I sincerely wish that I had kept that list, in part because—as I write this—I'm simply curious as to what occupation was at the bottom of the list. When I was in elementary school, I remember having my fingers crossed that I would not be the very last child chosen for kickball or Red Rover. I'm hoping that "Teacher" was not at the very bottom of the list.

The financial needs of the church are a reality, but that form mentally has stayed with me over the decades, in part because it seemed just not to fit well—at all—with the gospel. The occupations of Jesus' disciples—"Fishermen"—probably did not even make the list. What the gospel does say, however, is that all of us have been called, each of us in different ways. God has a claim on us, and God wants us to use our gifts meaningfully. Although we are stewards—although we have been given a certain number of years, a variety of talents, and some resources—ultimately all that we have belongs to God.

We are part of the body of Christ, and that call makes such a huge difference in how we understand our gifts. I am so grateful you share your gifts with our church family.

With deep gratitude for our common ministry,
Pastor Craig

AT VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

How Shall We Remember?: The American Civil War Museum Grapples with the Legacies of Slavery and the Confederacy

Saturday, November 2, 12:00 – 1:45 p.m. Susan S. Goode Fine & Performing Arts Center

In recent decades, museum collections and interpretations reflect that American history and culture have been undergoing considerable transformation. Lessons that were learned a generation ago have been challenged by new or expanded narratives that include the voices and experiences of previously marginalized people. Join **Christy Coleman** – the CEO of the American Civil War Museum in Richmond—as she shares new scholarship about the depiction of our collective past, discusses questions around the display of Civil War symbols in public spaces, and reflects on issues of historical memory.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NOVEMBER GUEST MUSICIANS



During the month of November we are fortunate to be led in hymns each week by our chancel choir. In addition, please welcome the following guest musicians:

Nov. 3: Ms. Karen Nemeth, music teacher at Crestwood Middle School (Chesapeake), founding director of the Commonwealth Community Children's Chorus, and former Director of Music at Second Presbyterian (in the late 1990s).



Nov. 10: Mr. Benjamin Garner, University Organist and Instructor of Piano and Organ at Hampton University, a native of Newport News. A technology enthusiast as well, Mr. Garner repairs and restores vintage electronic instruments and computers.

Nov. 17: Dr. Jim Kosnik, ODU University Professor of Music (since 1982), longtime friend of SPC, and avid golfer. In addition to being an organist, he is a music historian, like Lynn Ruehlmann's and Peggy Troyer's fathers.

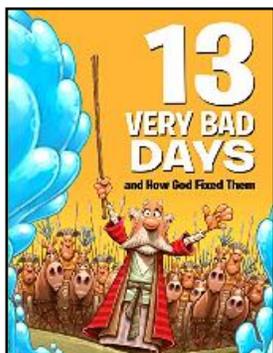
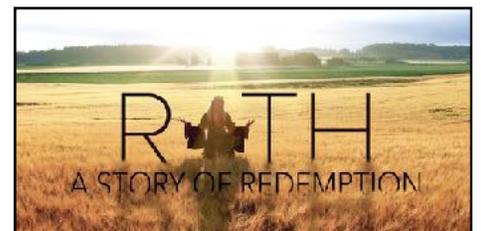


Nov. 24: Ms. Peggy Troyer, Christian, PC(USA) Elder, nurse at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, leader of Essentrics exercise class at SPC, and so much more. Whenever you celebrate Independence Day (July 4), you also can celebrate the anniversary of her birthday.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

THE BOOK OF RUTH: A STORY OF REDEMPTION SUNDAY MORNING ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS (Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Nov. 3-24 in the fellowship hall)

One of two books of the Bible named after women, the Book of Ruth is four chapters long and takes only about 15 minutes to read. During a month when we reflect on Thanksgiving and on God's gifts to us, the book reminds us that God is concerned about all people, regardless of race, nationality, gender, or status. It reminds us that God uses little things to accomplish great plans. And it sets before us meaningful individuals whose lives serve as beacons for our own. In anticipation of 11:00 worship, join Marie Finch and Catherine Hart Monroe, as they lead a study of each of the four chapters in the Book of Ruth.



13 VERY BAD DAYS AND HOW GOD FIXED THEM (5 YEAR OLDS THROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL) (Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Nov. 3-24, upstairs Sunday School room)

It will be fun: Bible stories that jump out, fun and meaningful discussions, giggle-worthy games, and oh-wow activities. Each Sunday this fall join Pastor Craig and Ms. Suzy White as we study and encounter stories of people in the Bible who faced the same kinds of challenges that kids do today. How they responded is meaningful for all of us.



Young Disciples Mission: "Dinner in a Pumpkin" - Saturday, November 2 at 3PM:

Join Katie White in the SPC kitchen to **make a meal** (that we literally **cook in a pumpkin**) and then we will deliver the meal to our friends Marty & Charlie Terry!

Middle/High Youth Faith Discussion Class: "Breakthrough" - Sunday, November 10 at 1:00PM:

Please join Katie and a volunteer (after the stewardship luncheon) where we will **discuss the movie Breakthrough**. Based on a true story, it illustrates how miracles can happen when we pray. Youth can borrow the movie from Katie if needed, just contact her (615-8728, kkerr12@spcnorfolk.org).

Young Disciples Fellowship: "A Thanksgiving Party" - Wednesday, November 13 after R&R Dinner:

All children are invited to join Amanda Besso for an **R&R party**, with a "Thanksgiving" theme—there will be snacks, games, and crafts! The party will start after the R&R dinner.

Middle/High Mission: "Faith Inclusion Network Community Art Night" - Friday, November 15 at 5:00PM:

Second Presbyterian, Faith Inclusion Network, and Park Place Child Life Center (PPCLC) will be hosting a **Community Art Night** at Second! The theme of this night is community, where **despite our differences we are all valued and collectively make a stronger community**. We will be making a community self portrait to illustrate this. **The youth** are specifically asked to help with set up and break down of the event for their mission project this month, starting at 5PM, **but all in the church** are encouraged to participate in the dinner and help create the community self-portrait starting at 6PM. An **RSVP is required** for this event so please sign the sign-up sheet in the hallway.



Assist with Worship - Sunday, November 17 during worship:

On this day the children and youth are asked to help **participate in worship** by acting as the ushers and as the liturgist.

Parenting Group "Tough Conversations" - Sunday, November 17 at 6PM:

A **time of fellowship and food with other SPC parents**, this group will be discussing Chapters 2-5 from the book, *The 5 Love Languages of Children* by Dr. Gary Chapman. Please bring something to share to eat! This month's location is the Todd's home, at 617 Connecticut Avenue Norfolk, VA.



Middle & High Fellowship "The Escape Room" - November 24 at 1PM:

Please join Katie and a volunteer for an incredibly fun time at **The Escape Room in Virginia Beach**. Tickets are \$25/person and an **RSVP is required in advance to book the room**, RSVP by Wed, November 20 to Katie.

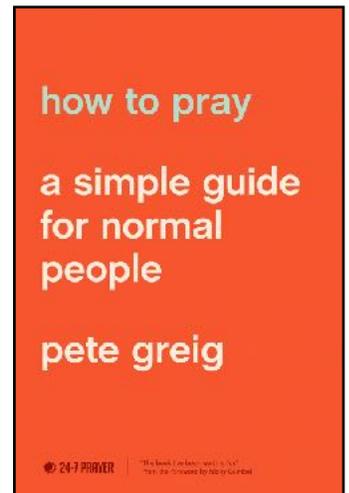
WEDNESDAY NIGHT R&R DINNER

**A CANDID LOOK AT PRAYER: HOW TO PRAY
WEDNESDAY, November 13**

From 5:45 to 6:30, join us for an excellent dinner (\$5 per person, kids 6 & under FREE), and then for a brief presentation and open discussion of prayer.

All sorts of hymns glorify prayer or encourage us to pray. Think of hymns like "Sweet Hour of Prayer" or "Take It to the Lord in Prayer." At the same time, once we get past Jesus' instructions on how to pray in the Lord's Prayer, or once we get beyond people encouraging us just to talk to God like you to do someone next to you, the process of prayer may not feel natural.

During the first half of our time together, Craig will highlight thoughts from a brand new, very practical book by Pete Greig called "How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People." And then during the second half, we will have an open discussion, where we reflect together on what works well in our prayer lives, how we pray, and challenges we need to overcome or have overcome with the practice of prayer.



FAITHFUL NEIGHBORS BLOOD DRIVE: SPC will be hosting our annual blood drive on **Sunday, November 3, from 9AM to 1PM.** As in the past, we, along with Temple Israel, will be offering the blood drive to members and neighbors. We will also need a couple of volunteers to help oversee the drive that Sunday. Signups are available now. To sign up in advance, you can go to redcrossblood.org. The event name is 'faithful neighbors.' You may also contact Alice Allen-Grimes (535-0934) and she will complete the on-line sign up for you.



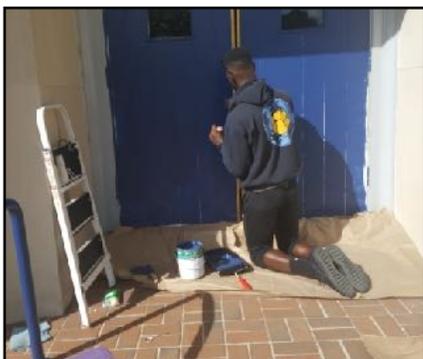
EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES MISSION PARTNER SPECIAL OFFERING: The special offering for our educational ministries Mission Partners will be held on **Sunday, November 17th.** This special offering is an opportunity to make a direct financial contribution to support three of our mission partners, Park Place Child Life Center (PPCLC), Global Friendship Ventures at ODU, and Youth Outreach Urban Resources & Services (YOURS).

PARK PLACE CHILD LIFE CENTER (PPCLC): Park Place Child Life Center, located at Second Presbyterian Church, provides access to arts and cultural activities for underprivileged children. PPCLC's arts-based programs is designed to advance literacy and encourage a lifetime love of learning through after school literacy & arts activities and a year-round Saturday enrichment program at SPC for children 6-17. There are volunteer opportunities to help with the Arts program on Saturdays from 9 am to 3 pm. Mission partner liaison: Bill Armstrong.

GLOBAL FRIENDSHIP VENTURES at ODU: Our partner in this mission is the Global Friendship House (The Globe) 1241 W. 43rd Street, Norfolk on the campus of Old Dominion University (ODU), which provides housing and support for international students attending ODU. Global Friendship Venture's goal is to reach future leaders of the world who come from 100+ nations to study in Norfolk, and leave a lasting impression about this nation and the Christians who live here. They welcome and orient international students to their new surroundings, providing practical assistance with transportation, housing and furnishings, and offering community events connecting them with American families. There are volunteer opportunities to get involved with ODU Global Friendship Ventures, or to host ODU the international students for dinner in your home. Mission partner liaison: John Klein.

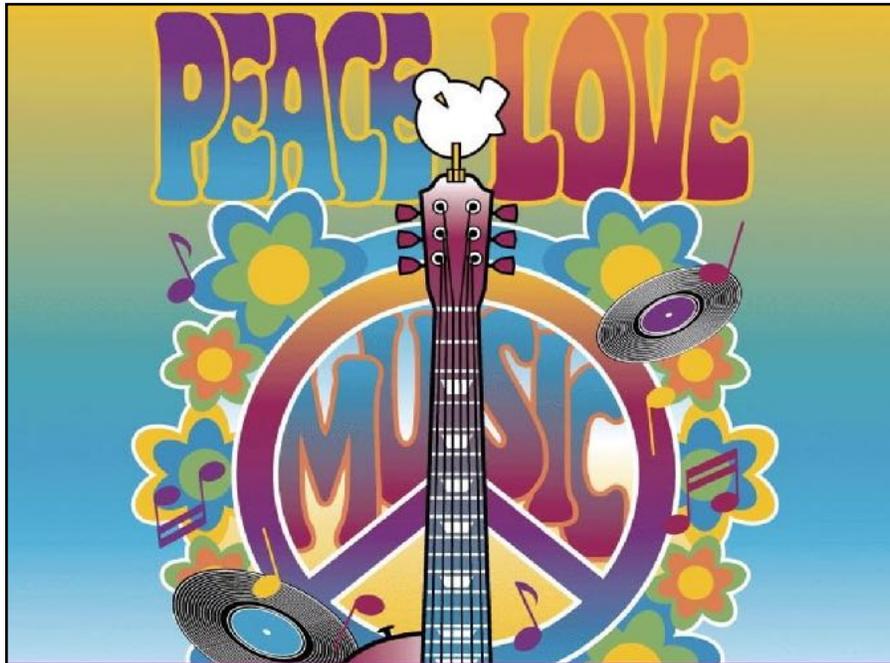
YOUTH OUTREACH URBAN RESOURCES & SERVICES (YOURS): YOURS is a faith based urban leadership development and outreach program for at-risk middle and high school teenagers. YOURS provides mentoring, tutoring, leadership development, spiritual awareness, and recreational activities. Located at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, in Norfolk, YOURS seeks volunteers to work with its youth. Mission partner liaison: Larry Hull.

A THANK YOU NOTE



A big thank you to everyone making the Oct 5 Fall Cleanup a resounding success.

Many thanks to the "sensational sanctuary cleaners" Nancy Morgan, Sandy Simmermon and the Child Life Center Children, the "front door painters extraordinaire" Philip Ndahi and Jeff Stark, the "squeaky clean window cleaners" Joe Morgan, John Klein, Anna Ndahi, and Perry and Carolyn Clark, the "the elite kitchen, refrigerator and stove cleaning team" Helen Pribesh, Bill Armstrong, Donna Bortell and Roger Phelps, the "top notch outdoor pruners, weeders and planters" Nell Armstrong, Mary Buckelew, Peggy Troyer and Bill and Pam Reed, the "flash team youth room furniture assemblers" Rob Courtois, John Klein and Anna Ndahi, the "high wire light changers and vent cleaners" Tom Libbey and Lynn Franklin. Pastor Craig cheered us on as we cleared cobwebs, tidied the grounds, and let light shine in the windows. If I left anyone out, please let me (Kathy Stark) know. **You are appreciated.** *You rolled up your sleeves and made our church shine!*



Schola Cantorum

presents

MUSIC OF THE '60s

Fall Concert Series

David L. C. Prescott, Artistic Director

Saturday, November 16th at 5 pm
Thalia United Methodist Church, Virginia Beach

Sunday, November 17th at 5 pm
Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Norfolk

Saturday, November 23rd at 5 pm
Second Presbyterian Church, Norfolk

Sunday, November 24th at 5 pm
Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach

Admission is free...donations gladly accepted!

SCHOLA RECEPTION

Please join us in welcoming members of Schola Cantorum and our community at the reception to follow the concert. Quick breads, cookies, grapes or cheese and crackers are needed for the reception. **If you can contribute, please contact Sandy Simmermon at sandra.simmermon@gmail.com or Kathy Stark at jstark25@cox.net.** Thank you!

COMMUNITY ART NIGHT AT SECOND



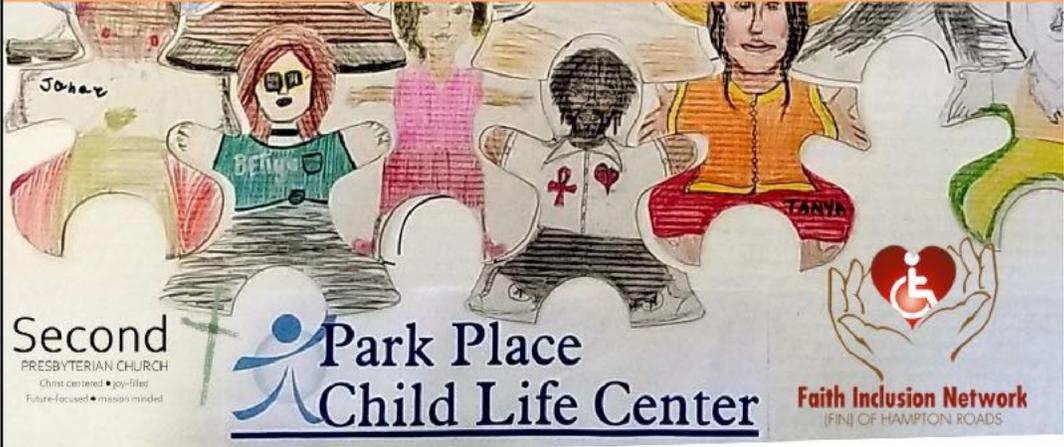
COMMUNITY ART NIGHT

AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019
FROM 6-8PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF ART
CELEBRATING INCLUSIVITY IN OUR
COMMUNITY!

Please RSVP for this event
by calling Katie White at
423-2822

This event is free and
all are welcome!



Second PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Christ centered • joy-filled
Future-focused • mission-minded

Park Place
Child Life Center

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(FIN) OF HAMPTON ROADS

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There is definitely a place for YOU at Second Presbyterian!

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Friday, November 1

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM
SPC Softball Championship Game - 6:45PM [Northside]

Saturday, November 2 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Joyce Wooldridge's Birthday
VWU Lecture - 12:00PM [Goode Fine Arts Center]
Young Disciples Pumpkin Dinner Project - 3:00PM [SPC Kitchen]

Sunday, November 3

Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]
Blood Drive - 9:00AM to 1:00PM [Fellowship Hall]
Congregational Meeting - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]
 Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]
Freeda Badkins' 90th Birthday Celebration - 12:15PM [Fellowship Hall]
 SAA - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Monday, November 4

Roman's Bible Study - 6:30PM [Suellen White's House]
 Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, November 5 ELECTION DAY

Freeda Badkins' Birthday
 SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, November 6

Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]
 SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Thursday, November 7

Chuck Monroe's Birthday
 Essentric's Exercise Class - 1:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Friday, November 8

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM
Sandwich Making - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]
SPC Softball - 8:45/9:45PM [Northside]

Saturday, November 9

Jeff Stark & BettyAnn Lingamfelter's Birthday
Second Saturday - 9:00AM [PPCLC, SPC, & St. Mary's]
 PPCLC - 10:00AM [SPC]

Sunday, November 10 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Jenn West's Birthday
 Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]
 Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]
Stewardship Luncheon - 12:15PM [Fellowship Hall]
Youth Faith Discussion - 1:00PM [Youth Room]
 SAA - 3:00PM [Upstairs Classroom]
 SAA - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Monday, November 11 VETERAN'S DAY

Roman's Bible Study - 6:30PM [TBD]
 Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, November 12

Kent Porter, Julia Libbey, & Katrina Wansink's Birthday
Triple S Circle - 10:30AM [Fellowship Hall]
 SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, November 13

Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]
Wednesday Night R&R - 5:45PM [Fellowship Hall]
Young Disciples R&R Party - 6:15PM [Nursery]
 SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Thursday, November 14

Betty Cheek's Birthday
 Essentric's Exercise Class - 1:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Friday, November 15

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM
FIN Community Art Night - 6:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Saturday, November 16

PPCLC - 10:00AM [SPC]

Sunday, November 17

Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]
 Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir Room]
 Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]
Educational Ministries Special Offering - 11:30AM [Sanctuary]
SPC Parenting Group - 6:00PM [Todd's Home]
 SAA - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Monday, November 18

Men's Fellowship Dinner - 6:00PM [Fellini's]
 Roman's Bible Study - 6:30PM [TBD]
 Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, November 19

SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]
Session Meeting - 6:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, November 20

Rachel Funkhouser's Birthday
 Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]
 SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Thursday, November 21

Essentric's Exercise Class - 1:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Friday, November 22

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM

Saturday, November 23

PPCLC - 10:00AM [SPC]
Schola Cantorum Concert - 5:00PM [Sanctuary]

Sunday, November 24

Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]
 Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]
Middle/High Youth Fellowship at "The Escape Room" - 1:00PM [Escape Room VB]
 SAA - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Monday, November 25

Jack Vellines' Birthday
 Roman's Bible Study - 6:30PM [TBD]
Women's Fellowship Dinner - 6:00PM [Fellini's]
 Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, November 26

SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, November 27

Perry Clark's Birthday
 Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]
 SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Thursday, November 28 THANKSGIVING DAY

The office is closed

Friday, November 29

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM

Saturday, November 30

Sunday, December 1

Intergenerational Sunday School - 9:45AM [Fellowship Hall]
 Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]

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