

August 2021

The Voice of Faith

Dear friends of Faith,

In worship on August 15, we marked our one-year anniversary of ministry together with a litany of gratitude and a lovely reception following the service. It's hard to believe it's been a year since I started here as your pastor! It's been a year of relationship-building, as we got to know each other and we began to share our lives and work. It's been a year of creativity and experimentation, as we've discovered new ways to worship, learn, and safely be together in the midst of a pandemic. It's been a year of masks and precautions, social distancing and shots, technical glitches and learning new skills. Around us, the world has continued to spin, with political upheaval, cries for justice, and caustic debate. Without a doubt, the past year will shape and inform our lives and our church far into the future – and thanks be to God that I've gotten to share it with you!

The hopeful reopening of May and June has given way to rising case numbers, driven by the spread of the Delta variant. Still, I'm looking to the fall with cautious optimism: grateful that almost all of us who are eligible have opted into the protection offered by vaccines; aware that we know now how to pivot to outdoor and fully Zoom worship and meetings if and when conditions call for it; confident in our ability to continue adapt and grow as circumstances change; trusting God's presence and provision in and through our congregation. Still, I worry for the health and safety of our as-of-yet unvaccinated children and the students at Walter P. Carter and other city schools as they return to classes. As pandemic protections expire, I worry for those who will lose their homes, businesses, or jobs in the midst of a fourth surge. Add those worries to the changing climate, the fall of Afghanistan back into the hands of the Taliban, and desperate violence in our city – these times feel precarious, indeed.

Let us hold fast to the words of the Psalmist, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble. Therefore, we will not fear..." (Psalm 46). And continue to rely on one another – on the support, encouragement, and accountability of our community that seeks, stands, and serves together.

Grateful for the past year and looking with hope towards many, many more-
Cat Goodrich

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Faith Presbyterian Church
5400 Loch Raven Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21239

WORSHIP

Sundays at 10:45

God's Green Earth

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5

Romans 8:18-25

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon: *Recreation and Resilience*
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Kick Off Sunday

September 12

Worship outside

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

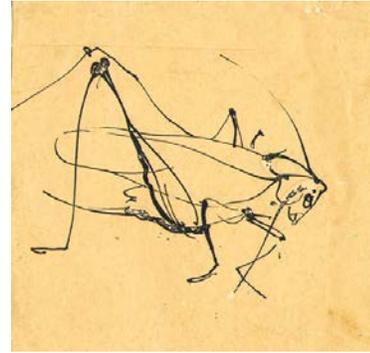
Karen Burd, *chair*

Family Sunday School

Calling all parents/guardians and Sunday school teachers. I am excited to announce the launch of a new program at Faith- Family Sunday School.

The Christian Education Committee, with input from our families, has decided to change the structure of our Sunday School. Rather than an every week, during church model, we are going to try something new! We would like to offer a six-week class from 9:30-10:30am before church for our families. The children would be taught in 3 classes like in years past (preK-1st grade; 2nd-5th grade, and middle/high school youth). Parents/guardians, you are invited to a small group at the same time to further our own learning about raising children in the family of faith. This program will begin on September 19th and run for 6 weeks, ending on October 24th.

Please prayerfully consider if you could be a part of this exciting time of faith formation for our kids and contact me with any questions, kjhbrud@gmail.com.



A Summer's Day
by Mary Oliver

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean—
the one who has flung herself out of the
grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth
instead of up and down—
who is gazing around with her enormous
and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and
thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats
away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall
down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the
grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll
through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too
soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?

Adult Forum

Sundays at 9:15 in Woodmont Room

September

19th Faith's History, led by **Paula Burger**

26th Reflections on a year as the Moderator of Baltimore Presbytery. Led by **Moderator Audrey Trapp.**

October

3rd *In The-Loop Ministry Group* from the Presbytery of Baltimore's research around the racial history of their congregations and efforts for racial justice..

10th **Dr. William Yoo** (Columbia Theological Seminary) on Presbyterian history related to abolition and slavery

17th Coffee and conversation – Faith's commitment to racial justice. Led by **Mozella William** and **John Colmers.**

24th **Rev. Dr. Jackie Taylor**, General Presbyter for Baltimore Presbytery and **Rev. Jennifer Barchi**, Associate for Church and Leadership for the Presbytery.

31st **Denise McCall**, SCALE program director, on Aphasia; elder services and aging in place. *unconfirmed*

November

7th **Patti Flowers-Coulson**, Administrative Organizer of BUILD, Healing our City - Turnaround Tuesday *unconfirmed*

14th Healing our Neighborhood, **Mark Conway**, City Council Person *unconfirmed*

21st Vegetarian Cooking: recipes and tips, led by **Cat & Dary Goodrich.**

Wednesday Bible Study

11:00 a.m. in Woodbourne Room & Zoom

Starting September 8th. Join Cat every Wednesday to reflect on the Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome!

WORSHIP & THE ARTS

Judy Sperling, chair



During Joys and Concern on Sunday, August 15 Faith Church celebrated the first Anniversary of the day we welcomed the Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich and her family to Faith and began our ministry together. It was all planned secretly. Together the in-house and the zoom worshipers (led by Mike Billings, Clerk of Session) joined to present a Litany of Thanksgiving. We remembered the trials and challenges created by Covid 19.



We worked together to make the necessary changes to our technology, our worship, our music, our education and our fellowship. It was with much gratitude that we gathered in the portico for a reception in honor of Cat's one year anniversary.

Worship and Arts at work:

- We have developed a new system of serving Communion so that all food is packaged for safety. If you have comments and/or suggestions, please share your ideas with us.
- We are always on the lookout for new Liturgists. Cat is planning a liturgist training in the fall. Give it some thought.
- Choir rehearsal will change to Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Bells will rehearse every other week at 6:00 p.m.
- SEPT. 12 OUTDOOR HOMECOMING on the lawn.
- We are looking for people who would like to be part of the Worship Team. It is not necessary to commit to a long-term. If you have a great idea you would like to share or have only a little time and would like to join us for a short time or one season talk to Judy Sperling.

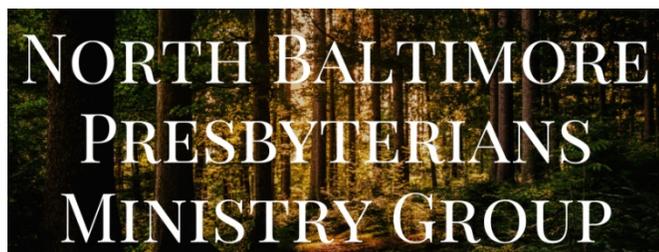
DEACONS

Lauren Hill, moderator

Deacon's meeting, Tuesday September 14 at 7:00 p.m. on [Zoom](#).
Meeting ID: 811 0950 0633
Passcode: 822013

Habitat for Humanity

Before the end of the year, we hope to plan a Habitat day just for Faith volunteers on a Friday or Saturday. If you are interested in participating, please let us know! Email [Lauren Hill](#)



Congratulations! The North Baltimore Presbyterian Ministry Group has been named

Habitat's Faith Partner of the Year for our outstanding commitment to building homes, communities, and hope in Central Maryland!

There will be a reception at Clifton Mansion, 2701 St. Lo Drive, Baltimore, MD 21213, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2021. **Natalie Wallace** will attend as a representative of Faith to receive the award.

CARES Pantry



We will start collecting personal hygiene items for the CARES pantry by focusing on particularly needed items each month to donate. Please plan on donating shampoo and soap during the month of September. You may leave them in the narthex or in fellowship hall.

Social & Environmental Justice Council (SEJ)

Karen Meyers, chair

Little Free Library



Little Free Library lands at Faith -A true story by Pat Nesbitt

Once upon a time two women, Kate McGivern and Lura Johnson, who just happened to be part of the Rogers Forge Community Association, were contacted by someone named Kim Munchin. Kim wanted to see if they might be interested in a

community project that involved placing Little Free Library Boxes in different locations in the city. "What is a little free library?" they said. They found out that the LFL mission is to "be a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers and expanding book access for all through a global network of volunteers." The mission becomes a reality when volunteers build a little library box and facilitate its placement in its new home. Kate and Lura said "Absolutely! We love sharing the joy of books and encouraging reading with the support of our community."

First, they had to raise money to buy the kit so they appealed to their neighborhood for donations. Kate and her children sold snacks at their community Little League Games and before you knew it their piggy bank got so big that they had to get a very big jar to hold all the money. Meanwhile, Kim Munchin contacted Faith Church to see if we might be interested in having a LFL on our property. Guess what we said "YES, YES, YES, we love sharing the joy of books and encouraging reading in our community." So a partnership/friendship with Rogers Forge and these wonderful people Kate and Lura was "forged".

One question remained "Who will decorate our box?" they said. Faith Church got very excited and said "Maybe our very own artist Laura Curtis will do it if we ask her very nicely." Guess what...Laura said yes!

So, the money was raised, the kit was purchased and put together, the post was installed, the box was decorated and was dedicated on AUGUST 28th at FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT 11 am!

The end.

If you would like to add to this happy ending, we are looking for wonderful new or gently used children's books. They can be dropped off in the church office or in the narthex.





During the month of September, the SEJ will present Minutes for Mission about the Peace & Global Witness Offering. October 3rd is World Communion Sunday when we will collect the special offering.

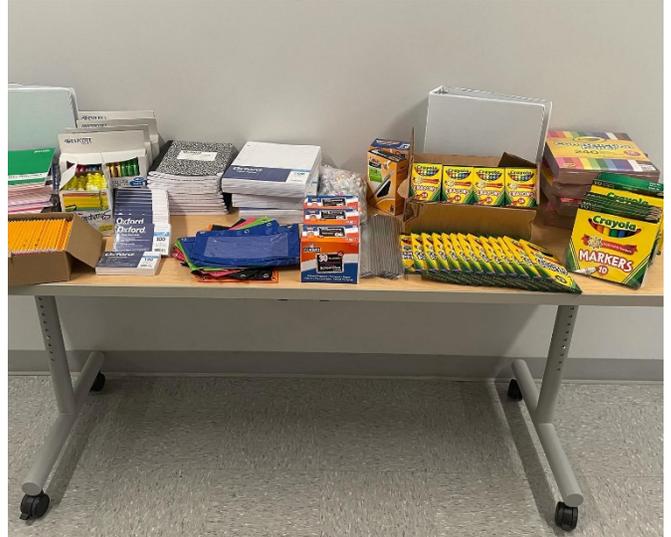
25% of the Offering stays with Faith, and 25% goes to mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. This year we plan to use the offering to support the resettlement of Afghan refugees in our region. The remaining 50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the world.

School Supplies for WPC



Many thanks to all in the North Baltimore Presbyterians Ministry Group who donated supplies for the students of our partner

school, The Wonderful "WPC"/ Walter P. Carter Elementary/Middle! Supplies were delivered on August 26 - join us in praying for a safe, healthy, joyful return to school!



PLANT & PROPERTY

Mike Shirey, chair

Fall Care Days



The Thursday crew is old and gray
If you can help
It will make their day.

FALL CLEAN UP - Saturday Sept. 11, 9-noon

Please bring gloves, clippers, rakes etc. if you have them and help us tidy up our beautiful property.

MONTHLY BLITZES are going to be scheduled the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9-10:30 starting in October. Specific tasks will be identified. The idea is to make ongoing care doable for everyone. Eight + folks at an hour and a half once a month = 12 hours of cleanup! **Let's Do It!**

CUBA NOTES

by Audrey Trapp



Communication has been difficult with our churches in Meneses and Iguara in the last year. Here is an update:

1. Things have quieted in Cuba since the demonstrations of July 11th. However, the Cuban people continue to face multiple crises due to COVID, shortage of food, medicine, and basic supplies, and currency changes resulting in high inflation.

2. On July 19th, a group of Faith folks recorded a message on Zoom to our brothers and sisters in Meneses and Iguara

and sent it to them via WhatsApp. They met Cat for the first time and saw and heard others of us who have traveled to Cuba. Milton Aldana joined in and he and Cat spoke in Spanish, along with a few others.

3. Our partner churches have been closed for some time because of COVID as are all the Cuban churches and they all continue to care for each other and for their communities and share what little they have. Churches connect on WhatsApp for prayer and Bible study.

4. The Cuba Partners Network (CPN) raised a large sum of money to send to Cuba last spring and, unfortunately, these funds have still not been delivered, caught in a bureaucratic and political nightmare. CPN has engaged legal expertise to help us solve this unexpected turn of events. CPN has also filled a container of requested supplies and added 28,000 syringes to the beans, rice, powered milk, and detergent already purchased. After months of paperwork the ship was expected to leave the port in New Orleans on August 27th bound for the Port of Mariel in Cuba.

[Register CPN virtual gathering on Sept 24-25](#)

SUMMER CAMP

Beyond the Natural Camp at Faith



BTNF provided an amazing Summer Camp experience for Baltimore City youth. Kids had

rigorous music and academic enrichment that challenged the mind, body, and spirit.



During this summer camp experience, youth grew musically by learning songwriting, beat making, music production, piano, drumming and vocal performance while exploring the fundamental aspects of rhythm and harmony.



What a gift to be able to offer the resource of our building to support this dynamic program! Thank you to Scott McGill for connecting BTNF with Faith. To support their work, [give online here](#).

FAITH FAMILY LIFE

Happy September Birthday!

- 7th Leanora Eubanks
- 8th Paul Parker
- 12th Bryant Burns
- 14th Magnus Brown
- 15th Kyla Roberts
- 17th Chloe Brown
- 19th Bernard Brown
- 20th Scottie McGill

- 23rd Oluseun Adetayo
- Ebony Brown
- 26th John Colmers
- 29th Jackie Billings

Happy October Birthday!

- 2nd Chandra Jackson
- 3rd Deborah Bean-Walker
- 4th Carly Byrd
- Monica Mead
- Martha Sayer
- 7th Karen Meyers
- 8th Glen Curtis
- Krista Wallace
- 10th Dary Goodrich
- 12th Laura Curtis
- Zac Nemser
- 13th Mike Billings
- Robert Gardner
- 14th Kristin Herber
- Linda Seward
- 18th Christina Brown
- 21st Janet St. Pierre
- 22nd Eden Bissett
- Natalie Bellows
- 24th Sandra McWhirter
- 27th Sarah Marinacci
- 28th Moira McGill
- 31st Katherine Bissett
- David Meyers

Happy November Birthday!

- 4th Eva Marinacci
- 7th Tina Bartlett
- Campbell Ward
- 12th Pharibe Pope
- 15th John Nesbitt
- 18th Stephen Davis
- Fran Marinacci
- 21st Christa Burns
- Reginald Wallace
- 24th Carly Burd
- 26th Mike Shirey
- 28th William Brown Jr.

If you would like your birthday added or if it is incorrect, please contact the church office.

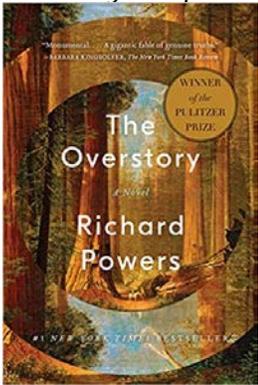
Please Keep in Your Prayers

Nan Pohl, John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family, Ann Scheck, Faith's homebound members

Please send your prayer requests to Cat Goodrich, Pastor 410-435-4330, and/or Sharon Will 410-254-6788. Prayers are answered!

Book Club

Tuesday, September 28, 7:30 on Zoom



It's not too late!!!! Read The Overstory by Richard Powers and join the discussion when Book Club will meet on zoom.

The Overstory is " a sweeping, impassioned work of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of- and paean to- the natural world." Available on [Amazon](#).

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff & Bil Keane



"The Bible tells us to study math. It says, 'Go forth and multiply.'"

KICKBALL & CRAFTS IN THE PARK

JOIN with other North Baltimore Presbyterian Churches to play kickball and do crafts in Alhambra Park with our Woodbourne-McCabe neighbors! From 10-noon on Saturday, **September 4** and **October 2**. Please let Cat know if you're planning to attend!

Youth Group Meeting Recap

by Krista Wallace

We had 6 youths join us for our first youth group meeting in a year, which was awesome. Because of the weather, we were not able to go to Cat's for the pool party, but stayed in the fellowship hall for pizza, games, and conversation.

Our plan is to continue to have youth group meetings and service activities once a month. The youth group meetings will be on Sundays after church and service activities on Saturday afternoons. As a group, the youth decided how they would like to serve our Baltimore and Faith Church community. Together, we have tentatively planned the schedule below. (All activities subject to change based on Covid safety protocols).

We have a shareable Google Calendar that will have all our meetings and events. Any updated days or times will be automatically updated on the calendar. Please feel free contact Krista Wallace for access.

September Woodbourne/McCabe Kickball

September 4th from 10-noon. After kickball, we'll head to Cat's house to cool off in the pool!

Health Fair Promotion - Faith will host the Morgan State chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for a health fair on September 25th. We want to continue to encourage our community to get vaccinated so we will help create signs/posters to get the word out about the health fair

October

Youth Group Lock-In! - October 30th 7pm
The youth want to host a special Halloween party for the church community. The highlight of the party will be the decorated pumpkin launch. We will use the many talents and skills of our Faith youth group to build a pumpkin catapult. Be on the lookout for more details about this event so you can join us to see how far the Faith Youth can fly!

Helping Hands Yard Work - As a youth group, we want to offer our hands an energy to those who may need some leaves raked or weeds pulled. We will be reaching out to the congregation to see who and how we can help! Watch for the announcements in October.

November

Conflict Resolution Workshop - Day/Time TBD - We want to offer this workshop to our community and other local youths to decrease the violence in our schools and communities. We will invite experts from our community who lead sessions in mediation, meditation, and restorative practices.

Helping Hands Yard Work - As a youth group, we want to offer our hands an energy to those who may need some leaves raked or weeds pulled.

December

Youth Polar Plunge - The youth would like to challenge each other and our Faith Church community to take the plunge. This will be a fundraiser for a local mission that the youth will choose in the coming weeks.

Christmas party for the community

Pirates of the Caribbean Christmas (play

by the youth to fundraise for camping trip)

Other Plans -

Camping Trip - The youth would like to go camping together. This may be something we can do in the spring and can serve as our Youth Retreat.

Free for All

by Paula Burger

On Saturday, August 28, Faith's south parking lot and lawn was turned into a shopping plaza for free stuff. Alternatively billed as a neighborhood Free-for-all or Free Sale, this event drew a significant number of our neighbors who left with smiles and armfuls of items donated by church members who have undertaken down-sizing, a move, or simply closet cleaning during the pandemic. Some in our congregation did some early shopping themselves. In fact, you may one day be sitting at a church friend's table thinking, "Gee, that platter looks familiar."



Deb Colmers, her mentee Imani and sister Nea assisted Paula Burger with sorting and organizing the stacks of kitchenware, homegoods, lamps, artwork, suitcases, and kid's games that had been slowly growing in Fellowship Hall. In the end, we also gave away furniture, golf clubs, a pet cage, and a bicycle!



It does take a congregation, if not a village, to put on an event, and special thanks are due to John Colmers, Peter Burger, Mike Shirey, Bill Curtis, Neil Nemser, and Charles Richardson who arrived early to set up tables and then assisted with moving the "sale" goods outside along with Karen Meyers, Yvonne Davis, Judy Sperling, Phyllis Compton, Jackie Billings, and Natalie Wallace, who also kept the sale items organized and assisted shoppers. Robin Nemser acted as a greeter at the Faith table at the entrance, welcoming "shoppers" and making sure they got information about the upcoming health fair and a brochure about Faith Church. And, Rev. Cat Goodson warmly greeted our neighbors and took pictures when she wasn't otherwise engaged in dedicating the Little Free Library.



Finally, Karen Burd provided immense help by loading her SUV with any unclaimed treasures and taking them to a goodwill/thrift shop so that the grand recycling was complete.



As a shopping bonus, in honor of National Play Music on the Porch Day, Mike Shirey and his music duo partner Tracie entertained with some wonderful vintage music on the lawn.





Join your Faith family for Kick Off Sunday

Sunday, September 12, 10:45

Come celebrate the beginning of autumn and new church programs!

A few safety precautions:

- BYO everything: blanket or chairs, lunch, and beverages, etc.
- Each family or covid cohort will be assigned an spot.
- Please observe social distancing; and wear a mask!
- RSVP before Thursday, September 9 so we can prepare a space for you.

faithchurchbalt@gmail.com or 410-435-4330

HONEST CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACISM



Join friends from Faith and St Matthew's for a series of Honest Conversations on Racism. Led by members of the Racial Justice Circle, the conversations will be a space to reflect together on race and anti-racism, reckon with white privilege and white supremacy, and the painful legacy of slavery, using curriculum based on "Cracking the Codes of Systemic Racism."

To register, email Ryan Sattler at ryansattler@comcast.net. A "Zoom link" will be emailed by September 8. Questions? Call Ryan, 717-891-6156.

September 8, 15, 22, and 29
7:00-8:30 on Zoom

Racial Justice Circle believes that the wounds of racism will only begin to heal when people of all races seek to understand and respect one another. To change human behavior, we must first change the human heart. We invite you to join the Circle.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.[®] 3D Mammogram Mobile Screening Events



The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.[®] Breast Cancer Awareness Coach will travel to various locations throughout the United States in 2021 to provide screenings for early detection of breast cancer through a mobile mammogram. Social distancing and wearing a mask is required. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will provide free masks and hand sanitizer to those scheduled for a mammogram.

DATES/TIMES and LOCATIONS

Friday, Sept. 24th

8:00am – 5:00pm

Howard University
Howard Graduate School/Pharmacy
4th & College Streets NW
Washington, DC 20059

Saturday, Sept. 25th

8:00am – 5:00pm

Morgan State University
Faith Presbyterian Church
5400 Loch Raven Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21239

Schedule Online:

www.assuredimaging.com/AKA

Or Call: 888.233.6121

Screening services provided by:



Free Screenings For Uninsured Women!

You are eligible for a **NO-COST MAMMOGRAM** if you:

- do not have insurance
- are at least 40 years of age
- have not had a previous mammogram in the past year
- have no current breast problems or complaints
- women between the ages of 35 and 39 can receive one (1) baseline mammogram screening without an order

*Masks are required - Social distancing enforced!
Breast Cancer doesn't stop - and neither do we . . .*



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated



HBCU WEEK POP UP HEALTH EVENTS



**HOWARD
UNIVERSITY**
09/24

Howard Graduate
School / Pharmacy
4th & College Streets NW
Washington, DC 20059

**MORGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY**
09/25

Faith Presbyterian Church
5400 Loch Raven Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21239

- FREE COVID 19 TESTING • FREE VACCINES PROVIDED BY WALGREENS
- FREE 3-D MAMMOGRAMS (MUST SCHEDULE IN ADVANCE, CALL 888-233-6121)
- FREE MASKS AND HAND SANITIZERS

GET FREE CHICK-FIL-A CARD WITH VACCINE



**HOWARD
UNIVERSITY**



**MORGAN
STATE UNIVERSITY**

Walgreens

September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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5 10:45AM – ST Worship	6 Labor Day Office is Closed	7	8 11:00AM – Bible Study 7:00PM Zoom Honest Conversations	9 9:00AM – Thursday Crew	10	11 9:00AM - Fall Care Day
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