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Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!

What does it feel like to be a Christian? Why do you believe in God? Why do you believe in Christ? Have you ever been asked these questions? Have you ever been excited about something you are doing? You work your butt off yet you have this bounce in your step, you are tired but you still keep going to the finish line! I think that is God for us! I think God has to be an ever-blessing Jeannie from a bottle granting us what we wish or making sense, or we lose faith or should I say the excitement of faith.

Some of us get angry about the reality of the situation and lose energy. They get angry because they feel there is no use and they have wasted their time. Think about a parent who lost a loved one to drugs or disease. They send them to rehab or the hospital and there is a miracle and their child gets well. The drugs no longer have the hold on their precious child, or the disease is cured. In the house, there is a joyous celebration. Everyone comes to witness this exciting event. The parents are whooping and yelling their praises to God. At that party, the loved one dies from an overdose or the child chokes on a hot dog. That disappointment, that anger, that total devastation!!! Some of us get scared, what if

I pray to God and it doesn't happen? What if I say to someone, believe in God and they do, but life does not get easier for them? They don't get rewarded for believing in God. They get no miracle. What do I tell them next? The TV evangelist says you didn't have enough faith or you failed God. Can any of us say we have not failed God? I have had some people who have come to know the LORD only to be put in prison and beat up or killed. They finally came to God and lost everything. Then I am shown the book of Job.

So, let us go back to the question "What does it feel like to be a Christian?" "Why do you believe in God?" "Why do you believe in Christ?" I start with those first believers who walked with Christ and saw all those miracles. They knew he was the very son of God. He was the messiah! What does that mean? They, as well as we, think it means vindication, power and righteousness. Everything will be right now. We will get our way. Nothing can stop us. We win!! Then he goes to the cross and everything they think they had is gone. Their hopes, their dreams, their power and righteousness is gone!! They run and hide for fear of the Jews. Then Christ rises from the dead. Some say they are crazy and others believe and find salvation.

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November 25

Lots lost their lives. Christians were persecuted and hunted down and killed. What happened? “What does it feel like to be a Christian?” “Why do you believe God?” “Why do you believe you in Christ?”

Folks, this is so hard to describe. I believe because I have seen the miracles. Things I can believe; they could have only happened if God is real and Christ is real. I have seen signs. I have felt this presence in my life that I cannot prove or explain. I have had a gut reason to say something, or I feel something, and find out it is true. I have felt a voice or impression in my mind to say something to someone I don’t know, and low and behold, they wonder how I know so much and I truly can say I have no clue I just followed my gut, or this voice. In this, I have never thought how I got this way, I have never thought I am special or that I have something someone else does not have. I have always felt this as a burden to do my best to follow God closely. I feel I must learn more and share more with those around me.

I really believe God is real and has given us something special, but it relies on us having faith beyond every possible fear we could fear. We have an impossible thing to believe, and that is that no matter what, death does not win. No matter what destroys us, it does not have the final word. God

redeems and saves through Christ. So, being Christian feels like anything else, you just have a positive feeling and an okay mind set no matter how bad life gets. I have seen too many miracles and signs to not believe in God. My belief in Christ brings all out the truth to bear when I feel like I cannot bear one more burden. It is Christ who makes me feel I can. Our biggest problem is we feel we deserve to live without pain or trials. But that is the very time we get a vision of our true strength. We do not know who we are, and how strong we are until we are tested and tried. It is in the trials we learn what we truly are made out of. And I really believe that we are made of something divine. Devine nature? Devine breath? But truly Devine. We spend most of our days not remembering that, or believing that, so we spend our lives proving to everyone we are not Devine.

My prayer is that we completely let go and show the world our Devine nature poured into each of us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Breathed into us in the beginning, and from the beginning of time we humans have not believed we have everything we need to be Lord over ourselves, our lives and our planet. From the beginning, we have listened to someone prompting us saying we are less than we are. May God bless each of us with a view of God with us, God for us, and God within us.

Rev. Ralph Edwards

In the Sight of the elders of Israel, where did Moses bring water out of rock.

A. Mt Horeb

B. Carmel

C. Pisgah

D. Mt Gliboa

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Dorcas Circle ~ Hannah Circle

MONTHLY MEETINGS

HANNAH CIRCLE: Second Tuesday at 11:00 AM

DORCAS CIRCLE: Second Wednesday at 10:30 AM

PURPOSE:

As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.



HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle met at the church with 6 members present. Tracey Byler organized our ornament project and we worked on them. We will also be working on the ornaments next month. Our meeting will be at 10am November 8th at the church. Carol Jean Horst will present devotions.

We enjoyed food and fellowship at the Royal Sushi Buffet.

DORCUS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcus Circle and guests and met at Annabell's, Salem, on Wednesday. September 14, 2016 for our annual outing. No meeting was held, just great food and conversation. Our next meeting will be held on October 12, 2016 at Shepard of the Valley at 11am. Nancy Panneton will have the program. Please bring your offering and love gift.

See you then, God Bless. God's Peace to you and yours.

Hannah Circle Continued. September-

Hannah Circle met at the church September 13th with 7 members. We voted to give Mathew Byler \$30 to aid and support his project for his Eagle Badge. Names were exchanged for "Prayer Partners" and our meeting time was changed from 11am to 10am. Our next meeting will be October 11th at 10:00 o'clock at the church. We will visit the Royal Sushi Buffet for lunch. Loetta Haller presented the bible study. Remember to save foil and aluminum for Hannah's circle as this is a very important fundraiser

Answer for
bible trivia on
page 2.

C. Mt Horeb

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
Nov 6th	All Saints Day	White	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In the assembly today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest," who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of the Lord Jesus in today's gospel. Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we keep on keeping on as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.
Nov 13th	Twenty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost	Green	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."
Nov 20th	Christ the King	White	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.
Nov 27th	First Sunday of Advent	Blue	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44	The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.
Dec 4th	Second Sunday of Advent	Blue	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12	At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the light of Christ's coming. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

Serving in God's House

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	November 6th All Saints Day	November 13th Twenty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost	November 20th Twenty Seventh Sunday After Pentecost	November 27th First Sunday of Advent	December 4th Second Sunday of Advent
Altar Guild	Kathy Kramer	Donna Haler	Andy Tesyk	Jacki Makowski	Art & Barb Gray
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10:30 am	Zachary Braham	Jacob Braham	Tyler Haskin	Zachary Braham	Jacob Braham
Communion Assistant	Robin Marino	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Robin Marino	Loetta Haller
Lector 8:00 am	Nancy Crouse	Jane Peachey	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Jane Peachey
10:30 am	Pam Nock	Kathy Kramer	Jean Saurwein	Walter Kaiser	Andy Tesyk
Liturgy	Sandy Kuntz	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Jane Peachey	Pam Nock
Ushers 10:30 am	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith
Fellowship After 10:30 am Service	Beth & Tim Lower	Andy Tesyk	Jean Saurwein	Ed& Jane Peachey	Sandy Kuntz
Chrema Head counter in bold print	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Jim Frost	Jeff Hum Donna Haller Ruth McMurray	Pam Nock John Nock Loetta Haller	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Jim Frost
Anointers 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus Nancy Barret Robin Marino				Nancy Crouse Marlene Varvus Nancy Barret Robin Marino
Flowers	Date Available	Alice and Joe Kreidler	Date Available	Date Available	Date Available
Communion Bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE **AFTER** you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we may change the office calendar. **If you would like to volunteer, please call the office (330-549-2406)**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Worship 5pm
6 Worship 8am 10:30am	7	8	9	10	11	12 Worship 5pm KrautFest 4-7pm
13 Worship 8am 10:30am	14	15	16	17	18	19 Worship 5pm
20 Worship 8am 10:30am Harvest Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26 Worship 5pm
27 Worship 8am 10:30am	28	29	30 The Real Christmas Story	December 1		

Our Prayer List

NEW PRAYER CHAIN SYSTEM

Due to One Call we have a new system for the prayer chain. Call if you have a prayer that needs lifted up!

If you would like a One Call sent out just talk to:

Jane Peachey 234-567-1461

Or

Church Office .. 330-549-2406



Bill Keaggy	Debbie Stevenson
Michael Bartel	Leon Cassidy
Shirley Cantwell	Gail Jaji
Mike & Judy Dickey	James Weber
Eric Barret	Jared Ausheimer
Candi Peachey	Barb Hartsock
Jerome Hoeferts	Michael Elford
Joanna Gallagher	Paul Gremlich
Jimmie Hood	Joanna Podolsky
Joe Kreidler	

Our weekly Intercessory Prayer for the people of our congregation:

NOVEMBER 6

Charlene Varga
William J. Varga
John Vavrus
Marlene Vavrus

NOVEMBER 13

Candance Waldele
Jefferey Waldele
Marsha Weldele
Richard Waldele

NOVEMBER 20

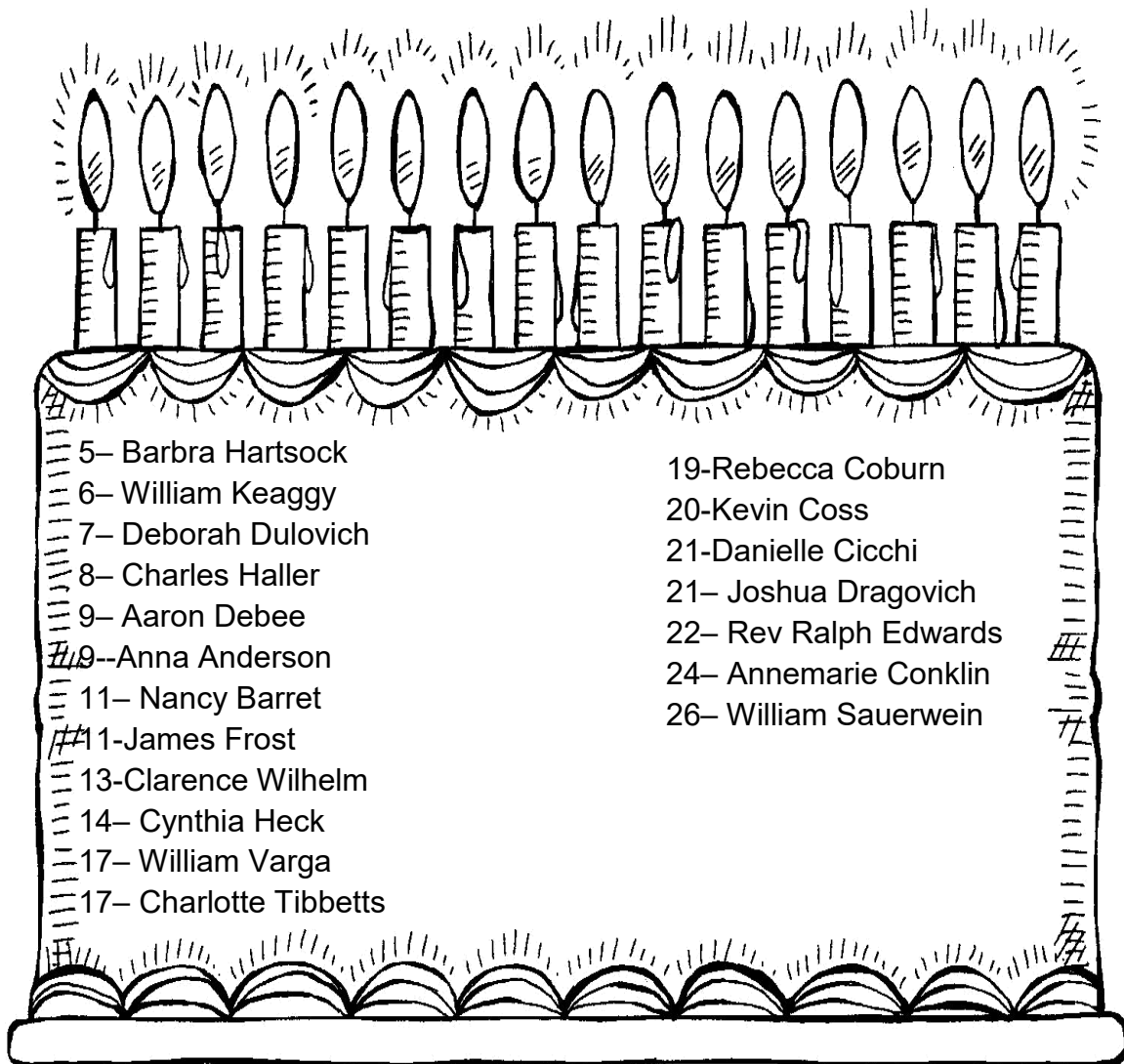
Roy Weaver
Helga Wengler
Wolfgang Wengler
Doug Westfall

NOVEMBER 27

Trisha Westfall
Kevin Whitfield
Corey Williamson
Beverly Wilson



Debbie & Jim Frost
Pam & Mike Orr
Jean & Gary Leonard



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

: Council Meeting:

Present: Nathan Edwards, Kevin Barret, Jeff Waldele, Amber Powell, Penny Felger, Pastor Ralph

Not present: Tammy & John Chuey, Whitney Corey.

Pastor Ralph: Opening Prayer

Treasurer's Report:: Amber motion to accept, Ed second. Motion Passed

Financial Sec. Report: Pastor Ralph motion to accept, Andy second. Motion Passed.

Sept. Meeting Reports: Pastor Ralph made a motion to accept, Andy second. Motion Passed

Transformation: No Report

Pastor's Report: No Report

Old Business:

Suggestion to charge daycare: No do not charge. Penny motion to accept, Penny Second. Motion passed.

Treasurer Position" Pastor motion, Ed second.. Motion pass to hire gene's firm at \$750 a month to continue doing churches finances.

New Business:

2017 budget: Ed motion, amber second. Motion passed with \$9,000 amendment for treasurer. Motion passed.

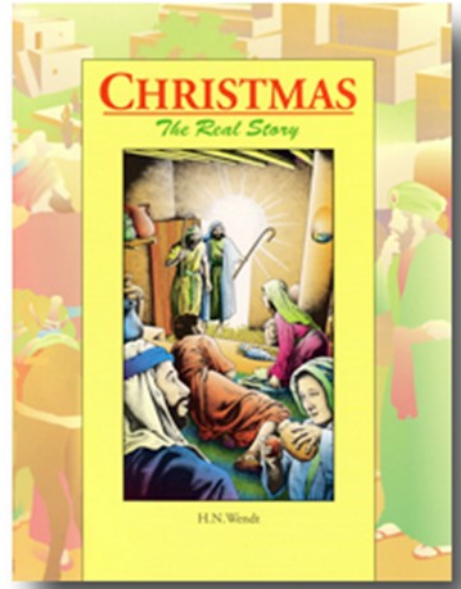
Accept meeting minutes Ed motioned and Andy second. Motion Passed.

Close meeting Ed motion, Amber 2nd Motion Passed.

Close with the Lord's Prayer.

Christmas: The Real Story

The Bible tells a very adult story of Jesus' birth. Social outcasts and Gentiles were honored witnesses; a powerful king became fearful and murderous. This course explores these issues, and reexamines traditional Western assumptions about the first Christmas in the context of Middle Eastern customs and culture.



When: November 30,
December 7, 14, 21,
2016

Where: Good Hope
Lutheran Church

Time: 10 A.M. & 7 P.M.

Treasurers Report September 2016

	Current month	Prior Year Month	Current Year to date	Prior Year to Date
Income	\$ 13,555.20	11,490.37	\$ 114,275.64	\$ 122,287.38
Expense	\$ 11,201.00	\$ 13,501.84	\$ 117,994.17	\$ 127,228.83
Total	\$ 2,354.20	\$ (2,011.47)	\$ (3,718.53)	\$ (4,941.45)

(Negative) Positive

Harvest Sunday November 20th

Please bring in the following items to help those in need in our community. All items donated go to The South Range Council of Church and Community (SRCCC, The 3 C's). Our food pantry serves residents and also gives emergency food supplies to homeless or stranded travelers in local inns.

Food– Suggested Items

Juice Drinks
Canned Yams
Stove Top Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Vegetables (Low Sodium), Canned fruits or Fruit Cups
Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned Salmon
Nuts
Shelf Stable Milk
Pasta
Soups & Canned Dinner type items i.e. beef stew, Spaghetti O's, Ravioli
Rice
Macaroni & Cheese
Cereals
Canola or Olive oil
Peanut Butter
Beans- (Black, kidney, baked beans)
Granola Bars

Cleaning Items

Paper Towels
Dish Soap

Laundry Soap

All purpose Cleaners

Personal Care Items

Wipes, Kleenex
Deoderant
Toothpaste, soap
Tooth Brushes
Toilet Paper.

Good hope is a Participating congregation for the 3 C's, a collaborative effort of churches in green and beaver counties. Each November Good Hope celebrates Harvest Sunday by sharing our bounty with those in need by donations of food, personal care items, cleaning supplies and financial support. Together the churches provide food giveaways (9am the 4th Monday of each month for Green & Beaver counties or member of a participating congregation. Every Wednesday at 3:30 food is available for anyone who shows up.) Food giveaways are held at the back entrance to the Gate Church (the old South Range High School). Our monthly give away feeds 45-50 families and between that and our Wednesdays we assist 1200-1500 people each month. In addition to food we Provide essentials such as toilet paper, diapers, cleaning supplies, and personal care items as they are things you cannot purchase with food stamps. When our funds allow we provide emergency assistance with utilities and situations. We also provide Christmas gifts and school supplies to local families as well. Financial contributions can be given directly to the 3 C's by placing a check in Jane's Mailbox (number 4) or mailed to PO box 24 North Lima, OH 44452. For further information about the 3 C's or to find ways to help feel free to talk to Art and Barb Gray or Jane Peachey. Thank you for your support this is just one ministry that helps feed the body and soul of the community around us.

Kielbasa And Kraut Dinner

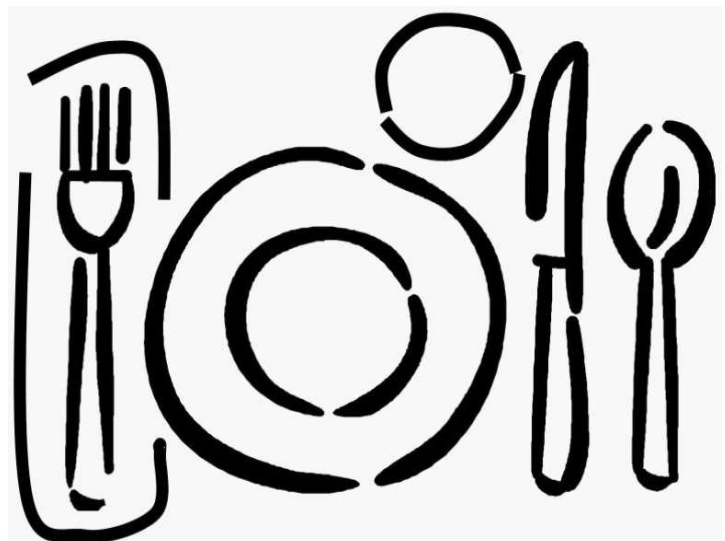
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Saturday November 12th, 2016
4:00pm-7:00pm

Menu: Kielbasa, kraut, Mashed Potatoes,
Applesauce, Bread, and Dessert.

All you can eat!!

Adults : \$9.50

Youth 12 & Under: \$4.00



VETERAN'S DAY

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, the day when a peace agreement was signed with Germany ending World War I. Armistice Day was established with a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson which reads in part: "Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations." On June 1, 1954, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans.

To All Veterans



Whether At Home Or Abroad
Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired

All Americans Say:

THANK YOU!

BRYAN ALLAN
 ROBERT ALLAN
 CHARLES E. BAUN
 ELBERT E. BAUN
 PAUL ELMER BAUN
 BRIAN BAUMAN
 JOHN BAUMAN
 JAMES R. BEILHART
 LEON CASITY
 ROBERT CONKLIN
 JASON CRUMBACHER
 MELVIN CULP
 DANIEL A. DORAZIO,
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 WILLIAM GLENN FULLER
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 MICHAEL MCMURRAY
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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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