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## Beyond Polite

We are taught thankfulness as a part of being polite. For example, whenever I buy something at the store, I always tell the cashier, "Thank You." I say it even though the person helping me is being paid for their work and I give them money. One could argue that the cashier really isn't doing me any favors. It's their job. There've been countless times when people have thanked me out of politeness. I appreciate the gratitude but I don't really give it much thought. After all, they are just showing common courtesy. Everyone deserves that. Yet, there are times when gratitude goes beyond politeness or common courtesy.

One of my favorite stories in the Gospels is found in Luke 17:11-19. It is the story of when Jesus heals the 10 lepers. Jesus is traveling with his disciples along the border of Samaria and Galilee. When from a distance, a group of lepers cry out to Jesus to have mercy on them.

The actual mercy they were looking for was probably food. Lepers were not allowed to enter towns or other public places because they were thought to be physically and spiritually "unclean." In Jesus day, leprosy could be anything from actual leprosy to any variety of skin disorders. Someone with a bad case of eczema could be called a "leper."

Without much imagination, one can grasp the hardships of being called a leper. A leper was only allowed to be with other lepers. They had to beg for food from a distance. They were not permitted to have contact with anyone, including (with some exceptions) their families. Because they were also considered spiritually unclean. Lepers were not allowed to worship in the Temple or in synagogues. No one wanted to be contaminated by their uncleanness. Lepers were pushed to the margins of society.

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## At a Glance:

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| 11/4     | Turkey Supper<br>Change Clocks back 1hour   |
| 11/5     | All Saints Sunday   |
| 11/11    | Men's Breakfast   |
| 11/12    | Consecration Sunday   |
| 11/17    | Kidz Movie Night  |
| 11/19    | UMW World Thank Offering Sunday<br>Hanging of the Greens<br>Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service |
| 11/23-24 | Church Office Closed  |

Wishing you a very  
Happy Thanksgiving!!



*Luke 17:19*

*Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."*



CrossTalk continued...

Besides having leprosy, it would appear at least one of the group was a Samaritan. If you are a good and faithful Jew in Jesus time, you would avoid Samaria and Samaritans at all costs. They were considered half breeds who perverted the true religion of God. Samaria and Samaritans were so hated by the Jews, that strict Jews would go hours or days out of their way to avoid stepping on Samaritan soil.

Jesus does not give them food. Instead, he instructs them to go and present themselves to their priests. Priests were considered the experts in what makes one clean or unclean. Presumably, on their way to fulfill Jesus' instructions, they discover themselves to be healed. Though all 10 lepers are healed, one of them, a Samaritan, returns to Jesus.

When the Samaritan comes back to Jesus, he falls to his knees. The healed man is bursting with gratitude that cannot be contained or postponed. He thanks Jesus and praises God for his healing. Jesus is thoroughly impressed! He asks, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"

I suppose one could say that the other nine were on their way to fulfill Jesus's instructions. Also, I can imagine that the other nine were happy to be healed. We are never told what the other nine do. We are only presented with the one Samaritan who comes back to Jesus with thanksgiving and praise. His response to Jesus is neither common or polite just as Jesus' grace is beyond common or polite.

What Jesus did for the leprous Samaritan is what Jesus does for us. He gives us healing. In this season of Thanksgiving, let our response to all God has given us go far beyond routine, common courtesy, and politeness. Let it be such gratitude that we can do nothing short of falling to our knees before Jesus and give resounding praise to God.

God bless you.

*Pastor Tim Casey*

## November Communion Offering – November 5<sup>th</sup>

**Rainbow Covenant Purple Band will support  
IL Churches in Action on Alcohol & Addition Problems**

ILCAAAP is a statewide-non-profit organization dedicated to preventing problems caused by alcohol, other drugs, and gambling. ILCAAAP is a voice for churches at the State Capitol.

*Checks can be made payable to CUMC – Memo: ILCAAAP*



10:45 AM in Fellowship Hall  
Channahon United Methodist Church

## Our NEW **Café Worship** (2<sup>nd</sup> Service) Sunday Mornings at 10:45am

Do you want to worship in a casual setting? Maybe have a cup of coffee and a chocolate marshmallow cookie while listening to the sermon? If so, come to Café Worship on Sundays at 10:45 am. This service started in September and averages 20 to 25 people each Sunday. We start off with some praise songs, some are new so we all learn together. We verbally share our joys and concerns and we pray together. It's a different kind of worship, perhaps a little bit more intimate because the group is smaller, and the atmosphere is relaxed. There are a few kinks we are working out with our media presentations and technology and we are tweaking the components of the service to add some new ideas. Café Worship takes place while the kids are in Sunday School from 10:45 am to 11:45 am. If you are a parent who wants to be in worship and have your children be in Sunday School, this is the service for you! Come check it out.

**Anyone is welcome to join the worship leaders at any time!** Just email Matthew Miller at [matthewethanmiller@gmail.com](mailto:matthewethanmiller@gmail.com) to put your name on the weekly email list so you'll have the songs for whichever weeks you'd like to bring your instrument and/or voice! Rehearsals are held in the sanctuary on Sundays around 10:15am (following 9am service)

## Mission Giving Opportunity



**Turning LOVE into ACTION On November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
Give TIME \* Give DONATIONS \* Give VOICE \* Give PRAYERS

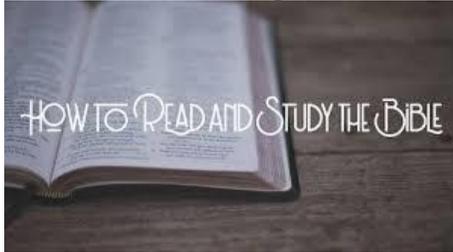
*Activate LOVE ~ Transform LIVES ~ Change THE WORLD*

[www.umcmision.org/give](http://www.umcmision.org/give)

# Church News

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!  
*Psalm 133:1*

## Adult Book Study Continues



*Wednesday Nights – 6:30pm - 7:30pm*  
*Led by Pastor Tim*

The class is set out to learn about how to read and study the Scriptures and the people to whom this revelation was first given. Each class is independent. **You will only need to bring a Bible and a notebook.**

This class will take place at the same time as our KIDZ CLUB and will lead into our Advent study "A Christmas Carol" that will begin after Thanksgiving.



Have you been thinking of making more time for prayer????

Join us in the Narthex for dedicated prayer on Wednesday mornings at 8:45am to 9:15am.



**Meets November 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Men of CUMC meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 7:45am at Grandma's Pancake House – 669 Minooka Rd - Minooka  
All men (High School and older) are invited!

## CUMC Shirts Still Available!



Outreach is still selling Polo shirts and T-shirts with a CUMC Logo  
This is a great idea for Church Events!

If you are interested in purchasing shirts – Please call the church office for assistance.

**\$20 - T-Shirts** (Adult Small – 2x)

**\$30 – Polo Shirt w/collar** (Adult Small – 2x)

**Get yours Today!**

## LOOKING TO HELP –

Be sure to stop by DONATION CENTRAL in the Narthex! Outreach and Education/Sunday School have several collections going on!!



## CUMC Adult Choir

Sings at the 9am worship service and rehearses at 8am on Sunday mornings in the choir room.

*An invitation is open to all who would love to share their musical talent!*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

*John 3:16*



## Annual Turkey Supper is Saturday, November 4th.

Reservations for dining-in are now being taken! Please call the church office to do so.

Seating times are still available at the 6:30p and 7p seatings.

Carry Out is available and will start at 3:30pm! No reservations for carry-out.

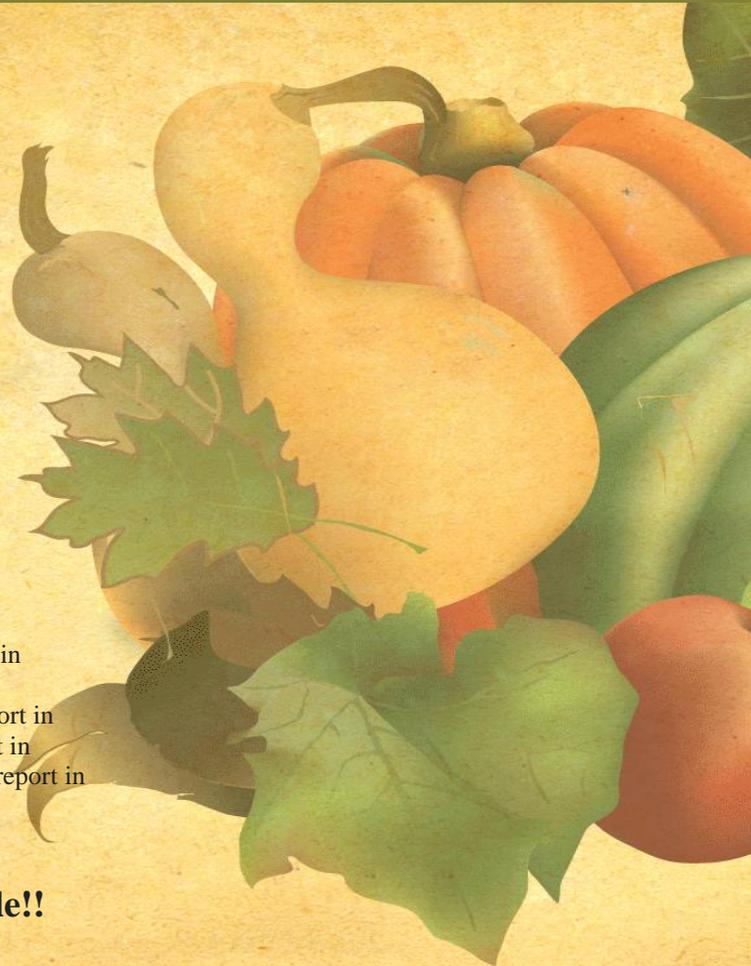
Sign up for volunteer prep work, donations, serving etc. are in Fellowship Hall. Be sure to stop by the tables and see what is needed & how you can help!

Make your family dinner reservations soon!

## TURKEY SUPPER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Wednesday	Oct 25	1:00 PM	Turkeys delivered to Jr. High
Sunday	Oct 29	<b>All donations – food &amp; supplies to be at church</b>	
Monday	Oct 30	6:00 PM	Cranberry relish preparation
Wednesday	Nov 1	1:00 PM	Giblet retrieval at Jr. High
		6:00 PM	Giblet preparation
Thursday	Nov 2	6:00 PM	Mashed potato preparation
Friday	Nov 3	9:00 AM	Stuffing preparation
		6:00 PM	Bake pies
		6:00 PM	Dining room set-up
Saturday	Nov 4	7:00 AM	Pick-up turkeys at Jr. High
		7:15 AM	Prepare turkeys for the grill
		12:00 PM	Turkey carving begins
		1:30 PM	Carry-out Volunteers report in
		2:00 PM	Pie Room Volunteers report in
		2:00 PM	Kitchen Stove-Side volunteers report in
		<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Carry Out opens</b>
		3:30 PM	Kitchen (window side) volunteers report in
		3:30 PM	Sink and dishwasher volunteers report in
		4:00 PM	Dining Room/Front Door volunteers report in
		<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Dining Room opens</b>
		4:30 PM	Plate scrapers volunteers report in
		7:30 PM	Clean-up crew shift begins

**Thank you to all that help make this day possible!!**



At Channahon UMC

**Wednesday – November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am**

Suggested Meal Donation is \$4 per person

Reservations are requested by the Monday prior  
call 815-726-0094 ext 322

Please Note:

Senior Luncheon will continue to be held on the  
**FIRST Wednesday of each month**  
(Except in November – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)

## All Saints Sunday - Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

We will give remembrance to our loved ones who have passed away since in the last year, since November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

If you would like to add a loved one to our list, please call the church office on or before October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please feel free to decorate our Sanctuary this day with flowers as you remember your loved ones.

We will have a MEMORY TABLE in the Narthex to place pictures or items of loved ones who have been gone but still remembered and missed.



# United Methodist Women/Faith-Hope-Love in Action

**Ruth Circle**  
Nov. 13 - 10am  
@ church-FH

**Rachel Circle**  
Nov 14 - 6p  
@ Church  
room 146

**Hannah Jessup**  
Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:30p  
@ Dawn B.

**UMW**  
**Circles**

**Circle of Hope**  
Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - 7p  
@ Judy M.

**Ladies Aid**  
Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9a  
In Thrift Shop

## UMW NEWS

**UMW World Thank Offering Service** – is November 19<sup>th</sup>, Lana Stafford will be preaching on this Sunday.

**UMW CIRCLES:** If you are interested in joining a UMW Circle, starting a new circle or learning about United Methodist Women, please contact Lana Stafford at 815-483-3796.

If you are on Instagram... Be sure to follow **UM Women** online [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

UMW  
World  
Thank  
Offering



### NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>

The World Thank Offering is one of United Methodist Women's five channels of undesignated Mission Giving.

This channel of Mission Giving is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission and advocacy in the United States and around the world.

The World Thank Offering, giving freely and abundantly in response to God's goodness, has been the way of life for United Methodist Women for over 130 years.



### November Shop Dates

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov 4</b>	<b>3:30p – 7p</b> <i>Turkey Supper</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov 5</b>	<b>10a – 11a</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Nov 8</b>	<b>11a-12n</b> <i>Senior Luncheon</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Nov 9</b>	<b>10a – 2p</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov 13</b>	<b>6p - 8p</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov 27</b>	<b>6p - 8p</b>

**Thrift Shop will be open during our Annual Turkey Supper – November 4<sup>th</sup>**

Ladies-Aid would like to invite anyone interested in volunteering with the Thrift Shop to see Lana Stafford, Susie Eaton or Donna Buckley for more information!

*The Thrift Shop will be open the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 10am for shopping convenience*



Let's spread the word about all the exciting things that are taking place at Channahon UMC. Next time you are at a church sponsored outing or attending a ministry event at church, take a picture of what's happening. The Herald News wants pictures of area church events and ministries. This is free publicity for CUMC! Send your pictures to Becky Casey at [beckyrosecasey@gmail.com](mailto:beckyrosecasey@gmail.com). If there are only 2 or 3 people in the photo, list their names, when and where the event took place and a description of what they are doing. If it is a large group picture, give a description and when and where it was taking place. If you have any questions call **Becky Casey at 815-557-9659**.

John 6:33-35

*“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”*

**From the desks of our  
Director of Christian Formation & Choir Director  
And the EDUCATION TEAM  
Brittany Alcantar**

Light snack  
will be provided  
Please let Brittany  
know of any  
restrictions.



Kids Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Wednesday Nights  
6:30p –7:30p  
Beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>



**GET PLUGGED IN...**

**Wednesday Nights  
6p-7:30pm**

**Kids 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade**  
are invited to come experience  
Youth Small Group.

**Bring a friend –**

it helps being in a group much easier!

*Any questions – call the church office or  
see Rachel Lynch-Kulisek.*

*Education Team Presents:*



**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> ~ 12n – 1:30pm**

Decorate your vehicle and bring candy to share with the  
kids as they visit trunk to trunk and enjoy doing a fun  
Halloween craft. A light lunch will be available!!



**Sunday Mornings 10:45a – 11:45a  
Pre-School to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade!**

*Preschool thru 5th grade meet in Room 146.  
Jr. & Sr. High meet in Room 140.*

Preschool thru 5th grade will continue with Deep Blue with the  
focus on Solomon during November. We will learn about Solomon  
becoming king, how his wisdom is in Proverbs, and how he built  
and dedicated the temple. Our Bible Verse for the Month :

**"God gave Solomon wisdom and very great understanding."  
1 Kings 4:29**

Please be sure to join us on November 19<sup>th</sup> as we will be  
putting together, decorating, writing notes, and praying over  
our Christmas Shoeboxes for Children around the world,  
getting them ready to be mailed!



Join us each month for  
**KIDS MOVIE NIGHT  
& PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!**

**Craft, Game, Movie, Popcorn & Refreshments!**

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 6p-8p**

**December 22<sup>nd</sup> 6p-8:30pm**

*(Extra Holiday Shopping Time)*

**'You don't have to hold a position  
in order to be a leader.'**

**Henry Ford**

# Community News & LOOKING AHEAD

## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church  
303 W St Mary's St, Minooka, IL  
**November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

*Feel free to share a plate of your favorite cookies and contribute to the non-perishable food collection that day.*



## Hanging of the Greens

**November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Following Café Worship  
*Many helping-hands are needed!*



## All Saints Sunday - Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

*We will give remembrance to our loved ones who have passed away in the last year, since November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.*

*If you would like to add a loved one to our list of remembrance, please call the church office on or **before October 31<sup>st</sup>**.*

*Please feel free to decorate our Sanctuary this day with flowers as you remember your loved ones.*

*We will also have an MEMORY TABLE located in the Narthex for anyone wanting to remember those who have long since passed on. Bring a picture or an artifact for the table.*



## November 12<sup>th</sup>

*This is the Sunday when we are invited to prayerfully consider our 2018 gifts and offering pledges and present our "Estimate of Giving" cards for our 2018 offerings.*

*Members and regular attendees of the church will soon receive a letter that will accompany the pledge card to be used and can be placed in the offering plate on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Extra cards will be available in the Narthex or call the church office..*



Featuring choirs, soloists, & ensembles from our Community!

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 3:00pm**

at Channahon United Methodist Church ~ 24751 W. Eames (Rt 6)

**Family and Friends are invited to celebrate with us!**

Let the 'REASON FOR THE SEASON' begin  
We look forward to seeing you!

We will have an afternoon filled with the Christmas Spirit thru sing a-longs, choirs, soloist, instrumental ensembles, etc.

All are welcome to participate and join! If you have a Christmas reading, song(s), ensemble, choir, etc that you would like to share or perform please let Brittany know by December 1st.

## 2017 Annual Church Conference

The date for our annual church conference is set for **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 10am between services. Our District Superintendent Dick Wisdom will be preaching at both services that day.

**The submission deadline for all reports will be November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

We encourage all to come to support the life and growth of our church, so mark your calendar.



The church office will be **CLOSED**  
**Thursday and Friday,**  
**November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



## Community Food Drive

Families of Faith Church of Channahon is collecting non-perishables for their Bikers Run Food Drive to help stock the shelves of their Living Mana Food Pantry.

A collection barrel has been placed in our front entry way. Please feel free to drop in any non-perishable donations.

They will pick up the barrel on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance for your help, support and generous hearts!



## Community Blood Drive

**Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:30a to Noon**  
**at Minooka Village Hall, 121 McEvilly Rd**

To reserve your preferred donation time go online to  
[www.Heartlandbc.org](http://www.Heartlandbc.org).

You can also call **John** at **815-325-8409** or email him at  
[KnightsBloodDrive@gmail.com](mailto:KnightsBloodDrive@gmail.com) with your preferred time.



**Walk-ins always Welcome; Appointments Preferred.**

*Remember to bring a photo ID and eat a good meal before donating.*

*This drive is sponsored by the Channahon and Minooka Knights of Columbus with Heartland Blood Center*

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I assure you that it will be very hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven.*

*But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first.*

**Matthew 19:23, 30**

# November 2017 Worship Service Volunteers

**Church Ambassador:** Witness Team

**Counters:** Sonny Hedgren & Cindy Boyer

## Communion Servers - November 5<sup>th</sup>

Barb Powell, Lana Stafford, Janet Robb, Pixie Koenig, Phil Hughes (L)

## Responsibilities of the Liturgist/Worship Ambassador:

*Call to Announcements, Lead Call to Worship, Reading of Joys and Concerns, Reading of Scriptures, assisting with the blessing of the offering, and assist with serving Communion (on Communion Sunday)*

	<u>November 5</u>	<u>November 12</u>	<u>November 19</u>	<u>November 26</u>
<b>Greeters</b>	Francisco Family	Sonny & Sharon Hedgren	Steve & Linda Olson	Steve & Diane McConaughay
<b>Liturgists</b>	Phil Huges	Elena Warren	Elaine Coen	
<b>A/V 1<sup>st</sup> Service</b>	Steve Olson & Mike Geldean	Mark Lindstrom & Anita Young	Anita Young & Mark Lindstrom	Mike Geldean & Steve Olson
<b>AV Café Worship</b>	Brendan O'Brien	Connor McKay	Connor McKay	Brendan O'Brien

*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary and you would like it to be added to the weekly bulletin announcement and monthly Circuit Rider calendar, please contact the church office @ 815-467-5275 or email: [Office@channahnumc.org](mailto:Office@channahnumc.org)*

## November Anniversaries

Nov 2 Al & Kris Mondrella  
Nov 28 John & Aileen Cotter

## November Birthdays

11/5 Ray Breen  
Wendy McSteen  
11/6 Kylie Blazekovich  
Sandy Fodero  
11/7 Don Meyer  
11/8 Carol Holt  
11/11 Nancy Snow  
11/12 Tedd McCauley  
11/13 Camden Elmore  
11/16 Maggie Hargis  
11/18 Erin Sweet  
11/20 Samantha Elmore  
11/24 Rick Lyman  
Joanie White  
11/25 Lowell Rainwater  
11/26 Genene Stoddard  
11/27 Eddie Fields  
11/28 Anita Young  
11/29 Samantha Pollard  
11/30 Everett Holt

### Thank You.....

*Thank you to everyone who donated or volunteered at either or both October Events – Vendor/Craft Fair or the Outreach Spaghetti Dinner. Both events were very successful. Proceeds to benefit Outreach missions and General Funds.*

**Outreach Team & Volunteers**

*I would like to thank my church family for their kind thoughts, prayers, cards and offers of help as I am recovering from knee replacement surgery and also for Pastor Tim's hospital visits.*

**Carol Jones**

*I want to thank you so much for my get well card. I really lifted my spirits.*

*Thank you to the Trustees for their great Work Day – Many have noticed how nice things look.*

*Thank you so much for your prayers and the beautiful prayer blanket.*

**Paula Farrar & Family**

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>Worship:</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>10:45am</b>
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	<b>10:00am-10:45am</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:45am – 11:45am</b>
<i>Sunday School is offered for children Pre-school – 12<sup>th</sup> grade</i>	



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