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CUU'S MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER

Minister's Message Grace Notes

Written by Reverend Kimberley Debus

"Seek and ye shall find."

That's from the Gospel of Matthew 7:7 – often quoted in its truncated form. (The full verse is "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.") It's most certainly about seeking truth, comfort, and direction.

But then I think about confirmation bias – the idea that when we look for something (in research, the news, etc.) we find what we expect. For example, if we're physicists wondering if matter is a wave or a particle, we'll find the kind of matter we're testing for. If we're looking for confirmation of our political viewpoint, we'll find it. If we're looking for a particular spiritual truth, like there's one god, we'll find all manner of affirmation.

So... can our seeking always lead to actual truth, or are we just confirming what we hope is true already?



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See end of article for Office Hours.

This is on my mind for several reasons: first, it's because I chose Exploration for our theme this month, with the idea that it is in summer that we in the Northern Hemisphere take advantage of warmer weather and a slower pace to explore the world – whether it's our backyard, familiar haunts, or other places in the world. And I wonder sometimes if we can find something new even in the commonplace or familiar – I think we can, but it takes us looking and sensing in new ways.

Second, it's on my mind because a lot of my summer will be spent researching and experimenting with worship for my doctoral project – which includes having to ask a lot of questions. I am keenly aware that it's hard to ask questions about an experience, especially when folks know I'll be asking them questions about their experience. I'm right now thinking a lot about how to ask these questions to get authentic responses which will guide my conclusions rather than asking leading questions to get the results I hope for. This, more

than anything, might be the hardest part of this work. Wish me luck.

Finally, this question is on my mind because Sunday, June 7 is the Return of the Question Box. We've explored a lot of deeper ideas this year, looking at our Shared Values and our Foundational Theologies, and I suspect you have some questions about that. As we did last year, I will ask you to think about your questions now and submit them on index cards (or the Zoom chat) that Sunday morning. Then I'll sift through them and answer all that I can. I love answering your questions of theology, religion, history, and meaning – and I hope you find some of the answers you seek.

As we head into summer, I hope you set your intentions to do a little exploring and seeking, and may you find what you need.

Blessings,
Rev. Kimberley

Rev. Kimberley's Hours

Rev. Kimberley is available [by appointment via Calendly link](#), and is usually available after worship when she is in the pulpit. Unless otherwise noted, she is always available by phone for emergencies, and will respond in a reasonable time frame to texts and emails for non-urgent matters.

Sharing the Plate

On the fourth Sunday of the month we share our plate offering with partners in the larger community. Through our gifts, we can help lift up the work already being done by others.

Please plan your donations for our share the plate offerings coming up: June 28: [PFLAG](#)

Your donations to these worthy community partners are always welcome; while we dedicate the offering on the fourth Sundays of the month, your gifts can come in anytime. Make checks out to CUU and put the organization name and/or 'share the plate' in the memo line.

Note: *we will pause our plate share for July and August and resume in September. However, gifts to our community partners are always welcome.*



Spirit Circles

Spirit Circles: Connecting to Our Spirits and to One Another

Spirit Circles groups will continue through June and then pick up again in September. We'll open up fall signups in August, and we hope you'll make time to fit in this time of companionship and spiritual deepening.



June - Exploration

Our theme for June looks at the concept of exploration: When you hear the word “exploration” what springs to mind? What is there still to explore? What kinds of exploration do you most enjoy? How might exploration be a spiritual theme?

To accompany our exploration is our Spirit Circles packet ([download here](#)). Each packet is organized in a typical covenant group format: a chalice lighting/opening words, a check-in question, some questions to help you think about the theme, quotations, and poetry. Following that are more questions to ponder, and suggestions of other resources for further exploration. Finally, there is a chalice extinguishing to send you on your way.

Whether you dip in, use it as a focused guide, or share your insights at a Spirit Circle group, we hope you will find something that connects you to your spirit – and to others.



President's Message

Written by Rich Dean

This church year is coming to a close. We are planning for the Annual Meeting on June 14 with a new Board, new budget and hope for the future. Thanks to David, Sherry, and Holly for their leadership on the Board. Now is a good time to capture some of our accomplishments for this year. Here is a summary.

- Project Elevate! was launched and we are seeing the results rise out of the ground. We have had a few surprises and financial challenges, but we will be proud of the results when done.
- Building Enhancements have come along with our expansion. New window in the sanctuary, new back stairs, new fire alarm system, reconfigured AV system in the sanctuary, huge cleanup indoors and out, basement mold remediation, moved the storage shed up front.



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Availability:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 4-6pm

An alternate appointment time may be made via email request.

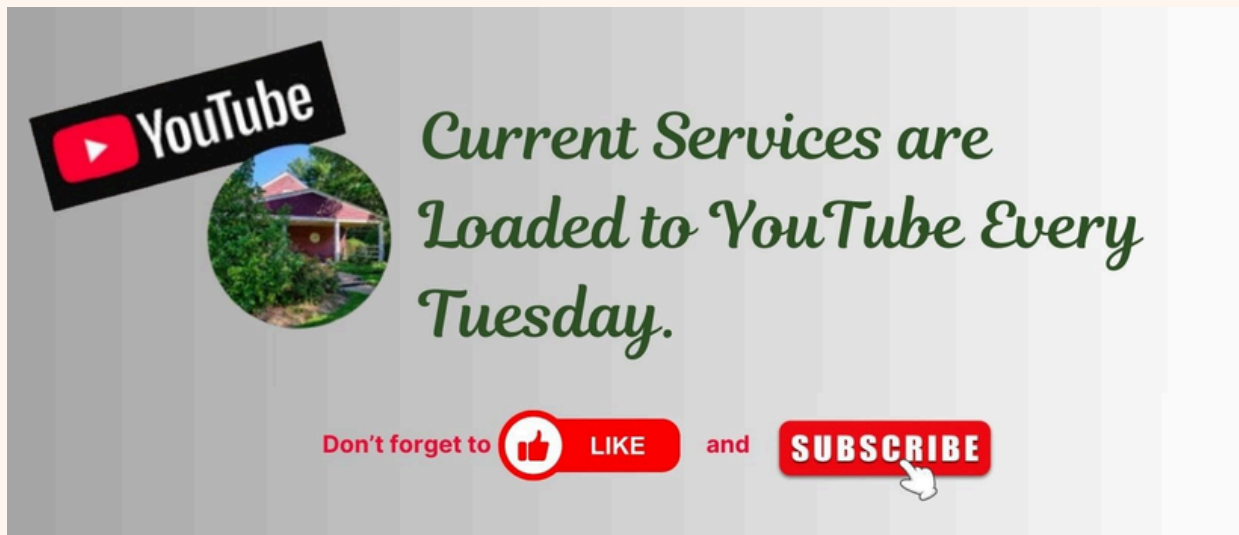
- A new approach to Outreach by our Growth Through Engagement committee, a new way to meet and engage visitors.
- Our 40th Anniversary celebration with a dance party, luncheon, and service, remembering early times and looking forward to new times.
- Our Capital Drive raised \$240K, 5 % over our goal, and our Stewardship campaign raised an estimated \$75k with more to come.
- We were awarded a Chalice Lighter Grant of \$40 for our project Elevate!.
- We made several institutional enhancements including an archive for our key documents, update of several financial policies, mapping our volunteers with committees, a new website, and new church management software, CH_Meetings.
- A new Building Operations Committee to help with the maintenance and repairs.
- A Charette to brainstorm and organize new ideas for use of our space and new programs.
- Creation of a Minister's Discretionary Fund to enable our minister to support those in need.

For details see:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13hOwmKUcYU1OCsr_uYbrMySfHybQf2Jh/edit?usp=sharing&oid=102534002407653227020&rtpof=true&sd=true

I love you Cedarhurst.

Rich Dean
Board President

A promotional graphic for CUU's YouTube channel. It features a tilted YouTube logo on the left, a circular image of a church building, and the text "Current Services are Loaded to YouTube Every Tuesday." in a green, cursive font. At the bottom, there are two red buttons: "LIKE" with a thumbs-up icon and "SUBSCRIBE" with a hand cursor icon. The text "Don't forget to" is placed between the two buttons.

YouTube

*Current Services are
Loaded to YouTube Every
Tuesday.*

Don't forget to **LIKE** and **SUBSCRIBE**

Check out CUU's new YouTube channel by following this [LINK](#)

You can find the currently available recorded sermon on the YouTube link located on CUU's website Home page!

JUNE'S THEME IS EXPLORATION



June 7th

Rev. Kimberley will host her annual "Return of the Question Box."

What questions do you have - not just about the theologies and shared values we've explored this year, but also more generally about religion, spirituality, theology, congregational life, ministry, social justice, and general Unitarian Universalism? Bring them with you and Rev. Kimberley will pull your questions "out of the box" and answer as many as she can!

June 14th

Rev. Kimberley's sermon is titled "In the Light of Day."

Ralph Waldo Emerson began one of his most notable speeches with these words: "In this refulgent summer, it has been a luxury to draw the breath of life. The grass grows, the buds burst, the meadow is spotted with fire and gold in the tint of flowers." We will celebrate this refulgent summer with a consideration of summertime explorations and our annual flower ceremony.

June 21st - General Assembly Worship

Please join us for a potluck brunch and watch party, as thousands of Unitarian Universalists gather in communities like ours to worship together; the service will be led by the The Rev. Jen Youngsun Ryu from the UU Church of Eugene, Oregon. NOTE: We will gather at 10:30am; the formal service will run 11am-12:30pm.

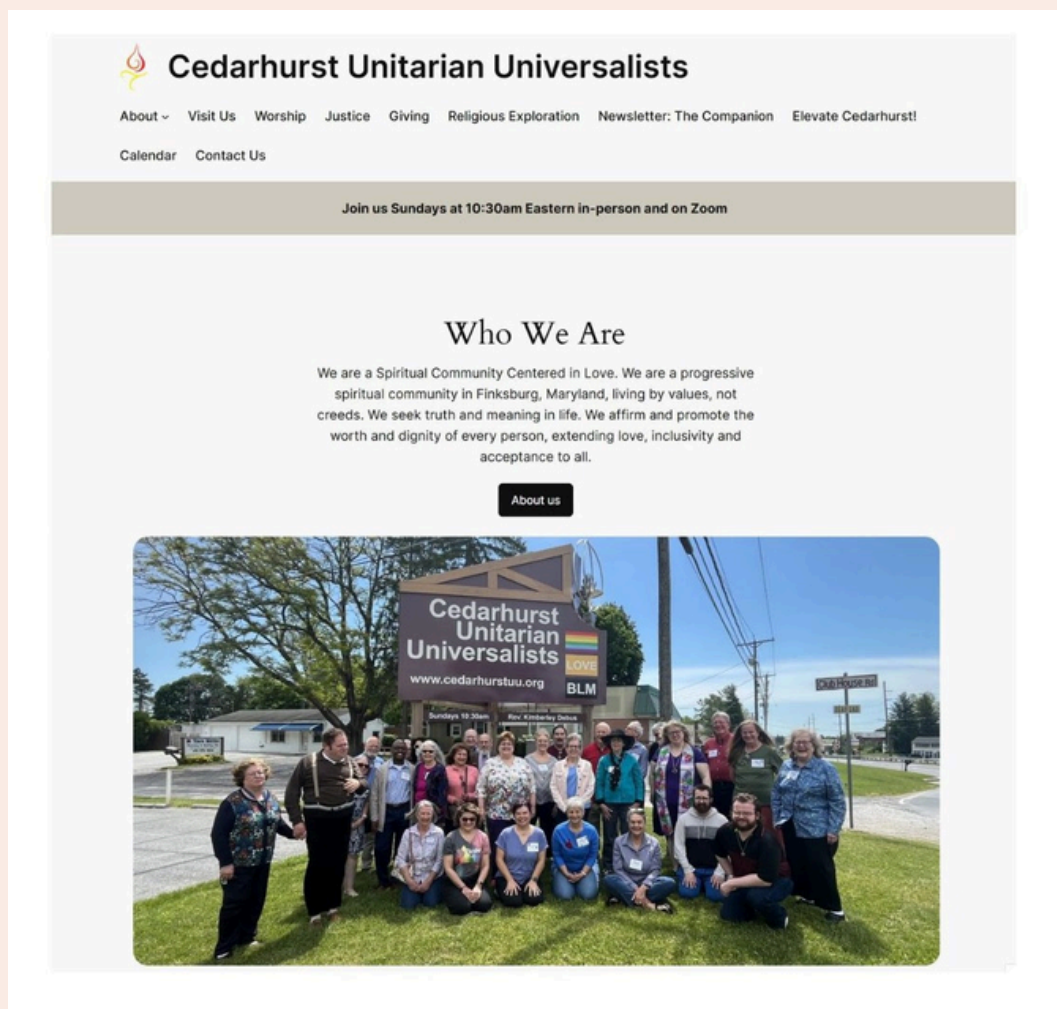
June 28th

Lay-led Services begin for the Summer!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CEDARHURST HAS A NEW WEBSITE CHECK OUT OUR NEW LOOK!

[Click Here to View Website](#)



While some pages are still under construction, our home page, calendar (with active links), and other aspects are up and running.

Our new website host and design will provide a user-friendly site with better accessibility to reflect and promote Cedarhurst's growth.

OPEN AUCTION EVENTS



*Looking for things to do
this summer?*



There are still a few open events from the 2025 auction
happening in 2026.

Your contributions help support Cedarhurst's operating
expenses!

AUCTION EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

Event	Date	Time	Host	Available spots	Price
Pool Party and Dinner (clothing required)	6/20/2026	1:00	Linda and Dave Joy	6	\$35
Skinny-Dip Pool Party and Dinner	7/11/2026	1:00	Dave and Linda Joy	7	\$35
Girls' Overnight at Georgetown	9/19/2026		Sherry Dean	3	\$50



Contact Linda Joy 410-790-5496 or Terri Ebaugh
443-789-2307 or "auction@cedarhurstuu.org" if you
would like to attend.



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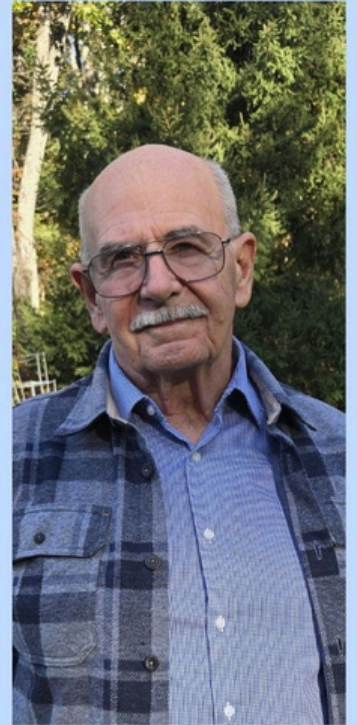
Remembering Don Ebaugh

Don Ebaugh's memorial service will be on
Saturday, June 13, at 11:00am.

Join us at St. Paul's United Church of Christ
17 Bond Street, Westminster, MD 21157

Lunch will follow.

Please RSVP to TerriDonEbaugh@gmail.com if you
will be attending the luncheon.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you to all who have
already signed up for a
Summer Service!**



Summer Services are a time for members or friends to present a topic of interest with time for group discussion. We still have some elements of 'regular' services with the chalice lighting and Joys and Concerns but other aspects, such as music, are left to the person leading the service.

Please see the chart for information on the Sundays already claimed. If you want to do a service, but your preferred date is already taken, it might be possible to make a switch. As in the past, Summer Services will be in-person only and thus not available on Zoom or recorded.

Sunday, June 21 - We will be having a potluck breakfast at 10:30 followed by the General Assembly Sunday service at 11:00 which we will be streaming on the big screen, It is always a very moving service best experienced with others.

Thanks, Maria Warburton

[Link to Summer Services Chart](#)



CUU MEMBERS JOINING TOGETHER



Summer is the season for Cedarhurst's Outreach Booths at local festivals, where we introduce ourselves and invite booth visitors to get acquainted. We like to say hello by also offering a treat, each one carefully labeled with our name and contact information.

Each year we label more than 250 items plus UUA brochures during a fun after-Service activity, "Slap-a-Label." This year is no exception, as shown by the intense concentration of the workers and many boxes and stacks of completed items.

A big thank you goes to all these diligent, behind the scenes supporters of our Outreach to new friends and members.

CUU MEMBERS JOINING TOGETHER



Dean Camlin, Robin Bates, Beth Schilpp, Jennie, Steve Hirsch, Beth Blevins, Carol, Linda Joy, Terri Ebaugh, Holly Thompson enjoy this month's CUU's luncheon happening at Otzi Mediterranean Market and Eatery.

Another Successful Auction Event!

Early May a group of CUU-ers played croquet, ate delicious snacks, and shared lots of laughs at an auction event hosted by Barb Bradley, Beth Blevins, and Cindy Hirschberg at Carroll Lutheran Village. Linda Prause was the winner of the match.



CUU VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE FOOD FOR THE HOMELESS

We continue to serve 50 people at the **Night by Night Shelter** in Westminster.

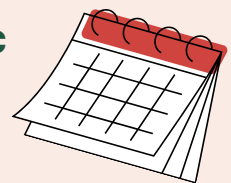
Casseroles and Sides are planned for June 19th and Sandwiches and Salads will be served July 17th. Several folks are away, so **help is needed!**



Contact Pamela Malkin for more information.



CUU and Shepherd's Staff team up for July 4th picnic at Dutterer's Park



Join the team that feeds the hungry Saturday, July 4th, noon-2 pm at Dutterer's Park. We need everything from BBQ pulled chicken to hamburger rolls. Whether you cook or not, you can be a big help with the picnic.

If you would like to donate food or cash, all contributions are appreciated to help provide 100 servings. Servers are also needed. Contact Pamela Malkin if you can contribute.





JUNE SPECIAL OUTSIDE EVENTS

Carroll County Remembrance Memorial Coalition to Host Historic Marker Ceremony

On Sunday, **June 7th at 1:00 pm**, the **Carroll County Coalition of the Maryland Lynching Memorial Project** will host a ceremony and unveiling of an **EJI Memorial Marker** to honor the **memory of Townsend Cook**.

The ceremony will begin at the **Church of the Ascension** (23 North Court Street, Westminster) after which attendees will walk together to the unveiling of the historical marker. The Townsend Cook historical marker will be the 12th marker installed in Maryland in memory of 20 of the state's 38 racial terror victims.

JUNE FESTIVALS IN WESTMINSTER

Contact Beth Blevens if you want to meet up for the Art in the Park or the Beer and BBQ Stroll.

June 6 – Saturday – 10am to 4pm – Art in the Park on the grounds of Westminster City Hall. Use 121 Longwell Ave. for GPS directions. CUU will have a booth at this event also.

June 6 - Saturday – 11am to 5pm – Maryland Wine Festival at Carroll Farm Museum - \$45 at the door.

June 20 – Saturday -12pm to 4pm – Westminster Beer and BBQ Stroll - \$15 admission gives access to entertainment and two tickets for alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink at any green Domestic Beverage Tent.

June 28 – Sunday – 9:30am to 1pm – Annual Bloom Show at the Carroll County Agriculture Center – Blizzard Building.

JUNE SPECIAL EVENTS

DINNER AT ISLAND GREEN

Monday, June 8th at 5:30 pm

We will meet for dinner at 5:30 and stay for mini-golf if you wish.

You may have seen their add for “best crabcakes” on billboards in the area.

This place does not accept reservations so just come and enjoy.
Contact Beth Schilpp with questions.

Location: 1199 Pleasant Valley Rd S., Westminster, 21158.



Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 14th at Noon following service



- Reporting on the state of CUU
- Approving the 2026-27 Operating Budget
- Electing 3 at-large members to the CUU Board
- Electing 1 member to the Endowment Committee

We promise, it will be inspiring, informing, and short.
Light refreshments will be served.

At “press time” we have two nominees for the three At-Large Board positions, and one nominee for the one Endowment Committee position. Nominations may be made from the floor at the Meeting. However, the nominee must be present and agree to serve if elected.

JUNE EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 1st at 7:30pm on Zoom

We are always looking for activities that bring us together for fun and/or learning. If you cannot come to the meeting please stop by the Welcome Table with your ideas.

All are welcome to attend on Zoom.

Follow Zoom link on CUU website Calendar to join.



CUU BOOK CLUB

Sunday, June 7th at noon in-person and on Zoom

The book for June is *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks.

Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian-American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse—one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success. Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred, Lexington, who became America's greatest stud sire, Horse is a gripping, multi-layered reckoning with the legacy of enslavement and racism in America. ~ geraldinebrooks.com

Please come and participate even if it is your first time....would love to have more people participating. Call Beth Schilpp with questions.

Follow Zoom link on CUU website Calendar to join.



JUNE EVENTS

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, June 9th at 5:30pm on Zoom

If you are or have been physical and/or emotional support for another person, this could be the group for you. We have no experts, just people that are willing to share their experiences.

Follow Zoom link on CUU website Calendar to join.



SPIRIT CIRCLES

Tuesday, June 9th at 7:30pm on Zoom

Spirit Circles groups offer connection, companionship, and spiritual deepening. Tuesday's group is led by Rev. Kimberley on Zoom. This will be the last session, until they resume again in September.

Follow Zoom link on CUU website Calendar to join.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 pm on Zoom

June's Board meeting will be on Zoom for all who wish to attend.

Board meetings are open to all unless otherwise noted.

Follow Zoom link on CUU website Calendar to join.



JUNE EVENTS

CUU IN-PERSON GAME NIGHT

Friday, June 12th at 6:00 pm in-person

Our monthly game night will begin at 6pm to enjoy dinner together with each person bringing their own food and drink (no potluck). Games begin at 6:30. Please bring a game or games you love. As always, folks are welcome to just come and eat or just come to play games.

Call Beth Schilpp at 443-904-1304 with questions.



SPIRIT CIRCLES

Monday, June 15th at 10:00am in-person

Spirit Circles groups offer connection, companionship, and spiritual deepening. Monday's group is led by Becky Zimmerman at Cedarhurst. Becky's group will continue throughout the summer.



SPIRIT CIRCLES

Thursday, June 18th at 7:30pm on Zoom

Spirit Circles groups offer connection, companionship, and spiritual deepening. Thursday's group is led by Beth Schilpp on Zoom. This will be the last session, until they resume again in September.



Follow Zoom link on CUU website Calendar to join.

JUNE EVENTS

NIGHT-BY-NIGHT: FOOD PROGRAM

Friday, June 19th at 6:15pm

We continue to serve 50 people at the Night by Night Shelter in Westminster.

Casseroles and Sides are planned for June 19th and Sandwiches and Salads will be served July 17th. Several folks are away, so help is needed!



Contact Pamela Malkin at 443-487-1299 for more details.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 24th at 7:30pm on Zoom

Interested in helping to create the Sunday worship services? Then this is the committee for you! All are welcome.

Follow Zoom link on CUU website Calendar to join.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:30pm Congregational Life Committee Mtg.	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:30am Sunday Service 12 pm Book Club	8 5:30pm Dinner at Island Green	9 5:30 pm Caregivers Support Group 7:30pm Spirit Circles (Zoom)	10 7pm Board of Trustees Mtg	11	12 6pm CUU In-Person Game Night	13 11:00am Don Ebaugh's Memorial Service
14 10:30am Sunday Service Noon Annual Meeting	15 10:00am Spirit Circles (in-person)	16	17	18 7:30pm Spirit Circles (Zoom)	19 6:15pm Night-by-Night Shelter Dinner	20
21 10:30am GA Worship Service	22	23	24 7:30pm Worship Committee Mtg	25	26	27
28 10:30am Lay-led Service	29	30	31			
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