



## Quakertown United Methodist Church

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# A Great Cloud

No, all you techies out there, not that cloud. The writer of the New Testament book Hebrews (see 12:1) is reminding us that “since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses” we should rid ourselves of all encumbrances and “run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

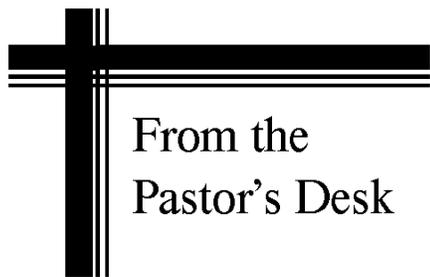
Picture a packed stadium with all the fans cheering for us. The great crowd includes those who have gone before us, both heroes of the faith and ordinary folks. There’s nothing like encouragers to help us persevere in our faith journey.

The football stadium at Texas A & M features a sign saying “Home of the 12th Man.” This refers to those helping the team by their cheers.

The church should be a place full of encouragers. Someone has suggested that all that honking that geese in formation do is to encourage the leader and the other geese ahead of them. “Great job! You can do it! We’re all behind you!”

A little boy came home excited because his class was going to do a musical play. The teacher would assign the parts the next day. His mother’s heart sank because singing was not his strong suit and she feared he would be disappointed. The next day he came home just as happy and excited. “I get to be one of the ones who clap and cheer!”

M.B.S.



### From the Pastor’s Desk

Pastor Tom has set office hours as follows and will be available at these times. Please note office hours are subject to change as the need may arise.

Monday	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Thursday	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



# Burger King and the Answered Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Robinson, III

A couple of weeks ago I was sitting in a Burger King a.k.a. *BK* (and no, I won't be going there anymore per doctor's orders!), feeling a little sad and wondering about what matters in life. You know, the simple questions! Lol!

Suddenly, this beautiful little Latina girl of about 6 or 7 walks over to my table and hands me one of those paper Burger King's Crowns they have at BK. I looked at her face where I saw the shyest smile and I said "Thank you!" She smiled and walked back to her table. Her dad soon joined her with their food and he had no idea she had done this for me.

As I sat there wondering why she had done this, it dawned on me: while I was feeling sad, I had offered a kind of wistful prayer to God to help me know what really matters in life. Could this have been my answer? Could it be as simple as this act of showing kindness to others, especially strangers, is what really matters?



I smiled to myself, put the crown on my head, and ate my burger. And when I finished my meal, I walked over to the father and his little girl and I explained to the father what his little girl had done for me. I gave him \$5 and said I'd love it if

he would use this to treat his little girl to something nice on me. Maybe one of those delicious desserts BK has. He thanked me and I thanked them and left.

I believe the singer-songwriter Jewel wrote a song titled *Hands* that proclaims that "in the end only kindness matters." She ends the song repeating "We are God's hands, God's heart." I saw God's hands and experienced God's heart in a little girl in Burger King that night.

May God's hands and heart touch your heart, my friend. And may you be God's hands and heart for others.

In the loving embrace of God's grace,



Pastor Tony 😊



# Sermon Plans

Date	Gospel	Title and Message
Sunday, February 5, 2017  Communion	Luke 4:16-30	<p><b>Series: Embracing the Power of Vulnerability</b>  <b>“Let Go of ‘Them’ and Be ‘You!’”</b></p> <p>In a different track from last week, one of the ways we aim incorrectly in being who we are is we try to be someone whom others have told us we should be. We try to meet expectations of our culture, our community, even our church or family! But God wants you to be who YOU are, who God created YOU to be. Jesus has a plan.</p>
Sunday, February 12, 2017	Luke 14:25-33	<p><b>Series: Embracing the Power of Vulnerability</b>  <b>“Daring Greatly is Success”</b></p> <p>Success is NOT defined by reaching the goal you set for yourself. Success is the ACT of DOING something to reach your goal, whether you get there or reach a different goal from that which you first aimed. And that means daring greatly in some endeavor that feeds your soul. It’s getting out of the spectator’s seat and getting into the arena and daring to try.</p>
Sunday, February 19, 2017	Ephesians 1:3-14	<p><b>“Being a ‘No Limit’ Disciple”</b></p> <p>We too often and too easily are frightened to trust God with BHAGs. A BHAG is a Big, Hairy and Audacious Goal that God inspires in our hearts. Disciples are called to follow through on them, but we rationalize them away. We fear pushing the limits and then dealing with the consequences. Paul reminds the Church in Ephesus to stop limiting God and the goals God has for us. We can be a “no limit” disciple for Jesus and bring great glory to the Lord.</p>
Sunday, February 26, 2017	Matthew 25:31-36	<p><b>“You’ve Got What It Takes!”</b></p> <p>Jesus explains how simple the task is that God is asking of us: See a need and fulfill it. He points out that we have the means to do it: a cup of water, a meal, some clothing, a visit, a prayer, a show of love and dignity. We really don’t have an excuse not to minister to another’s need.</p>



## From Missions Commission

FEAST Food Pantry items for February are spaghetti sauce and pasta.

American Red Cross Blood Drive at QUMC on Friday, February 3, 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., Miller Hall.

The most recent report from Jerusalem House Ministries, located in inner city Allentown, can be found on page 10 of this newsletter. QUMC contributes to this ministry in a variety of ways.

## From Radical Hospitality



### **New Sound Recording**

Thanks to the Leadership Team, Radical Hospitality acquired a grant from the Program Funds to replace our original sanctuary recording system, with a CD recorder and a duplicator to use for making up to five copies of the 11:00 service each week. These can be used for the website or to send CDs to our homebound members. We can also provide copies for members who are out of town or on vacation.

As soon as we get a distribution network in place we will let you know how to request them.

### **Recycling**

We are developing a Socially Responsible Recycling System to provide for recyclables generated within the church building. Watch for more details.

We still recycle aluminum beverage cans at the kitchen parking lot shed and all paper in Paper Retriever dumpsters in the front parking lot.

Questions or to volunteer to help: contact Steve Finch 215.538.0835.

### **Space for Wheelchairs**

Thank you to the trustees for working with Radical Hospitality to create two new handicapped pews in the sanctuary.

Wheelchairs fit on the end of these pews so families can sit together for worship.



## Church Council



QUMC's Church Council will meet Tuesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. You do not need to be a council members to attend. It is an open meeting. All are invited to come.



## *Be My Valentine*

Annual Valentine's Day Party at the home of the Umsteads (1523 Pilgrim Lane, Quakertown), Friday, February 10, 7:00 p.m. The evening will include games, prizes, and food. Each couple is asked to bring a \$5 gift to exchange and a snack to share. This annual event is great entertainment for the first 20 couples to sign up at the display in the narthex. Contact Steve or Jan Finch (215.538.0835 or [finchsc1@verizon.net](mailto:finchsc1@verizon.net)) with questions. Hope to see you there!

## Ladies Room Bathroom Renovation



The Board of Trustees have planned a total renovation of the ladies room by Miller Hall, to begin sometime in early February. This project will take approximately a month. During that time the bathroom will be unavailable. Please use the restroom in the education wing. This minor inconvenience will be well worth it. Thanks for your cooperation!



## Winter Weather Update

With winter weather upon us, please keep in mind that the church follows the lead of the Quakertown Community School District. If the school district is closed for inclement weather, all church programs and activities are cancelled for that day. In the event of an early dismissal of the school district, afternoon and evenings activities at the church follow suit, being cancelled as well.

We also ask that, particularly during the winter months, the front row of parking spaces be left open for the elderly or those with difficulty ambulating. Thank you for your cooperation!



## ***Serving Together...Loving Our Neighbors***

Share your faith by hosting a Japanese exchange student, March 18-26, 2017. A group of excited eighth- and ninth-grade students will arrive on March 18 to learn about our culture. As a host family, you can learn about them too! Students will attend Faith Christian Academy Monday through Friday. Carpooling and busing are available in Quakertown, Southern Lehigh, Pennridge, and Palisades school districts. A stipend is paid to host families.

For more information, contact Rosanne Kelsall ([rosannek@amhomelife.org](mailto:rosannek@amhomelife.org) or 215.206.9815).

## **Strikes & Spares!**



February's Kids Club event is bowling with the Youth Group, Sunday, February 26. We will meet at Earl Bowl in Quakertown at 1:15 to get shoes, bowling from 1:30 to 3:30. Cost of bowling and shoes will be covered for members of Kids Club. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex. It is important to sign-up so that we can coordinate snacks and reserve the correct number of lanes. See Babs Kerns or Rachele Sawadski with questions.



## **Life Groups**

A Life Group Coordinator is needed. This person will keep in touch with Life Group leaders, help with topic ideas, and facilitate the creation of new groups. If you are interested in helping with this ministry of the church, contact Babs Kerns (267.825.5693).

*“Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.”*

*1 Corinthians 13:4-8a*





# Register Now for 2017-2018 Classes Faith Preschool



Registration is underway for the 2017-18 school year for Quakertown United Methodist Church's Faith Preschool program. Since merging with Parent's Time Out, Faith Preschool is pleased to offer an expanded selection of classes for 2's, 3's, and 4's.

- Classes for 4's - AM & PM classes that meet 3 days a week on Monday, Wednesday & Friday
- Classes for 3's - AM & PM classes that meet 2 days a week on Tuesday & Thursday
- Classes for 2's - AM class that meets 2 days a week on Tuesday & Thursday  
AM class that meets 1 day a week on Wednesday

To make the cost of quality preschool more affordable, special discounts include:

- One registration fee per family (\$35)
- Younger sibling tuition discount of 15%
- Tuition discount of 3% for annual tuition paid-in-full in August
- No activity fee
- Monthly enrichment activities provided at no additional cost
  - "Stretch-n-Grow" physical/nutritional education program for 4's
  - Music enrichment classes for 3's

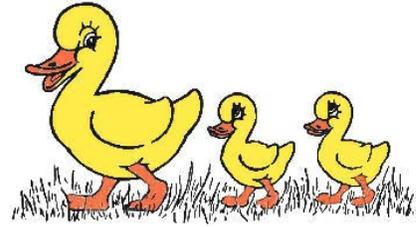
For further information or to arrange an observational visit, please contact the Faith Preschool Registrar at 215.536.8172 or by email at [faithpreschoolofficemanager@gmail.com](mailto:faithpreschoolofficemanager@gmail.com) Registration forms are available in the church lobby or online at [www.qumc.com](http://www.qumc.com).



*"All you need is love. But a little  
chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."*  
- Charles M. Schulz, Creator of "Peanuts"



# Family Matters



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:** Ruth Barto - February 4, Don Barto - February 6,  
Marie Frankenfield and Lorraine Hillegass - February 11,  
Thelma Bagg - February 14, Norma Lillie - February 19,  
Kathryn Landis and Walter Bagg - February 22.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Frank Prusch - January 27.

**NOTE OF APPRECIATION:**

*"I would like to say thank you for all the cards, prayers, and cards during my recent recovery from surgery. Your support means a lot."*



## Why Knot?

Come for an hour! Come for a day! Come every day!

West Swamp Mennonite Church extends a cordial welcome to members of QUMC to be a part of "Six Days of Comforter Knotting." Monday, March 6 to Saturday, March 11, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is the 12th annual such event at West Swamp; the goal is to complete 300 knotted comforters in celebration of the 300th anniversary of the church. No experience necessary, just willing hands and hearts. Supplies, snacks, and simple meals will be provided.

Completed comforters are donated to Mennonite Central Committee & MAMA Project (Honduras). West Swamp is located at 2501 Allentown Road, Quakertown. Contact the church at 215.536.7468 with questions.

Trimmers and hemmers are also needed, Monday, March 13 to Wednesday, March 15, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Donations toward meals, in the form of food or monetary donations, are welcomed.



# SOUP SALE FEBRUARY 5 SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

## MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PLACED YOUR ORDER

### Intercept the Traffickers

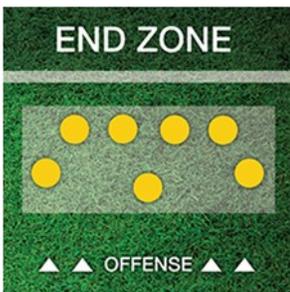
#### Get ready for Super Bowl LI on February, 5, 2017

In football, the phrase "in the box" is used when the defense puts its players in a rectangular formation to stop the offensive team's run play in its tracks. For those playing in the box, the goal is to stop the run or confuse the offense. When in a box alignment, there are more defenders to shut down the offensive game of the opponent. Some have said it's like being in a situation where the odds are stacked against you, but you had the foresight to use your strongest defense to overcome what is facing you. This phrase also applies to real life.

You can use this when you are going above and beyond to prevent something from happening. We want to gain control of the game. Traffickers run a game on the vulnerable and we aim to stack the box against them, to intercept their game and to box 'em up for prosecution. We want to take control of the box that is human trafficking and open it for the survivors who have been boxed into a life full of despair where they come to believe there is no escape.



*For over a decade United Methodist Women have been making their members aware of Human Trafficking. For more information on this issue go to the UMW web site.*



*Up Coming Events  
March – Watch the bulletin and inserts for a fun evening with flowers  
May 7, 2017 – Mother/Daughter Tea – You will not want to miss this exciting afternoon*

All women of the church and your friends are always invited to all UMW events. If you have questions about UMW, please ask.



## AN UPDATE FROM:



Dear Friends and Supporters,

We pray God's awesome will is blessing you and yours with a very, very happy new year. You certainly were a blessing to us and through us in 2016. Due to your support, we recorded multiple acts of service to 152 senior citizens, 864 adults, and 1,013 children, from among our most needy neighbors. These numbers don't include the hundreds of unrecorded recipients of our services who gather outside of our targeted area for the clothing and miscellaneous donated items. We serve but don't record our neighbors who live outside of the four blocks surrounding us in each direction. For Thanksgiving and Christmas the recorded families received your provision of over 200 turkeys and ham dinners; 179 new children's coats, hats and gloves; and over 200 toys, games, and stuffed animals. We're just grateful that this assortment of daily necessities opened a door for us to offer our neighbors the most important necessity of all, a relationship with God, through Jesus. Thank to you many of the material and spiritual needs of our neighbors were met. Hundreds of families were able to bear the weight of extreme poverty because you help them carry unbearable burdens. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Unfortunately, as you well know, our struggle for financial stability has not always been so successful. We have struggled through another year, re-mortgaging the properties and utilizing an unfortunate amount of credit, to meet needs beyond your generous support. But there is a limit to how much debt we can in good conscience accumulate. We struggle to maintain our presence in this community because of the great need that we encounter daily. The Resource Development Committee we initiated several months ago is seeking ways to address this financial disparity. We have begun updating our website and exploring social media as viable means to seek new supporters. We will also be accepting credit cards soon. If you are interested in helping us address our financial challenges by becoming a member of this committee or know of anyone else who might, please let us know.

In the meantime, we have promised the Lord that we would be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving, to make our requests known to Him, and we're expecting His peace which surpasses all understanding, to guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, until we hear from you again. Until then, "God Bless You" from,

Dan, Peaches, Michal & the Jerusalem House Family



# THE 2017 OFFICIARY

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair .....	Bonnie Cornelius
Recording Secretary .....	Ken Ghorm
Lay Leader .....	Gale Hewitt
Lay Member to Annual Conference .....	Melea Rupert
Treasurer .....	Patty Wensel
Finance Chair .....	
Staff-Parish Relations Chair .....	Pam McGovern
Trustees Chair .....	Jerry Umstead
Youth Representative .....	Graham Wilson
Young Adult Representative .....	
Youth Ministries Coordinator .....	Dennis Pfleiger
United Methodist Women President .....	Janet Finch
Leadership Team Chairpersons .....	See Page 4
Sunday School Superintendent .....	Mark Hudson

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President ..... Jerry Umstead

### Class of 2017

..... Secretary	Debbie Reynolds
.....	Len Hurley
.....	Nancy Tirjan

### Class of 2018

.....	Nathan Kreischer
.....	Dianne Scott
..... President	Jerry Umstead

### Class of 2019

.....	Chris Aber
..... Treasurer	Laura Lillie
.....	Ed Wilson

Ex-officio ..... Jason Geddes



**STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chairperson ..... Pam McGovern

Class of 2017

..... Dennis Pfleiger  
..... Bill Diller

Class of 2018

..... Pam McGovern  
..... Bill Scott  
..... Ken Ghorm

Class of 2019

..... Dave Reynolds  
..... Bill Tascarella  
..... Adele Winkler

Lay Leader ..... Gale Hewitt

Lay Member to Annual Conference ..... Melea Rupert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Chairperson .....

Treasurer (General Fund) ..... Patty Wensel

Treasurer (Other Funds) ..... Laura Lillie

Financial Secretaries ..... Bob & Anna Mushrush

Stewardship Chair ..... Bruce Bovard

Lay Leader ..... Gale Hewitt

Lay Member to Annual Conference ..... Melea Rupert

Endowment Chair ..... Steve Finch

Counters ..... Nancy Parry

At Large Members: Class of 2018 ..... Lynn Geesaman

Class of 2020 ..... Debi Umstead

**ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**

Chairperson ..... Steve Finch

..... Nancy Parry

..... David Rush

..... John DeSimone

..... Julie James



**LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (NOMINATIONS)**

Chairperson ..... Pastor Tom Robinson

Class of 2017

..... Matt McMichael  
..... Dave Reynolds  
..... Paula Kent

Class of 2018

..... Allison Ghorm  
..... Steve Finch  
..... Gail Schadler

Class of 2019

..... Doug Wilson  
..... Donna Ames  
..... Jane Korpics

Lay Leader ..... Gale Hewitt

Lay Member to Annual Conference ..... Melea Rupert

**THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE PART OF OUR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE BUT NOT PART OF THE LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE’S PORTFOLIO:**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Sunday School Superintendent ..... Mark Hudson  
Children’s Sunday School Coordinator ..... Tammy Swearingen  
Adult Sunday School Coordinator ..... Gail Schadler  
Vacation Bible School Coordinator ..... Megan McMichael  
Confirmation Coordinators ..... Allison Ghorm & Janet Finch  
At-Large Member ..... Laura Lillie

**LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Intentional Faith Development ..... Babs Kerns & Dianne Scott  
Missions ..... Carol Pertuit  
Passionate Worship ..... Bill Scott  
Radical Hospitality ..... Steve Finch & Liz Cole  
Extravagant Generosity (Stewardship) ..... Bruce Bovard & Bonnie Cornelius  
At Large Representative ..... Christine Rush  
Lay Leader ..... Gale Hewitt



**STRATEGIC TEAMS**

**PASSIONATE WORSHIP**

Team Leader .....	Bill Scott
Choir Director.....	Jeff Shuman
Bell Choir Director.....	Becky Witt
Joyful Noise Director .....	Babs Kerns
Altar Guild.....	Gail Schadler
Altar Guild.....	Janet Finch
Children’s Sermon.....	Marj Lofland
.....	Ken Ghorm
.....	Patty Wensel
9:00 Worship.....	Pat McGovern
8:00 Worship.....	Adele Winkler
Youth Representative.....	Graham Wilson
Usher Coordinator.....	
Nursery Coordinator.....	

**EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY (STEWARDSHIP)**

Team Leaders.....	Bruce Bovard & Bonnie Cornelius
.....	John DeSimone
.....	David Rush

**INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

Team Leaders.....	Babs Kerns & Dianne Scott
Sunday School Superintendent.....	Mark Hudson
Small Groups Coordinator.....	
Youth Group Coordinator .....	Dennis Pfleiger
Kids’ Club Coordinator.....	Babs Kerns
Confirmation Class Coordinators.....	Allison Ghorm & Janet Finch

**MISSIONS**

Team Leader.....	Carol Pertuit
.....	Maggie Chambers
.....	Audrey Devine
.....	Pat King
.....	Ed Pertuit
.....	Patty Wensel
.....	Melea Rupert



**RADICAL HOSPITALITY**

Team Leaders.....	Steve Finch & Liz Cole
.....	Phyllis McKinley
.....	Ruth Baker
.....	Ed Wilson
.....	Teddi Miller
.....	Carol Wackerman
.....	June Roth
.....	Molly Minarik

**FAITH PRESCHOOL BOARD**

Co-Chairs.....	Susan Lennon
.....	Melissa Tomlinson
.....	Cristin Pizzi
.....	Chris Aber
.....	Andrea Thrush
.....	Jim Newcomer
.....	Jenn Bubser
.....	Jenn Reich
Parent Representative.....	Catie Scheblein





# February 2017

## Church Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>** SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship</p> </div>			<p>1</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Life Group</p> <p>2:15 p.m. Life Group</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Praise Band, Radical Hospitality</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Blood Drive</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Youth Group</p> <p>Movie Night</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Miller Hall Reserved</p>
<p>5 **</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Life Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Daisies, Brownies, Junior Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Grace Notes</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Trustees</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Life Group</p> <p>2:15 p.m. Life Group</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Praise Band, Finance</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Couples Valentine's Day Party</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 **</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Life Group</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Daisies, Brownies, Junior Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Grace Notes</p>	<p>14 <b>Happy Valentine's Day</b></p> 	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Life Group</p> <p>2:15 p.m. Life Group</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Praise Band, Leadership</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 **</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Youth Group</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Daisies, Brownies, Junior Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Grace Notes</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Life Group</p> <p>2:15 p.m. Life Group</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Praise Band</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Cub Pack</p> <p>Pinewood Derby</p> <p>Set-Up</p> <p>Miller Hall Reserved →</p> <p>Confirmation Retreat →</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 **</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Kids Club/Youth Group Bowling</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Daisies, Brownies, Junior Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Grace Notes</p>	<p>28</p>				