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From the Pastor's Desk

WEEKLY BULLETIN
DEADLINE
 is Wednesday at
 10:00 a.m.



NOVEMBER *Compass*
 Deadline is
 October 17th
 THANKS

NOISY MISSION OFFERING



**In October is
 going to
 FEEDER OF
 THE PACK**

This month our church will study the stewardship resource "Enough" which was developed by Rev. Adam Hamilton, pastor of Church of Resurrection near Kansas City, Missouri. We are taking this time to study this resource to examine more closely our cultural view on finances and how that interacts with a more Biblical understanding of financial responsibility.

Our finances are important to God - not because God wants them or needs them but because the way we view them and use them greatly impacts our spiritual health and well-being. We all probably understand how easy it is to fall in love with money or the things money can buy and provide. Wealth is a powerful status symbol in our culture and most of us believe if we just had a little more we would be more content and satisfied.

God desires for us to view our financial resources in the correct perspective and to use them wisely so they are not an unnecessary stress builder in our lives. Good financial practices bring a sense of peace and harmony in our lives while poor practices produce worry and conflict.

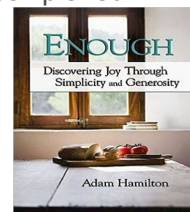
The Enough study's focus is on helping us to evaluate the practices of our lives and consider areas of strength and weakness. While we will end our study with the question of your financial support of the church, this is only a small part of the full program.

I hope many of you will find our study to be affirming of your choices and decisions, and maybe offer some additional helpful information. For some it might offer an opportunity to seriously rethink this area of your life and consider a new course. For all of us it will offer an option to consider our generosity and how we express our thanks to God in the stewardship of our lives and resources.

See you in worship,

Larry

Find me on Facebook: Larry Gilbert



Cache River District is offering Basic Lay Servant Training on October 15, 22, and 29 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Anna 1st UMC Anna, IL. The book Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course (ISBN 13: 9780881776263) is \$7.70 through Cokesbury. The cost of the course is \$25. Registration deadline is October 8th. Mail checks Payable to Cache River District to Mary Beth Woolard 903 N Cochran St. West Frankfort, IL 62896. Please bring a sack lunch, snacks and drinks. Instructors are Debbie Johnston & Roberta DePuy. **Lay Servant Ministries courses are open to ALL, whether or not an enrollee applies to serve as a Lay Servant.** For more information contact Mary Beth Woolard at 618-218-1291

The BASIC Course is the foundational course for individuals wishing to become Certified Lay Servants. But this course can also be used as part of a discipleship plan for anyone in the church to acquaint them with spiritual gifts, calling and responsibilities as followers of Jesus.

- 1 9:00 am Handbell Practice
10:00 am AA
- 2 4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals
- 3 6:30 pm Children/Youth Spiritual Formation
7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 4 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Church Council Meeting
- 5 9:00 am Precept Bible Study
6:00 pm Boy Scouts
Choir Practice
7:00 pm AA
Al-Anon
- 6 8:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation
6:00 pm Scout Round Table
- 8 7:30 am United Methodist Men
9:00 am Handbells
10:00 am AA
- 9 5:00 pm Youth Meetings
- 10 7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 11 9:00 am Precept Bible Study
12:00 pm Young at Heart
6:00 pm Board of Trustees
Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
7:00 pm Finance Committee
- 12 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
Choir Practice
6:30 pm Publicity & Promotions
7:00 pm AA
Al-Anon


- 13 5:30 pm Daisies & Brownies
6:45 pm Girl Scout Jrs
- 14 10:00 am Feeder of the Pack
- 15 9:00 am Handbell Practice
10:00 am AA
10:15 am Book club
- 16 6:00 pm UMM Men's Banquet
- 17 Meals on Wheels Week
7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 18 9:00 am Precept Bible Study
6:00 pm Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 19 9:00 am Nurture and Care Team
6:00 pm Boy Scouts
Choir Practice
Service and Missions
7:00 pm Staff Parish Relations
AA
Al-Anon

- 22 9:00 am Handbell Practice
10:00 am AA
- 23 5:00 pm Youth Meetings
- 24 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team
7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 25 9:00 am Precept Study
6:00 pm Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Hospitality Team
- 26 9:00 am Holy Folders
6:00 pm Boy Scouts
Choir Practice
7:00 pm AA
Al-Anon
- 27 5:30 pm Troop Halloween party
- 29 9:00 am Handbell Practice
10:00 am AA
- 30 Noon Our Neighbor's Table
3:30 pm Confirmation Class
- 31 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat
7:00 pm AA Big Book

SAVE the DATE
Financial Peace University



You will learn Dave Ramsey's seven easy-to-follow Baby Steps to create a budget, get out of debt, and make a plan for your money.
Begins January 5th for 10 weeks.
Troy Brown, Leader



Thank you for the calls, cards, messages, and to those able to make the visitation after my Dad's passing. I belong to an amazing church family and am grateful God planted me here.
Love, Kristi Miller



5	Emily & Kyle Hargraves
	Lynn & Richard Pierson
	Sheila & James Stewart
9	Brooke & Ryan Guthman
11	Robin & Todd Sievert
12	Bethany & JT Jenkins
15	Carla & Bill Quigley
	Tonya & Scott Walker
16	Marlene & Harold Gibbs
25	Sandra & Earl Renshaw
26	Sharon & Roger Medlen



1	Jaylah Maynor	11	Amber Smith	21	Larry Gilbert
2	Rosie Young	12	Elizabeth Lovell	22	Gary Wece
5	Jamie Stuck	12	Rick Runge	23	Emma Nehring
5	Ken Cline	13	Braden Miller	24	Mary Ann Hinchcliff
7	Jennifer Watson	14	Blake Niesporek	25	Julie Peterson
8	Ellen McNitt	15	JoAnn Schirmer	28	Barb Zimmerman
9	Carolyn Ozburn	15	Mary Jane Williams	28	Brandon Miller
9	Hanna Wece	15	Maya Jenkins	28	Margie Stilley
9	Lora Maye Bitner	16	Tonya Walker	30	Kyle Quigley
9	Susan Wirth	18	Andy McNitt	30	London Watson
10	Robert Morefield	19	Adam Barringer	31	Martin Twenhafel

Worship should be a place a person can come once a week and feel welcomed, loved, accepted and safe, but over the last several months we have had a number of experiences which threaten that environment. Numerous times persons have been approached on our parking lot and even in our church building by individuals who are asking for financial assistance. On several occasions when assistance was not given, these persons making the requests have become increasing hostile and abusive in their manner and language.

In a recent conversation at our Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance meeting, I learned that every church in town now deals with this uncomfortable and awkward situation. In our Trustee meeting in September, we spent a good deal of time discussing this concern and the Trustees passed a number of measures to attempt to provide for the overall comfort and safety of our congregation. These measures are listed below.

Beginning the second Sunday of October:

Only the southeast doors at the corner of 15th & Pine streets and the west doors off the parking lot will be opened on Sunday morning. These doors will be opened at 8am. If you need access to the building earlier and do not have a key, please contact the office during the week and arrangements will be made.

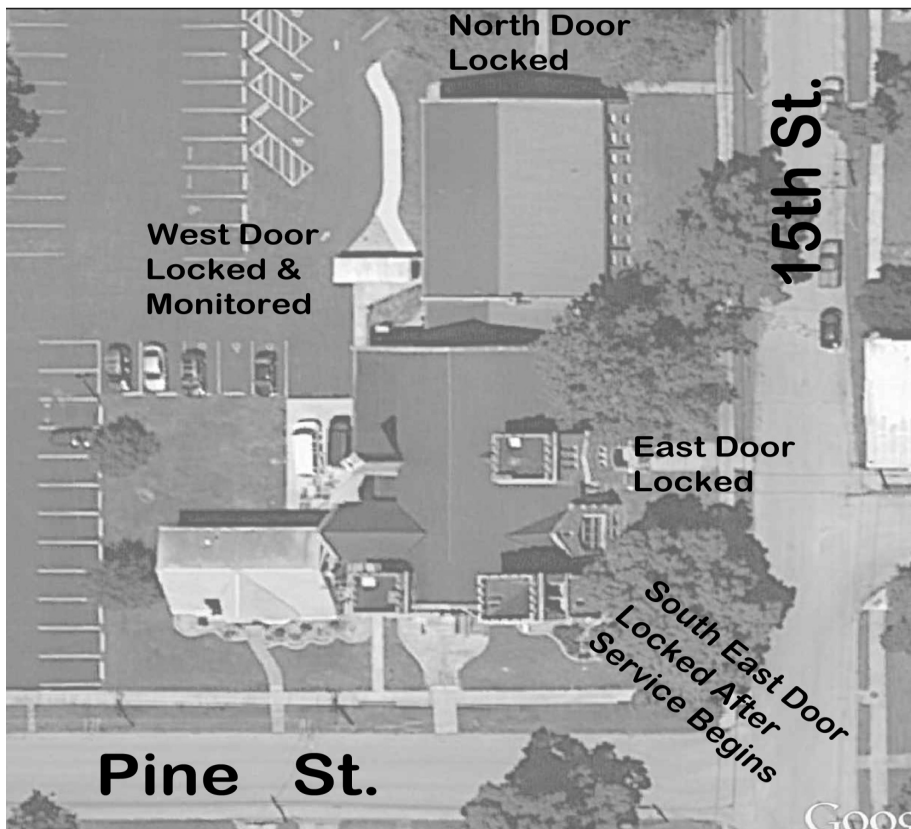
When worship begins, all exterior doors to the church will be locked. The west door off the parking lot will be monitored at all times and opened to allow persons into the building. Signs will be placed on all other external doors notifying persons how to enter the building.

The parking lots will be monitored at all times on Sunday morning and other times when the congregation gathers. If you are ever approached by someone requesting assistance, please report them to an usher immediately and do not give them money - this only increases the problem. Our church provides thousands of dollars of assistance to the needy of our community every year through a variety of channels. Virtually all the individuals who are coming to our community churches on Sunday morning are not persons of genuine need. The vast majority are untruthful about their circumstances and should not be helped.

Obviously these extra duties will place an additional burden on our already busy usher crews. **If you would like to assist in this work as a volunteer, please contact the church office, Rob Williams, or Ron Moutardier.** We could use several additional volunteers to help secure our building and grounds.

No one regrets the need for these steps more than me. As I sat in recent meetings, I could not help but think of our African American brothers and sisters who over the years from time to time have had to secure their places of worship due to threats of racial violence. And like them, we will not be deterred from our

freedom to worship and will take whatever steps are prudent and necessary to assure all who gather to worship with us are safe and secure. We have learned many times that freedoms are a precious and sometimes costly privilege to maintain. Larry





The Library Corner:

All Creatures Great and Small

All things bright and beautiful

All creatures great and small

All things wise and wonderful

The Lord God made them all.

-- Cecil Frances Alexander

October is the month when many churches celebrate the love and gratitude we have for our pets by holding a Blessing of the Animals ceremony. That will happen at our church on the afternoon of October 2nd. In this meaningful service we acknowledge our love for the pets in our lives, and really for all the animals that grace this earth with us - the web of life that is God's creation - for "The Lord God made them all."

The church library offers some good reading about the human - animal bond. In a small section of books we call "Pets and their People," you will find true stories about interesting animals with names that may be familiar - Seabiscuit, (a horse) Katie (a dog), Dewey(the "library cat"), and other fascinating animals! In addition to these true stories, the library also has works of fiction and DVDs that involve animals.

"**Just Life**" by Neil Abramson is our newest fiction book about animals. It centers on a veterinarian with a troubled past and a dedication to running a no-kill shelter in New York City. When a mysterious virus plagues the city and the blame for its transmission is placed on dogs, the situation is serious. This combination of animal story and suspense story should keep you turning those pages!

Look on the library table upstairs or in the library downstairs for these and other books and DVDs.

Other Additions to the Library

Bible Commentary: The newest Bible Commentary addition to the library is "**Acts for Everyone**" by N.T. Wright. Wright is a biblical scholar and author of many books who has also held church offices in England. His

commentary on Acts is fascinating and insightful.

For young readers: "**The Lost Sheep and Other Stories Jesus Told**" by Phil A. Smouse. Bible stories told simply, so beginning readers can take pleasure in reading Bible stories for themselves.

Historical Fiction: "**Orphan Train**" by Christina Baker Kline. In the past there really were "orphan trains" in this country. They carried orphaned children from the east out to the midwest to be adopted. Some families were kindly, but in others the orphans endured years of servitude. This novel focuses on one such orphan, now old and widowed, and the surprising friendship forged between her and a teen-aged girl who has her own difficult past.



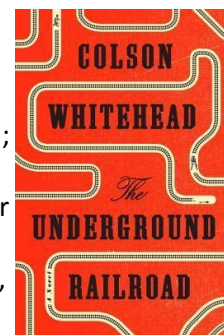
Please come and join in the discussion

**October 15th in the
Church Library, Room 110**

as we talk about:

***The Underground Railroad*
by Colson Whitehead**

Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. Life is hellish for all slaves, but Cora is an outcast even among her fellow Africans, and she is coming into womanhood; even greater pain awaits. Caesar, a recent arrival from Virginia, tells her of the Underground Railroad and they plot their escape. Like Gulliver, Cora encounters different worlds on each leg of her journey.



Read Ahead

the book for November 19th is:

***The Lost Continent:
Travels in Small Town America*
by Bill Bryson**

October 11th
GHOSTLY LUNCH
 12:00 pm NOON
 Fellowship Hall



friends, fellowship, faith.

Menu:

- Potato Bar w/fixings
- Chili with Crackers
- Brownies (no nuts)

Meals are \$5 a plate
Bob Hall and the Award Winning Key Club
will come and share.

Please sign up on the attendance pad. If plans change and you cannot attend, please contact the church office by the Monday before. Otherwise YAH members must pay for the meal that was ordered for you. Thanks.

Young at Heart is a group of senior adults, that meet monthly, on the second Tuesday, for food, fellowship and a program.



Autumn is gift card time again from your Relay For Life team. Be watching the October bulletin for an insert listing the many retail stores from where you can purchase gift cards for those on your Christmas list or just to treat yourself. We offer cards to all of the large retail stores, plus cards for entertainment and dining. The cards cost the buyer nothing extra, and the

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team receives a percentage from the companies.

It's a win-win for everyone. So start making your gift list now and get an early start on your Christmas shopping.



The next monthly breakfast meeting will be held Saturday, October 8th, in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30am. Plans will be finalized for the Men's Banquet.

2016 MEN's Banquet will be held October 16th. Guest speaker is SIU Athletic Director, Tommy Bell. He will share about faith and college athletics. Pat's BBQ is catering the meal. Tickets for \$10 will be sold on Sundays Oct 2nd and 16th. All men and boys are invited to attend.

Please contact Jay Graff at 618-967-9848 if you have any questions.

All men of the church are invited to attend.

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Oct 9th: 5:00—6:30 pm Youth Meetings

Oct 23rd: 5:00—6:30 pm Youth Meetings

- *CYF: Children's Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)
- *JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)
- *SYF: Senior High Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)

*Youth meetings are the 2nd and 4th Sundays September through April with

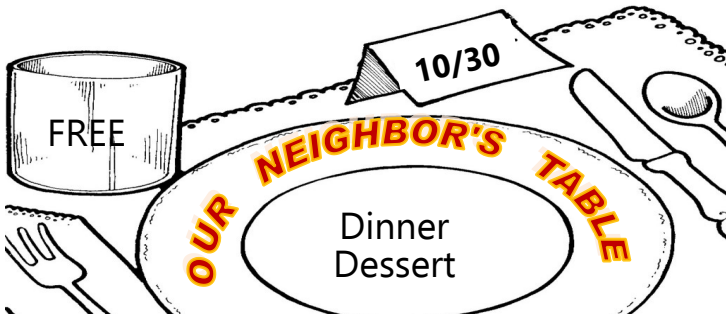
monthly events in the summer months.

*Outing to Bald Knob
 Cross of Peace*



**FOOD,
 FUN,
 and
 GAMES!!**

**BRING
 A
 FRIEND!!**



Last Sunday of the Month

DeSoto UMC Updates

- Sept 7 Family Night attendance - 19 children; 14 adults
- Sept 14 Family Night attendance - 21 children; 17 adults
- Sept 21 Family Night attendance - 24 children; 16 adults



WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON RIGHT NOW?

Building:

- The pews have been disassembled and removed from the parsonage garage. Some of the wood will be used by Bob & Trina Eaton for the “My Own Bookcase” project.
- A wall between two classrooms has been removed to make a larger space. Work to repair the ceiling continues. Our next project will be painting. Volunteers will be needed to help.

Youth & Children:

- A Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Monday, October 31 from 6-8 pm. If you are not committed to MUMC for trunk or treat, we would love to have you in DeSoto! Contact Jennifer O’Donnell at 618-534-3822 to sign-up or if you need trunk ideas!

Worship:

- We are looking for candidates for a Music Leader at the DeSoto site.

DeSoto Daze Community Event

- We will be walking in the DeSoto Daze parade on Saturday, October 1 at 10:00am and we will also be coordinating and serving the Saturday evening dinner from at 4-8 pm. Volunteers are welcome at both events. Contact Angie Baughman or Jennifer O’Donnell if interested.

Upcoming Events

- October 1 - DeSoto Daze Parade
- October 1 - DeSoto Daze Dinner
- Monday, October 31 - Trunk-or-Treat
- Launch Team/Information Meetings begin Oct 16, 2016, 2pm
- Preview Services begin Jan 2017
- Weekly worship launches April 2017

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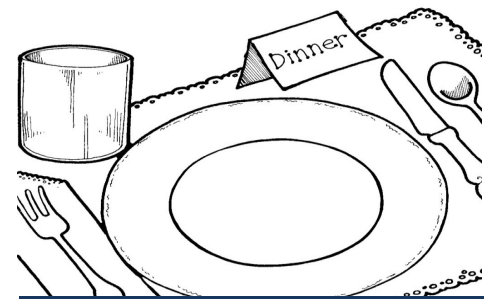
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
DeSOTO Daze: Walking in Parade. Providing Dinner 4-8pm at the park in the evening.						1 DeSoto Daze
2	3	4	5 5:30pm Family Night	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 5:30pm Family Night	13	14	15
16 2pm Info Meeting	17	18	19 5:30pm Family Night	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 5:30pm Family Night	27	28	29
30	31 6 pm Trunk or Treat					

[NOVEMBER 2016]

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 5:30pm Family Night	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 5:30pm Family Night	10	11	12
13 2pm Info Meeting	14	15	16 5:30pm Family Night	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Not meeting Holiday	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 5:30pm Family Night			

OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE

This month marks the fourth anniversary of the Our Neighbor's Table Ministry. Our Neighbor's Table began to be discussed at MUMC as an outreach from a study group led by Teresa Gilbert and Trina Eaton, regarding the Good Samaritan and who are our neighbors. Other folks in the congregation participated in similar programs in other areas. These two groups came together and decided to step out on the trail and reach out to our neighbors. After receiving permission from the church council, we got start-up money from Walmart and SIH. We began by offering what was called Meal and a Movie on the last Sunday of the month. Our rationale was that many families are short of money and groceries at the end of the month and kids don't receive school lunch or breakfast on Saturday or Sunday.



Last Sunday of the Month

It soon became apparent that family movies were not a need in Murphysboro but food still was. So now we call our mission Our Neighbor's Table. Presently we serve between 40-75 people each month. Many return every month and some come to church services occasionally. They consist of families and single individuals. There have been occasions when our group and our church has been able to reach out and help neighbors through difficult situations.

Our church family has supported this outreach with their prayers, their service and their dollars for which we are very grateful. Many people of our church faithfully help with cooking, serving and providing delicious desserts every month. The hope for the future is to continue to serve our community and do a larger part to fight physical and spiritual hunger. Jesus taught us to love our neighbor and to feed His sheep. We pray that we can feed members of our community both physically and spiritually. All are invited to join us in the fellowship hall the last Sunday of the month for food and fellowship.

"Marthas" are needed to serve food and "Marys" are needed to provide fellowship. Currently, we are also seeking someone interested in cooking the meals on a rotating basis. It is a simple menu. Please contact Rindy Eisenhauer 618-967-1380 if you would like to volunteer with the ministry outreach team from Our Neighbor's Table.



OCTOBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
Worship Leaders mumcministries@gmail.com		
	Rick Runge	Ed O'Donnell except 10/16 Emily Finke
OCT	Welcome Hostesses	
2	Arlene Bitner and Nancy Tillett	
9	Arlene Bitner and Nancy Tillett	
16	Mimi Rice and Patti Shields	
23	Mimi Rice and Patti Shields	
30	Sharon Graff and Janis Crews	
OCT	Acolytes	
2	Brianna Carnes and Tiara Bradford	
9	Ben Barringer and Wesley Graham	
16	Brandon Ottwell and Connor Twenhafel	
23	Maggie Jenkins and Caroline Guthman	
30	Megan McNitt and Brianna Carnes	
OCT	Prayer Request Reader	
2	Stephanie Finke	Ed O'Donnell
9	Nancy Fager	Ed O'Donnell
16	Gene Schwebel	Emily Finke
23	Wilma Westerfield	Ed O'Donnell
30	Gaye Auxier	Ed O'Donnell
OCT	Children's Church Leaders	
2	Tonya Walker	Scarlett & Rick Pierson
9	Jennifer O'Donnell	Katie Stewart & Julie Wachtel
16	Lacey Brown & Rene' Doody	Jennie & Ben Snyder
23	Diane Schingel	Scarlett & Rick Pierson
30	Diane Schingel	Patty Thrailkill
OCT	Liturgists	Music Leaders
2	Laurie Nehring	Kim Goforth
9	Barb Hughes	Lacey Brown
16	Mary Slider	Brian Vincent
23	Wilma Westerfield	Lacey Brown
30	Bill Slider	Dennis Goforth
Ushers		
Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Sandy Herring, Ralph Bastien, Dick Graff and Vanessa Lirely		Ricky Pierson and Brant Wingerter
Stewards		
Dick Graff, Todd Lirely, Rick Pierson, and Gene Schwebel		

Welcome!



Welcome to Marty and Jill Rogers and Rosie Young. They recently joined MUMC during the Praise service. Please be sure and welcome them when you see them.



Mason Thies was welcomed into the congregation by infant baptism on the 4th of September. He is pictured here with parents Michelle and Terrin and Pastor Larry. Not pictured is sister Mila. Please congratulate this family when you see them.

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Phone: 618-687-2317 Fax: 618-687-2604
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.
Praise Service: 11:15 a.m.

Ministers	The Congregation	Ministry Support Assistant	Lacey Brown
Pastor	Larry A. Gilbert	Merger Project Coordinator	Angie Baughman
Minister of Visitation.....	Michelle Parker-Clark	Child/Youth Ministry Coord	Jennifer O'Donnell
Discipleship Coordinator	Teresa Gilbert	Technology Coord	Anne Miller Johnson
Financial Secretary	Christine Nolan	Pianist/Organist	Jenny Kirby
Church Secretary	Deb Severa	Choir Director	Joseph Ryker
Custodian	Pat Sullivan	Nursery Attendants.....	Caitlyn Boyd & Megan Gale

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