

THE GOOD NEWS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM CHRIST CHURCH



AUGUST 2011

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A MESSAGE FROM REV. JANET

Ahhh August...

As we dip our feet into the last lapping waves of summer it can be a time of refreshment and joy or a time of sorrow and regret. It is easy to jump to the conclusion that how we feel about this time depends largely on how well we succeeded with our summer time agenda, but it actually has nothing to do with it.

August is a time of transition as we say slowly say goodbye to the “official” summer and hello to the “regular” year. For many, transition can be a time for anxiety, worry and stress. But as a Christian, we can and need to take a different approach.

Much of our August anxiety stems from concerns that we might have missed something or that we have wasted a limited and all too precious resource of long sunny days and warm temps. Yet God assures us that there is more than enough blessing to go around in every season. In fact, Jesus was repeatedly clear about God’s generosity for each of us:

Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give

him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are sinful, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

While we may not be able to many of the things we did in July once September rolls around, our lives will still be blessed with good and wonderful things! Despite the fact that we are tempted to resist moving on to a new season of our lives (such as a new school year, job, location, birth, marriage, or separation from a loved one) to linger is to deny God the opportunity to bless our lives in new and exciting ways.

I remember that during my undergrad freshman orientation, the administrators and faculty told us over and over again that “these were the best years of our lives.” Now looking back, I would declare that statement not only pretentious, but totally lacking in Christian understanding. It was even a Catholic College!

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**Join us for
worship!**

Sunday, 10am

Wednesday, 7pm

**All are welcome,
come and see!**

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That is not to say that I did not totally enjoy my time in college, for I surely did, but I also have enjoyed and been blessed by many other experiences long after I left them. To have been content with what I had experienced would be to close my heart and mind to what blessings God had yet for me to relish. Fear not, summer will come again, as will each of our seasons with unmatched regularity. So instead of clinging to what was, or mourning what we might have missed, how about opening our eyes, ears and hearts to what God has planned for us now and in the seasons to come.

As the prophet Jeremiah tells us: *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

What sweet surprises might you discover this fall? What wonderful people might you meet? What ways might the Lord bless your path? Leaving summer doesn't sound so bad when we remember that we are not just leaving a time in our lives but going to a wonderful new season.

This would be a great time to perk up your faith with a Bible Study, or Book Study. We have some wonderful ones beginning in September. Or perhaps this is the time to make attending church (either Sunday at 10am or Wednesday at 7pm) a regular habit again. The trick is not to wait! Mark your calendar today — it is amazing how other things work around it.

There is even more good news, because we do not have to transition alone. Jesus who was always traveling from one situation or location to another understands our anxiety and reluctance and walks with us each step of the way.

As Helen Mallicoat so beautifully states:

I was regretting the past and fearing the future.

Suddenly my Lord was speaking:

My name is I AM.

He paused. I waited. He continued.

*When you live in the past
with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard.*

I am not there. My name is not I WAS.

*When you live in the future,
with its problems and fears, it is hard.*

I am not there. My name is not I WILL BE.

When you live in this moment, it is not hard.

I am here. My name is I AM.

I pray that you enjoy and cherish every moment, in every season of the year and your life with Jesus.

See you in church! Blessings,

Rev. Janet

UPCOMING EVENTS



STRESSED?

Come hear some
GOOD NEWS!
at

**Christ Church's Informal
Wednesday Worship Service**

7—7:45 pm

6 Dane Street, Kennebunk

**Contemporary music, graphics,
Q & A's, relaxed atmosphere where**

**EVERYONE is WELCOME
No exceptions!**

This is not your parents' worship.

Come as you are.

Come *STRESSED...*

Leave ♥ BLESSED!

**FMI: jlchristchurch@gwi.net
christchurchkennebunk.org**

Two women from our church have been invited to attend:

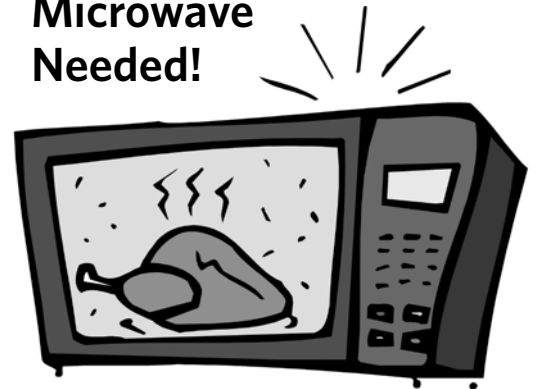
{ A Time Apart }

to pamper their mind, body and spirit on **Sept. 17th, 10 am - 2 pm**
at Portsmouth United Methodist Church, 129 Miller Avenue, Portsmouth,
NH. (Hosted by United Methodist Women)

Would you like to go? Let Rev. Janet know before Sept. 1st!

DONATIONS NEEDED

Microwave Needed!



The church kitchen is in need of a working microwave. Both units currently in the kitchen are no longer functioning. Either a donation of a sturdy new unit or a donation towards the purchase of a new one would be greatly appreciated!

MISSIONS

The Missions Committee thanks everyone who participated in our June collection for current disasters. Donations of \$404.00 have been sent to Church World Service, earmarked to be used in the USA for buckets of cleaning supplies needed for Disaster Relief.

In August, we hope to again respond to the need for new sneakers for children of families nurtured by Caring Unlimited. Other local churches will provide backpacks and school supplies.

Thank you for caring and sharing.

Helen Newton,
Missions Cmtte. Chairperson

UPCOMING EVENT

Helen Newton invites the women of the church to gather on Thursday August 18th at 11:00 a.m. at the church. We will make cloth bags for the Child Abuse Council. Please bring shears and a sandwich. *For more information, call Helen at 985-1223.*

VOLUNTEERS

HELP WANTED:

Christ Church is in need of a Christian Education Chairperson. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm for sharing the Good News with all ages. If you think this might be the right avenue for you to give of yourself to God's work, please see, call, or email Rev. Janet. Thank you!

HOSPITALITY



COFFEE HOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

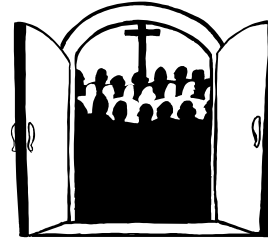
Date	Team	Chair	Phone/email
Aug. 7	Membership	Leslie Zanella	967-2140 lzanella@roadrunner.com
Aug. 14	Worship	Marcia Carter	985-7366 dcarter6@earthlionk.net
Aug. 21	Hospitality	Joan Cole	467-3181 coleappraisals@aol.com
Aug. 28	Missions	Helen Newton	985-1223 hnewton@roadrunner.com

FINANCE



To date we have received 38 pledges that total \$44,920. This compares to the approved budget of \$75,000 for pledges. If you have not yet pledged for the current church year (July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012), you may be receiving a call from a member of the finance committee. We request that you prayerfully consider what Christ Church means to you and respond accordingly. Thank you!

CHURCH NEWS



The Cabinet of Christ Church has adopted the **Open and Affirming Statement** that was adopted by the Maine Conference United Church of Christ at the most recent conference. Reverend Janet attended the conference and brought the statement to the Cabinet at the June meeting.

At the July meeting, the Cabinet members discussed the purpose behind the statement and believe it aligns with the ideology and mission of Christ Church. To follow the great Commission of Jesus Christ, we must welcome all who wish to worship in our church, and love them as our brothers and sisters. With the Holy Spirit as our focus, we will be the Open and Affirming Church that shares the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. *If you have concerns that you would like to discuss, please contact Reverend Janet or Beverly Heald, Cabinet Chair.*

Open and Affirming Statement

Recognizing the foundational importance of the prayer of Jesus, "That they may all be one" (John 17:21), we welcome all people into the full life, leadership, and ministry of Christ Church. We recognize that each of us offers our own unique perspectives, experiences, gifts, and talents in support of the work of Christ Church irrespective of physical differences or artificially constructed social divisions. To that end, we affirm the rights and responsibilities of full participation in the ministry of Christ Church of people of any sexual orientation or expression, gender identity or expression, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, marital standing, physical and mental health status, economic status, family structure, or any other label that would seek to divide rather than to unite.

KNITTING MINISTRY



We are in desperate need of prayer squares and prayer shawls! You can join us for fellowship knitting on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. or you can knit at home.

FLOWERS



We change the flowers in the urns in front of the church seasonally and would welcome donations to help us do this.

Donations can be made "in honor of," or "in memory of," and can be noted in our church bulletin.

Please note "Urn Fund" with your donation and include any information that you would like noted in the bulletin. Donations may be sent to Christ Church, P.O. Box 87, Kennebunk, ME, 04043.

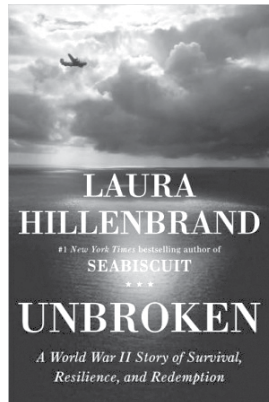
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ADULT EDUCATION

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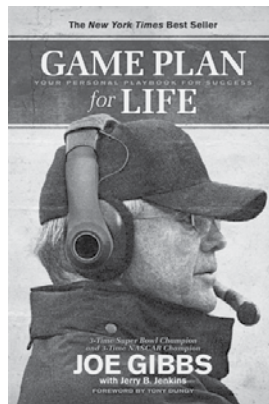
2 NEW BOOK STUDY EVENTS FOR MEN

(led by members of our congregation)!



Unbroken by Laura Hildebrand

Beginning Tuesday September 13 at 7 pm, **Daryl Conant** leads a discussion on the best seller *Unbroken* by Laura Hildebrand. It tells the incredible life of Olympic winner and WWII pilot, Louie Zamperini and tells of the story of unbelievable survival, resilience, and redemption. This exciting and inspirational event is not to be missed. *For more information contact Daryl at 985-7727 or fitnessnuthouse@gmail.com*



Game Plan for Life by Joe Gibbs

Later this fall, Lindsay Smith will lead a discussion on *Game Plan for Life* by Joe Gibbs. Discover the playbook for true success in your life. How do you define success? Join Joe and his team of experts as they walk you through the greatest playbook for modern day success ever written, the Bible, and address the even issues a national survey identified as the most important ones facing men today. *For more information contact Lindsay at 985-8312 or lindsaypfs@gmail.com.*

DO YOU LIKE HISTORY?

Learn more about our church!

Kristen Holmberg is working on researching the history of our church and, with the assistance of **Jane King**, is looking into what funds are available for historical landmarks to maybe get some additional funds for the church! She is also working on getting the church history all organized and digitized for easier access. If anyone is interested and has the time and would like to help, please contact Kristen or Jane. Thank you!

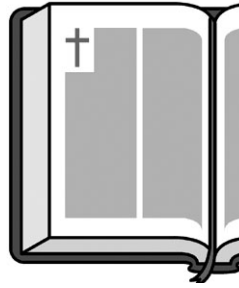
September newsletter deadline

Submissions for the September newsletter are due **Sunday, August 27th.**

WORSHIP

You're invited!

Every morning worship service includes several lessons from Scripture. If you feel called to participate in the worship service by reading one of the scripture lessons for the day, please fill out the card in the pew and place it in the offering plate, or see Rev. Janet. *All are welcome!*



UPCOMING EVENT

Warren King's performances at The Colony

The Colony Hotel will present their annual summer concert series — with our own Warren King! Performances are from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Although there is no admission charge, donations for various causes are accepted. *Here are Warren's upcoming concert dates:*



August 14: A trumpet concert, with master trumpeter Thomas Kremser, both classical and popular music. The Kennebunk Free Library will benefit from this concert. (Hotel Ballroom)

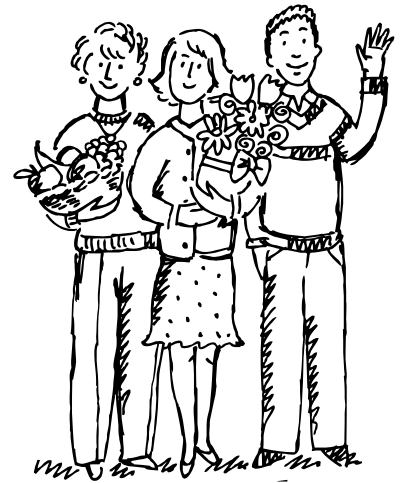
August 21: A Celtic and classical program: Celtic songs and compatible classical music. The beneficiary of this concert will be Kennebunk's Brick Store Museum. (Grand Dining Room)

August 28: Warren King and his close friend and former college roommate, professional pianist and recording artist David Pihl, will present a program of classical duets on one and two pianos. The Animal Welfare Society will benefit from this outstanding concert.

September 4: A recital by flutist Rachel Barter, a music graduate of USM and a member of the Casco Bay Concert Band. She will be accompanied by Warren King, playing classical and modern selections. This lovely concert will benefit the Wood Island Lighthouse Organization. (Hotel Ballroom)

For more information on the concert series, please contact Warren King at 985-8759, see his website www.livemusicmaine.com, search Facebook for "Maestro Warren King," or email livemusic@roadrunner.com.

VISITATION



Visitation Committee — Update —

One of the tasks of the committee is to visit shut-ins. We have been saddened to lose some of those people and ask for your prayer for their families.

They are Robert Hoisington, Lillian Glavey, Barbara Collier, Lois Stein and Marion Marcy. One or two others have moved away from the area, to live with their families. All of these people are former loyal members and we miss them, and prayer for their care and comfort.

We always welcome new members to the committee, and hope you will let us know, if you are doing visitations or know of someone who we should be visiting.

Hannah Engel has graciously taken over the job of sending out cards to the church family members. For many years, Charlotte Wormwood faithfully carried out this mission. We continue to miss her, and are thankful for the support her family has given the church.

The members of the Visitation Committee are **Carol Holmberg, Barbara Perry, Beverly Heald** and **Hannah Engel**. Please let us know if we can be of service to you or others you know?

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following Christ Church family and friends in your prayers:

Ann Thompson	Margaret Moore
Bea Seekins	Marian Robichaud
Beth Adams	Marjorie Amirault
Beverly Heald	Marjorie Daggett
Bob Wakeling	Our military personnel near and far
Dick Homer	Pat Adams
Dot Pillsbury	Susan Davis
Eleanor VanPelt	Aileen Maher
Estelle Anderson	Grace Bean
Elizabeth Hillman-Garriepy	Ron and Helen Newton
Hazel Jones	Bob Cole
Judy Thompson and family	Boat York
Jane King	All Victims of Hunger
Chris and Kady Houge	Bill Day
Kay Whitehead	

UCC NEWS

The UCC wants to hear from YOU!

National Listening Campaign on Women's Ministries in the United Church of Christ is being conducted from July 1 to September 16 in order to gather information from UCC members that will assist us in shaping the future of women's ministries for our church.

We seek input from women of all ages (high school through 90+!) about what matters to you in your lives and faith experiences. We seek input from pastors and other church leaders, both men and women, who have or want to have activities designed especially for women in their congregations. We want to know what matters to you and why! To take the survey, go to: www.surveymonkey.com/s/UCCWomen.



FROM OUR CABINET CHAIRPERSON

Cabinet News

The Cabinet met on **Tuesday, July 12th** and made some plans for the coming year.

First of all, it was decided not to put on the **Fire Society Dinner**, because it is a huge undertaking, and we just don't have the space or enough volunteers to make it a success.

A **Rummage Sale**, headed up by Rhoda Frederick and Beverly Heald, will be held on Saturday, October 15th.

The **Pine Cone Fair**, headed up by Faith Gilman, will be held on Saturday, November 19th. More information will be coming about both events, so please put the dates on your calendar.

Our Finance Chair, Sheila Moody, has faithfully reminded us each week, that the **pledge drive** continues. Pledges are not binding, but should be made with prayerful intention to support the work of the church.

The Cabinet members expressed appreciation for **Reverend Jim Anderson** leading the worship services, while Reverend Janet was on Matinicus Island.

The Cabinet has decided to hold a **Retreat in August** to discuss the book *The Second Resurrection*, by Bill Easum. Regular Cabinet meetings will resume on the second Tuesday in September. Please bring any concerns to Reverend Janet or myself, as Chair of the Cabinet.

I hope everyone has noticed how lovely the **grounds of the church and parsonage** are looking. Much attention has gone into cleaning things up and the Christ Church Conservation Committee can always use cash donations as well as volunteers. Please speak to Reverend Janet or Gail Preble if you would like to lend a hand.

Cabinet meetings are open to all, and we invite you to become part of the process.

Yours in Christian Love,
Beverly Heald, Cabinet Chair
 985-7096, bheald08@roadrunner.com

“O taste and see that God is good.” — Psalm 34

CELEBRATIONS

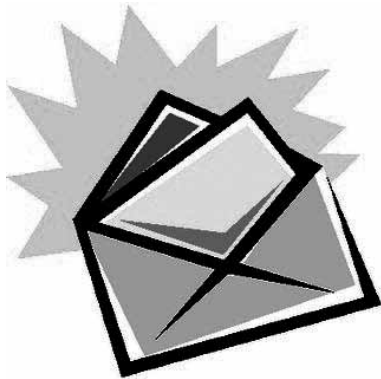


A very happy birthday

to the following Christ Church friends and family this month:

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|----------------------------------|---|
| Aug 8
Maddie Ryan | Aug 26
Caroline Babbidge |
| Aug 15
Eleanor VanPelt | Aug 28
Elijah Cambrola |
| Aug 19
Jackie Sewell | Aug 31
Daniel Behrens
Elizabeth Maling |
| Aug 25
Susan Davis | |

NEW ADDRESS



The Moisan Family's new contact info is:

39 Deerwood Road
Wells, Maine 04090
(207) 251-4050

DID YOU KNOW?

Happy Birthday to the King James Version of the Bible!

This year marks the 400th birthday of one of the most beloved and surely one of the most well-known versions of the Bible. While it is not as historically or linguistically accurate as our New Revised Standard Translation (our Pew Bibles) its poetic language and expressions have become deeply ingrained in our hearts and our speech. It may surprise you to find that some of our most common expressions are lifted directly from its pages:

Eat, drink and be merry — Luke 12:19

The apple of his eye — Deuteronomy 32:10

An eye for an eye — Matthew 5:38

It came to pass — Genesis 38:27

Fight the good fight — 1 Timothy 6:12

Fell flat on his face — Numbers 22:31

The fullness of time — Galatians 4:4 and Ephesians 1:10

Can the leopard change his spots? — Jeremiah 13:23

Am I my brother's keeper? — Genesis 4:9

Expressions from the KJV have also captured the hearts and minds of English writers and speakers who wish to communicate subtle life lessons with brevity and clarity:

Freedom from slavery: *Let my people go* - Exodus 5:1

A life wasted in worries over unimportant things:

Vanity of vanities — Ecclesiastes 1:2

A self-righteous person: *Holier than thou* — Isaiah

Work that you adore: *A labor of love* — 1 Thessalonians 1:3

A good person in the world: *The salt of the earth* — Matthew 5:13

Warning against in-fighting:

A house divided against itself shall not stand — Matthew 12:25

Our relationship to the truth:

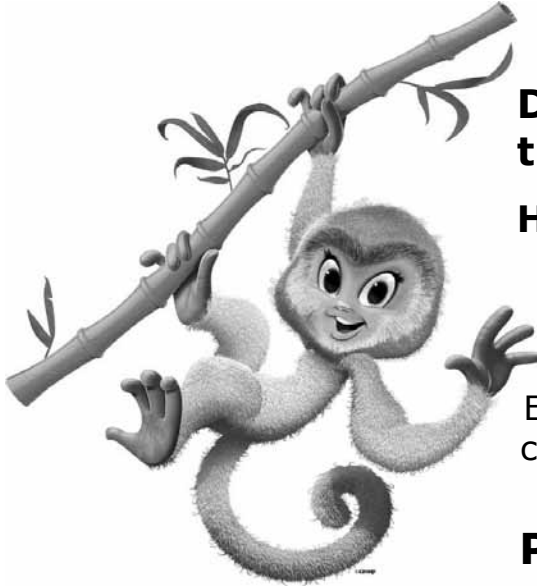
We see through a glass, dimly — 1 Corinthians 13:12

When the famous are caught in misdeeds:

How are the mighty fallen — 2 Samuel 1:27

A really close call: *With the skin of my teeth* — Job 19:20

It is important to remember that there is no single “correct” translation of the Bible! What is the best translation to use? The one that speaks to you with clarity and ease at this particular time in your life. Rev. Janet is happy to help you find the one that is right for you. She’ll even give you some to take for a “test drive.”



**Don't Just Hang Around
this Summer...**

**Help us get ready for
PandaMania VBC!
TODAY!**

Even if you are not attending the
camp everyone's help is essential
to make this camp a success!

Please volunteer today!

HOW CAN I HELP?

- **Sign up to donate supplies.**
- Donate funds to offset costs of camp
- **Sign up to help decorate**—we have some great supplies!
- Help provide a light breakfast for the staff on camp days
- **Distribute fliers throughout the community**
- Take down decorations after camp Sat & Sun Aug 27 & 28
- **Pick up decorations** at another church when their VBC is over. (August 12th at noon)
- Prepare crew bags and other materials prior to camp

**No one can do everything but everyone can do
something! Many hands make it FUN!**

**Contact Rev. "Jade" Janet *RIGHT AWAY!*
985-4494 or jlchristchurch@gwi.net**

You will be VERY GLAD you did!



PandaMania VBC CAMPER Registration Form (one per child)

Child's name: _____

Child's Age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Sex: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____ Youth Med _____ Youth Large _____ Youth X Large

Last school grade completed: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: _____ Parent/caregiver's cell phone: _____

Home e-mail address: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Things we should know to help your child have a positive experience _____

Home church: _____



Payment Received _____

Crew _____





PandaMania VBC VOLUNTEER Registration Form

Name: _____

_____ Adult _____ Student Student's Last Grade _____

T-Shirt Size: ___ Youth X Large ___ Adult Large ___ Adult XLarge ___ Adult XX Large

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: _____ cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Relationship to you : _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

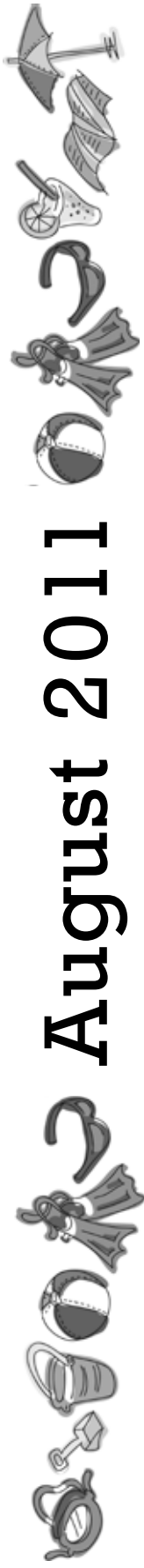
Things we should know to help you have a positive experience _____

Home church: _____

Station Assignment _____

Crew _____





August 2011

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31 9:00 AM Knitting Ministry 10:00 AM WORSHIP 5:00 PM Warren King at the Colony Hotel 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	1 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 304	2	3 7:00 PM Informal Evening Worship	4 10:00 AM Worship at Huntington 7:30 PM Venti Cordi Concert	5	6	
7 Communion Sunday 9:00 AM Knitting Ministry 10:00 AM WORSHIP 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 7:30 PM Warren King at RiverTree Arts	8 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 304	9 6:00 PM CABINET RETREAT	10 7:00 PM Informal Evening Worship	11	12	13 7:00 PM BSA Adventure Crew	
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21 9:00 AM Knitting Ministry 10:00 AM WORSHIP 5:00 PM Warren King at the Colony Hotel 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	22 9:00 AM PandaMania Vacation Bible Camp 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 304	23 9:00 AM PandaMania Vacation Bible Camp 4:00 PM Bon Appetit Community Meal Program	24 9:00 AM PandaMania Vacation Bible Camp 7:00 PM Informal Evening Worship	25 9:00 AM PandaMania Vacation Bible Camp 6:00 PM Pandamania Family Night	26 9:00 AM PandaMania Vacation Bible Camp	27 7:00 PM BSA Adventure Crew	
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LECTIONARY >

August 7: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6,16-22, 45b & 85:8-13; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-23

August 14: Genesis 45:1-5; Psalm 133 & 67; Isaiah 56:1; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

August 21: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124 & 138; Isaiah 51:1-8; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

August 28: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28