# The Visitor

### prayer concerns

#### **Please Pray For:**

- •Ryan Christman is home recovering from intestinal surgery that was done on 1/29, with an expected recovery time of four weeks.
- •Sandi Newland as she recovers from surgery done on 1/30 to deal with her cancer.
- •Brayden Hall as he recovers from a second surgery on his shoulder.
- •Sue Grieser as she starts 3 months of chemo treatments on 2/13 for the recently diagnosed colon cancer.
- •Sandy Miller had back surgery on January 23rd.
- •Dianne Wyrick had bowel surgery on January 21st and a kidney procedure on the 24th.
- •Jane Short is in Rupp Rehab for a time of physical therapy following hip surgery after a fall.
- •Callie Ruffer, born July 26th, 2018 daughter of Cameron & Kristen, granddaughter of Ed & Julie, who came through heart surgery very well and continues to recover and improve.
- •Jeremy Neuenschwander, as he continues to be treated for cancer, now seeing an oncologist in Bryan, in cooperation with his medical team at the Cleveland Clinic.
- •Brenden Bostelman, deployed to Afghanistan (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- •Kyle Ducey, at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- •Jared Kuntz, at Guam (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- •Eric Magg, at Ketchikan, Alaska (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- •Shayne & Taylor Pitts, at Bolling AFB, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- •David Richardson, enlisted in the Marines, reports to boot camp on 2/25 (Son of Shannon & Yesi)
- •Donny Richardson, in the Marines (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- •Joshua Richardson, in the Marines (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- •Steve Schink, at Port Angeles, WA (Coast Guard) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- •AJ Short, at 29 Palms, California (Marines) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- •Kyle Stuckey, at Killeen, Texas (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- •Kollin Woolace, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Grandson of Larry & Melva).
- •All of our home bound and care center residents.

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Please consider sending cards to these people letting them know that we continue to lift them up to God in prayer, that He will guide, comfort and sustain them through these times.

#### **HomeBound/Care Facility Residents**

Cards, phone calls and visits to our home bound would be a wonderful blessing:

Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd. Archbold, 43502

Florence Augustine, Room #177 David Lightner, Room #138 Esther Rice, Room #116 Cathy Spiess, #153 Josephine Short, Room #112

Paul Sigg, Room #178 Nancy Ries, Room #158

Carolyn Walker, Room #399 (Memory Care Unit)



Wyse Commons, 550 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502 William and Donna Buehrer, Apt. #107 Wayne & Susanne Spiess, Apt. #309

Independent Living, 600 Haven Dr., Archbold, Rosemarie Schmidt, Apt. #112

Fulton Manor, 723 S. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, 43567 Robert Kuntz, Room #225-2 Bernice Rice, Room #224-2 Pauline Zimmerman, Room #505 Joanne Spotts, Room #113

Northcrest, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, 43545 Irene Short, Room #100

Genesis Health Care, 1104 Wesley Ave., Bryan, 43506 Verlene Lovejoy, Room 203B

### pastor's letter

Are You Listening?

Last month, we began the training portion of our church's Stephen Ministry. This is the fruit of over a year's work, and an answer to many prayers. We have a class of six trainees, who will be equipped to provide distinctly Christian care to individuals in our church and community going through challenging life circumstances. It's not a question of "if" these Stephen Ministers will be needed, but "when". At some point in our lives, each of us face circumstances in which we would benefit from having a caring individual with whom we could meet, to whom we could confide our fears and frustrations, and from whom we could receive prayer in the name of Christ. Perhaps even now you feel like you could benefit from having a Stephen Minister invest in you?

During one of our recent training sessions, we talked about practicing and cultivating listening skills. We briefly considered the acronym SOLAR, which reminds good listeners to:

- 1. Sit slightly forward
- 2. with an Open, relaxed posture
- 3. Look into the other person's eyes
- 4. pay Attention to what the other person is saying
- 5. Reflect what the other person is saying

In addition to talking about how we can serve others by being good listeners to them, we discussed how good of a listener God is to us...how he's never too busy to hear from us, even as he sits in his temple as the Sovereign Lord of all of creation (Ps. 18:6), and how he hears us the moment we begin speaking (Isaiah 65:24). We looked at Jesus, and how he heard the cries of a blind man shouting out to him from among a crowd, and how Jesus took time to be with this man, and to hear what he wanted (Luke 18:35-43). Isn't it sweet to know our God hears when we call, listens intently, loves us dearly, and has the power to deliver us?

However, what stood out to me most from our training session was the call for us to be good listeners to God. God speaks to us through his Word. But are we intently listening? Do we give God the same undivided attention we give an important customer? The same attention we give to a friend or family member telling us something important from his or her day? Take time this month to practice your best listening skills as you spend time with God. Here's an exercise we did in our training session: pick a passage of Scripture, and read it. Then read through it again slowly. Read through it again and write down your answers to these reflection questions:

- 1. What content is God sharing?
- 2. What feelings is God sharing?
- 3. What spiritual concerns is God sharing?

Here are a few passages that might be a good start for this exercise:

- 1. Psalm 46
- 2. Isaiah 40:25-31
- 3. Matthew 6:25-34
- 4. Romans 8:26-39

May you be blessed as you endeavor to truly listen to God!

Grace and Peace,

### congregational news & thank you's



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Alex & Jenny Young on the birth of their daughter, Joanna Joy Young on Jan. 3rd, 2019. Joanna weighed 8 lbs.. 8oz. and was 21" long. Her grandparents include Wayne & Lynn Lehman and and Jeff & Dottie Young. Joanna means "God is Gracious".



Dear Church Family,

Jenny and I are so grateful for the support shown to us upon the birth of our beautiful baby girl! We're grateful for the cards, meals, and baby clothes, for all your prayers, and for all the other ways you've supported us in the last few weeks! Jesus was right when he said that in the church, we receive a family a hundredfold (Mark 10:29-30). We'd welcome your continued prayers for Jenny's full recovery and for Joanna's growth in wisdom, faith, and love!

> With Gratitude, Alex & Jenny

Dear Church Family,

We thank you bunches and bunches! Thank you so much for all you did for Edgar's funeral. Bonita Sauder and Family.

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Sue MacDonald Director/Teacher



Joan Wyse **Teacher Assistant** 





Registration for next fall has begun! We still have space in morning & afternoon classes, so if you know anyone who has a child who will turn 3 by Aug.1, 2019, let them know about our program!

We hope you have been enjoying our artwork in the hallways! After we returned from Christmas Break, we started learning about the season of "Winter" and "Arctic Animals". We learned a lot of interesting facts about animals that live where it is COLD, like the snowy owl. The younger children used torn white tissue paper and paper plates to make an arctic fox, while the older children painted penguin bodies and heads (all free-hand!) and added cotton balls for the white belly.

The older class participated in an interactive story, The Mitten, by Jan Brett. We made a largerthan-life mitten in the gym, and ALL of the children fit in it!

During the third week of the month, we brought a little warmth into the classroom as we talked about "Ocean Animals" and the "Beach". This is always a favorite among the children. We focused on the story of "Jonah and the Whale", learning about how we should obey God and trust in him. The older children worked on patterns as they strung beads on octopus "legs" at the Fine Motor center. They also practiced writing their

names in a sand tray at the Names center and played Shark Bingo at the Games center. The younger children played "Sounds of the Seashore", matching sounds and pictures at the Game center, enjoyed sand painting at the easel, and counted shells to match numbers 1-5 at the Math center.

The following week, we introduced a new theme, "Robots". The children loved constructing their own robot on paper, with various metal odds and ends. They also participated in "Robot Memory", a rhyming robot game, and painted with plastic gears at the easel. We are interested in some additional games, puzzles and toys for this theme, so if anyone has gently used items to donate, feel free to put them in the blue tub in the hallway by the preschool room. Thank you!!!



#### St. John's Christian Preschool – Volunteer Substitutes Needed

St. John's Christian Preschool is looking for fun, energetic, and compassionate volunteers to help substitute in our Preschool Room in the absence of either Mrs. MacDonald or Mrs. Wyse.

Our faithful leaders have created a fun learning atmosphere for young children ages 3-5, and want you to help team up with other volunteers that have the same drive to help teach in the classroom. Don't worry! A teaching license is not required!

Volunteers must have the following:

- \* Be 18 years old or older
- \* Have a high school diploma/GE

There are also some forms and trainings that will need to be completed, which is something that we will be helping with along the way.

You may be asking yourself "What's in it for me?"

#### **Service**

What better way to serve your church family and community than to take a few days a month to help aide in the classroom. As a substitute, you will help follow the directions of the lead teacher that day, whether it be Mrs. MacDonald or Mrs. Wyse.

#### **Positive Impact on Young Children**

Our preschool children are so impressionable at this point in their lives. The positive impact that you can show them through the love of learning about Jesus, and the cool things at the sand table, are a positive light that you can shine on them.

If you are asking yourself if you can give a day or a few days a month to volunteer in our preschool room, please consider! This may not only have a positive impact on our students, but also on you.

The Christian Preschool Board and staff would like to thank all of you that have made efforts to donate to our preschool. Whether that is with school supplies or monetary donations, they are a blessing. If you feel called today or in the coming weeks, please consider donating to the St. John's Preschool to assist us with supplies or simply volunteering your time in the classroom for a fun experience!

#### **Stephen Ministry**

I encourage you to read Luke 5: 17-26. The faith of the friends in this passage is strong enough to tear apart a roof in order to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus. They knew that He could heal their friend. Jesus is so moved by their faith that He does just that! The amazing thing is that Jesus does even more than they hoped for. He forgives the man's sins as well! Faith can move people to do incredible things. Through Jesus, the hearts of people can be changed. Jesus is still making huge impacts even today.

Please pray for our Stephen Leaders and Stephen Trainees as they begin their training session to help paralyzed people...people filled with fear and heartaches. The Stephen Ministry goal is to bring hope and faith to others!



#### We Need Tech Volunteers!

Please check the bulletin board to sign up for 10:30 worship service head usher, ushers, and greeters for 2019. A list of duties/responsibilities for ushers and greeters is posted next to each sign up sheet (contact the church office if you would like a printed or digital copy to have).



Sound Techs, Easy Worship Techs and Video Techs are also in high demand! While James, Angie, Kelly, Brian, Tom, Mark and Dean do a great job in getting ready for worship and their efforts on Sunday mornings are a blessing, changing schedules and other roles at church require us to find additional volunteers. If we have more volunteers serving, it can make each person's schedule easier. If interested, please talk with Pastor Erich, James Grime and/or Kelly Ducey.

### mission corner

### February Mission-A-Month

### **FISH Food Pantry: Out of Box Experience**

It is the goal of the Archbold Fish Pantry to assist low-income families on a short-term basis, particularly those in a crisis situation, and to share God's love and care. The Archbold Fish Pantry serves approximately 105 households each month. All of those households have an Archbold mailing address, live in the Archbold school district, or attend a church which supports the Archbold Fish Pantry. Each month nearly 4,000 food items are distributed and approximately \$700 is used to help families with rent, utility payments, or prescriptions. The Archbold Fish Pantry is completely reliant on the donations from generous people in our community. Thank you for your support in offering help and hope to those in need. (Resource - www.archboldfish.org)

With the Archbold FISH Food Pantry as our February Mission-A-Month, we are offering the "Out of Box Experience" once again! People are invited to gather in the chapel at 3PM on Sunday, February 10th to begin this mission adventure. Individuals, couples, families, children, youth and adults – all are welcome! We'll divide into shopping groups, then head out to the stores to shop for items for the pantry. After shopping, everyone will meet at the pantry to learn how it operates and we'll stock the shelves with the items just purchased. It's a mission/fellowship experience all rolled into one event!

Below is a current list of needed items (\* denotes desperately needed items) at the pantry, although all items are willingly accepted:

**FOOD** PERSONAL ITEMS Canned meat Toilet paper\* Canned potatoes Paper towels\* Diced tomatoes Multi-purpose cleaner Toilet cleaner Spaghettios\* Canned pineapple Dish soap\* Mandarin oranges\* 2 in 1 Shampoo\* Canned soup Body wash\* 1lb bags of rice\* Deodorant\* Spaghetti sauce **Toothpaste** Canola oil\* Sugar

Donated items can be placed in the white mission box in the chapel narthex. You can also give monetary donations through your weekly offering envelopes or in the church office weekdays from 8AM-5PM. Monetary donations allow the pantry to purchase needed items in bulk.

## Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:



Robert & Jenni McMahan, CRU (BGSU) website - www.give.cru.org e-mail - robert.mcmahan@cru.org e-mail - jennifer.mcmahan@cru.org

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### mission corner

**Back Bay Mission (BBM) Trip** 

Twelve people will leave on February 9th for five days in Biloxi, MS. Those twelve include: Larry Auck, Amy Christman, Betsy Ducey, Lyn Flowers (works at Archbold Medical Group), Don Geary, Jim Grieser, James Grime, Tom Johnson, Mike Meyer, Nancy Storrer, Kim M. Walker and Pastor Erich. Larry and Don have been on many trips to BBM and are friends of Erich's. The project of the week will be a house renovation project. The group will return on Saturday, February 16th.

#### **Summer Mission Trip**

Plans are set for another week of serving with the LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Michigan City, IN. Participants will head to Tower Hill Church Camp on Sunday afternoon, June 9th, spend Monday through Friday framing a new home, and return to Archbold late afternoon on June 14th.

### Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Altlink (The Langsdorf's), for our gift of \$1040.
- Reliant (Kyle Chase), for our gift of \$1000
- Reliant (The Pardi's), for our gift of \$700.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$4461.83.
- Solid Rock (DR Medical Team), for our gift of \$16810.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$355.
- Sparrow's Nest for our gift of \$440.54.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$335.50.

# ministry happenings

Valentínes Potluck February 17, 2019

The Fellowship Committee will provide the meat and beverages, and everyone can bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share! Let's enjoy gathering together and sharing God's love with one another!



# ministry happenings

### **Christian Education Mid-Week Youth Ministries:**

#### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study:**

Pastor Alex is helping with a Bible study from 7:15-8am at the A.M.S, open to all middle schoolers.

#### Friday Morning Bible Study:

The high school girls are meeting together for breakfast and Bible study every Friday morning. For more information, connect with Leah Miller.

JYF is starting 2019 with a focus on christian gifts/ characteristics. We've already learned a few things that make each of us original, and some we have in common. We've also discovered gifts that others may see in us! We always share some laughs when we meetask our youth about the babies they built for Pastor Alex and Jenny to judge, or what new dance moves we are working on! In February we will have a service night where we visit and learn about our local Sunshine homes, and other area agencies that provide assistance to people in our community.

SHSS/SYF: In January, the youth hosted two fundraisers, the spaghetti luncheon following the annual congregational meeting, and the annual Super Bowl Sunday sub sale. The money raised helps fund our summer mission trip, but also helps offset ministry expenses through the year. Thank you for your generous support of our youth ministries!

LOGOS: Our Wednesday evening program for children, is back in full swing. Our nightly themes for January have been, "Everybody's Birthday Night", where we ate birthday cake and celebrated everyone's birthday; "Beach Night", with most of us wishing we were at a warm beach somewhere; "Backwards Night", where we did everything backwards (including eating dessert first); and "Super Bowl Night", where we talked all about the Patriots and Rams. Feel free to stop in and check out what goes on during LOGOS on Wednesday evenings.

**Vacation Bible School** – we are in the process of seeking a director or co-directors to lead this summer's week of VBS! Please see Pastor Erich if you are interested!

#### Men's Prayer Breakfast – January 9, 7:40AM:

A monthly time to gather, enjoy breakfast, fellowship, hear a testimony, share joys and concerns, and pray together. Please plan to join us!

### Marriage Enrichment Weekend March 22-24, 2019 Michindoh Conference Center, Hillsdale, Michigan

When was the last time you had a whole weekend with nothing drawing away from attention toward your spouse? Whether your desire is to celebrate the joy of marriage, or to simply experience a time away with your spouse, this weekend is for you! Michindoh is hosting another exciting weekend where you will be encouraged in your walk with the Lord, worship together with other couples, and have the opportunity to rejuvenate your marriage as you set aside a few days to just enjoy being together. You'll appreciate the uplifting messages brought by our guest speaker as we are again reminded of God's great design for marriage.

Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to enjoy a little healthy competition during free time on Saturday afternoon, when we will have multiple recreation opportunities available. If you would prefer to just relax alone as a couple, our natural campus setting will offer just the right mix of trails, scenery, and quiet spots to enjoy fellowship alone. This weekend will also offer a cozy wagon ride, a date night, and an extra-special, romantic dinner on Saturday evening. You won't want to miss this affordable mini-vacation together!

For more information, or to register, visit the Michindoh website – www.michindoh.com and click on the marriage enrichment retreat picture under "Highlights" or click on the "Programs" tab and then the "Adult" tab. You also may contact their reservations office at reservations@michindoh.com or by calling 517-523-3616.

Pastor Erich shares the above information for couples to consider, and if one or more couples are able to participate, he'd appreciate knowing so he could follow up afterwards and get feedback.

February 2018							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
8:00AM Worship 9:15AM Sunday School 9:15AM Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation 10:30AM Worship	Mission-A-Month— FISH Food Pantry Elder of the Month— Ann Fether				1 5:00PM Soccer Practice	1:00PM Girls Scouts Dodge Ba Tourn.	
3 12:00PM Private Party (Parish Hall/Kitchen) 6:00PM Seekers (Stuckey's)	4 11:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Soccer Practice 6:30PM Stephen Ministry Tr.	5 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Cap. Camp. Com.	6 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 10:00AM AAMA 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF	7 6:00PM 6th Grade BB 6:00PM Preschool Mom's Night (M,W,F) 7:00PM Mission Com.	8 5:00PM Soccer Practice	9 Back Bay 7:40AM Men's Prayer Brkfst. 9:00AM Private Pa (Parish Hall)	
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		Back	Bay Mission Trip				
3:00PM Out of Box Experience - FISH 6:00PM Couples Small Group - SYF Room	11:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Soccer Practice 6:30PM Stephen Ministry Tr. 7:30PM Praise Band Reh.	9:15AM Bible Study 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Min. 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Property Committee	8:30AM Moms In Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Sty. 10:00AM Preschool Party (M,W, F) 2:00PM Preschool Party (M,W, F) 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM Life Planning	10:00AM Preschool Party (T, TH) 2:00PM Preschool Party (T, TH) 6:00PM 6th Grade BB 7:00PM Evangelism Com.	5:00PM Soccer Practice		
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# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 John & Mary Beck
- 2 Bruce Wooley
- 4 Riley Kleck, Nancy Lightner, Karen Rice, Shirley Wyse
- 5 Kaenan Helberg, Dave Miller, Brittany Yaichner
- 6 Rollin Nafziger
- 9 Karen Walker
- 10 Jason Pursel, Irene Short
- 11 Mindy Gruenhagen, Jen Lindsay
- 13 Linda Heer, Tony MacDonald
- 12 Vern & Mary Lou Nemire
- 14 Sue Buehrer, Tucker Johnston, Keith & Kelli Kuntz
- 15 Teresa Mann

- 17 Donna Buehrer
- 18 Jilian Kuntz, Jared Kuntz, Andrew Wyse, Justin & Kelsey Pursel
- 19 Erin Grieser, John Kauffman, Sue Kinsman, Judy Overmier, Ella Yoder
- 21 Blake Grime
- 22 Alex Young
- 24 Joe Short
- 27 Kenny Walker
- 28 Amy Christman

<sup>\*</sup> Please let us know if we do not have your special day correct. Thank you.

### worship

#### **February Worship Information:**

February 3rd Scriptures – Philippians 4:7, John 10:7-10, Proverbs 3:5-6

Sermon - "Me? I Have a Purpose? - Pastor Erich

10:30am - Praise Band

10:30am - Chancel Choir - "The Love of God"

February 10th Scriptures – Psalm 8, Psalm 10:1-4, Luke 13:1-9

Sermon – "Problem of Pain" – Pastor Alex

10:30am – Special Music – Klaire Kern – "Million Reasons"

February 17th Scriptures – Psalm 25:4-5, Psalm 121

Sermon – "My Hope Is In You" – Pastor Erich

10:30am – Praise Band

February 24th Scriptures – Titus 3:4-7, Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon - "Amazing Grace" - Pastor Alex

10:30am – Hand Bell and Hand Chime Choirs

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## consistory/committees

#### **Congregational Annual Meeting**

After a week's postponement due to very inclement weather, the annual meeting was held on January 27th this year. The business of the meeting was pretty routine this year – the 2018 financial reports, 2019 proposed budgets, and the annual consideration of our Mission/Vision statement and Membership Expectations – were all reviewed and approved. The results of the election of offices is as follows:

- Congregational President Gary Frazier
- Congregational Secretary Sarah Nafziger
- Elders Todd Nafziger, Brad Roth
- Deacon/Deaconesses Tim Beck, Mindy Gruenhagen, Keith Kern

### **February Daily Scriptures**

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

**Discovery**® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access this guide online at <a href="http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery">http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery</a>.

1	Reconciled?	2 Samuel 19:8b-18a	15 The Ultimate Standard	Matthew 5:33-48
2	Place of Grace	2 Samuel 19:8b-18a	16 Which Audience?	Matthew 6:1-4
3	Known by God	Psalm 139	17 Our Lord Who Is Here!	Psalm 141
4	End Well -Pass the Bator	n 2 Samuel 19:31-43	18 A Father's Ear	Matthew 6:5-15
5	The Pursuit of Wisdom -	2 Samuel 20:1-26	19 Life Investments	Matthew 6:16-24
6	Sing When You're Winn	ing? 2 Samuel 22:1-30 v	20 Trust Me	Matthew 6:25-34
7	Counting Your Steps	2 Samuel 22:31-51	21 Applications	Matthew 7:1-12
8	Finishing Well	2 Samuel 23:1-7	22 Hard Realities	Matthew 7:13-23
9	Counting the Cost	2 Samuel 24:1-25	23 Made to Last	Matthew 7:24-29
	-	Psalm 140	24 Crying to One Who Cares	Psalm 142
11	Catch A Blessing	Matthew 5:1-12	25 In Desperation	Matthew 8:1-13
12	Make A Difference	Matthew 5:13-16	26 Whom Do You Follow?	Matthew 8:14-22
13	Reaching Heaven	Matthew 5:17-20	27 When the Storm Strikes	Matthew 8:23-27
14	Facing Reality	Matthew 5:21-32	28 One Word	Matthew 8:28-34

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Holy Communion: New Year (1/6), Ash Wednesday (3/6), Maundy Thursday (4/18), Pentecost (5/19), Mid-Summer (7/14), World Wide Communion (10/6), First Sunday of Advent (12/1)

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