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Hope Christmas Joy!

Thoughts From Pastor Amanda Simons

Be still and know that I am God.

~ Psalm 46:10

Pray Without Ceasing is a formal prayer movement that began in 2025 to gather people together across time and space to pray in the midst of significant societal and governmental change. (To learn more: <https://www.pray-without-ceasing.org/>).

Members of our congregation have been leading Hope's Pray Without Ceasing gatherings, most recently Karen Jorstad for our online gathering. In preparation for my first time participating, I centered myself in Psalm 46 and Joyce Rupp's "Be Still" devotion before logging into Zoom. As prayers, spoken and unspoken, wove together, my soul rested in the intercessions of Joyce's devotional mantra: *May they (we) find Christ in the stillness of their (our) hearts.*

I share portions of this devotion with you now as we share in our prayer life together. I welcome you to try it out, to discard it, to keep it, to share your own prayer ritual with me so that I may do the same. Most of all, I ask that in these great times of change, we pray with our hearts, voices, and feet.

Devotional Introduction

"In these days before Christmas, there are many things that can keep us from the stillness ready to open us to the wonder and beauty of Emmanuel. Physical illness, emotional and mental distress, social commitments, deadlines at work, relationship differences, shopping, correspondence, and other stressful situations disquiet us. Let us pause to regain stillness so we can enter these Advent days with a peaceful spirit as we prepare for the great feast of Christmas."

Reading

"God is love and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in them (1 John 4:16). This verse is one of the best doorways for me into the mystery that is God . . . I once read that the Greek word translated here as 'remain in' can also be translated as 'settle in for a while and relax.' In challenging times, I am grateful to be reminded to ponder all the ways that love is in my life and feel myself relax, knowing that I am settling into the arms of God."

Intercessory Prayer

Pray for whatever is on your heart and mind, with the response: **May they find Christ in the stillness of their hearts.**

Closing Prayer

"Silent One, as we move within our daily tasks, clothe us with your peace-filled stillness. With the cloak of your all-embracing quietness we can be assured of remaining focused on what you desire of us. May our external activities be such that they enable us to stay mindful of you. May our spirits be quiet enough to welcome you. Slow us down when we want to speed up. Move us toward the quiet pool of peace inside of us where we can be attentive to your love. In these days before Christmas, draw us ever nearer to you in all we are and do. Protect us from whatever drives peace away. Anchor us in your love. Amen."

Taken from *Prayer Seeds: A Gathering of Blessings, Reflections, and Poems for Spiritual Growth* (Rupp, 2017)

What do you fear? Insisting on Hope this Advent and Christmas

This Advent and Christmas season, we gather for shared worship, hymn singing, and the breaking of bread, to remember and hear the promises of Emmanuel (God with us) in the midst of the reality of the brokenness of our world. With the reality of our the brokenness of our world, and the changes in our government that are negatively harming those whom God calls us to remember and include in the wideness of community – the immigrant, the widow, the orphan, the vulnerable, and the oppressed – our worship leaders selected this season’s theme from Sanctified Art’s resources: *What do you fear? Insisting on Hope*.

We invite you to journey with us in these seasons of Advent and Christmas as we wrestle, discern, and hope together. We encourage you to begin this Advent by viewing this video <https://sanctifiedart.org/blog/good-news-is-louder-advent-film> and reading the resource below from Sanctified Art.

“Luke’s Gospel begins the story of Jesus with this opening line: “In the time of Herod...” This detail may seem minor to modern readers; however, it reveals layers of information about the fearful world Jesus entered, one filled with rampant oppression, economic disparity, uncertainty, and instability. A world not so unlike our own. And yet, throughout the stories of Christ’s birth, we hear the whispers of angels delivering a surprising message: “Do not fear.” When Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the magi are each called into God’s redemptive story, they do not deny their fears—they move through them. They ask questions, hold fast to courage, trust in good news, and say, “Here I am, Lord.” When we find ourselves in fearful times, can we acknowledge our fears while also insisting on hope?

This Advent series takes seriously the angels’ message and trusts that Christ’s birth truly is good news of great joy for all people. The resources look closely at the fear and terror looming in the background during the time of King Herod and invite us to consider the fears we hold now. Fear can divide and paralyze us and even be used as a tool for oppression. But what if we formed a different relationship with fear? Can we acknowledge fear without letting it rule us? Might we catalyze our fears into love and action? What if naming our fears helps us see more clearly how God is breaking in and where God is at work?

As you journey through this season, may your hope become gritty and resilient. May you remember: hope that trembles is *still* hope. This season, let us insist on hope and trust that good news is greater than fear.” (Sanctified Art What do you fear , 2025)

Our Worship Life Together

First Sunday of Advent	Sunday, November 30 th 10:30 am <i>What do you fear? In the time of Herod, we long for God to break in</i>
Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 7 th 10:30 am <i>What do you fear? When we’re running out of hope, God is at work</i>
Third Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 14 th 10:30 am <i>What do you fear? Even in our fear, we are called forward</i>
Advent Midweek	Wednesday, December 17 th 6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 21 st 10:30 am Lessons & Carols Service with readings from the Advent theme <i>What do you fear? When you’re afraid, give me your hand</i>
Christmas Eve	Wednesday, December 24 th 4:00 pm <i>What do you fear? Good News is louder than fear</i>
First Sunday of Christmas	Sunday, December 28 th 10:30 am <i>What do you fear? Let fear fuel a fire for justice</i>

Pastor Amanda Simons

Worship & Music

Music for Worship (10:30 a.m.)

December 7 Hope Choir

December 14 Hope Choir

Wed, December 17 6:30-7pm Holden Evening Prayer

December 21 Advent Lessons and Carols (see note below)

December 24 4 p.m. service (3:30 p.m. prelude) Christmas Eve service

December 28 TBD



Music for Christmas Time

We are looking for musicians of all ages to join in leading music for our special services especially on Sunday December 21 at our 10:30 a.m. service time and Wednesday, December 24 at our 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service (3:30 p.m. prelude). If you played or sang in the past year, I will hopefully have already reached out to you, but if I haven't, please do be in touch asap this month, by Monday, December 15 at the absolute latest if you have a piece you or someone in your family would be interested in playing for one of these services. If you need help finding a piece of music or need to connect with an accompanist or other musicians to join your piece, please reach out even sooner, (say asap the first week of December),

Paul Stever, Minister of Worship & Music

Children's Ministry Dates - Mark your calendars!

- December 07 - Sunday School with Madeline
- December 14 - Sunday School with Madeline
- December 14 - Ornament making after worship (during fellowship meal)
- December 21 - Intergenerational Lessons and Carols - No Sunday School
- December 28 - No Sunday School

December 14th Family Event - Ornament Making - Join other families during or after you eat the fellowship meal for a time to make ornaments and build relationships! All the materials will be provided - just bring yourselves!

December 21st - Intergenerational Lessons and Carols - Calling all readers, musicians, candle lighters, and other participants! Our service on December 21st is meant to be intergenerational. Do you have a young person in your home who would like to help in leading worship in these ways on the 21st? Please contact Paul Stever (pauls@ulch.org), and let him know how they would like to help lead.

Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert



Wild Church Gathering

January 10th, 2-3:30pm, Nicollet Island.

January 10th, 2026 - Wild church is taking a sabbath for the month of December in hopes that many are able to attend the ISAIAH Light in the Storm gathering on December 13th. We'll gather again to enjoy the wild during the season

of winter in January! See the January visitor for more updates and details. Contact Pr. Maria (mariaa@ulch.org) with any questions. And check out our new Wild Church Twin Cities website: www.wildchurchtc.org.



Plymouth Christian Youth Center Gift Sale is December 13th

The PCYC's children's gift sale is 12/13/2025. New items for all ages and genders will be collected at Hope on November 23rd, 30th, and December 7th

Hope Birthdays

Let's celebrate! The birthday list below is of Hope's members who are 80 years and older, in addition to some who may be homebound, living in assisted living or a care center. Their contact information is in the ULCH directory. A phone call, card, or note from folks in our community is always appreciated!

December Birthdays

December 1st – Shuzo Murakami

December 16th – Judy Ranheim

December 31st – Douglas Solseth

January Birthdays

Jan 2nd – Millie Caspersen

Jan 4th – Sandy Robinson

Jan 19th – Susan Scherer

Jan 22nd – Karen Johnson

Jan 22nd – Lynn Quello (80!)



Christmas Social: Share, Pose, and Bake!

Mark your calendars for a festive pre-Christmas celebration on **Sunday, December 7** in the Church Lounge! We're inviting everyone to join us for two hours of fun and faith:

- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy these three holiday highlights:

Favorite Faith Traditions Display: Bring your cherished Advent or Christmas tradition to share and display! This could be a beloved Nativity scene (Crèche), a special tradition like financial giving to charity, a "Birthday Party for Jesus," or another meaningful practice. Fill out a brief description of your tradition on the card provided. *Tables will be set up in the Lounge for your display. Please arrive by 9:15 a.m. to set up your tradition.*

Nativity Photo Booth: Have you ever wanted to be an angel, shepherd, or magi? Get dressed up and snap a festive photo in our fun Nativity Pageant Photo Booth!

Holiday Bread Bake Distribution: Need some delicious last-minute Christmas goodies or gifts? Peruse and donate for our delicious selection of holiday quick breads!!

Don't miss this chance to celebrate the spirit of the season together!

Questions? Contact Rebecca Tetlie at rebecca.tetlie@gmail.com If you would like to help with the holiday quick bread baking, contact Shelly Parry at mmparry@comcast.net

Rebecca Tetlie

December Fellowship Meal

Have you started thinking about Holiday Cooking? Share a favorite side dish or dessert at the Fellowship Meal on December 14. Mashed potatoes and meatballs will be served for the meal after the church service. We need your holiday treats to complete the festivities. Bring friends and family. Any questions? contact Sheila at shougen03@gmail.com

Christmas Caroling

Join others after the fellowship meal to bring joy and song to some of our members who do not get to church very often. If you'd like to join in the fun, contact Pastor Maria at mariaa@ulch.org.

The spirit of Christmas for December Sunday Forums

As we look forward to welcoming the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, (God with us) we will look to each other in our Hope community, sharing our traditions of faith and good will with each other.

December 7th - Christmas Social: Share, Pose, & Bake! Many of you enjoyed last year's event. This year it will expand to any faith-based Advent or Christmas tradition that you want to display & share. Last year it was limited to Nativity scenes (Crèche.) Need a Christmas card photo? Come dress up at the Photo Booth and snap a pic. (Costumes provided). Holiday quick breads will be ready for distribution. Coffee & Christmas treats will be served. Please see a detailed description of this year's event in this current Visitor.

December 14 - More Music at Hope – Part Three: We will learn more about meter, and how it feels to sing religious songs in the rhythm of dances and marches. We will hear what it's like to direct the Hope choir. And we will study the history of the Service of Lessons and Carols as it developed after World War I, and how we carry on that tradition at Hope. Presented by Marty Lewis-Hunstiger

December 21 and 28 - No Sunday Forum: Coffee hours provided in the lounge to mingle with friends and be a welcoming presence to visitors and newcomers.

Bible and Brews December 15th at 6:30pm



Exactly what it sounds like: bring your Bible, your favorite brewed beverage, and a penchant for laid-back but totally engaging conversations about faith, scripture, and current events. We meet the 3rd Monday of each month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Watch the Thursday Epistle or contact the church office for location.

Young Adult Ministry - Gather Twin Cities

Gather is a ministry for young adults in the Twin Cities; a place for those who are hungry for community and connection with other young adults in the metro area. Setting the table for connection and rest through worship, meals, and monthly events. A place for you to deepen in faith as you discover your identity, uncover your vocation and develop as leaders who do justice in the world. Gather is LGBTQI+ affirming and eagerly invites siblings of any sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression into full leadership and participation. Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for more information @gathertwincities.

December 14th – Bebies with the Bishops.

Update! Hope Women's Retreat January 2026

The 2026 Women's Retreat will be held again at University Lutheran Church of Hope. "Mary Magdalene - Spiritual Teacher, Mystic and Embodiment of the Sacred Feminine". Registration will begin January 4.

Schedule

Friday - 5-9 pm including dinner and time for connecting.

Saturday - 8:30-4 pm with lunch, programming both in the morning and afternoon.

We'll end with a craft project and a final closing ceremony. For questions, contact Ann Beane, spirit.beane@gmail.com or Beata Rydeen, beatarydeen@comcast.net

Recommended reading (optional): "The Meaning of Mary Magdalene, discovering the woman at the heart of Christianity" by Cynthia Bourgeault."



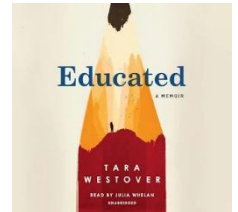
Hope Book Club

Sunday, December 14th, 2025, 7pm on Zoom



December 14th: *Small Things Like These*, Clair Kleeagan. “*Small Things Like These* can be read as a feminist revision of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.” [All Book Marks reviews for *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan Book Marks](#)

Educated, by Tara Westmore - Jan. 11: “Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her ‘head-for-the-hills bag’.” www.goodreads.com



Please contact Sonja Peterson for the Zoom link and/or with book suggestions at dunn.pete.law@gmail.com or 612-242-8711.

“God bless us, every one!” Tiny Tim, A Christmas Carol.

ISAIAH Light in the Storm: Agenda Launch and Anti-Authoritarian Strategy Training

December 13th, 1-6pm

When I was an intern at Redeemer Lutheran Church in North Minneapolis, my supervisor, Pastor Kelly Chatman, had me attend ISAIAH’s weeklong organizing training. I could not be more grateful to him. Not only did this introduce me to ISAIAH as an organization, but the work of organizing and the ideas and tools I began to learn at this training have deeply impacted my faith and my call to ministry.

In these days when some of our elected leaders are abusing their power for the sake of having more power at the expense of everyday Americans, it is easy to feel like we have no power or that there is nothing we can do to build the nation in which we’d like to live. However, coming together to act intentionally with others across race, religion, socioeconomic status, and the rural/urban divide allows us to act powerfully. Through organizing with ISAIAH, I have had the experience of claiming my own story and my own power, but also genuinely partnering and working for the common good with a diverse coalition of people. It has allowed me to stay hopeful and to live into my racial justice and faith commitments.

I would LOVE for every person in our congregation to experience the empowering work we can do together through ISAIAH’s organizing. On December 13th, at the Light in the Storm Gathering, you’ll have the opportunity to experience the diverse coalitions that are a part of ISAIAH’s organizing and become grounded in not only what we’re up against, but the path that will move us in the direction we long for and that our faith calls us toward. You’ll hear how the nation-wide Path to Palm Sunday is just one of the paths working together to organize Christians, Muslims, and other organizations grounded in economic justice, towards a large action in Philadelphia on July 3rd of this year. History and the research of Erica Chenoweth and HARdy Merriman tells us that strategic and organized people power can defeat authoritarianism and this is our opportunity to be a part of this movement.

Contact me (Pastor Maria) or John Beane if you’d like to know more or to register.

President's Report

The approach of Advent and the recent displays of the Northern Lights remind me of a sermon I heard years ago by the Rev. Jonathan Preus, then the pastor at Bethany Lutheran.

Jonathan wondered about the shepherds in the Nativity story. What was it about those shepherds? Why did God choose them to be the first to hear the glad tidings? Jonathan offered a theory. Maybe the shepherds were the ones who saw the choirs of angels because they were the ones who were outdoors. Maybe the heavenly host was kind of subtle – “like the Northern Lights,” Jonathan said.

That image has stuck with me ever since. I now imagine the angels' arrival as beams of light, shooting across the sky. Beautiful, amazing, thrilling – but if you were indoors, you'd miss it. I was outdoors last week – Nov. 12, to be exact – when the heavens opened up. The lights were reportedly visible in the Twin Cities that night, but I was up north, holed up in a cabin near Lutsen on a writing retreat. I knew there was a chance they would appear, so I stuck my head outside every 10 minutes or so to see what I could see. When I detected a glimmer, I bundled up and dashed outdoors. The display that followed lasted maybe 45 minutes, and it was glorious.

I owe Pastor Preus a debt for the lesson he shared all those years ago. We need to keep watch. We may have the privilege of hearing God's message of peace and good will in subtle, unexpected ways – in a piece of music, or the night sky, or a child's face.

I thank God for Hope in all seasons, but especially during the Christmas season. As Advent grows near, I hope this house of God offers you a place of refuge and peace, wonder and good will.

In Christ,

Eric Ringham, Interim Congregational President

Treasurer's Report

October Financial Highlights

- General giving for October was \$33k, 51% of the budgeted amount. YTD totals are \$418k, 88% of the budgeted giving.
- Income YTD totaled \$569k at 91% of the budgeted number. This number includes general giving, PEASE Academy rent and rental income, slightly down from last month's 93% of budgeted YTD.
- Expenses YTD totaled \$665.9k, which is 6% above the budgeted amount, a slight reduction from September. The staff, V&G Board, and Facilities team continue to monitor these expenses.
- We continue to encourage ministry areas (Education, Hope in the World, Worship, Relational and Youth & Young Adult) to continue to utilize allocated funds for their dedicated purposes.

Our new Financial Administrator, Catherine Menick and Emma Carpenter continue to work diligently along with Staff and Hope Leadership, to review our financial operations and seek opportunities for improvement and clarity in communications. The V&G Board has voted to contract an external audit of ULCH's finances which will happen in early 2026.

The budgeting season is upon us; the timely receipt of member pledges and ministry area budgets helps ensure the most accurate budget possible – thank you in advance for these items! We continue to be grateful for the many generous contributions of our members, both financially, and in the giving of time and talents.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at jackdant@comcast.net.

Best regards,

Best regards, Jack Dant, Interim Treasurer

Life Events

We're a community called to hold one another in prayer in every season—in our deepest need and grief, and in our experiences of new life. Here are a few of the life events affecting our community. We need your help to know for what we can pray. Please alert a pastor or contact the church office. We include in prayer...

Welcoming children and Baptisms—We pray for all who await and welcome children through joyful and challenging times.

Marriages—We pray for all those preparing for marriage, and for all relationships of commitment.

Deaths— We pray for God's strong embrace for all who grieve deaths and losses, those that are recent and those that were many years ago and whose memories fill us especially in this holiday season.

Significant Illness—We pray for those living with illness, cancer, recovery, uncertain diagnosis, hospice, chemical dependency and other addictions, and mental health struggles, including Zoe, Wendy, Miriam, Rosalie, Nyla, Granger, Jeanne, Roger, and Paul. We also pray for caregivers.

We pray for all who are impacted by **new beginnings, separation, divorce, retirement, moves, graduations, and the civil rights movements of this time** trusting in God's love, grace, and guidance at all times.

Accessing Your Contributions and Community Directory

2025 End of Year Contribution Statements will be mailed in the middle of January once everything has been updated for 2025.

The church has successfully upgraded to using ICON as our church database software system. You can now access your giving records, update address and contact information as well as view the church directory. If you have not set up your account, please email Nathan in the office and he can send you a login email with instructions. Once the email is sent from within the ICON system, you will have 24 hours to complete the setup. Let Nathan know if you missed that window and he can resend the login.

Luther Seminary: Live Conversation with William P. Brown

Join us for a live conversation with William P. Brown, William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Central on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, as part of the Rutlen Lecture on Faith and Creation series at Luther Seminary.

As a professor and an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Brown teaches and writes about the intersections of justice, creation care, and hope from biblical and theological perspectives. He is the author of several books, most recently "Sacred Tension: Embracing Dialogue and Dissonance in the Old Testament" and "Deep Calls to Deep: The Psalms in Dialogue amid Disruption."

In this presentation, "Be-Wilded by Wonder: Just Creation in the Book of Job," Brown will lead us in exploring the value of God's creation in Job and for us all in the face of climate crises. We'll engage in questions like:


- What would it be like to read the story of Job by reading the ending first?
- How does one understand the book of Job as a whole, with creation taking center stage?
- And what about all those wild animals God presents for Job's consideration?

If you are unable to join us in real time, please be sure to register anyway. The lecture will be recorded and shared with all registrants! The online audience will also have a special, dedicated opportunity for Q&A with our speakers.

[Register now](#) to join us online via Zoom.

Want to attend in person at Luther Seminary (St. Paul, Minnesota)? [Register here](#).

December 2025 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>John Pignatello and Karen Westwood in North Macedonia</p> 	<p>1 Office Hours 9-2 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 12:00pm Thursday Epistle Submission Deadline 6:00pm - 8:00pm Parents of PEASE support group - 206</p>	<p>2 Office Hours 9-2 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm - 9:15pm P.E.A.S.E. APG After School 6:00pm - 8:00pm Parents of PEASE support group - 206 6:30pm - 7:15pm Personnel Committee 7:15pm - 8:30pm Executive Committee</p>	<p>3 Office Hours 9-2 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer 5:30pm - 6:30pm ISAIAH Core Team 6:00pm - 7:00pm Handbell fundamentals 7:00pm - 8:30pm Hope Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>4 Office Hours 9-2 3:00pm - 7:00pm P.E.A.S.E. APG After School 4:30pm - 6:00pm Compassion Care 6:00pm - 8:00pm Parents of PEASE 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group</p>	<p>5 Office Hours 9-2 2:00pm - 7:00pm Baking Hope preparatons</p>	<p>6 5:00am - 2:00pm Baking Hope Preparation</p>
<p>7 9:00am - 1:00pm Baking Hope Team 9:30am - 10:20am Hope Choir 10:30am - 11:30am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ YouTube 10:40am - 11:30am Noisy Offering during worship 12:00pm - 2:00pm Confirmation - New Cohort 5:30pm - 8:30pm Community of the Black Rose</p>	<p>8 Office Hours 9-2 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 12:00pm Thursday Epistle Submission Deadline</p>	<p>9 Office Hours 9-2 10:00am - 1:00pm PEASE Meeting 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm - 9:15pm P.E.A.S.E. APG After School 7:00pm - 8:30pm Racial Justice Meeting</p>	<p>10 Office Hours 9-2 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer 6:00pm - 8:00pm Facilities Team 7:00pm - 8:30pm Hope Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>11 Office Hours 9-2 9:30am - 11:00am Dorcas Circle 3:00pm - 9:15pm P.E.A.S.E. APG After School 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group 6:30pm - 8:00pm Hopeful Hope</p>	<p>12 Office Hours 9-2 7:00pm - 10:00pm Craft Group</p>	<p>13</p>
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<p>28 10:30am - 11:30am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ YouTube</p>	<p>29 Building and Offices Closed 12:00pm Thursday Epistle Submission Deadline</p>	<p>30 Building and Offices Closed</p>	<p>31 Building and Offices Closed 7:00pm - 8:30pm NO Hope Choir rehearsal, building closed</p>			

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18 9:30am - 10:20am Hope Choir 10:30am - 11:30am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ YouTube 5:30pm - 8:30pm Community of the Black Rose	19 Office Hours 9-2 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 12:00pm Thursday Epistle Submission Deadline	20 Office Hours 9-2 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm - 9:00pm P.E.A.S.E. APG After School 6:30pm - 8:00pm Vision & Governance Board	21 Office Hours 9-2 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer 7:00pm - 8:30pm Hope Choir rehearsal	22 Office Hours 9-2 Pickup Basketball 3:00pm - 9:00pm P.E.A.S.E. APG After School 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Hopeful Hope Team	23 Office Hours 9-2 Women's Retreat	24 Women's Retreat
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