

# The Union News

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*"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey—you are welcome here"*

*An "Open and Affirming" Congregation*

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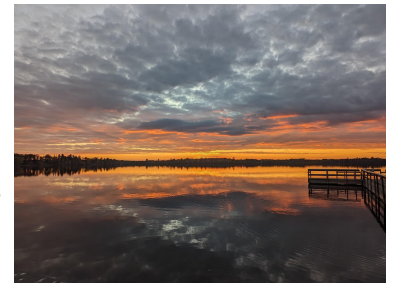
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# NOVEMBER 2023

## Notes from Rev. Torri Vande Zande

### Change

The days are becoming shorter, the wind has a chill, and millions of leaves are floating to the ground. It is fall! It is one of my favorite times of the year. It is a time when nature tells us there is change happening all around us... and it can be beautiful.



Here at Union Church, we experience a change every fall as well. Many of our members and friends leave for the winter months. They connect with other church families, serve in other ministries, and are Christ's hands and feet to other communities. We miss them, but also know they are still connected to us. We send them out with a blessing.

So when we gather on Sunday mornings it is a bit more empty in our sanctuary. We have put up the ropes on the back pews and have turned off a few lights in the back rows. This is not a sad event. We embrace the change. We snuggle into our fall (I dare not say winter yet) rhythm. We put on an extra layer of clothing and we continue to live in community through the colder months. This is a precious time and we know that.

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Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM

Communion: First Sunday of Every Month

## CHURCH STAFF

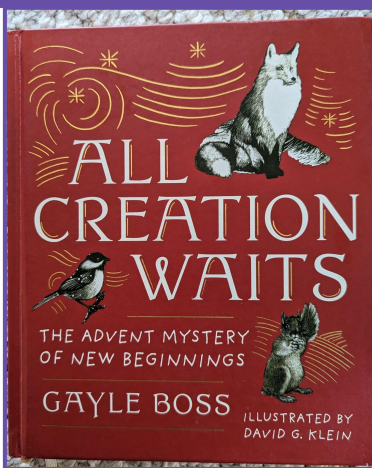
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Moderators	Marilyn McKnight & Steve Erickson
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Congregational Life	Joni Kumpula
Facilities	Mike Bohanon & Kerry Swenson
Personnel	Connie Schmitt
Worship	Heidi Hoppe
Men's Fellowship	Stan Kumpula
Women's Fellowship	Joni Kumpula
Adult Learning	Linnea Dietrich
Tech Team	Mike Schmitt
Online Sales	Cindy Gulbrandson
Justice Ministry Team	Sue Kimmel

## ADVENT

Advent begins at the end of November, and I am preparing Sunday services using a book called, All Creation Waits by Gayle Boss. It's about how animals prepare for winter and how they wait for spring. I thought some might be interested in purchasing the book if they would like. It is not necessary, but those who have a love for animals might enjoy it.



Pastor Torri

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 5	Caryl Allan
November 7	Jan Bontrager
November 14	David Holle
November 16	Debbie Hughes
November 20	Marilyn McKnight Erickson
November 23	Barb Mann
November 30	Richard Vanden-Eykel

*Happy Birthday!*



Karen Holle, Linda Ottman, and Sabbastian Wilson-Webb, Editors

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As we go through this time of change, let us be gentle with ourselves. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for slowing down and take in all that this season brings us. Breathe deep the cooler air knowing that God is in every molecule. Touch the fallen leaves knowing that even the trees know when to let go. And may we as a church be strengthened as we continue to find community, support, and love within our little congregation up here in the Northwoods.

Peace,  
Pastor Torri

## ADULT LEARNING

*Linnea Dietrich*

A small prayer group I am part of has been reading a book called Practice of the Presence by Brother Lawrence, translation by Carmen Acevedo Butcher. It is a wonderfully deep book about the importance of paying attention to seeing God and the Spirit within ourselves, in others, in nature, our circumstances, and essentially everywhere. Brother Lawrence writes, "THE most sacred and most necessary practice in the spiritual life is the presence of God." Later in the book he says, "God paints themselves (meaning Jesus, the Holy Spirit and God) in the foundation of our souls." Let's just sit with that thought for a minute, or an hour, or a day. How do we see and experience this Presence that is "painted into the foundation of our soul?" How do we awaken our awareness of this Presence of profound Love?

This is our intention in our prayer practice of Lectio Divina together in the library at Union Wednesday afternoons at 4 PM. We intentionally pray/meditate together on verses from the Bible as we Practice the Presence discerning what "they" are saying to us personally. You are welcome to join us in this discovery journey. If interested, give me a call or talk to Pastor Torri.

However, starting November 29th through December 20th, we will be suspending Lectio until January and doing an Advent study together called Lighted Windows by Margaret Silf. The tagline on the book cover says, "Advent Reflections for a World in Waiting." We skimmed the surface of this book last advent season and plan to go deeper this season into her reflections. Please join us. Books will be available in the church office for \$5.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Well, the big event in October was the Chili & Pie Supper that was also noted in the Women's Fellowship article. It was great to see a number of volunteers to help with the event. The idea behind it was to raise funds so we could continue to purchase chicken or ham for the holiday food boxes that we participate in with Share and Care and the Hackensack Lions.

Our November meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> will be to do the church fall cleanup. As of this writing there are still leaves on the trees around the church but they should be down by our meeting. In any event, there is plenty to do around the church.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and I'm sure we will be well on the way to another winter season!

Stan Kumpula



# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## OCTOBER 19, 2023

**PRESENT:** Cindy Gulbrandson, Linnea Dietrich, Sue Kimmel, Pastor Torri Vande Zande, Don Hoppe, Karen Holle, Marilyn McKnight Erickson, Steve Erickson, Joni Kumpula, Mike Schmitt, Connie Schmitt, Gunder Austin, Heidi Hoppe, Mary Parrish

Marilyn called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved as written. Karen/Gunder. The minutes were approved as written. Sue/Linnea.

**Pastor's Monthly Report:** Pastor Torri highlighted several items in her report. For the Advent period, Pastor Leif and Pastor Torri have decided to bring back "The Holden Evening Prayer" using more people from the two churches to sing. If you would like to be a singer or reader for this wonderful service, please let Heidi know. On Wednesday, November 22 Tammy will be preparing a traditional Thanksgiving meal for the community. This will be well advertised and we hope the meal will attract a good crowd. On Thanksgiving Day, November 23, there will be a potluck gathering in the Friendship hall at noon for anyone looking for a meal, a chance to play games, or to watch football.

**Facilities:** The work to bury the water line into the church to prevent our water pipe freezing up in the winter has been completed. The road has been repaired and looks good. We don't know our cost of this project yet. Advantage Heating was here yesterday to check out the furnace that heats the back of the Sanctuary. No report on what they found yet. New thermostats have been installed throughout the church. Work to replace cam lights with LED lights is progressing.

**Personnel:** Chris Swenson and Connie Schmitt are looking at job descriptions, meeting with church employees, and are reviewing personnel policies and the responsibilities of the Board of Personnel.

**Board of Financial Stewardship:** Don reported that September has been a good month with income at \$14,739 and expenses at \$14,659. Our Year to Date Balance is \$26,552. As of October 18, we have received 37 pledges for a total of \$100,220. This is 80% of our 2024 goal.

### **Ministry Team Reports:**

**Congregational Life:** Joni reported that she has called several of our homebound or out of town church members this month and has had long and wonderful conversations with them. They are often hungry for news of church and members they haven't seen. Torri spoke about the reorganization that the Congregational Life team is making. There are five important functions included in Congregational Life: Called to Care (calling, visiting), Directory and Membership, Promotion, Fellowship/Relations (Community Meals, Game Nights, Movie Nights, Dick's Jam) and Church Growth (Baptisms, Confirmation, New Members). If you have a passion for this type of ministry please consider joining this team. We need you!

**Worship:** Heidi reported that we have an average of 40 people attending in-person worship, and 6 families attending online. Approximately 9 people regularly attend the Birchview service at 1:00 on Sundays. For Advent this year we will use the Holden Evening Prayer material as we have done in the past. Multiple singers and speakers are encouraged to get involved.

**Adult Learning:** Linnea talked about the Lectio Divina group which meets weekly and is enjoying focusing and meditating on a short passage from the Bible each week. This allows for a deep dive into the meaning of the passage for each person. During Advent the Wednesday meetings will switch from Lectio Divina to the Lighted Windows book by Margaret Silf.

**Women's Fellowship:** Joni reported on the October meeting which featured Kirin Christianson and was very interesting. In November the women will meet at church and will travel to Nisswa for lunch and shopping. The Christmas bake sale is December 3, and the Christmas luncheon is December 14.

Men's Fellowship: The Men's Fellowship Chili and Pie supper will be this Saturday from 5:00 to 6:30. The Women's Fellowship is helping with the event and is making pies for the meal. Proceeds from the evening will be used to purchase food for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes that the men prepare each year.

Justice Ministry Team: Sue spoke about the water testing event the Justice Ministry Team helped with at the Hackensack Chainsaw Weekend in September. One hundred and forty people dropped off water to be tested that day. On October 24 a new book study will be available in person or by zoom. The book is called, All You Ever Wanted to Know About Indians, But Were Afraid to Ask. Contact Don Hoppe if you would like to be included in the discussion.

Fundraising: Steve reported that on October 9 he met with the Fundraising ministry team to discuss building use fees and other ideas for raising money for the church. Notes from the meeting aren't available yet, so this item will be discussed more thoroughly in November. Council discussed the need to have someone from the church be present when the church is being used by a group for an extended period of time to protect the church from damage. Also discussed was the need for a lock box that can be coded for events that people are having at church that allows access without giving out keys. After each event the code can be changed.

A year ago Council decided to charge \$2.00 per person when groups were coming in for church sponsored events, ie, exercise class, Dick's Jam, Bone Builders. **Motion: Discontinue the \$2 charge for outreach related groups that use our building. People are free to make a "free will offering" to help cover utility costs if they so desire.**

**Mike/Stan/passed**

Tech Team: Mike Schmitt reported that the tech team will be sponsoring a sale of "tech" equipment that has been refurbished on Oct. 28 from 9:00am-1:00pm in the Friendship Hall at church. The event is being advertised on Facebook.

New Business:

Pastor/Parish Ministry Team: Don is interested in having the Pastor/Parish team re-organize which will make our church a more healthy church than it already is. **Motion: To re-create our Pastor/Parish ministry team after re-writing the job description for the team. Don/Gunder/passed.**

Old Business:

Child Care Pod Update: Cindy indicated that a very promising person was interviewed for the job of running the child care pod. It is hoped that the program can open January 2, 2024.

Adjournment: Next meeting is November 16. Clerk: Karen Holle

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Greetings! Happy November and Happy Thanksgiving either up here in the north or wherever in the far warm lands you may be. We are thinking about you. October was really lovely, and we actually had two separate fall leaf colorings. They both were gorgeous, and I certainly don't ever remember that happening before. Must be God's work!

Nothing slows down for November around Union. Our Chili and Pie Supper with the men was wonderful. Good food and great company always work. This month we are going out and about. We will meet in the UCC parking lot at 11:00 am and then head to Nisswa. We will have lunch at a restaurant and walk the block of all the fun shops. Maybe a bit of shopping, and then meet back at the restaurant to go home. Remember that's the second Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of November!

Don't forget the Cookie Sale Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Congregational Luncheon on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Also, we said yes to the construction cleanup for the daycare center when needed. Many hands make light work. Lots of events and stuff for our fellowship to be busy with in the coming days.

See you in church, Joni and Caryl

## THROUGH KODA'S EYES

Hi! My name is Koda and I am "The Church Dog"!

The leaves are changing and it is getting colder! Do you know what that means? It means Turkey Day is coming soon! This is the day humans gather together because they are grateful. They call it Thanksgiving, but I call it Turkey Day because I get to eat turkey!

I find it interesting that humans need a day to express their thanksgiving. I do that EVERY DAY! Here are a few things I am thankful for: Squeaky toys, treats, a big backyard, fall smells, cheese, and my human who loves me. I am so thankful every day for the life I have. And thank you all for being part of my life and making me the happiest "Church Dog" ever!

Koda: So Bandit... What are you thankful for?

Bandit (the cat): "Koda, just leave me alone."

Koda: "No! Say what you are thankful for!"

Bandit (the cat): "Fine! (Sigh\*) I am thankful that I get fed everyday. I am thankful I get treats. I am thankful that I have chased and killed many things this summer. I am thankful that my claws are sharper than yours. I am thankful that you sleep soundly as I stare at you during the night. Do I need to go on?"

Koda: "Umm...No. That's good. Thanks. I think I need to speak with my human about a few things.

Have a barky day everyone! Remember to be thankful this season!!!

Koda "The Church Dog"



## THANKSGIVING DAY GATHERING

There will be a Thanksgiving Day gathering in the Friendship Hall from 12:00-4:00pm. If you do not have plans with family that day, Pastor Torri is inviting you to come and celebrate with us. We will have a wonderful potluck meal, play games, watch football, and have wonderful conversations. Bring a dish to share! And... if you have a favorite game, bring it along!

Please let Pastor Torri know if you will be coming.

## BOARD OF FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Operating Income and Expenses

Giving Income — September	\$12,237.00	Year to Date Giving	\$88,306.00
Pre-Paid 2024 Pledge	\$1,200.00	Pre-Paid 2024 Pledge	\$2,400.00
Other Income* — September	\$1,266.05	YTD Other Income *	\$48,618.89
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$14,739.05</b>	<b>YTD Total Income</b>	<b>\$150,361.89</b>

<b>Expenses — September</b>	<b>\$14,659.03</b>	<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	<b>\$128,450.88</b>
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<b>Balance — September</b>	<b>\$ 80.02</b>	<b>Balance — Year to Date</b>	<b>\$21,911.01</b>
		Prepaid & Carryover	\$4,641.24

**Final Balance** **\$26,552.25**

\* Other income includes Treasure Sale, Community Meal, fundraisers, building use, donations, and all other income sources except interest and dividends generated from restricted funds and specified donations or grants not going into operating funds.

Checking available:	\$ 57,116.44
Total Assets	\$ 298,853.93

### Summary

September giving was good, and expenses were about normal.

At this point our position of revenue vs. expenses continues to be fine, especially if looked at on an annual basis and compared to our approved budget. And we hope to have a moderate carryover for the 2024 budget.

2024 Stewardship Campaign: As of October 23, we have received 38 pledges for 2024, 35 are current pledging units (with a 5.5% increase) and 3 are new. Total pledged is \$101,720 or 81% of the \$125,000 goal. If you have not yet pledged your support, please do so as soon as possible since we have begun the budgeting process for 2024.

A Giving Statement through October will be sent out early November concerning status of 2023 pledges.

**Strong completion of 2023 pledges and additional 2024 pledges are needed as we plan for next year.**

## JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM

The Justice Ministry Team has been taking regenerative care of our environment by focusing on access to clean water. Our free water testing clinic in September brought 140 participants to our booth in Hackensack. Testing results indicated normal levels of nitrates and chlorides in all but a few water samples.

JMT members will be attending the Rural Organizing Project, Rural People's Agenda zoom on November 4th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Discussion for the zoom will set an agenda for rural issues such as climate, housing, healthcare, and childcare. If you would like to be added to the zoom link, please contact Sue Kimmel, [suekimmel@gmail.com](mailto:suekimmel@gmail.com).

You still have time to join our Fall Book Study. We are reading, [Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask](#) by Anton Treuer. Join us in the church library or via zoom on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The Congregational Life Team is looking for a few more people to be on their team. This team focuses on 5 areas of the church:

1. Called to Care - this small team does calls, visits and writes cards to members and friends of the church.
2. Internal Workings - these people help update the directory and keep contact information current.
3. Communication - this is a person/persons who make sure all of our events are publicized not only in our church, but to our entire community.
4. Fellowship/Relationship Building - This team oversees Wednesday night meals, game nights, movie nights, and other activities we do on Wednesday evenings.
5. New Members - This group of individuals help the pastor engage with people who would like to become members.

If this sounds like a place you would like to be involved in, please contact Pastor Torri at [pastor.ucchackmn@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.ucchackmn@gmail.com) for more information. We need you!

## NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

What a lovely autumn we have had! The trees were exceptionally beautiful this year, and although we've had a few cool nights and days, we've also had a few gloriously warm days as well. Makes one glad to be alive!

Many of our summer members and friends have headed south for the winter. As a consequence, the back of the sanctuary has been roped off. I know Pastor Torri likes having us closer, as it makes for a more intimate gathering.

November is shaping up to be a busy month at Union:

- November 5 - Daylight Savings ends.
- November 5 we will celebrate All Saints Day and remember our friends who have passed away in the past year.
- And if that's not enough, on November 5 we will celebrate Torri's 5th anniversary as our pastor. Let's shower her with cards!
- The Christmas Season is fast approaching. November 26 is the first Sunday of Advent.
- Our joint advent services with St. Paul's will begin on Wednesday, November 29th.

This year we will again experience the Holden Evening Prayer service each Wednesday night at 5:00 during Advent. It is a lovely celebration of the Annunciation and Magnificat performed by choir and congregation. If you would like to sing with the choir, please contact Heidi. Rehearsals will be held at 4:00 on November 8th at Union and 15th at St. Paul's. Take care, and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Worship Ministry Team: Heidi Hoppe, Caryl Allan, Gunder Austin, Sheryl Kaubisch, Gracee Rudkin, and Mary Parrish.





## JUSTICE TEAM - HISTORIC DATE - AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

*Richard Vanden Eykel*

August 1, 2013. Why is this an important date in Minnesota's state history? On this date, it became legal for same sex marriage to be performed. From the perspective of a gay senior citizen, I never thought that I'd ever see this happen in my lifetime. As a 21-year-old in 1970, trying to fit into society's expectations, I married my first wife, and we have 2 daughters from this marriage. After being married for almost 21 years, I filed for a divorce. Then following years of dating several women, there was a second marriage ending in divorce, at the age of 45. I then lived with another woman for a short time, and when things didn't work out with her, I decided that I was finished with women.

On September 1, 2006, I was shopping at Walmart in Jamestown, North Dakota when I ran into a friend, who introduced me to his friend, and that was Gunder. Gunder and I talked, and it was obvious that we had a lot of similar interests. We became close friends, and after a period of time, I asked him to move in with me, since we were together almost daily. Three months later our apartment became infested with black mold, and we had to find a different place to live. We found the nicest little house. A few months later, my mother had issues with her care facility, so we asked her to move in with us, which she did. We were able to be a family for about 2-1/2 wonderful years, and she passed away on March 30, 2010. I was the administrator of Mom's estate, and Mom had a house located south of Akeley. Gunder and I bought my sister out, and by fall we had moved from Jamestown, North Dakota to rural Akeley!

I never expected to move back to this area, this place from my past, where people are very judgmental. For the most part though we were accepted in the community. We joined several organizations and help with community undertakings. August 1, 2013 came and went, and getting married again was the farthest thing from my mind. We headed to southern Minnesota to attend Gunder's niece's wedding, then headed to Washington, DC. I really don't know what came over me... except that being a 100% disabled Vietnam veteran meant that a spouse would provide some good health insurance and medication benefits. So over morning coffee, getting ready to travel, the following statement came blurting out of my mouth. "Who's the next person to get married in your family?" Gunder stated, "probably one of my nephews." I said, "No... How about you?!" He said, "Yes!" and we decided on 09/01/2013 for our wedding, the 7th anniversary of our meeting. Vacation was over just in time to get our marriage license in Bloomington, Minnesota, as we didn't know what to expect in Park Rapids. We expected a total of 6 people at the wedding, and there were about 40 people who attended, with a potluck following. On that day, at the age of 64 years and 9 months, I stopped having to live 2 lives, and could focus on just being me.



In July of 2014, we decided to purchase a different home, as my medical issues made our place unlivable (small rooms and very little natural light). We found a place half a mile north of our old place and moved in completely by September.

Most of my family had little or nothing to do with us, and this became very apparent in 2016. My first cousin, Robert, was diagnosed with a brain tumor, and the prognosis wasn't good. We invited him to come live with us and we would take care of him until he passed, which was only about a month. Not one of his/my family members came to see him, and I found out later that it was because of Gunder and I being married. Also, the minister at the funeral wouldn't read the obituary as it stated that Robert was being taken care of by his cousin, Richard, and husband, Gunder.

With this in mind, we have decided that we will only be with people that are positive and supportive to our lifestyle; that being all of Gunder's family, one family of cousins, and of course our church family.

# ONGOING EVENTS



## Women's Fellowship

Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

Shopping in Nisswa! Meet at UCC and carpool together for an afternoon of fun!

Any questions, please call the office at 218-675-6300 or email the church at [unionucc401@gmail.com](mailto:unionucc401@gmail.com).



## Men's Fellowship

Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

Fall Cleanup at the church!

Please RSVP at 218-675-6300 or email the church at [unionucc401@gmail.com](mailto:unionucc401@gmail.com).



## Lectio Divina

Every Wednesday at 4:00 pm  
In the Church Library

Meaning "divine reading," Lectio Divina is a meditation and prayer practice intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word.



## Fit2Move Exercise Group

Every Wednesday at 10:00 am  
In the Friendship Hall

## COMMUNITY MEALS IN NOVEMBER



Every Wednesday 5:00 - 6:30 pm Friendship Hall  
All meals will have a veggie side, salad and a dessert



### Community Meal Menu

- November 1<sup>st</sup> — Chili
- November 8<sup>th</sup> — Chicken Tortilla Soup
- November 15<sup>th</sup> — Hobo Stew
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> — Thanksgiving Dinner
- November 29<sup>th</sup> — Shepherd's Pie

### Wednesday Night Events in November

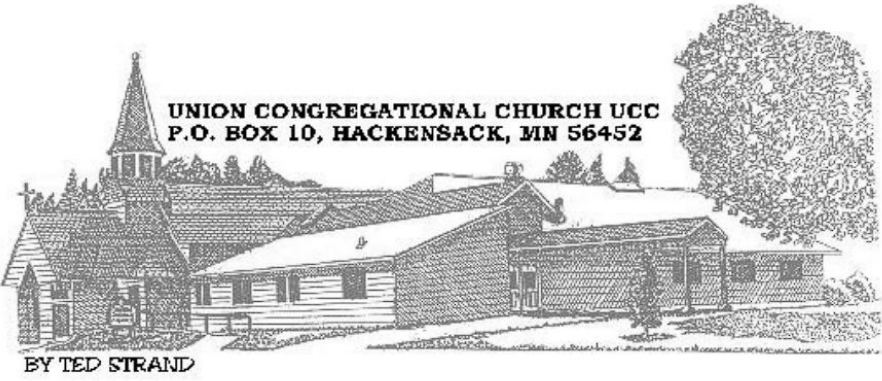
- Game Night — November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 pm in the Friendship Hall
- Dick's Acoustic Jam — November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 pm in the Friendship Hall
- Movie Nights taking a break for winter**

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## November 2023

\* Community event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>5</b> 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee Hour 1:00 pm Birchview Church	<b>6</b> 1:30 pm Bone Builders* 6:00 pm AA Open Meeting*	<b>7</b> <i>Election Day</i> 9:00 am Tech Team Meeting 6:30 pm Book Study in the Library	<b>8</b> 10:00 am Fit2Move in Friendship Hall 4:00 pm Holden Prayer choir rehearsal 4:00 pm Lectio Divina 5:00-6:30 pm Community Meal 6:00-8:00 pm Board Game Night	<b>9</b> 11:00 am Women's Fellowship - Lunch and Shopping in Nisswa!	<b>10</b> Veterans Day (Observed) Office Closed 1:30 pm Bone Builders*	<b>11</b> Veterans Day
<b>12</b> 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee Hour 1:00 pm Birchview Church	<b>13</b> 1:30 pm Bone Builders* 6:00 pm AA Open Meeting*	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Men's Fellowship in Friendship Hall 6:30 pm Book Study in the Library	<b>15</b> 10:00 am Fit2Move 4:00 Holden Prayer choir rehearsal 4:00 pm Lectio Divina 5:00-6:30 pm Community Meal 6:00 pm Dick's Acoustic Jam	<b>16</b> 1:00 pm Council Meeting	<b>17</b> Office Closed 1:30 pm Bone Builders*	<b>18</b>
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**2023**

Don't forget to set your  
clocks **back** on Sunday,  
November 5th!



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