



# the South Wind

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February 1, 2012

## “And be thankful.” Colossians 3:15b

Paul, the author, like some kind of spiritual fashion designer, directs us to clothe ourselves in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness, and “above all” -- perhaps it is the top coat -- put on love. Then, like a fashion accessory, these three words, “And be thankful.”

Perhaps Paul would wince at the analogy which appears to minimize gratitude. But I would argue that the (choose your own accessory) necklace of thankfulness is the thing that sets off the entire ensemble of one’s self-presentation to the world. Dress well, but lack this, and others trust you less. Dress poorly, but include this, and others trust you more.

We have much to be thankful for at South Church. First of all, for those who have responded to our request to give more to the ministry of South Church this coming year. As of this writing, over 50 households have responded in one way or another. Joan Schramm, our Financial Secretary, tells me there are still more coming in. We are approaching our goal of a balanced budget and a full orb ed ministry for the coming year.

Secondly, we are thankful for the life and ministry of Bruce Porter. I realized that because Bruce died during the holidays (December 26-- his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday) many missed his passing. A graveside service was held for family, but his memorial service, which will be filled with music according to Bruce’s wishes, is planned for May 6th.

We may be angry from injustice or sorrowful from loss, but neither of those eclipses our gratitude, because, above all, life is a gift from God. Leave the necklace on.

Grace and Peace,  
Denny Moon

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There will be a **Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 23rd from 1:00 to 6:00 PM.** Please call the Red Cross, at 800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment.

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**February is South Church's month to provide canned meats to the Granby Food Bank.** The Board of Christian Concern would appreciate your help in providing: canned hams, beef stew, chili, hash, canned salmon etc. All types of food donations continue to be needed and are appreciated.

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Articles for the **March 1st** edition of the *SouthWind* are due in the church office by noon on **Wednesday, February 15th.** Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due by Tuesday of each week. Your help with these deadlines is appreciated.

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\*\*\* Although it is rare to have a service or event cancelled at South Church, cancellations can be found on **WFSB’s Channel 3 Early Warning Storm Closings.** To cancel an event due to inclement weather, call the church office at (860) 653-7289. \*\*

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP

- Feb. 5: 8:30 and 10:30 AM Worship Services; Communion; Family Worship**  
Text: Psalm 147; Sermon: "True Human Empowerment"
- Feb. 12: 8:30 and 10:30 AM Worship Services; Baptism**  
Text: Mark 1: 9-15; Sermon: "Doves, Wild Beasts and Angels"
- Feb. 19: 8:30 and 10:30 AM Worship Services; Fat Sunday**  
**Sandra Fischer preaching; Blues music; Pancake Breakfast**  
Text: Mark 9:2-10; Sermon: "Metamorphosis on the Mountaintop."
- Feb. 22: 7:00 PM, Ash Wednesday Service**
- Feb. 26: 8:30 and 10:30 AM Worship Services**  
Text: Psalm 30; Sermon: "Through Grief to Gladness"
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### AFRAID!

**Saturday, February 4th at 7:30 PM**  
**Fellowship Hall**

*AFRAID* is not a recitation, but a play recreating *The Gospel According to St. Mark*. It is the fruit of years of work on the original Greek text, searching for words that capture, in common American speech, what the original Greek word meant to Mark's first audience. It is unabashedly theatrical!

South Church and old St. Andrew's Church present this one man spectacular on **Feb. 4th at 7:30 PM at South Church**. A dessert reception, with the opportunity to meet Frank, follows. Reservations are \$15 in advance (\$12 for students) and \$18 at the door; and may be purchased at South Church, Old St. Andrew's, online at [osatickets@gmail.com](mailto:osatickets@gmail.com), or by calling David Russell 860-653-7441. Advance purchase is encouraged.

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### LENTEN SERIES

**Wednesday evenings: Feb. 29; March 7, 14, and 21**  
**at 7:00 PM in the Parlor**

Be on the lookout for details in an upcoming Sunday bulletin

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**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flower **sign up sheet for 2012** is now posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please check your calendars and sign up to honor or remember someone by providing flowers for an upcoming Sunday!

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### MUSIC NOTES

**The Bruce Porter Memorial Music Series** is being established to honor Bruce with the one thing he most treasured: bringing great music to Granby. The inaugural concert in the series's first season will be a vocal-piano recital by baritone Luke Scott and pianist Miguel Campinho, a pair of outstanding artists from The Hartt School. The concert will be presented at South Church on Sunday, February 19th at 3:00 p.m.

**Staying healthy in winter can be a challenge.** We all know the basics: wash your hands and use disinfectant, don't touch your nose or mouth, cover your coughs and catch your sneezes, get plenty of rest, and stay hydrated. But did you know that for singers (and that means everybody!) there are a few extra tips to help you get through the cold season in good voice and good health? Drink lots and lots of liquids, especially water and herbal tea, but try to avoid regular tea and coffee since those are diuretics and actually pull fluids out of your body. Fruit juices are fine, and citrus juices add that precious Vitamin C. If you use cough drops, Vitamin C drops are extra good, but -- surprise -- menthol dries you out. Chicken soup has been proven to promote health, and it's a delicious way to add liquids. Wear a scarf, cover your mouth in extreme cold, and -- here's the best one of all -- laugh a lot. Smiling makes you healthy -- and singing does too!

“**Instant Choir**” had its debut on January 22nd. Watch for more Instant Choirs coming up. The next one is for tenors and basses only - February 19th. Just come to the choir loft at 9:45 AM, learn the easy part, and join the choir for the anthem that same day. Questions or want a preview? See Mattie or email her at: [banz@hartford.edu](mailto:banz@hartford.edu).

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**PIANO –VOCAL RECITAL**  
**Sunday, February 19th at 3:00 PM**  
**Miguel Campinho and Luke Scott**

Miguel Campinho is a Doctor of Musical Arts Candidate at the Hartt School and award winning musician whose passion for Portuguese piano music has taken him all over the world. Luke Scott is a baritone who received his Bachelor and Graduate degrees in voice performance from The Hartt School of Music.

This is the first concert in the **Bruce Porter Memorial Music Series** and will be a glorious offering of the musical arts, and a fitting tribute to our long-time music director who brought so much to our church. Please plan to come to support this series and enjoy this great performance.

The second concert of the 2012 season will be a performance of Baroque music to be presented by Susan Allen, flute, Anne Mayo, harpsichord and Laura Mazza-Dixon, viola da gamba on **April 22, 2012, at 4:00 pm.**

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**A NOTE FROM SANDRA FISCHER**

This is my terribly belated introductory note to you all. First I want to thank you for inviting me to do my field placement at South Church. You didn't see me around much last semester because I was taking a full load at Yale Divinity School. This semester will be very different; I only have one course left before graduation in May, so I will be able to engage much more fully with you.

Some brief biographical information about me. I grew up in Wisconsin and have lived in Connecticut for the past 20 years or so. Before going to Divinity School I was a lawyer for many years. I am a mother, step-mother and grandmother. I have two adult step-daughters ages 29 and 27, a 2 year old grand-daughter, and two biological children, Trey (13) and Claire (10). My husband, Will Madsen, is a civil rights attorney. We will be married 22 years this coming August. We are members of First Church, Granby.

Denny and I have spent some time determining what experiences I need to have in order to be prepared for any future ministry God may call me to, and how my skills might best be of service to this congregation. In the next few months you can expect to see me at Church Council, Stewardship and Deacons meetings. I will be helping at Sunday worship services, including preaching on a monthly basis. I am co-teaching the joint confirmation class with the pastoral leadership of First Church. I will be leading a Lenten study series. I will also be providing pastoral care visitations. I look forward to being part of the “Instant Choir” and may drop in on the “Tuesday Morning Craft and Chat” group on occasion. You can reach me at:(860) 413-9513 or [sandrleafischer@cox.net](mailto:sandrleafischer@cox.net).

I thank you so much for welcoming me into your community. I look forward to building relationships with you over the coming months. I don't yet have official office hours, but most weekday mornings you can find me having coffee with my husband at Starbucks around 8:30!

Blessings to overflow,  
Sandra

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**FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

We have reorganized our Fellowship Hour and all members now have a chance to contribute refreshments, when they are able.

Please bring a snack based on the following schedule:

- First Sunday of the month: A- C
- Second Sunday of the month: D-J
- Third Sunday of the month: K – P (skip in Feb.)
- Fourth Sunday of the month: Q – Z

We sincerely hope this new plan makes Fellowship Hour easier to participate in and more enjoyable for all. Thank you!  
- Your Board of Christian Fellowship

# YOUTH NEWS AND HAPPENINGS!!

## SENIOR AND JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:

Any questions regarding junior or senior youth fellowship, please contact Lauren Malecki at: [LMalecki@vikings.northpark.edu](mailto:LMalecki@vikings.northpark.edu); or Brian Schramm at: [briantschramm@gmail.com](mailto:briantschramm@gmail.com).

**Sr. High Youth Group** will **not** be meeting February 5th because of the super bowl. The "Chill Out" retreat to Silver Lake will be February 10-12th. Please make sure you get your registration forms in asap! February 19th will be a **mandatory** meeting for all those attending ASP this summer. February 26th will be the first session where we will be diving into the Lord's Prayer.

- ♦ **Senior High Youth Fellowship:** Usually meets every Sunday from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.
  - Feb. 5 - no Youth Group (Super Bowl Sunday)
  - Feb. 12 - no Youth Group (Chill Out Retreat)
  - Feb. 19 at 6:30 PM - ASP Meeting
  - Feb. 26 at 6:30 PM - The Lord's Prayer

**Jr. High Youth Group** will be talking about the world religions this month. We will be exploring Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, and Christianity. Night Watch, a weekend trip to New York City, will be March 9th and 10th. Registration forms will be coming out this month.

- ♦ **Junior High Youth Fellowship:** Meets the first and third Monday from 6:30 – 8:00PM.
  - Feb. 6 at 6:30 PM – World Religions
  - Feb. 20 at 6:30 PM – World Religions
  - Feb. 27 at 6:30 PM – World Religions

## CONFIRMATION:

### **2012 Class - Taught as combined group with First Church**

- Feb. 5 at 3:30 PM – at First Church
- Feb. 22 at 7:00 PM – Ash Wed. service
- Feb. 26 at 5:00 PM – at South Church

## YOUTH MISSIONS - 2012:

- **Heads Up! Hartford:** June 22 – June 29, 2012
- **Appalachian Service Project (ASP):** July 14 – July 22, 2012

*There is a mandatory meeting on Sunday, February 19th, at 6:30 PM in the Youth Building.*

*Next fundraiser: "Change to Change the World" – starts Feb. 19th*

For more information, contact Dick Mullen: email: [rhmgael@cox.net](mailto:rhmgael@cox.net) (ASP); and Denny Moon: [denny@southchurch.necoxmail.com](mailto:denny@southchurch.necoxmail.com) (HUH).

## **KALEIDOSCOPE CORNER**

On February 5, we will once again welcome our children in worship and in the celebration of Communion. Our Family Worship services allow our children to become comfortable in the sanctuary and learn what it means to participate in the worship service. The CE Board continues to provide materials that help both parents and their children enjoy their morning together. Age appropriate activity packets are provided which pertain to the particular service and reinforce what the children have been exploring in Kaleidoscope Corner. Bingo cards are full of words specific to the service - if they fill them up, then they have really been listening! Legos and coloring books are available when all else fails.

The theological and practical reasons for including children in worship provide the basis for including them in the celebration of Communion. But most importantly we need to allow our children to experience the grace of God with a sense of belonging and receiving. The children have been learning about and celebrating Communion throughout the year in Kaleidoscope Corner. Please support our children as they become acquainted with this sacrament and participate fully as members of our congregation.

### Upcoming Schedule:

Feb 12 – Mar 4	Session 4 – Poetry and Wisdom (teachers needed)
Mar 18 – Mar 25	Session 5 – Fruit of the Spirit
Apr 1 – Apr 8	Palm Sunday and Easter
Apr 15 – Apr 22	Session 5 continues
Apr 29 – May 27	Session 6 – Free to Be Me, Free to Be You (teachers & shepherds needed)
Jun 10	Children's Sunday

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### HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS – SCHOLARSHIP

**Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship:** To meet the eligibility requirements for a Fuller Scholarship, you must:

1. Be able to demonstrate financial need (based on FAFSA);
2. Currently be in your senior year in a high school located in Hartford County;
3. Maintain an average grade of 70 or better;
4. Be a confirmed member of a UCC church;
5. Plan to attend a fully accredited 4-year college as a full-time student.

*Scholarship packets are available outside the church office.*

*Submit completed application and supporting materials by May 15th.*

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### FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

The next meeting of the **SOW & REAP GARDEN CLUB** will be on **Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Teale Room**. We will be sharing garden catalogs and ideas, along with having a tea cup auction (bring a new or used garden item). The hostesses will be Holly Ely and Shirley Hahn.

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### TUESDAY MORNING CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP

**On January 10**, this group will begin meeting again on Tuesdays mornings from 10 AM to 12 PM in the Parlor. There is no program, each person works on their own project or shows up just to chat. This has been enjoyed by all and the group changes each week – please join us!

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### THE POWER OF PERSONAL STORYTELLING

The next meeting in this ongoing workshop lead by Denny Moon, will be on **Feb. 7th, from 7:00-9:00 PM** in the Parlor. Story-telling can bear fruit in your own spiritual life, enhance your communication and give depth to your leadership capacity.

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**SOUPER SENIORS:** Our next luncheon and discussion will be on **Wednesday, February 22nd, at 12:00 PM, in Fellowship Hall**. Lee French will be making the soup. Thank you to Lydia Oliver for the delicious soup in January. All seniors are welcome to come!

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### FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH Sunday, February 26, 12:30 PM

All are welcome to attend this month's potluck lunch, sponsored by the Board of Christian Fellowship. If you attend the first service, please come back and join us – this is a great opportunity to visit with old friends or to make new ones. You may bring a salad or casserole to share, beverages and dessert are provided. If you have any questions, please call Rowena York (658-2153) or see her at coffee hour.

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**WORSHIP SERVICE ON CD:** Recordings of complete Sunday morning worship services are now available on CD. To request a CD, e-mail: office@southchurch.necoxmail.com or call the church office: (860) 653-7289. The cost is \$2.00 per CD.

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### **DECADE OF MINISTRY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Your Decade of Ministry Plan Development Committee has been working since the Fall to develop a strategic plan that will guide our congregation over the upcoming decade. Much of our time to date has been spent collecting data and viewpoints regarding our changing community. With this as background, we are beginning to create a vision for South Church that will direct our activities over the upcoming years.

A large part of this discussion has been aimed at determining our “niche” in the community. Or, as business people would say, how do we “differentiate ourselves” from other congregations both in Granby and the wider community? We found that it is much easier to express “what we’re not.” For example, we are not an “evangelical” congregation that aggressively recruits new members with a message of saving souls through literal interpretations of the Bible. The ability to express “what we are” and “what we want to be” is more difficult.

Underlying it all, however, is the belief that people today, and in the future, will be increasingly drawn to congregations that not only allow them the opportunity to worship, but also help them live meaningful lives. Meaning is found in various ways, and is also very individualistic. Many also need help in discovering their special gifts that can be applied to creating a meaningful life. Finally, there is also the underlying belief that people are looking to be empowered and supported in this process, whatever that means for them. They will be less interested in congregations that are dictatorial in determining the specific causes that will be supported.

Toward this end, the Committee has developed the following working vision statement:

“South Church is a dynamic community that empowers individuals by discovering their gifts, and discerning God’s call to fulfill God’s mission.”

Key to this vision for our future is the concept of “discernment,” and we are in the process of learning more about what this means, as well as the implications of being a congregation that has “discernment” at the core of its being. We will keep you posted as our journey of discovery continues.

Finally, if you are reading this prior to Sunday, January 29th, please note that the Committee will present a brief update regarding its work at the Annual Financial Meeting. While it is still early in our process, we would love to hear any questions and concerns that you might have regarding the direction our work is taking.

Sincerely,

Walt Zultowski , Chairperson  
Decade of Ministry Committee

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### **AUSTIN LIBRARY NEWS**

**AL:** Boy, we’re all fainting! Joyce has finally been in and cleaned up the piles of books that have been waiting to be put away. We wondered if we’d have to get a new librarian because she has been falling down on the job.

**ALICE:** Now, Al, that isn’t at all nice. Just be thankful she’s back. Remember, she has asked us to pass along some messages--she really needs us.

**AL:** You’re right, as usual, Alice, but I can’t get over the fact she even scoured the stamp marks off the card catalog.

**UNCLE ALOYSIUS:** I hope you didn’t tell her some of the marks were caused when I pushed the stamp over and it bounced all over the top of the card catalog.

**ALICE:** We wouldn’t give you away, Uncle. We’re all excited that there’s to be a new section called OPEN and AFFIRMING which will have books related to the idea that the more information we have, the easier it will be to be a truly welcoming church. It’s coming soon.

**AL:** Joyce also asked us to remind those of you who have books from our library stashed away on a book shelf or hiding under the sofa to please return them. We need the book, *The Eagle Watches Over You* to be returned because we don't have the card which tells us who borrowed it. We hear there are others who want to read it.

**UNCLE ALOYSIUS:** That's right. One more thing--the storyteller Linda Goodman's book is on display waiting for the first reader to pick it up. A word to the wise--don't forget to sign the card.

**JOYCE:** Thanks, guys. You have done very well at getting the message across.

Blessings to all,

The Library Gang--AL, Alice, Uncle Aloysius, and Joyce

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**CREATING A BUSINESS NETWORK:** As the economy continues to present challenges, it also creates opportunities. We'd like to begin a business network; gather information about the products and services offered by our congregants, and allow them to network with each other and the congregation to support each other during this difficult time. If you would like to be a part of this endeavor, please contact Carole Bernard at: 860.604.8098 or email: [c.bernard@cox.net](mailto:c.bernard@cox.net).

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**THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES** to Phil and Stacy Garrity as they leave us and move to West Virginia in February. Their last Sunday at South Church will be January 29th. We wish them well - they will be missed!

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## **MARDI GRAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**February 19th, 9:30 – 10:30 AM**

Come celebrate the beginning of Lent with a breakfast feast! On Sunday, February 19th, at 9:30 AM (between services), the Board of Fellowship will hold its annual pancake and sausage breakfast, in Fellowship Hall, assisted by the Men's Ministry group.

Breakfast will be served buffet style, with all sorts of toppings available to make your pancakes special. It's a great time to socialize with friends from both services. All are welcome! Any questions, contact Rowena York (860-658-2153) or any member of Fellowship.

*No need to bring a thing - just join us!!*

## FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

<b>Wednesday, Feb. 1:</b>			<b>Saturday, Feb. 18:</b>		
<i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM	<i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM
<i>Property</i>	Library	7:00 PM	<i>Bells</i>	Sanctuary	9:00AM
<i>Men's Ministry</i>	Teale Rm	7:30 PM	<b>Sunday, Feb. 19:</b>		
<b>Thursday, Feb. 2:</b>			<i>Worship Services</i>	Sanctuary	8:30 & 10:30 AM
<i>Chancel Choir</i>	Choir Room	7:30 PM	<i>Pancake Breakfast</i>	Fellowship Hall	9:30 AM
<i>Sow &amp; Reap</i>	Parlor	7:30 PM	<i>Concert</i>	Sanctuary	3:00 PM
<b>Saturday, Feb. 4:</b>			<i>Sr. High Youth/ASP</i>	Youth Bldg	6:30 PM
<i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM	<b>Monday, Feb. 20:</b>		
<i>Handbell Ringers</i>	Sanctuary	9:00 AM	<i>Jr. High Youth</i>	Youth Bldg	6:30 PM
<i>"Afraid"</i>	Fellowship Hall	7:30 PM	<i>Finance</i>	Library	7:00 PM
<b>Sunday, Feb. 5:</b>			<b>Tuesday, Feb. 21:</b>		
<i>Worship Services</i>	Sanctuary	8:30 & 10:30 AM	<i>Craft &amp; Chat</i>	Parlor	10:00 AM
<i>Confirmation</i>	First Church	3:30 PM	<i>Church Council</i>	Parlor	7:00 PM
<i>Sr. High Youth</i>	Youth Bldg	6:30 PM	<b>Wednesday, Feb. 22:</b>		
<b>Monday, Feb. 6:</b>			<i>Souper Seniors</i>	Fellowship Hall	12:00 PM
<i>Jr. High Youth</i>	Youth Building	6:30 PM	<i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM
<i>Christian Outreach</i>	Teale Rm	7:00 PM	<i>Ash Wed. service</i>	Sanctuary	7:00 PM
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 7:</b>			<b>Thursday, Feb. 23:</b>		
<i>Craft &amp; Chat</i>	Parlor	10:00 AM	<i>Blood Drive</i>	Fellowship Hall	1:00 PM
<i>Storytelling</i>	Parlor	7:00 PM	<i>Chancel Choir</i>	Choir Room	7:30 PM
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 8:</b>			<b>Friday, Feb. 24:</b>		
<i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM	<i>Pasta Dinner</i>	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
<i>Decade of Ministry</i>	Parlor	7:00 PM	<b>Saturday, Feb. 25:</b>		
<b>Thursday, Feb. 9:</b>			<i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM
<i>Chancel Choir</i>	Choir Room	7:30 PM	<i>Handbell Ringers</i>	Sanctuary	9:00 AM
<b>Saturday, Feb. 11:</b>			<i>Girl Scouts</i>	Fellowship Hall	12:00 PM
<i>Handbell Ringers</i>	Sanctuary	9:00 AM	<b>Sunday, Feb. 26:</b>		
<i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM	<i>Worship Services</i>	Sanctuary	8:30 & 10:30 AM
Silver Lake Retreat weekend			<i>Potluck</i>	Fellowship Hall	12:30 AM
<b>Sunday, Feb. 12:</b>			<i>Confirmation</i>	Teale Room	5:00 PM
<i>Worship Services</i>	Sanctuary	8:30 & 10:30 AM	<i>Sr. High Youth</i>	Youth Bldg	6:30 PM
<i>Board of Fellowship</i>	Teale Rm	9:30 AM	<b>Monday, Feb. 27</b>		
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 14:</b>			<i>Cub Scouts</i>	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
<i>Craft &amp; Chat</i>	Parlor	10:00 AM	<i>Jr. High Youth</i>	Youth Bldg.	6:30 PM
<i>Christian Ed</i>	Parlor	7:00 PM	<b>Tuesday, Feb. 28:</b>		
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 15:</b>			<i>Craft &amp; Chat</i>	Parlor	10:00 AM
<i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM	<i>Stewardship</i>	Parlor	7:00 PM
<b>Thursday, Feb. 16:</b>			<i>Deacons</i>	Parlor	7:00 PM
<i>Chancel Choir</i>	Choir Room	7:30 PM	<b>Wednesday, Feb. 29:</b>		
			<i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM
			<i>Lenten Study</i>	Parlor	7:00 PM