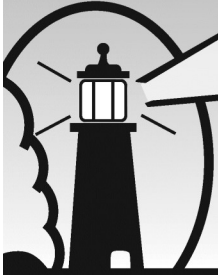


NICHOLS-BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



# The Enlightener

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## **Our GRAND OPENING WEEKEND...**

### **The WELCOME CENTER**

**September 17-18, 2011**

*"Come unto me," says Jesus.*

*Ever since... Welcome... lies at the center of the Gospel.*

**Saturday: 11 AM-2 PM COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

*Fun, Food, Tours, Community Resource Fair & More*

Ravens Poe Mascot

Lunch Fare: Arundel House of Hope

Johns Hopkins Space Club

Relay for Life

Odenton Fire Department

American Cancer Society Face Screening

Red Cross Disaster /CPR

Nothing But Net: No More Malaria

Steel Drums

Balloon Guy

Odenton Library

Odenton Town Planning

All Scout Groups

Chamber of Commerce

O Malley Center, Department of Aging

Rec. Department

**Building tours, NBUMC Missions Fair & Much, Much More...**

### **Dedication Sunday:**

**9:30 AM Services begin in thanks.**

We gather in the sanctuary to give God thanks for the welcome journey God has set before us, for God's vision of our Welcome Center and the provision of leaders, workers and donors who have made this great work possible.

**10:25 AM Services continue at the WELCOME CENTER DOOR.**

We process from worship to the Center, sharing in the DEDICATION OF THE BUILDING. (Outdoors, weather permitting.) Joyful surprises are in store. We enter with glad shouts!

**10:35 AM Services continue in Praise led by our "Search Party" band.**

*AS YOU CHOOSE... remain for praise.*

*...tour the new and refurbished facilities.*

*...enjoy Welcome Education Classes in ALL-NEW or NEWLY -Assigned rooms.*

*...Enjoy lite table fare and a story: "If Walls Could Talk", Fellowship Hall.*

**11:25 AM Welcome Cake & Punch:**

At the Beacon Café, the Overlook, Fellowship Hall



## Connecting Through Worship and Praise

**September 4, 2011 Labor Day Sunday**

Matthew 20: 1-14

*Learning from the Best...*

*"Take the BEST Bargain"*

**Holy Communion**

Chancel Choir returns; Sunday School in Session  
We celebrate the joy of laboring for Christ.

On September 25

We receive New Members. Please express your interest via the "Who's Who" worship registry, call or email the office (410-674-2272, or [office@nicholsbethel.org](mailto:office@nicholsbethel.org)) or speak to one of the pastors.

**September 11, 2011 We remember...**

Lam. 3: 19-26, 31-33; John 2; 18-22

*Speak to Us of Better Days*

*Falling & Rising: Ending & Beginning*

We toll the bell

in remembrance of 9-11-01 Md. victims.

We dedicate the NBUMC Peace Pole, all services, (to be planted on the grounds).

**September 18 GRAND OPENING**

*The Welcome Center*

**ONCE IN A LIFETIME!!!**

**Josh. 3:14-4: 7; Matt. 19: 13-21**

**Thanks, Dedication and Praise**

**Beginning at 9:30 AM**

*Come & See, Dare to Share, Go & Tell*

(See Page 1 for details.)

**September 25, 2011 When the Spirit**

**Pours**

Acts 10: 9-16 (sel.), 23b-24, 34-35

*Called to Radical Hospitality:*

*"Dare to Share"*

*Reporting from Camp Hope*

## **HOW TO Raise Up a Spiritual House**

Like house-building there are skills to learn, best practices to employ. Here's a good list.

*Learn and build on these Spiritual disciplines:*

### **Silence and Solitude**

Like Jesus, seek quiet and space to listen for "that still small voice". Align yourself with God's desires of you. Silence isn't just not-talking. It's opening our heart to God's will.

### **Sacred Reading**

Enter deeply into God's Word. God will make God's self known and shape our lives. Begin with prayer for God's presence and direction. Read the text aloud if possible. Then meditate on it. How does it apply to you? This can be done in groups, read by different voices so we can choose Bible words or phrases most meaningful and sharing those with the group.

### **The Jesus Prayer**

The Jesus Prayer goes, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." It's a way to help us pray continuously, to unite the mind and heart in God. Sit comfortably in a dim room, head bowed. Pray in rhythm with your breathing. In: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God." Out: "have mercy on me, a sinner." Repeating, focus on the meaning of the words. Pray them from the heart. Tradition says 100X.

### **Fasting**

Going without food is a spiritual exercise in self control, to purify us. It shows our excess material attachments and forces us to consider their spiritual implications. There are many ways to fast. To begin, start gradually. You can also fast from TV, Gadgets, Shopping. Anything that has a *stronghold* on your life.

### **Sabbath**

Sabbath comes from the Hebrew "to cease," the fourth Commandment. Christians are pointed forward to the peace of Christ. Ceasing from work calls us to worship, prayer, family time, reading, even naps and walks! Here's a radical break. We note the world can get along without us and that God provides, not we ourselves!

### **Service**

The best theology is empty without service. We do our best looking outward! Our cherished symbol is not a scepter but a towel! We live asking what Jesus calls us to do today, then doing it! "The spiritual life isn't *added* to our busy lives...It's to infuse and control what we already do with an attitude of joyful, constant service to God."

## **Hospitality at Home: "Making the Most of Marriage, Family, Faith"**

With KEVIN LEMAN, TAUGHT IN LIGHTHOUSE / BEACON CAFE

Sundays. October 9, 16, 23, 30... 5:30-7 PM  
(16<sup>th</sup>: light lunch, 12:15-2PM) Nursery provided  
November 6<sup>th</sup>: Marriage/Family/Committed Believer Services... Invite friends & family!

## ***Change-the-World Mission Days!***

United Methodists across the Conference are being invited to help *change the world* (one community at a time) from OCTOBER 8-10. Led by our Council on Ministries, Nichols-Bethel invites YOU to celebrate “Change the World Days!” Here at NBUMC, we’re inspired by words received from one of our young families, “We know about work camps, the clothes closet, the homeless shelter and all. We’d love to go far off, like Zimbabwe. But just going to the beach with our kids is a challenge!” *How can we do just some everyday or little thing for our neighbors as our witness?*” From Oct. 8-10, *you’re invited to share with 15, 000 other area United Methodists in this discipleship adventure. Sign up for a personal ministry to our community.... that just might change somebody’s world.* Some examples:

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| + Give-Away Joy Day<br>(Goodies to local Sr. housing, Marc Sta., etc.) | + Deliver Spiritual Aids to Jennifer Det. Ctr. |
| + Food service at our NEW CAP Soup Kitchen                             | + Give a Good Word: Odenton Station            |
| + Adopt-a-Road Clean-up  | + Distribute Thank You’s to Ft. Meade Troops   |
| + Volunteer local Schools/Sr. facilities<br>(E.g. Friendship Station)  | + Call a Neighbor, Give a Blessing             |
|  | + Operation Invitation<br>(for new neighbors)  |

***Watch for details... Select a Service for Christ... Sign up!***  
***Schedule a good-day-for-you across the week. Do your thing!***  
***We’ll celebrate together on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.***

### **Living Our Faith - A to Z**

Whoever serves me must follow me and where I am there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. John 12:26

One of the most frustrating things I so often hear is the lack of time persons feel to complete certain tasks. When it comes to faith issues, this statement is especially disappointing and disturbing. Speaking spiritually, “to whom much is given, much is required.” Luke 12:48

However, unlike our jobs, which **do** require designated amounts of time, plus family and home responsibilities, God does not strong-arm or heavy-hand us to give of ourselves in Christian service.

God has given us a free gift, through grace. This is not something we are to simply accept ---- it is something to be shared. Out of faith and gratitude to God, Christians have a desire to serve and share the gospel message, through example and action.

It occurred to me, perhaps thinking of our faith in alphabetical terms --- A to Z ---we could find ways to express our faith on a daily basis. I’m sure there are many possibilities, but here goes:

- A – Acknowledge all God has done for you.
- B – Be eager to share your faith.
- C—Contact someone with a surprise (thinking of you) note, telephone call or email.
- D – Do a small (or big) favor for someone.
- E – Encourage someone who may be needing it, but didn’t ask.
- F – Find a way to treat someone special.
- G –Give to a worthy cause – church, charity, mission.
- H – Help someone who could use an extra hand.
- I – Invite someone who lives alone to eat and/or travel to an event with you.
- J – Jealously guard your private time with God –shut everything else out for a designated time each day or week.
- K - Know when you are getting too busy for God.

L --Laugh and fellowship with others.

M - Manage to find something good in every day (half-full glass), even when things go wrong.

N – Never forget, God gives you the very life and breath to live each day ---- appreciate it.

O - Observe opportunities to use your talents in serving your church and others.

P - Pray every day, being thankful in all circumstances ---- God is still at work in you.

Q - Question wrongs and try to do what is right.

R - Remember the SABBATH DAY AND KEEP IT HOLY ---- many things bid for our time, but keep God first.

S - Share, simply because it is the right thing to do.

T - Thank God for the gift of each new day.

U - Understand God’s love for us **far** surpasses human love, but share Christian love in the best way you can.

V - Vow to do better each day, using your God-given abilities.

W - Welcome strangers with a smile --- sometimes a smile can make another’s day.

X - eXpect to be inconvenienced, stretched beyond your limits, sometimes exhausted. Going the extra mile for God is not always easy, but **always** worth it !!

Y - Yearn for a closer relationship with God and seek to deepen your faith, through personal devotions, Bible study and other small-group endeavors.

Z - Zeal for God will never leave you feeling empty --- you will feel energized and renewed.

Well, there’s my take on the alphabet for God. Pick any or all of these, or choose your own. The important thing is: **You matter to God, so God should matter to you (in a big way).**

The apostle, Paul encouraged the early believers to hold steadfast in their faith, amid trials and temptations. We should do no less, today. Thanks be to God, for the privilege of Christian service!

In His Service.

*Linda*

## Welcome to a new season of studies and activities at NBUMC!

**Disciple Bible Study**, begins Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 102. This is a continuation of last season's study. We resume with Lesson 24 and continue for 10 weeks to completion ( 34 lessons).

**Cover To Cover**, begins Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 102. We are continuing discussion of Facing Your Giants, by Max Lucado.

**Friends In Faith**, begins Friday, September 30, at 6:00 p.m. in Rev. Linda's home. We are starting a new 6-lesson study, Serving From The Heart – finding your gifts and talents for service.

**Tutoring Program**, begins Tuesday, September 27, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sunday School rooms. Help children, ages K – Grade 5 with homework and/or remedial studies. Make a difference through mentoring a child.

**Children's Choir** ( Early ages, Pre-K through Grade 2) this group meets Thursdays at 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. in Room 104. First rehearsal begins September 8. We sing monthly for worship, at 11:00 a.m., as well as the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service. Children's Bells (handchimes) follow choir rehearsal from 5:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Children's Choir** ( Junior ages, Grade 3 through Grade 5) this group meets Sundays, during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School hour, in Room 104. First rehearsal is September 11. See choir articles and sign-ups in this newsletter for details.

**Adult Handbells**, begins September 8 at 6:30 p.m., in the church Sanctuary. We play monthly for 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship, as well as other significant times during the church year. We perform outreach concerts at Christmastime.

**Soup Kitchen**, a cooperative endeavor with neighboring churches, will be held at St. Joseph's every Friday. NBUMC will be helping on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, starting September 16. Approximate hours are 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., which includes set up, serving and cleanup.

Please consider these possibilities for deepening your spiritual life. Hope to see you soon!

*Rev. Linda*

## Nifty Notes from Children's Choir

Well, we've completed another season of choir and how we've grown! Combining Thursday afternoon choir and Sunday morning choir, we had a grand total of 31 children registered. We averaged between 12 and 24, when we sang for worship.

We were gifted with an additional Orff xylophone, enabling more children to play at the same time --- and they absolutely love it! We are currently hoping to add some additional quality rhythm instruments, as well.

Our usual choir rehearsal includes: gathering time, with a hands-on activity, learning anthems for worship, using rhythm instruments, reading notation, movement activities and spiritual enrichment, as we discuss the meaning of the anthems we sing and how they relate to the Christian life. Children's bells ( handchimes) follow the choir rehearsal, applying the above-mentioned activities.

We will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 8 at 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Children's bells follow, from 5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. All children, ages Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade may attend Thursday choir. Sunday morning choir rehearsal begins September 11, during the 9:30 Sunday School hour. This choir is open to ages 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Both choirs combine to sing one Sunday a month for worship, as well as the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service.

Please consider this opportunity to enrich your child's musical experience and deepen your child's faith during these formative years.



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

the UMW will be having their Brunch Meeting on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. All ladies of the church are welcome. Bring a goodie to share.

## Christian Assistance Program (CAP)

The food pantry continues to provide assistance to an increasing number of families (May 126 families, June 159 families; and July 166 families).

The featured food collection item for the month of August is Pork & Beans, September is Peanut Butter & Jelly and October is canned potatoes and tomatoes. The food collection bins are located: upstairs under the coat rack and downstairs by the ladies restroom.

The food pantry also needs some new volunteers to fill in when our regular volunteers are ill or take a vacation (the food pantry is open Tuesday's 11 AM - 1 PM and Thursday's 3 PM - 5 PM) and Food Pantry Manager Co-chair. If you are interested please contact Jean McHenry, at [mchenrysnorth40@verizon.net](mailto:mchenrysnorth40@verizon.net) or 410-674-5353.

Please continue to drop off seasonal clothes at the clothes pantry.

The new Soup Kitchen is inviting all volunteers to a practice serving on Friday August 19 at St. Joseph Catholic Church (the old church building) starting at 3 PM and hopefully ending by 6 PM (soup and drinks will be provided). Anyone interested in participating in this new ministry please contact Rev. Linda. To date we have four teams of churches that plan to participate. We plan on serving soup every Friday and look to start serving in September.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

**H**elp make a difference in our children's lives, at Nichols-Bethel UMC. Our Sunday School teachers would very much appreciate some assistance, on Sunday mornings, in their respective classes. If you enjoy working with children, you are in!! Parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, older sisters and brothers – all are welcome. If you have never taught Sunday School, you can start out as a helper. We can work out a rotation schedule, so that volunteers would not need to serve every Sunday. Youth helpers could receive credit for community service. Our children deserve the very best and that means YOU !!!

Interested persons can contact Rev. Linda for further details. Place your name in the office or in Rev. Linda's mailbox. Thank you for your interest.

### **I would like to be a teacher/helper for Sunday School:**

Name .....

Phone # .....

I would like to help with teaching :

**1 week a month** \_\_\_\_\_

**2 weeks a month** \_\_\_\_\_

**3 weeks a month** \_\_\_\_\_

**4 weeks a month** \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Volunteers will receive instruction for teaching**



# Updates From the Building Committee ...

## **WELCOME CENTER CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED WELCOME CENTER UPDATE :**

### **Construction:**

The Welcome Center has been completed with the exception of minor touch up items to be done. As of August 8, 2011, we need to have several final inspections completed. They are: 1. Sprinkler System 2. Fire Alarm System, 3. Elevator, 4. Electrical, and 5. Overall Building in order to receive the occupancy permit. The projected date for receiving the occupancy permit for the Welcome Center is mid August, 2011.

We have received very positive feedback on the appearance of the Welcome Center. Please see picture showing the progress being made.

### **Cost to Construct the Welcome Center:**

The cost of construction of the Welcome Center will be about \$1,635,000. The project cost has gone up \$10,000 due to required changes for HVAC access, sprinkler system requirements, etc. This cost does not include furnishings or the audio and visual components.

### **Cost of Site Work:**

The cost of the site work has increased by about \$8,000 to \$688,000. We had to add curb and gutter on Oakton Road. The site work includes new parking, storm water drains and storm water management, water and sewer lines, fire hydrants, sidewalks, landscape plantings, etc.

### **Total Cost of Welcome Center Project:**

The estimated cost for the entire Welcome Center Project will be about \$2,900,000 of which Nichols-Bethel UMC has already directly paid over \$1,310,000 from the Building Fund and the general reserves of the church. When you add the borrowed amount of \$1,385,850.40 the total amount spent thus far is more than \$2,695,850.40.

### **Financial Support:**

As of August 7<sup>th</sup>, the Building Fund has raised about **\$1,074,235**. We must continue our financial support. There is no better time than now to give to the **BUILDING FUND**. Each gift will lower the amount of money we have to borrow or bond. *Would you prayerfully consider giving to the Building Fund?* We want to thank everyone for their financial support of the new Welcome Center!! We truly appreciate your support.

### **Other Opportunities:**

We are very thankful for your generosity in purchasing some of the furniture and equipment for the Welcome Center. The total cost to provide the basic furniture for the Welcome Center is about \$25,000 of this we have raise about \$4,100. The Building Committee approved the use of \$21,000 of bond money to complete the purchase of the basic furniture. We will need to repay this bond money and would very much appreciate your continued support of purchasing the furnishings and equipment needs and wants for each room of the Welcome Center. Please go to the Church web site at <http://www.nicholsbethel.org/wishlist> to access this list.

The Building Committee authorized the use of \$51,000 in bond money to purchase the new audio and visual components for the Welcome Center. Through you generous support, we raised over \$5,000 for this equipment. The total cost of the new audio visual equipment including installation will be over \$56,000. We will need to repay this bond money; therefore, please continue your support of paying for the new audio and visual equipment.

### **Financial Plan:**

The Finance Committee in conjunction with the Building Committee has completed a financial plan for the Welcome Center Project. This plan is a three part model:

Cash, Gifts, Special Events. *Gifts, cash or securities* are interest free to Nichols-Bethel, reduce borrowing, and give a tax benefit to donor.

*Events/fundraiser goal: \$25,000 annually.*

2. Church bond \$300,000-\$500,000.

(This provides below market interest cost to Nichols-Bethel and above market return to donor.)



Range 2 - 4% up to 10 yrs. (*Longer bond, higher rate*)

Special Age 70+ bonds for sooner maturity.

3. Commercial loan, 25 yrs:

\$1 -1.5 million (as needed)

Repayment Range:

\$6,260.89 to \$9,211.31 monthly

At \$1.2 Million... \$7,513.07 monthly

Sandy Spring Bank is our lender.

We have issued \$150,000 in bonds. We are looking at the requirements and costs to issue additional bonds above the \$150,000. At this point, the requirements and costs are causing the Finance and Building Committees not to proceed with additional bonding.

**Construction Loan:**

On January 27, 2011 we settled on a construction loan not to exceed 1,776,486 dollars from Sandy Spring Bank. We intend to only draw the amount needed to complete construction. As of August 15<sup>th</sup> we have drawn a total of \$1,385,850.40 against this construction loan. Once construction is completed, we will convert the construction loan to a single permanent loan not to exceed 1.588 million dollars from Sandy Spring Bank.



# FALL FESTIVAL

Nichols Bethel is hosting their annual **huge** Celebration of fall!

Fun for all ages, bring your family, friends and neighbors!

- ☞ Bobbing for Apples
- ☞ Make a Scarecrow
- ☞ Paint a Pumpkin
- ☞ Pumpkin Bowling
- ☞ Tug a war
- ☞ Fall pie /cake contest. Bring recipes to share.
- ☞ Assorted games for all ages

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 16TH NOON-2PM**

**Pot Luck style Lunch**  
**Bring your favorite fall/comfort dish.**  
**This is a rain or shine event!**

**PLACE  
HOLDER  
FOR  
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# UMYF

## **WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME**

We are so excited to starting this year off in the new welcome center! The new youth room will be ready to go for our good use. Please join us on September 17 and 18 for all the fun and festivities. We will need YOUTH volunteers for both days. On September 17 we will need youth to sit at our tables advertising the UMYF program and our Camp Hope Missions. We will also need some youth to act as tour guides around the new building. Then, the same thing on Sunday morning. We are also selling the commemorative T-Shirts for the church. There is lots going on that weekend and one that is truly historic in the life of our church. DON'T MISS OUT!

## **DEFENDER'S DAY**

In order to take some time to remember the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of September 11, and to remember Baltimore's role in the Battle of Baltimore and the writing of the Star Spangled Banner, the church will be taking a bus down to Fort McHenry for Defender's Day celebrations. The event is FREE! You only need to bring a chair or blanket to sit on and a bag/picnic lunch. It will be VERY CROWDED because of the special nature of this year's celebration. There is a re-enactment of the battle, the army band plays a concert, and there is a terrific fireworks display. It really is a terrific night and we should celebrate and enjoy together.

## **CAMP HOPE SUNDAY**

As always, we will share our experience at Camp Hope with the church on September 25 at ALL 3 SERVICES! Please wear your gray with lime green writing Camp Hope shirts to church that day. Plan to stay after for a Cook – out with hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a covered dish to share...a salad, a casserole, or dessert. We still have chips left over from camp. See you there!

## **PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS**

Of course...they are coming! Over 1,000 Pumpkins will be delivered and we will be selling, selling, selling! This is a HUGE fundraiser for the youth and we need EVERYONE to participate. PLEASE take some 2 hour shifts over those 2 weeks. We really need everyone to sign up and chip in!

## **KICKBALL GAME! BATTLE ROYALE! KIDS Vs. PARENTS!**

During the fall fest on October 16, we will have the First annual KICKBALL GAME of Kids vs. Parents! There will be team captains, t-shirts, challenges thrown. This will be AWESOME!

## **REGULAR MEETINGS**

Of course, we will also spend time this year in Bible study. Since we have a beautiful new youth room and are really focusing on reaching out to the community, we will spend some time talking about what Jesus teaches about Welcome. Hopefully, we will have lots of new members and we will need to bring them into our UMYF family. So, let's take some time to discuss the nature of welcome and apply it to our church lives, and our school lives.

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**September 2011**

August 28 5:00 – Get to know the UMYF –  
 “Orientation” for parents and youth  
 September 4 – No Meeting – Happy Labor Day!  
 September 5 – Meghan registers for ROCK. Make sure  
 you have signed up!  
 September 10 – DEFENDERS DAY at Fort Mchenry!  
 Meet at church at 4:30 with a picnic dinner and chair.  
 September 17 and 18 – WELCOME CENTER OPENING  
 DAY!!!!  
 September 25 – 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 Camp Hope Sun-  
 day and Cook Out after church. Wear your Camp  
 Hope Shirts!  
 October 2 – 5:00 Regular Meeting in new Youth  
 Room!  
 October 9 – 12:00 (After church) Set up the Pumpkin  
 Patch and regular meeting  
 October 14?? Pumpkins delivered sometime this  
 week  
 October 16 – Fall Fest and BATTLE ROYALE KICK BALL  
 GAME – YOUTH VS. PARENTS! After 11:00 services  
 October 16-31 – SELL PUMPKINS!!! Please sign up for  
 shirts!  
 October 28 7:00-10:00 p.m. – Community Masquer-  
 ade Ball

# UMYF Calendar

October 29 – Ham and Oyster Supper  
 October 30 – Trick or Trunk 12:00 after church  
 November 6 5:00 – Regular Meeting  
 November 13 5:00 – Regular Meeting  
 November 19-20 – Night in Bethlehem and Advent  
 Lock-in. Breakfast at 7:00 a.m. and church together at  
 8:00.  
 November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve at Nichols-Bethel  
 UMC- Choir Sings! Wear all black and report to church  
 by 6:30  
 November 27 – No meeting – Happy Thanksgiving!  
 December 3 - Family Fellowship Christmas party with  
 Unsearchable Riches  
 December 11 5:00 – Regular Meeting  
 December 17 4:00 – Christmas Caroling, Pizza Party,  
 Movie Night  
 December 18 5:00 - Rehearse for Christmas Eve  
 December 22 6:30 – Rehearse for Christmas Eve  
 December 24 5:00 – Report to church  
 December 25 10:00 – Come as you are from under  
 the Tree Worship!  
 January 1 – Happy New Year – No Meeting  
 January 20, 21, 22 – ROCK Retreat!

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