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OCTOBER 2025



October Birthdays

- 1 McKenzie Buher
Lyle Warner
- 2 Nolan Miller – C
- 3 Pam Olgren
- 4 Becki Nylander
- 6 Kim Kainulainen
- 7 Pat Watters
- 9 Joe Newman
- 12 Joyce Schinella
Heidi Verville
- 19 Jeff Palomaki
- 20 Jessie Trudgeon
- 21 Brock Verville - C
- 25 Anine Bessolo
- 26 Greg Rajala
- 28 Ellen Flack
- 29 Joanna Nicholas
- 30 Dick Derby
Trina Johnson
- 31 Becky Kestila
Lynn Olson

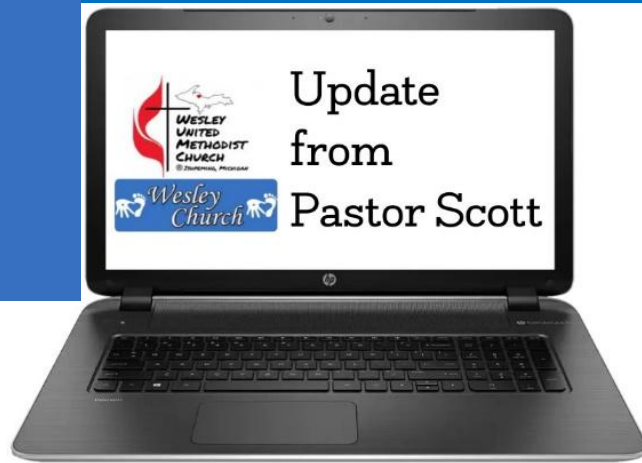
October Anniversaries

- 2 Brian & Becky Kestila
- 6 Brandon & Joanna Nicholas
- 11 Ralph & Pat Watters
- 12 Mark & Pam Olgren
- 18 Kyle & Sheenah Kestila
- 19 Aaron & Bria Isaacson





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Christmas Plans...

Let's talk Christmas. I know. I know. It's early. Too early. But we have an exciting Advent series lined up and I need your help to get everything in place before Christmas gets here. I need you to think about how you can be part of our Christmas worship. In Advent (*that season of time leading up to Christmas*) we are going to do a sermon series called "Home For Christmas".

Each week we are going to explore a different facet of what it means to be "at home" with God. We are going to look at welcome, action, celebration, and longing - leading to the final invitation to Come Home on Christmas Eve.

On **Dec 7th** (*the second Sunday in Advent*), the theme will be action and we will be blessed to have missionaries joining us. Les and Debbie Dornon will be worshipping with us as they tell us about their work in Nepal. Les and Debbie grew up in Holland, MI but have never been to the UP. I can't wait to hear about their ministry and share stories about ours.

We will have our **after church meal on Dec 7th** so that they can join us and we can share stories. The theme will be UP food so bring your favorite dish that represents your family or our area. I am going to try and bring some Nepalese food on their behalf.

Then on **Dec 14th** (*3rd Sunday in Advent*) we are going to celebrate as we feel the joy of homecoming! The entire service will be a cantata. We are going to alternate between readings, prayers and music. The children will be providing some of the readings and some of the music but here's where I need you.

I am looking for individuals, or groups to help make a joyful noise. You can sing in a group or solo. You can play an instrument. You can help with one of the readings. You can do a short skit if drama is more your speed (*we can help find a suitable skit*).

Will you help? Will you sign up to sing or play an instrument or read or act? Let the church office know your interest so we can begin to lay out the service.

And then on **Dec 24th, Christmas Eve - I want to pack the church.** Do you remember how many we had in here last Christmas Eve? Do you remember how it felt to have a church filled with people, voices singing together? I want that feeling again don't you?

So I'm asking you *to invite someone home for Christmas Eve.* I want to fill the church even more than last year. In 2024, we had 163 in worship. **My goal this year is 175 for Christmas Eve, but I need you to offer those invitations to family, friends and neighbors. Thank you in advance.**

And lastly since I am talking about Christmas, we will put up our family tree again this year in the Fellowship Hall. The tree is decorated with ornaments that represent each family that is part of Ishpeming Wesley. If you didn't donate one last year I hope you will in 2025. The donated ornament can be fancy or plain, serious or silly. It can have your family's name or like most it can be unnamed.

We want you to bring and donate an ornament to the church's family tree that you can look at, celebrate, and remember that you are part of our church family.

God bless you,

Pastor Scott





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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**



9:00–9:50 a.m. before worship!

Pre K-1st:

Downstairs classroom with
Abigail Johnson & Johanna Solka

2nd-3rd:

First classroom upstairs with
Brianna Johnson & Annie Yeager

4th-8th grades:

Second classroom upstairs with
Pam Olgren

Greetings friends,

Sunday school and all Bible studies are now in full swing for the year! It's been great to see so many kids at Sunday School and there's quite a few people attending the Bible studies as well.

The kids are learning to acolyte and to help with the offering . These opportunities will help them stay interested in the worship service, plus it will help them learn & understand why we do some of the rituals and traditions here at Wesley . They also have a **Faith in Action Discipleship program** geared just for the youth and they will have the entire Sunday school year to complete the tasks in their field guide with a bowling and pizza party at the end. **For those who complete all the tasks they will receive a 10\$ gift card** . You may see them participating in the worship service, helping during coffee time, community dinner or our 2nd Sunday lunch. **Please be patient & encourage them when you can**, as some of them will be stepping out of their comfort zones and may be a little nervous.

We have **7 kids receiving Bibles this year!** This has been a wonderful tradition here at Wesley to provide our 3rd grade students & up with a Bible! We do this for anyone over 3rd grade age if for some reason they were not attending here when they were in 3rd grade as well. We are so blessed as a congregation to continue this ministry!

As always, if you are interested in subbing please let me know ! Also if you find a project you think the kids would like to do, please come to talk with me !

God's peace,

Pam Olgren





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BIBLE SUNDAY

9/28/25

Kyleigh Chartre
Hallie Kestila
Braelyn Thomas
Moira Miller
Fiona Roberts
Amira Aponte
Eveleigh Forward



Joys

<i>Person to Pray for</i>	<i>Need</i>	<i>Person requesting</i>
1. Kris Culliton & Skip Anderson 2. Grandson Ryan 3. Sunday School Students, Teachers 4. Prayer of thanks 5. Hanna Derby	Thanks for healing-blessings to him and wife Lily married in Vermont pray they have a great year- first Sunday back Thank you God for getting me through another hospital stay finished Marji Geshick race last night best personal time of 13 hours. I'm a proud dad.	Dorothy Kuhn Susan Wolfson Pam Olgren Sandy Mead Dick Derby
6. Chris Phillips 7. Nolan Miller 8. Judy Smith, JoHanna Solka, Emily Miller & Kristin Cambensy	She has completed her cancer treatments He turns 7 on 10/12/25. Happy Birthday! Going on trip to Mackinac Island- Somewhere In Time- this weekend	Dick Derby Miller Family Miller/Solka/Smith family

Concerns

<i>Person to Pray for</i>	<i>Need</i>	<i>Person requesting</i>
1. Ann Marie, Gail, Jason, Bruce & Tracy 2. David Culliton 3. 17 Yr. Old Tripp Stratton 4. Amanda, Trygg, Morgan, Lindy, Vance, Katie, Gavinn, Cal & Brandon 5. Mabel Smith	Healing from ongoing health problems healing from back, leg , & eye problems undergoing cancer treatment for the 5 th time health Fell at daughter's=Cracked femur near hip In hospital- rehab for a few months. Kelly lost 2 nd brother in less than 2 mths. the miracle of healing from seizures Good results for new health concerns premature birth- prayers he develops well and improves miracle healing from stage4 breast cancer She passed away this past week Cindy & family- peace & comfort prayers for healing & saved vision Healing & relief from pain prayers for healing, strength & increased appetite she has been missing for 23 days. Prayers she is found having surgery Friday- prayers brother eric is going thru treatment for pancreatic cancer scripture remind us Exodus 19:4 Isaiah 40:31 Matthew 2:11 prayers that sinus infection & migraines go away Dale will be having open heart surgery to take care of an aneurysm/now recovering from procedure prayers for strength & ongoing health issues pray for relief for them- starving & afraid pray for healing, peace & unity ongoing health problems grieving loss of 18 year old son- prayers Dr. found another mass during surgery- breast cancer Passed away this past Monday- Lots of health issues prayers for healing & strength prayers for safe travels on their vacation this week prayers for peace & understanding she was recently widowed. Prayers for peace & strength health concerns healing & recovery from cancer continued healing putting in bid on house today- very hopeful had an eye injury- prayers for complete healing good report from doctor upcoming Stem cell transplant/surgery not feeling well infant that had brain surgery Wed to remove tumor- Needs chemotherapy. Pray for healing & comfort	Dorothy Kuhn Dorothy Kuhn Dorothy Kuhn Barb Palomaki Pat Watters Dick Derby Dick Derby Sandy Mead Dick Derby Dick Derby Cookie Holmgren Cookie Holmgren Patti Kainulainen Karen Graham Patti Kainulainen Nicole Stille Kelsey Grigg Sue Grigg John Verran Judy Smith Eric Lynch Shirley Hicks Annie Yeager Pam Olgren Shirley Hicks Heidi Verville Paula Ross Nancy Mankee Jenifer Rajala Jenifer Rajala Jenifer Rajala Jenifer Rajala John Verran Dick Derby Paula Ross Cookie Holmgren Pam Olgren Sandy Mead Cookie Holmgren Emily Miller Ian & Courtney Hanson
6. Kelly, Paul & Family 7. Henry 8. Everyone in my home 9. Jackson 10. Gabriel 11. Doreen Lawson & family 12. Family of Mrs. Greer 13. 2 yr old Daphne Flack 14. Marilyn Jandron 15. Betty Woods 16. Starla Goings & family 17. Kelsey Grigg 18. Eric Halonen 19. Many in God's hand 20. Linda Quayle 21. Bette & Dale Immel		
22. Jill 23. People of Gaza 24. Our country & world 25. Jill, Dean, Jean, Jim 26. Erin & Family 27. Sabrina Hall 28. Kelly, wife of Donald Mankee Jr. 29. Jill 30. Jessica, Justin & Sloan 31. Our country 32. Beth Shoemaker 33. Mike, Mark & Jacki 34. Chris Phillips 35. Kelsey Grigg 36. Rachel & family (granddaughter) 37. Evie (Eveleigh Forward) 38. Marge Hebert 39. Lee Woods 40. Abby Johnson 41. Baby Milo & parents		





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MISSIONS: *The hands & feet of Jesus*

Discipleship – A Call to Follow Jesus

The last word of the September letter was *'giving'*. Now, about giving, we turn to John 7:38: *"Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'* Jesus was speaking about the Holy Spirit who would come to all believers. Once we are saved and belong to God, the Spirit takes up residence in our hearts forever, sealing us with the confirming, certifying, and assuring pledge of our eternal state as God's children. Among the many things provided by the Holy Spirit, there is the gift giving; read 1 Corinthians 12 which describes the spiritual gifts given to believers so that we may function as the body of Christ on earth. All these gifts, both great and small, are given by the Spirit so we, in turn, may be His ambassadors to the world, showing His grace and glorifying God.... *'giving.'*

Oswald Chambers writes about Living Water in My Utmost for His Highest.

"A river touches many places of which its source knows nothing, and Jesus says if we have received of His fulness, however small the visible measure of our lives, out of us will flow the rivers that will bless to the uttermost parts of the earth. We have nothing to do with the outflow – 'This is the work of God that you believe...' (John 6:29.) God rarely allows a soul to see how great a blessing he is. It is about belief. A river is victoriously persistent; it overcomes all barriers. For a while it goes steadily on its course, then it comes to an obstacle and at another time it is baulked, but it soon makes a pathway round the obstacle. Or a river may drop out of sight for miles, and presently emerge again broader and grander than ever. You can see God using some lives, but into your life an obstacle has come, and you do not seem to be of any use. Keep paying attention to the Source, and God will either take you round the obstacle or remove it. The river of the Spirit of God overcomes all obstacles. The obstacle is a matter of indifference to the river which will flow steadily through you if you keep right with God as the Source. Then God will flow through you. When you believe in Jesus, you will find that God has nourished in you mighty torrents of blessings for others."

John 4:14: *"...those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."* Chambers: *"The picture our Lord gives is not that of a channel, but a fountain. Keep being filled and the sweetness of a vital relationship with Jesus will flow out of you as lavishly as it is imparted to you. We are to be centers through which Jesus can flow as rivers of living water, a blessing to everyone. Some of us are like the Dead Sea, always taking in but never giving out, because we are not rightly related to Jesus. Is there anything between you and Jesus Christ, anything that hinders your belief? We must search our souls constantly and willfully cast aside anything that hinders. From such an unhindered belief Jesus will cause a river that continually flows into and for other lives."*

In order to give, let us first believe. Through our faith, our belief in Jesus, the rivers will flow.

Dick Derby
Missions





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Missions News

Hello Friends,

Our next **Missions Team Meeting** will be **Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m.** We meet in the **fellowship hall at church.**

Anyone interested is welcome to attend--*come & share any Mission Project ideas with us - we welcome your input!*

Community Dinner: Our Community dinner on **October 9th** will be spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert- Please come enjoy feasting and fellowship with us. Consider inviting a friend or neighbor to join us. Last month the chili was well enjoyed, so much so that we ran out of it.

September Mission Project: was fundraising for Randy Hildebrant - Church and Community worker for God's County Community Ministry in Newberry, Michigan. Thank you all for your financial donations.

October Mission Project: Operation: Christmas Child - this mission is sending Christmas boxes full of small gifts to children in need all over the world. *(The boxes were donated by a generous donor for us to take and fill.)*

If you wish to participate you'll take one of the Operation Christmas Child Boxes &:

1. **Enclose a letter or a short note** in your gift box - they love to see pictures of the person and/or family sending the gifts.
2. **We do have suggested gift lists for girls and boys (and a list of do not include items).** Please avoid battery operated items or send extra batteries - even better choose a solar operated item. All boxes are double checked before being shipped to the children and the "do not include items" are removed and given to homeless or shelters.
3. **For those who don't like to shop please consider donating \$10 to pay for postage-** the boxes will eventually be shipped out and postage donations are needed.

Project: Keep Kids Warm: On Friday, October 3rd & Saturday, October 4th, KKW is having a distribution event here at Wesley for Aspen Ridge & Birchview schools (NICE & ISHPEMING) **Friday 10/3/25 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, 10/4/25 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Parents can come with their children to fill out the forms; there will be a team gathering and bringing the items downstairs to the families. There should be some crafts, activities and snacks too!

KKW Grant Application Writers Still Needed: We are still looking for volunteers to help with grant applications for Project: Keep Kids Warm. Many hands make light work. **Prayerfully consider filling out just one application.** *(We have copies of previous applications----you can use the info from last year's application as your guide)* This is a wonderful project and it helps so many families in our community.

Blessing Bags are filled with snacks and available to take to hand out to those in need in our communities. Feel free to grab a couple from the cart in entry of the church to hand out to those you see in need.

Thank you,
Judy Smith

Missions Team Coordinator





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**OPEN TO ALL!
COME & HAVE FELLOWSHIP
& A GOOD MEAL!
DONATIONS ACCEPTED
BUT NOT REQUIRED.**



THURSDAY 10/9/2025

**5:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M.
WESLEY CHURCH
801 HEMLOCK ISHPEMING**

BEHIND FIRST BANK OFF OF US 41

TODAY'S MENU
SPAGHETTI
GARLIC BREAD
SALAD
DESSERT

**NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT
EMAIL NEWSLETTER**



Wesley Church sends out our own separate email newsletter, but there is also our District Newsletter!

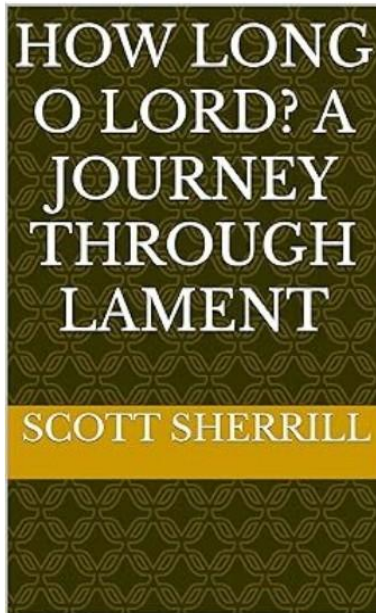
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If you are a Thrivent member, see Pastor Scott for help with a Thrivent Ministry Grant.



If you were moved by Pastor Scott's sermon series on Lament and would like to review again, or would like to bless someone else with the message, the sermons have been edited and are now available as both a Kindle and paperback book.

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0FN5GSFL7>

100% of proceeds from sales will be donated to Ministry Shares.





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PROJECT: KEEP KIDS WARM **Winter Outerwear**

(Warm Coats, Snowpants, Boots, Hats, Mittens Etc. for infant-age 18 yrs.)



Monetary Donations can be sent to:

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Distribution for Aspen Ridge & Birchview Schools at Wesley Church

FRIDAY
10/3/2025
4:00 P.M. –
7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY
10/4/2025
10:00 A.M. –
2:00 P.M.



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FAITH IN ACTION

October 2025

Read the Gospel of John.

(Work of Piety - Scripture Study)

Perform 4 random acts of kindness this month.

(Work of Mercy - Active Love for Others)

Church Hospitality: greet and welcome someone new (to you) at worship

(Work of Mercy - Evangelism & Service)

Go to this link to check in with what you've completed

<http://bit.ly/faithinactionOct2025>



Psalm 1

written in the words of Judy Smith



1 Do not follow advice of the wicked, you will be happier- do not hang around with those who are doing wrong and criticizing others.

2 Follow God's law night and day

3 He is firmly planted in God's word and is a blessing to others.

4 The wicked will be cut down. Believe in Jesus, accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior so you will not go to hell.

5 Those who do not accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior will be sent to Hell.

6 The Lord watches over those who believe in Jesus, those who are wicked and do not believe in Jesus will be condemned. Accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, Follow what is right.

Psalm 97

written in the words of Linda Reimus

God Reigns! We rejoice & are glad!
So much-**EVERYTHING**-responds to God.
He is due awe.

We see his strength & creativity & tremble.
God is righteous & just.

His perfection & goodness causes all to fear his power & glory.

We all need to worship Him & Him only.
Any idols are worthless in comparison.
Rejoice, because the Lord is our God.
You O Lord are perfect & exalted above all!



Psalm 1

written in the words of Paulette Kordish



1-3: God is our protector & strengthens us. He is always present & helps us in troubled times. For this reason, we will not fear even when the earth gives way & the mountains fall into the rivers & oceans. We will not fear when the waters are roaring with foam & the mountains are erupting with billowing clouds of smoke.

4-6: Many great cities have rivers with running water, but Jerusalem did not have a river. Jerusalem had God, the living water, who sustained the people's lives as long as the people were true to God. When they turned their back on God, when they abandoned him, he no longer protected them.
God/Jesus is the living water.

7: The Lord Almighty is with us every minute of every day & the God of Jacob is our fortress.

8-9: Come & see the works of the Lord, he can bring many desolations on the earth & He makes wars cease all over the earth; He can break the bow & destroy the spear, & he can burn shields with fire.

10: He wants us to be still & know He is God to take alone time daily for him reverently honoring his power & majesty & his love for us. May he be exalted among the nations all over the earth.

11: The Lord Almighty is with us every minute of every day & the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalms Re-written in their own Words for Faith In Action



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OR scan the code →



Sundays: Put in Offering Plate
Mon-Fri.: Drop off at the church office



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2025 MINISTRY SHARES

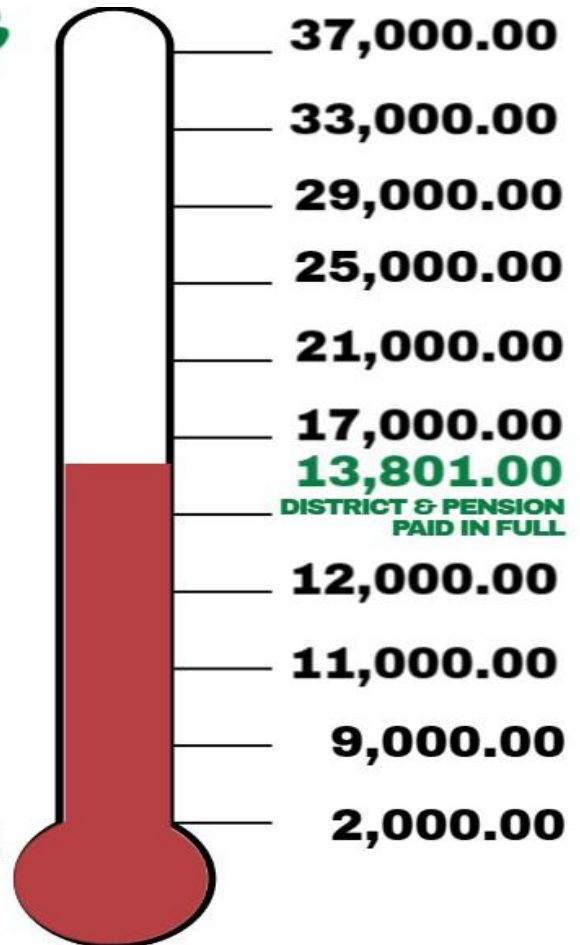
District **\$3,392.28**
Pension **\$8,700.00**
Conference **\$21,551.00**

TOTAL BY CLOSE OF 2025 **\$33,643.38**



SCAN CODE
To go to our ONLINE GIVING WEBSITE!

We need \$19,842.38
to complete payment of all 3 Shares.
(District, Pension, Conference)





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Go to: www.ishpemingwesley.org/calendar to see on our website

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m. United Methodist Church Refresher Study 6:30 p.m.	2	3 Project: Keep Kids Warm Distribution for Aspen Ridge & Birchview Schools 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	4 Project: Keep Kids Warm Distribution for Aspen Ridge & Birchview Schools 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
5 SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m. WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.	6 TOPS 4:00 p.m. Al-Anon 6:00 p.m.	7 MISSIONS TEAM 6:00p.m.	8 Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m. United Methodist Church Refresher Study 6:30 p.m.	9 Community Fellowship Dinner 5:00-6:30 p.m.	10	11
12 SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m. WORSHIP 10:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday Meal 11:00 a.m.	13 TOPS 4:00 p.m. Al-Anon 6:00 p.m.	14	15 Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m. United Methodist Church Refresher Study 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18
19 SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m. WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.	20 TOPS 4:00 p.m. Al-Anon 6:00 p.m.	21 Teal Lake Senior Living Worship Service 2:00 p.m.	22 Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m. United Methodist Church Refresher Study 6:30 p.m.	23	24 NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.	25
26 SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m. WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.	27 TOPS 4:00 p.m. Al-Anon 6:00 p.m.	28 LEADERSHIP BOARD 5:15 p.m.	29 Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m. United Methodist Church Refresher Study 6:30 p.m.	30	31	