

Welcome All. Tell The Story. Grow As Disciples.

February 2022

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3500 Main St., Hilliard, OH

From Pastor Dave ~

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you" - Matthew 5:38-42

The above passages is one of the most well known parts of Christian scripture. "Turn the other cheek" is something that even a person with only a passing familiarity with Christianity can identify and interpret. Yet, because it is so well known we can forget the radical nature of this command. If Jesus is serious, and I usually think that he is, then this passage calls us to a radically different way of life than the world around us.

And leaves us with one question: are Christians just too foolish, too easily taken in, too innocent? In short, are Christians just plain suckers?

These days there is a pretty common idea that "turn the other cheek" is bad advice. That instead we need to be fighters. We need to hit back when others hit us. We can never look weak, never appear as if we are losing, never surrender. Of course, the problem with all that is that it produces an incredibly harsh world. Always hitting back and never surrendering means that gradually we are all worn down by cruelty we direct at each other. That cruelty is easy to see in our world today. We are cruel towards those we disagree with and cruel toward those we think undeserving.

Back to our question, does turning the other cheek make us Christians suckers? Well maybe. Jesus never promises that nobody will take advantage of us. "Grace sometimes means you get taken advantage of" said Pastor Sally at First English. Maybe we will get taken advantage of, but the way Jesus commands us to follow is not a way for our own success. Instead it is a way that leads to new life.

Turn the other cheek will not help us get ahead in life, at least not in the conventional sense. But following Jesus will lead us to new life. That new life includes a world with less cruelty in it.

And frankly, that sounds pretty good to me. Even if I get taken advantage of sometimes. -Pastor Dave



Bible Study with Pastor Dave

Tuesday at 11 am at RELC & Thursday at 7 pm via ZOOM



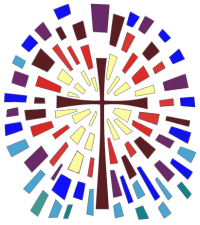
(Email pastordave@relc.org for the ZOOM link) All are invited—join when you can!

February Worship Assistants

<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
2/6 Tricia Ohler	Janet Poulosom		
2/13 Andy Ohler	Donna Suain		Donna Suain
2/20 Candy Franz	Karen Harvey		
2/27 Melanie Anderson	Renee Mushalko		

Your help is needed to fill the Usher and Greeter positions this month. Please Sign up.

If there are any additional questions just see Kathy Rotolo or Pastor Dave.



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HS Youth News



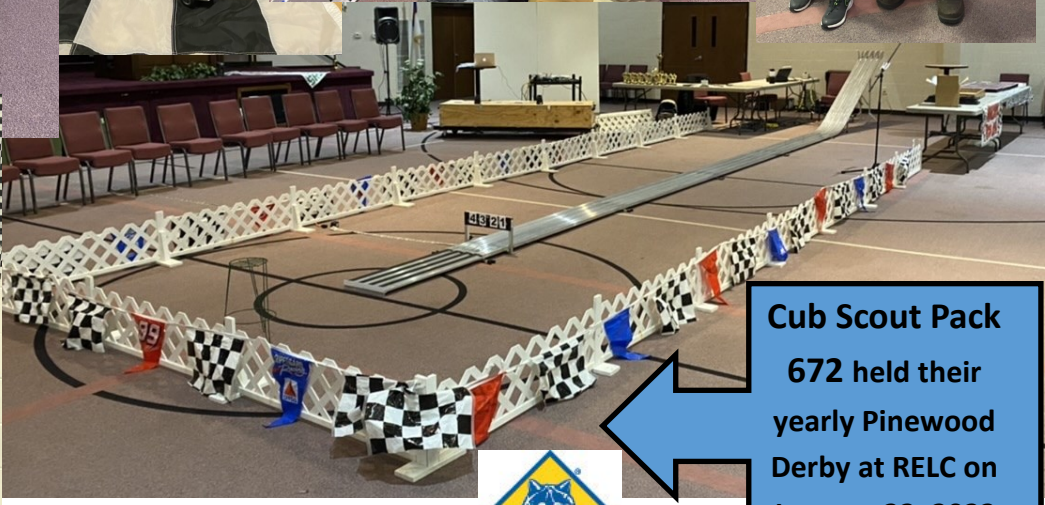
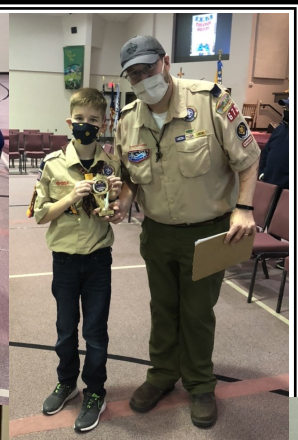
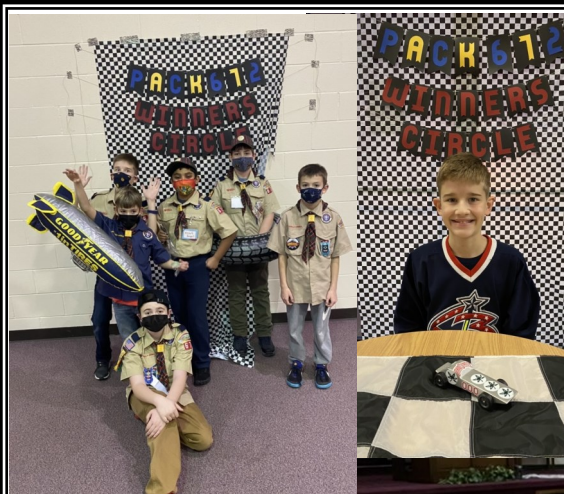
- 2/6 –9am Sunday School
- 2/13 –5pm Valentines Mystery Dinner.
(Bring a decorated box and Valentines.)
(Order carefully or be prepared to sing for your supper! This is Super Bowl Sunday!)
- 2/27 -5pm Youth Group

**THANKS TO THE YOUTH FOR
BLESSING THE DOORS FOR
THE NEW YEAR!**

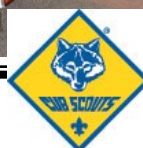
Thank you to everyone who ordered Stromboli and helped make 240 in just over 2 hours, including clean up time!

Sundays at 9am
~Godly Play (preschool -3rd grade)
~Youth Sunday School (grades 4-7)
~High School Youth Group usually meets a few times a month.

Here are some pictures of our Boy Scout Troop 672, arranging the chairs back after their evening games. They meet regularly on Wednesdays at RELC. This troop consists of about 30 boys who are always looking for service hours. Please keep them in mind for service projects!

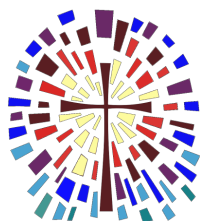


**Cub Scout Pack
672 held their
yearly Pinewood
Derby at RELC on
January 22, 2022**



**Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland held their annual
Cookie Business event here at RELC on January 15th!**





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The Season of Lent is coming!

March 1, 2022- Shrove Tuesday meal at 6:30pm

March 2, 2022, Wednesday- Drive -Thru ashes and blessing in the parking lot at 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm

March 2, 2022- Ash Wednesday Service in the worship life center at 7:00 pm

March 9—April 6- Lent Mid-Week meal at 6:15pm followed by 7:00 pm service in the worship life center

{Lent Mid Week theme is the Book of Revelation}



Shrove Tuesday Meal on the first will be hosted by the Fella-ship group, please reach out to Todd Daniels or the office if you would like to volunteer. We will likely have in person tables and carry out options available. More details to follow.

The Pastor and the Recovering Heretic

Sundays, 11:10-11:45 AM

When it comes to faith practices, Bible readings, theology, and so on, what have you been curious about?

Pastor Dave Kamhuis and **Dan Mushalko** explore questions about Lutheran ritual, Pastor's sermons, and the Sunday readings, and answer your burning questions.

In-person audience welcome (Life Center) or join online via live streaming: relc.org (Live Worship button)

You can submit your questions online (during discussion) or by email (other times) at pastordave@relc.org

Men's Fella-ship Breakfast

Saturday, Feb. 12th, 8:30am

All Men are welcome!



Our last Men's Breakfast was on Jan 8th we had 8 men join us all are welcome. We had a good time chatting and eating. Then we did a few small projects around the church this month, like moving chairs and replacing broken ones.

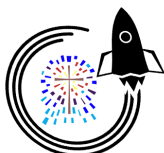
Thank you to Dave and Drew Nelsen for assisting in the setup and cooking. -Thanks from Todd Daniels

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



For the next few months, please continue to work on making shawls and patches at home, and we will schedule some in-person meetings in the spring.

Anyone interested in making shawls or patches that has not made them in the past - see Barb Emmets for further information about this ministry.



A pastor, a Trekker, and a Star Wars fan walk into a recording session...

It sounds like the set-up for a joke, but it's really the start of a nerdy new outreach from RELC: the *Church in Space* podcast. *Church in Space* is a show that explores the intersection of religion and science fiction. The three hosts -- Pastor Dave, Drew Nelson, and Dan Mushalko -- dive deep into their combined lifetimes of mega-geekdom to see the various ways religion continues to influence sci fi, and how sci fi in turn portrays religion. In each episode, Pastor Dave focuses the team on one particular theological topic as it morphs through the sci fi realm. Well, he *tries* to keep Drew and Dan focused. He tries very hard. He has yet to succeed.

New episodes are released each Sunday afternoon; the debut episode launched the series on Jan. 30th.

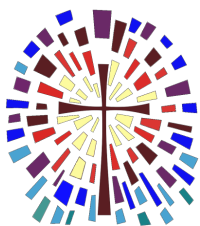
REL C BOOK CLUB



The book for February 15th is
AMERICAN DIRT by Jeanine Cummins.
(January meeting was canceled so Feb is the same book. Book Club is held at RELC)

REL C Book Club revised list

Feb 15th American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins
Mar 15th The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides
April 19th White Ivy by Susie Yang
May 17th Book of Lost Names by Kristen Harmel
June 21st Sold on a Monday by Kristina McMorris



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FROM THE COUNCIL :

First we welcome Michael Biggert to Council and appreciate that he has jumped right into our work with great gusto!

Council Exec election results (held Nov. 21st):

Kathy Rotolo, Secretary; Charlie Anderson, Treasurer; Michelle Docter, Vice President; Renee Mushalko, President; rounded out of course by Pastor Dave Kamphuis

Council members at large:

*Angela Bontz; Michael Boring;
Michael Biggert*

If you ever have questions for the Council, ask any Council member. We will make sure you get an answer, even if we don't know it.

Two items of note:

The newly formed Shepherding Team is led by Kathy Rotolo with volunteer members Greg Davis, Pam Davis, Denise Herr, Tricia Ohler, Bob Owen, Sue Owen, Donna Suain and including Pastor Dave. You will learn more of their work throughout the year.

In addition, Bridget Daniels is the Financial Stewardship Team's coordinator for Thrivent Action Team projects, which are opportunities to support community with Thrivent funding. Watch for more information about how you can participate or talk with Bridget.

Ministry coordinators, ministry reports will be due the first Thursday each month. Council is better able to support your work if we know what that work is! We will send reminders each month. Mark your calendars for Feb 19th for a coordinators meeting (details to the right).

Council has started setting its goals. We will be working on 1, 3, and 5 year goals. Look for more information about helping with these and other groups' goals!

In God's Service and Grace,

Renee Mushalko Council President

Ministry Coordinators' Check-in

Saturday, February 19th

9:30-11 AM

WLC

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Anyone who coordinates the activities of a group at RELC (or who can represent the group)

Council liaisons will be in touch. All groups should have at least one representative.

The meeting will be socially distanced, and we plan to keep to the allotted time frame.

God impacts people's lives through our ministry and our work together.

ADULT FORUM FEATURES

Know the Story!

We're exploring Bible stories cover to cover and seeing how they connect to our lives today.

Our discussions are poignant, insightful, and interesting. Join us!

Sundays, 9-9:45 AM

Narthex

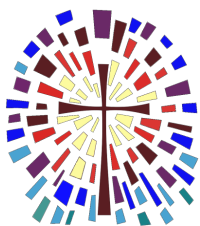
Contact: renee.mushalko@relc.org

If you are unable to join the discussions on Sundays, please grab a Take Home Print Out of the "Know the Story" weekly Bible Stories. They will be available every Sunday, starting February 6th in the Narthex. We are encouraged to all do this together. Together we will get to know the story of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Email to prayerteam@relc.org or contact the office at 614-876-7926, or email office@relc.org.





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Giving Garden Update



February 2022

As I begin to write this GG newsletter article, it is 18 degrees out, sunny and the ground is covered with about 3 inches of snow. Despite what may look like a long, cold beginning to the new year, I am super excited to let you know that I am already planning the 2022 GG season. One word of caution for me and all those green thumbs out there is “RESTRAINT”. And for that reason, I have narrowed down what I feel is an achievable list of goals for the GG this year. As you read these, please consider how you might like to volunteer in the GG this year. There is plenty of variety and skill levels in these goals and we “WELCOME ALL” to turn a brown thumb into a green one 🤞🍀

GOAL #1 – Design and create a “resting area” to be used by tired gardeners or by visitors who just want to sit a while and enjoy the garden atmosphere. This area will also place emphasis on creating a pollinator friendly habitat. After all, our pollinator friends need to “rest” too.

Goal #2 - Grow this year’s tomatoes in straw bales and containers.

Goal #3- Increase our harvest (pounds of vegetables) over last year’s harvest which was 605#. Spoiler alert – I will be looking for 5-10 people who will be willing to grow and tend a container friendly tomato plant at your home and then donate the harvest to BOLD.



I hope after reading this you are as super excited about the 2022 GG growing season as I am and maybe you will find the GG to be a ministry you are called to try out or continue to serve (yes, a big Thank You to all those who are “regulars”).

Please contact me if you are interested in the GG ministry. As you can see, we have some fun gardening plans this year. “Before the seed the comes the thought of bloom”. E.B. White, American writer. ~Carol Williams (mwill999@columbus.rr.com)



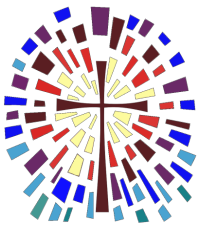
Communications Update:



New Website is launched. Please understand that things are being updated as often as possible. If you have any photos or events that would be a benefit to the website please send them to the church office. office@RELC.org If you have an upcoming event please let the office know. Also, please understand that we will be moving things around on the website. I apologize ahead of time for the confusion. For our online community we have a copy of the bulletin on the site. Thank you to Katherine for taking on that task each week.



~ Yours in Christ, Todd Daniels



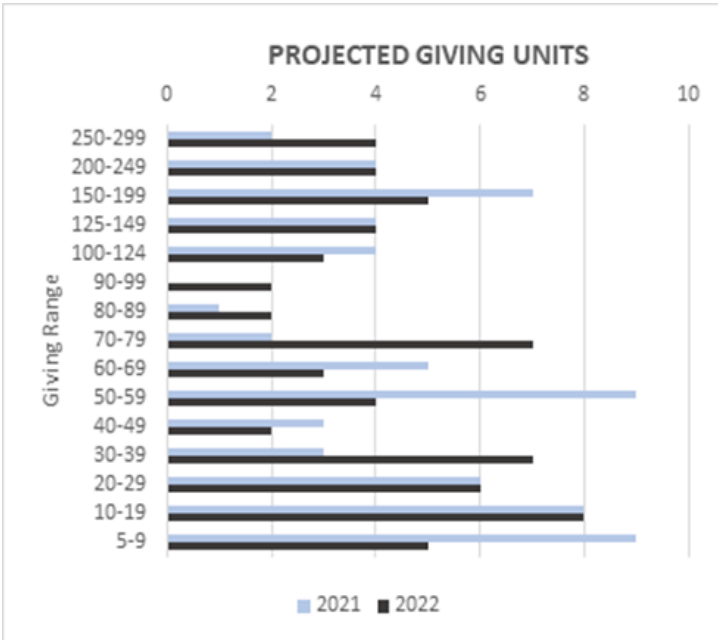
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It has been a few months since our Stewardship campaign for 2022. I wanted to take this opportunity to share the results of the campaign. As Pastor Dave has shared before offering the past few weeks, the consistent generosity of this congregation is very much appreciated. Many of you were able to increase your planned giving for the year, and about 75% turned in intent cards.

The “Projected Giving Units” chart to the right are a combination of data from Intent cards and assumed continued giving from those who were unable to return a card. Some big picture stats:

- 52 Intent cards expressed an intent to increase giving by \$445, just \$75 shy of our \$520 goal.
- Projected Giving for 2022 is \$5738 per week.

As January comes to an end, I would ask to you to take a moment to remember your Intent card from November. If you have not yet increased your actual giving to reflect that intent, please take a moment to do so. If you have not yet made a statement of Intent, they are available at the usher stand, or you can email financialsecretary@relc.org. And, If your situation has changed, we understand—give as you are able.



Your generous giving is what makes the mission and ministry of RELC possible. God is doing wonderful things in this church and community and we’re glad you are a part of it. ~Charlie Anderson



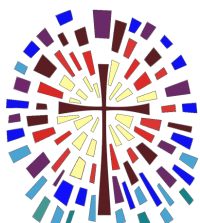
**Game night is
February 26th at 6:30 here at
Resurrection!**
**Please bring your favorite game and a
snack to share.**



Theology on Tap meets once a month on the last Tuesday of the month for fellowship and discussion on how faith influences what we think about current events and the world around us. Here are a couple pictures of the group in January discussing Faith and Poverty while enjoying Center Street Market food and beverages. Join us in February!



Theology on Tap
February 22, 2022
7:00 pm at Crooked
Can Brewing Co.,
Center Street Market



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We are hoping to put a Christmas card in every shoe box that we pack this coming year, which means we will need about 400 cards. If you have any Christmas cards that you are not going to use, please bring them in and place them in the Christmas wrapped box in the narthex. We will need 400 cards and so far have about 200. Later on this year we will be asking people to sign the cards with a personal note - more information will be forthcoming. Also, for the months of January and February, we are asking for donations of Ivory soap, to put in the shoe boxes. Many thanks RELC for all that you do all year round to make OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD a very successful ministry. Any questions - see Barb Emmets.

SOME ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

- * SHOE BOXES – NO BOOT BOXES PLEASE
- * IVORY SOAP
- * WASHCLOTHS
- * SPOONS
- * CUPS
- * COMBS
- * TOOTHBRUSHES
- * SOCKS
- * COLORING BOOKS
- * CRAYONS
- * PENCILS
- * PENCIL SHARPENERS
- * PENS
- * NOTEBOOKS
- * COLORED PENCILS
- * STUFFED ANIMALS
- * SMALL TOYS
- * ERASERS – LARGE ONES AND TIPS
- * CHILDREN'S SCISSORS
- * MARKERS
- * GLUE STICKS
- * SMALL NOTE PADS

Media update:

The media team continues to provide services for our Sunday church streaming and in person Worship. Thank you to Katherine and Dan for adjusting the font on our service PowerPoint it is MUCH appreciated. The media team replaced 2 projectors that were in need of being replaced. We continue to work on the Media loft. If you are interested in joining the media team please let me know.



Thank you to Drew for coming in every week and making copies of the service for our shut in members.



Thank you to Dan and Charlie for their tireless work on sound & audio configuration and updates.

Also, and last but not least I want to thank Chris, Robert, Kate, also for being part of the team. We all make a good team and make service in person and online stream look easier than it is. That is a testament to your dedication, and professionalism. You may not always hear it but EVERYONE appreciates your efforts.



~Thanks, Todd



Order at www.22streetcookies.com

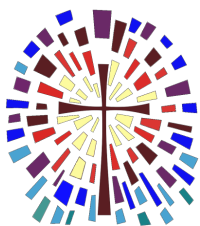
After purchase you can pick up your dough at
1015 E. Main St, Columbus, OH 43205 every
Sat 9am-noon.

If you have any questions about your
order or how to order,

email 22streetcookies@gmail.com

Are you planning on making cookies but don't have time to find your recipes, or shop for the ingredients, or just want to try something new? How about trying the Cookie Dough made by the youth team from First English? There are 5 flavors to choose from -- Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Cranberry White Chocolate Chip, Chocolate Peanut Butter, S'mores, and Corn (these are fabulous buttery with a touch of saltiness) -- only \$12 for a 16 oz. container. The dough comes frozen so all you need to do is thaw and bake and enjoy! For additional information on the order process, please see the flyer in the narthex or contact Kathy Rotolo (kathy.rotolo@relc.org). I will gladly pick up the dough for you from First English. Thank you for supporting this program!

~Kathy Rotolo



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First English Meals

Looking for something new to do this year? How about helping out with our meal ministry at 1st English Lutheran Church? 1st English is at East Main and 22nd St. on the east side of Columbus. We provide breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of every month, and dinner on the 4th Thursday of odd numbered months. Breakfast prep work is done on Saturday morning in the RELC kitchen. Dinner prep work is done Thursday afternoon in the RELC kitchen. Service for both meals is done via take-out containers once we get to 1st English. The number of folks we serve is now at 100, an increase of almost 30 from when we started. If you would like to have more information on this ministry, please see Kathy Rotolo. Whether you are interested in helping with the prep or with the packing and serving – or both! – you will find it is a very fulfilling mission.



Thank you to members of RELC who helped provide a delicious dinner to our friends at First English Lutheran Church on Jan. 27th.

ALERT: Right now, the American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis – its worst blood shortage in over a decade, posing a concerning risk to patient care. Donors may still donate after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Knowing the name of the manufacturer is critical in **determining blood donation eligibility.**

February 1st at RELC from 11-5pm

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org, use sponsor code: RELC

Blood Drive

Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church



3500 Main Street
Hilliard, OH 43026

**Tuesday, February 1, 2022
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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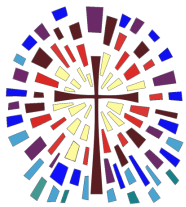
Thanks to all who have volunteered to serve during Worship the last several months.

GREETERS and **USHERS** are needed for all of **February and March**

So... PLEASE consider signing up for one or more of these positions. No previous experience needed! All ages welcome to sign-up! If you need information on any of these duties, please see or email Kathy Rotolo (kathy.rotolo@relc.org). There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can email the church office (office@relc.org).

Don't forget to link your Kroger Shopper's Card to RELC so we earn Community Rewards Donations.





February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 American Red Cross <i>Together, we can save a life</i>		1) 11:00am Bible Study (Narthex) 11-5pm Red Cross Blood Drive 6pm Cub Scouts Den Meetings 7:00pm Financial Stewardship Meeting (office)	2) Groundhog Day 7:00pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting 7:00pm Property Team Meeting (office)	3) 5:45 Flag Football Youth practice (WLC) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00 pm Boy Scout Leader Meeting (Narthex and WLC)	4) 6-10pm Media (WLC and Narthex)	5) 8-4pm NYLT Boy Scout Staff training (WLC) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) 
6) Scout Sunday 9:00am Sunday School (all ages) 10:00am Worship 11:10am Q&A (WLC) 6:00pm Confirmation Class (Zoom)	7) 4:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 7:00pm Cubs Committee Meeting	8) 11:00am Bible Study (Narthex) 6-8pm Cub Scouts Den Meetings 7:00pm Council Meeting (room 6)	9) 7:00pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting 	10) 5:45 Flag Football Youth practice (WLC) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom)	11)	12) 8:30am Men's Breakfast (Narthex) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) 12-7pm Pack 672 Meeting Blue & Gold Banquet (WLC)
13) 8:00am Breakfast FELC (First English Columbus, OH) 9:00am Sunday School (Godly Play, Youth grades 4-7, and Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:10am Q&A (WLC) 5:00 pm HS Youth Valentines Mystery Dinner (WLC)	14) Valentine's Day  10:00am Worship Team Meeting 11:45am Staff Meeting 4:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot)	15) 11:00am Bible Study (Narthex) 7:00pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting 7:00pm Communication Meeting (office) 7:00pm Book Club	16) 7:00pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting 	17) 5:45 Flag Football Youth practice (WLC) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom)	18)	19) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) 9:30am Ministry Coordinators Check-in Meeting (WLC)
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 Happy Birthday!			February Birthdays		2/2 Liam Daniels
	2/5 Albert Fike		2/6 Abigail VanVleet		2/12 Damion Bontz
	2/12 Gloria Fike		2/15 Kristen Jacops-Biggert		2/17 Susan Rill
	2/20 Harry Hartsook		2/26 Tricia Ohler		2/27 Benjamin Baker

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