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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **Alternative Gift Fair at First United Methodist Church, Maryville 9:00 am-1:00 pm**	**2** Magazine Art Wheel of Eggsercise Name the Participant	**3** 3v3 Basketball Practice 9:30am Track & Field Practice Name the Participant	**4** All About Trees Planning Committee Book Club / Cards / Games	**5** Fitness with Chip & Jean Life Skills Track & Field Practice Book Club / Cards / Games	**6**	**7**
8	**9** Art Club Track & Field Practice Book Club / Cards / Games	**10** 3v3 Basketball Practice 9:30am Tuesday Talks Parachute Story Time with Roland Mote	**11** Art Club Track & Field Practice Newsletter Committee Book Club / Cards / Games	**12** Fitness with Chip & Jean Parade Prep Weather with Mike Witcher Book Club / Cards / Games	**13**	**14** **Holiday Market @ Alcoa High School 10:00-3:00**
15	**16** Parade Prep Roll a Turkey Book Club / Cards / Games	**17** 3v3 B-Ball Practice: 9:30am Parade Prep Cooking Club **Aktion Club**	**18** Parade Prep Gratitude Game Pass the Turkey Book Club / Cards / Games	**19** Fitness with Chip & Jean Thanksgiving Parade **Birthday Party**	**20**	**21**
22	**23** Pass the Turkey Gratitude Game Book Club / Cards / Games	**24** 3v3 Basketball Practice 9:30am **Movie Day** **Stop Motion** Book Club / Cards / Games	**25** **GATE CLOSED**	**26** **GATE CLOSED** **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**	**27**	**28**
29	**30** Pool Noodle Hockey Pictionary Book Club					

Important Program Details for November 2026

The Gate will be closed Wednesday, November 25th and Thursday November 26th.
Happy Thanksgiving!

Come support the Gate by purchasing a variety of unique holiday crafts handmade by our participants!

The Alternative Gift Fair
Sunday, November 1st
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
First United Methodist Church of Maryville
804 Montvale Station Road, Maryville

Alcoa's Fall Market
Saturday, November 14th
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Alcoa High School
1205 Lodge St., Alcoa

Aktion Club is Tuesday, November 17th. We'll have chicken and dressing casserole, salad, rolls, pumpkin pie, iced tea, and lemonade. The deadline to order an Aktion Club lunch is **Thursday, November 12th**. The deadline to pay for an Aktion Club lunch is **Tuesday, November 17th.** The cost is $5.00. Karla Suszek, Executive Director at Good Neighbors, has been invited to speak at the meeting.

It's time to collect our **Aktion Club dues** for this program year. If your participant would like to be part in the Gate's Aktion Club, he/she will need to bring **$3.00 by November 24th. This can be added to your monthly dues or can be paid along with Aktion Club lunch.** As a reminder, Aktion Club is the Gate's community service club that is sponsored by the Alcoa Kiwanis. Gate participants facilitate and participate in monthly meetings for our Aktion Club. Each month we select a different organization, charity, or group to serve in a variety of ways. This is a great way for Gate participants to be actively involved in our community.

Our **Birthday Party** is **Thursday, November 19th.** We will be serving pizza, salad, cake, and a drink. There is no cost for this meal.
Happy Birthday to: Risha, Noah M., Danny, Heather, Owen, Hans, Weston, and Tori! Thank you to Leisa Webber for sponsoring our birthday party this month!

Thanksgiving Dinner at MABC
Madison Avenue Baptist Church has graciously invited Gate participants and their families to their **Thanksgiving Dinner** on **November 22nd, 5-6pm.**

Special Olympics Basketball
3v3 basketball practice will continue in November on Tuesdays beginning at 9:30am. Skills basketball practice will begin in January. Our coaches will assess which participants will be placed on the team.

Special Olympics Track and Field
We're already planning for Track and Field! The tentative date is March 31st at Heritage High School. We have several days scheduled to practice the following events at The Gate: Softball Throw, Cornhole, and Standing Long Jump. If you are signed up for the 50m, 100m, 200m, or 400m run/walk please get a practice time and tell Allison by November 30th. You can use the track at Maryville Jr. High School after school hours and on the weekend.