

News

from  Court Street United Methodist Church

Too Much!

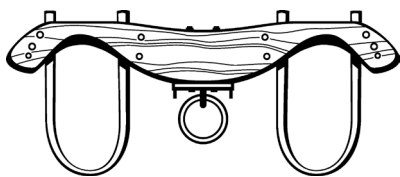
Why, I ask myself, are you so depressed? Why are you so upset inside? Hope in God! Because I will again give him thanks, my saving presence and my God.

Psalm 42:5, 11; 43:5, CEB

“I’ve been pondering how life can just be too much sometimes.”

That was the opening sentence of a blog post from September 1, 2021, by Marlo Schalesky, founder of a California charitable organization that works with at-risk kids. Her post for that day was titled, “Too Much,” and Schalesky mentioned some things from the previous week, including some very depressing news on the global level and the surge of the Delta variant of the coronavirus that was then spreading across America and killing people. Also in her community, there was “a double homicide, another attempted homicide, and more.” And then, on top of all that, Schalesky had to deal with life-threatening health incidents with two of her children. “It’s all too much,” Schalesky said. “We were not created to bear the burdens of the world. But these days, the 24/7 news makes it possible to know all the heavy, horrible things going on in the world, to add to the burdens of community and family. It is just too much,” she said. “So, I find myself emotionally battered. Weary. Burdened. Exhausted,” she wrote.¹

Do you ever feel like that? The author of Psalms 42 and 43 did. “My soul is cast down within me,” the psalmist wrote (42:6), and that feeling was unrelenting, for he also said, “My tears have been my food day and night” (42:3). He also asks, “Why must I walk about mournfully?” (42:9). Whatever was going on, scholars conclude that the psalmist was among those in exile in Babylon; it was all too much. For the psalmist, it’s a statement about what he sees as the way forward, and he says it three times: “*Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God*” (42:5, 11; 43:5). The psalmist was claiming a degree of endurance from an understanding that not only do troubles come and go, but also our feelings about our life tend to cycle. Some days, it all seems like too much. But other days, with no change in our circumstances, we feel less overwhelmed. The psalmist relied on the memory of how hope in God had lifted him in the past and declared “*for I shall again praise him, my help and my God*” ... maybe not right at that moment, but eventually, so don’t give up!



The topic, “Too Much” posted by Marlo Schalesky, reminded me of so many life circumstances where we all come to the same conclusion. Jesus invites us to; “*Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*”² “Hope in God” transcends all of our weary, burdened, exhausted, and heavy, “Too Much(s)!”

*Grace,
Pastor Cal*

The Children

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The mission of
Court Street UMC

is to be a
welcoming,
nurturing,
serving

community of Christ.



¹ <https://www.homileticsonline.com/>

² Matthew 11:28-30, NRSVUE

Lay Leadership

**Lay Delegate
to Annual Conference**

Diane Risley
David Risley

**Alternate Lay Delegate
to Annual Conference**

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Joan Tunnell

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Sue Cram

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Jeanine Wang

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Trustee Chair

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Lay Leader

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Georgalee George

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Diane Lutmer

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Kay Galloway

Report of the 2022 Northern Illinois Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church June 8-10

By Dave and Diane Risley, Lay Members to Annual Conference

It is always inspiring to have hundreds of UMC Christians gathered together to sing, pray, study the Bible, and hear uplifting reports about all the good that is being done by various committees and organizations within the UMC. There hasn't been an in-person gathering since 2019 due to the pandemic, so it was a joyous occasion.

The theme was *Come to the Water*. We had a time of reaffirming our baptismal vows and remembering that we are connected to Christ and anchored by God in every aspect of our lives.

Some of the legislative issues that were addressed were: immigrant's rights, advocating for rights for Palestinian families living under Israeli military occupation, prayers for peace and reunification in Korea (there are many Korean UM churches within the NIC), grace-filled approach for separation issues for those churches wishing to leave the UMC, elections for delegates to the 2024 General Conference, which has been postponed since 2020 due to COVID, budget, compensation and benefits for pastors, and many other issues.

Even though there are some unsettled issues within the UMC, partly because of the delay in the General Conference that should have convened in 2020, we need to keep doing the work of God and sharing the Gospel for the transformation of the world.

One very exciting piece of news from the Conference is that **\$275,000** was raised by the churches of the Northern Illinois Conference for the Bishop's appeal for aid to Ukraine!



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GARDEN BAZAAR UPDATE

I would like to thank everyone who helped with this year's Garden Bazaar, including all the shoppers. We made a profit of \$1500, which will go towards the new chiller for the church. Hope everyone is enjoying all their flowers and vegetable plants. Looking forward to next year.

Sue Cram



Chatterbox Supper Group

The Olympic Tavern
2327 N. Main Street
Rockford, IL

Thursday, July 14th @ 6:00 p.m.

All ladies are invited.

Contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653
by noon of the Wednesday
before the dinner.

COURT STREET 2022 CONCERT SERIES



Professor Steven Wente
Concordia University Chicago

Organ Recital

Sunday, July 31st

2:00 PM @ Court Street

Free will offerings will benefit Court Street's
Organ Restoration Project.

170 YEARS OF COURT STREET

Summer... a great time for camping and campfires, swimming, canoeing, outdoor sports, and for study and adventure in God's great out-of-doors.



Canoe Trip — 2007



Camp Reynoldswood — 2013

Traditionally, the summer months have included extra value experiences for children and youth (and adult leaders, young in body, mind, and spirit as teachers, leaders, and facilitators). Some have participated in Conference Camping, often with scholarship help provided by Court Street Church. Work camps have also been led and shared over the years. Vacation Bible/Church School has also been a tradition, and sometimes it has included an Art and Music emphasis.



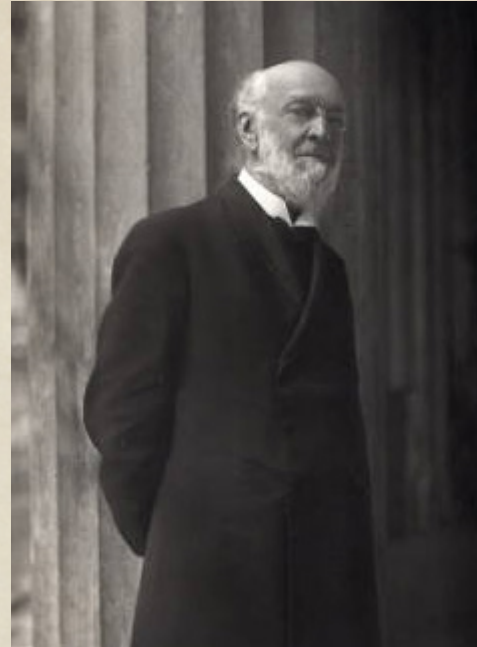
Vacation Bible School (VBS) — 2014



Fine Arts Saturday Troupe (F.A.S.T.) — 2016

Denominational materials have been used in study in the local church. Materials for leadership have been important as well. An early Court Street pastor, John Heyl Vincent, was a noted pioneer developer of Sunday school materials, as well as the process of teacher training for Sunday school.

Rev. Richard A. Wang,
History and Archives



John Heyl Vincent was also a founder of the Chautauqua Movement, which began in Chautauqua, NY in 1874 but soon spread nationwide. Rockford once had its own meeting location in Harlem Park.

John Heyl Vincent

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Summer Sessions, 1886.
LEWIS MILLER, President. JOHN H. VINCENT, Chautauqua.

July 1-10. Church Congress.
Ten Lectures by Dr. John Hall, of New York, on Theological, Social, and Historical Questions as related subjects, in which leading clergymen of all denominations will take part. Central Lectures and Entertainments. **Sundays, July 6 and 7.**

July 10-31. Chautauqua Teachers Retreat.
Faculty of 26 Professors.
A three weeks Meeting of Sunday School Teachers, every July, for Lectures, Illustrative Exercises, Geographical Studies, Scientific Experiments, etc., combining with the recreative delights of the summer vacation the stimulating and quickening influence of the summer school. An attractive feature of the C. T. U. is the "Last Summer Trip Aboard." The short hours of study are interspersed with brilliant Lectures, Concerts, Entertainments, Excursions, Excursions, etc.

July 10-Aug. 21. Chautauqua School of Languages.
Faculty of 23 Professors.
A Summer School of six weeks designed to illustrate the best methods of teaching languages, and to furnish instruction to students. The following departments are under the charge of capable and enthusiastic teachers:
GERMAN. ANGLO-SAXON. HEBREW.
FRENCH. ITALIAN. SANSKRIT.
LATIN. GREEK. ENGLISH LITERATURE.

Special Classes in:
MUSIC (Instrumental & Vocal). CHEMISTRY. MIRRORING.
LECTURING. GYMNASTICS. BY SEWING WORK.
CLAY MODELING. PHOTOGRAPHY.
DRAWING. BOOK-BINDING.
KINDERGARTEN WORK. PHOTOGRAPHY, Etc.

Aug. 3-24. The Thirteenth Chautauqua Assembly.
The original sessions of the Chautauqua season has not suffered from the lengthening of the meetings. During this season, Sunday-School Normal Work, a most thorough character in its aims and spirit, is presented and maintained. Children's Classes are daily held in the Children's Temple. Lectures of the highest grade and contents of rare excellence, supplement thorough work in the classrooms. The recreative element is found in boating, music, cricket, archery, fireworks, bonfires, illuminations, and excursions over the beautiful lake and into the surrounding country. The Assembly is the grand climax of the Chautauqua season, and holds its place as the original and prominent Summer Assembly.

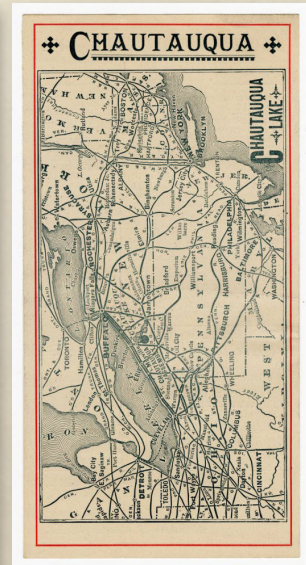
Aug. 25-31. The After-Week.
An attractive and restful programme will be presented.

LECTURES, CONCERTS, ETC.
A partial list of
LECTURERS
includes the following well-known names:—
JOHN HALL, Mrs. MARY A. LIVERMORE.
Dr. J. T. DUBOIS, Miss FRANCES E. WILLARD.
Dr. G. F. GIFFORD, GEORGE W. BAIN.
T. DOWITT PARAGE, Gen. LEW WALLACE.
SAM P. JONES, Prof. W. G. SWINER, of Yale.
E. F. HALL, Chaplain W. H. MILBURN.
Dr. W. F. WARREN, President, Prof. C. T. WINCHESTER.
Boston University, Rev. J. W. LEE, of Georgia.
Dr. J. H. CARLISLE, President, RUSSEL H. OSWELL,
Wofford College, S. Carolina, JAHU DEWITT MILLER.
Dr. J. R. HICKLEY, Dr. D. A. GOODWILL.
Dr. GEO. P. HAYS, FRANK BEARD.
Dr. P. S. HENNA, H. B. BROWN.
Dr. R. F. BOWNE, C. E. BOLTON.
Dr. E. G. TAYLOR, Prof. W. R. HARPER.
Rev. W. E. PARK.

READERS.
GEORGE W. CABLE, A. P. BURBANK.
Prof. R. L. CURNOCK, WILL CARLETON.
GEORGE RIDDLE, of Harvard, C. F. UNDERHILL.
and several others.

MUSIC.
GRAND CHOIR OF TRAINED SINGERS, under Prof. Scripps, Glee, and Etc.
CHILDREN'S CHOIR.
CLASSIC ORGAN RECITALS, by Prof. I. Y. Flagler, of Auburn, N.Y.
COURTESY LADIES' QUARTETTE, of New York.
SCHUBERT MALE QUARTETTE, of Chicago.
SHERBURN COLLEGE GLEE CLUB.
Signor GUINSEPPE VITALE, Violinist.
Signor FAVELLI, Harpist.
The famous ROCK BAND, of England.
Mrs. JUVIA C. HULL, of New York, Soprano.
Other Soloists will be announced at an early date.

For detailed programme giving dates, subjects, &c., address
W. A. DUNCAN, Sec., Syracuse, N. Y.
After June 25, Chautauqua, N. Y.



1886 Chautauqua Program Booklet

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<https://digitalcollections.smu.edu/digital/collection/jhv/id/243>

Health & Wellness: MELANOMA

Now no one can look at the sun, bright as it is in the skies after the wind has swept them clean.
Out of the north he comes in golden splendor; God comes in awesome majesty.

Job 37:21-22, NIV

We talked about skin cancer last summer, but let's bring up Melanoma.

Melanoma, the most serious type of skin cancer, develops in the cells (melanocytes) that produce melanin — the pigment that gives your skin its color. Melanoma can also form in your eyes, under a nail, or other hidden areas. The first melanoma signs and symptoms often are:

- A change in an existing mole
- The development of a new pigmented or unusual-looking growth on your skin

Melanoma doesn't always begin as a mole. It can also occur on otherwise normal-appearing skin.

Causes and Risks of Melanoma

One easy way to remember common characteristics of melanoma is to think alphabetically – the **ABCDEs of Melanoma**. **ABCDE** stands for asymmetry, border, color, diameter and evolving. These are the characteristics of skin damage that doctors look for when diagnosing and classifying melanomas.

- **A** is for asymmetrical shape. Look for moles with irregular shapes, such as two very different-looking halves.
- **B** is for irregular border. Look for moles with irregular, notched or scalloped borders — characteristics of melanomas.
- **C** is for changes in color. Look for growths that have many colors or an uneven distribution of color.

- **D** is for diameter. Look for new growth in a mole larger than ¼ inch (about 6 millimeters).
- **E** is for evolving. Look for changes over time, such as a mole that grows in size or that changes color or shape. Moles may also evolve to develop new signs and symptoms, such as new itchiness or bleeding.

We recommend doing regular skin checks at home to look for changes in your skin. If you notice any of the signs and symptoms of melanoma or you have a suspicious mole or lesion, make an appointment to see your doctor. You may want to have annual skin checks with a dermatologist as well so you can catch skin cancer before it becomes life threatening.

Skin cancer is common, and when it's caught early, most skin cancer – including melanoma – can be cured. If you see something on your skin, don't panic. Most skin lesions and moles are not cancerous, but it's always best to get checked out to be sure.

If you have additional questions or concerns, contact Teresa Field at (815) 298-8138.



July 2022

Court Street Bowling Social

Don Carter Lanes
4007 E. State Street

Sunday, July 17th

\$11.⁰⁰/PERSON TO BOWL

12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. (CHECK-IN)

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (BOWLING)

Sign up for your team in the Narthex.

Don't bowl? Come buy lunch and
watch others perform on the lanes.
Bring your friends too!

The church will be
closed on
Independence Day.

Monday, July 4th

**Domestic
Violence** 
Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

Library @ 11 AM

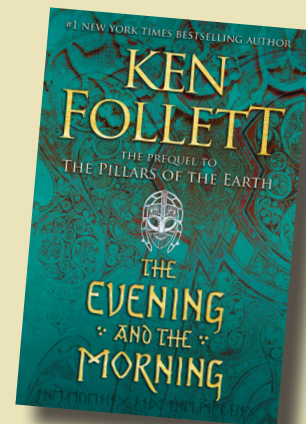
All are welcome to attend.

CSUMC Book Club

Does Not Meet in July and August

However, September's title is reportedly over 900 pages long, so you may want to take the summer to make your way through Ken Follett's *The Evening and the Morning* (Viking), which will be discussed on Sunday, September 25th.

Contact Diane Risley for more info
at rishouse@juno.com.





Court Street United Methodist Church
 The Chimes July 2022
 215 North Court Street
 Rockford, IL 61103-6897

Return Service Requested

Phone: (815) 962-6061 Fax: (815) 962-9754
 www.courtstreetumc.org

July 3, 2022

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
 Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Lili Breson
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

July 10, 2022

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
 Sound Tech: Tim Welk
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Kaylee Bulliner
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

July 17, 2022

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
 Sound Tech: Ryan Welk
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Ella Anderson
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

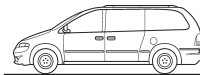
July 24, 2022

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
 Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Lili Breson
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

July 31, 2022

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
 Sound Tech: Tim Welk
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley
 Acolyte: Kaylee Bulliner
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

If you wish to receive The Chimes electronically
 or to be removed from this mailing,
 please call the church office at (815) 962-6061
 or e-mail Communications@courtstreetumc.org.



Need a Ride to Church?

Riders, please call drivers for a ride by 6 p.m,
 on the Saturday before the Sunday you wish to attend.

Riders must wear a mask, be fully vaccinated, and able to
 show their vaccine card to the driver if requested.

07/03/22	Bruce Shindel	815-397-1479
07/10/22	Curly Thompson	815-988-2735
07/17/22	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444
07/24/22	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
07/31/22	Bruce Shindel	815-397-1479

Please thank these men for making this ministry work!

Court Street United Methodist Church Staff

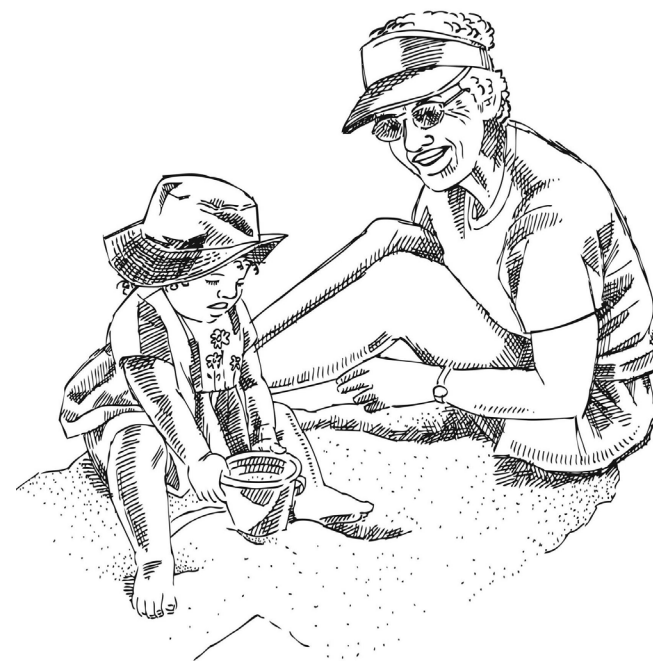
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Mike Smith	Maintenance Engineer	ext. 295	Maintenance@courtstreetumc.org

Birthdays

Wedding Anniversaries

Name	Date	Name	Date
Tilges, Krysta	3	Olderbak, Peggy	13
Risley, Michelle	5	Arp, Gabriel	14
Walters, Rae Ann	5	Justice, Sharon	14
Grigoletti-Kurokawa, Luke	6	Doran, Betty	16
Lundberg, Dominic	6	Risley, David	19
Neville, Joyce	6	Dull-Monroe, Charlene	21
Bragori, Jeriel	7	Risley, Peter	21
Briggs, Austin	7	Sisney, Amanda	21
Miller, Jereve	7	Voigt, Jacob	21
Rodriguez, Misael	7	Fisher, Mabelann	22
Van Alstyne, Gerald	7	Shindel, Bruce	22
Makeever, Matthew	9	Druce Jones, Christian	23
Willis, Daisy	10	Jordan	
Zantow, Steven	10	Gunderson, Clement	23
Wong, Tso Ying	11	Davis, Joyce	24
Condon, Aiden	12	Froeber, Brittany	26
Condon, Thomas	12	Froeber, Kirstie	26
Henbest, Melinda	12	Olderbak, Addison	26
Martin, Bruce	12	Lindmark, Craig	28
Toalson, Noah Ewald	12	Ludington, Erin	29
Whelpley, Kenneth	12	Gunderson, Barbara	31
Crawford, Delaney	13		

Name	Date	Year	Married
Doran, William and Betty	2	1955	67
Crawford, Douglas and Marcie	7	2001	21
Risley, David and Diane	10	1971	51
Dienhart, Darlene and Gary	27	2013	9






Our prayers and sympathy go to the family of:

Charlotte Louise (Johnson) Potter, who died on May 20, 2022
 Nicole Dionne Summons (Leta Gerber's daughter), who died on June 5, 2022

July 2022



COURT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	2 8:00am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
3  10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Facetime by the Big Bell	4  CHURCH CLOSED - INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 9:00am History & Archives 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Voice Lessons with Jack Armstrong	6 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	7 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 10:00am Stewardship Team 1:00pm The Journeymen	8 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	9 8:00am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 8:30am United Methodist Men Breakfast
10 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Facetime by the Big Bell	11 METHODIST MONDAY 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	12 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 9:00am History & Archives 9:00am Quilters 5:30pm Trustees 6:00pm Voice Lessons with Jack Armstrong	13 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 4:00pm Worship Committee	14 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 1:00pm The Journeymen 6:00pm Chatterbox Supper Group	15 CHIMES DEADLINE 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	16 8:00am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
17 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Facetime by the Big Bell 12:30pm Court Street Bowling Social	18 METHODIST MONDAY 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 4:00pm Finance Committee 5:00pm Administrative Council	19 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 9:00am History & Archives 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Voice Lessons with Jack Armstrong	20 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 5:30pm No IL Wood Turners	21 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 1:00pm The Journeymen	22 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	23 8:00am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
24 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Facetime by the Big Bell	25 METHODIST MONDAY 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	26 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 9:00am History & Archives 9:00am Quilters 4:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Voice Lessons with Jack Armstrong 6:15pm Knitting Group	27 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	28 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings 12:00pm Jeremiah Exec. Board 1:00pm Chimes stuffing 1:00pm The Journeymen	29 8:30am Beautiful Beginnings	30 8:00am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
31  10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Facetime by the Big Bell 2:00pm Steven Wenté Organ Concert						