

The Messenger

*First Parish Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
The Church with Love &
Hope to Share*

2018

JUNE



Women's Fellowship Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 12th, 9:30 a.m.



Bean Supper
Saturday, June 9th
5-6:30 p.m.



Book Club
Tuesday, June 21
6:30PM

Tri-City Chorus
Saturday, June 9
7-9PM



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From the Moderator

Summer is fast approaching and with that comes a feeling of renewal with flowers blossoming, leaves exploding, green grass returning and waiting to be cut. It also usually means that the church schedule tends to slow down and attendance can drop off with some going to the Ocean Park Temple and others enjoying everything that a Maine summer can bring.

But please remember that many of the ongoing costs that the church incurs such as telephone, electrical, payroll, building maintenance and upkeep still must be done, so your pledges and donations are still necessary throughout the summer.

As reported by Sue Burgess on a recent Sunday update, the Search Committee remains hard at work reviewing many resumes of potential candidates for our future minister, and with our continued support, hope to bring forward a chosen candidate soon.

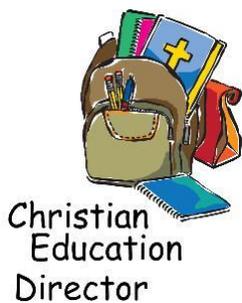
We are still looking to fill the many vacancies in our church ministries, particularly the diaconate, stewardship and others. So if you have a desire to participate in the daily workings of First Parish, please do not hesitate to contact me, Cathy Baillargeon, liaison for the Worship Ministry, Glen Ellen Roth as liaison for the Discipleship/Fellowship Ministry or Amy Chute, liaison for the Assts Ministry.

On another note, the Church Council has been asked to consider bringing a motivational speaker to church to provide inspiration and possible fund raising. Enoch Glidden is a man who, although born with Spina Bifida, did not let that stop him from accomplishing some amazing feats, including participating in downhill and cross country skiing, wheel chair basketball and road racing, completing college and even successfully climbing El Capitan in Yosemite National Park. For more information regarding this amazing person, please watch a moving video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38Hj3qCbdHg>. First Parish is trying to put a team of interested individuals together to work to bring Enoch to Saco this fall or early next spring. If you are interested, please contact me or Jamie Beals.

Happy summer,
Bob Mohlin

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As our program year comes to a close, I would like to say Thank you to the **Christian Education Team**. They are a wonderful group of parishioners and have committed many hours and much love in keeping our programs going.

Karen Brann, not only chairs our team but keeps us on track money wise. She teaches Church school and stays overnight at our YF sleepovers. Karen chaperoned our youth at PL Jumpstart weekend last month.

Lisa Edstrom, is busy being our Nursery caregiver. Every Sunday she is in the nursery with another volunteer.

Eric Steva, works tirelessly with the Media Team and is our male chaperone at our YF Sleepovers.

Mary Sicard, is our recorder for the team, substitutes in the Church school classroom (usually last minute) and takes great pictures for us at VBS.

Mary Coyne, has been a regular in our Nursery helping out.

Jen Erickson, is the cook behind our new “blanket” breakfast sandwich for our Mother’s Day breakfast. She is also a Church school substitute.

Linda Sprague Lambert, has been teaching in the PreK, K, first grade class. I give thanks for this fabulous team. They help me be the best Christian Education Director I can be. I look forward to another great program year with all of them.

A million Thanks to our CE Team.

You're the BEST!
Kris

Sunday, May 13th Mother's Day / Blanket



Was a BIG success. Our youth raised \$540.00 for CWS. CWS Blankets are used around the world, (YES, even in the US) to provide people with warmth

and/or shelter during disasters or homelessness. These Blankets let people around the world know that they are remembered and loved. Thank you to all who joined us for breakfast and/or gave so generously.



The Christian Education Team would like to extend their gratitude to the Women’s Fellowship for their generous donation. We also appreciate money we received from the Johnson-Atkinson Spiritual Growth Fund. These groups helped to provide extra financial resources for Pilgrim Lodge, Vacation Bible School and the upcoming Eastern Regional Youth Event. Thank you so much.



Graduation Sunday

Thornton Academy

Caleb Doyle and Dylan Provencher

College

**Lu Kachmar, Shalahn Staten and
Jacob Steva**

We wish them all well and hope to see them at First Parish whenever they are around.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Rolling River Rampage is our theme for this summer's (2018) Vacation Bible School. Our Bible verse is:

“When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.” Isaiah 43:2

The date is **July 9-13, Monday-Friday from 9-11:30 AM**. VBS is for children 4 years old through fifth grade. Our display is up and information is on the church website (firstparishsaco.org) We have a fabulous time filled with fun and fellowship...and food too. We look forward to seeing YOUR children there



Church School

At this time we are looking for our Fall Quarter teachers and hope that might be YOU! There is a sign up on the Christian Education board or ask Kris or any CE member. Nursery will be provided throughout the summer. There is a sign up for that too. Thank you.

Summer Sundays Surprise Bin begins this month and will continue through September 2nd. This bin has fun activity and coloring pages, crayons, books and a few “stuffedies” to borrow during the worship time. Please return all items (except coloring /activity pages) back to the bin after worship. Also, our Nursery will be available for children through five years of age. The Christian Education team is making this happen to accommodate for any young children in our pews this summer.



Jesus says:
“Let the little
Children come to me”
Matthew 19:14

Helping **Lisa Edstrom** in the Nursery for the month of May was:

- 6th **Erin Huth**
- 13th **Rachel Reiche**
- 20th **Carole Nero**
- 27th **Aldene Walters**



The First Parish Christian Education Team appreciates your time. We would like to invite more adults to help in the Nursery. Remember: **It's just 1 Sunday.** You can pick the Sunday!! Many have weekly duties during the program year but if you could help us out during the summer that would be great. Please see **Lisa Edstrom** or sign up on the Christian Education board. **Thank you**

Pilgrim Lodge—our Church's Summer Camp. This month, **Judi Klingensmith** and **Carole Macrae** will be attending **Women at the Well**. **Judi Klingensmith** will also be attending **Vintage Ventures**. **Hal Mehlman**, **Wesley Wiggins** and **Cameron Zelensky** will be attending the **Family Get-Away Weekend** and **Eric Breault** and **Alex Savage** will be attending **Arts Alive**. We will add more names to our list of PL participants throughout the summer.

Music Ministry

Music Director: Jacqueline Savage

This little youth choir over here can make a very big sound! It has been such a joy to work with these kids each week! They are spunky, fun, and incredibly musical! The Youth Choir kids ARE INVITED to drop in and sing with the drop-in choir this Summer! Parents please take advantage of this as it will help the kids to be able to sight-read better and will give them a chance to sing during the services all Summer. Rehearsals are before church at 9AM.



Summer Music

The *Summer Pick Up* Choir will start on **Sunday June 17th** and go through July and August. Let me know if you are interested in singing with the group or if you would like to do an instrumental solo, vocal solo, or special music during either the 8AM or 10AM Services this summer.

Junior Choir: Directed by Susan Marston

The Junior Choir has had a very busy few weeks preparing for the last month of singing. We loved singing "Go Change the World" for **Music Sunday**. It was an important song for us because even though we are young, we can still help change the world. On Thursday May 10th, we had a wonderful time singing and visiting with the



residents at **Evergreen Manor**. The Junior Choir loved singing for them. There were smiles all around. We were so lucky to have many parents and grandparents join us and support us. We have one more Sunday to sing this season. We have been preparing several songs for Pentecost/Children's Sunday on **May 20th**. An end-of-the year party is in the planning stage.

Thanks so much to all the parents and grandparents that have dropped off, picked up and come early for Sunday rehearsals. Junior Choir could not function without you and your support. Jacqui and I appreciate your dedication to the music program.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

"Dear Friends, a while ago, Jo Ann Dearborn, a member of your church, sent me a lovely hand-knitted shawl. Thank you, Cheryl.) As a knitter myself, I know the time and effort involved. I wrap myself in the shawl every day. The A/C in Florida is pretty chilly! I am sending a donation to help in your wonderful work.

Sincerely, Margaret Peck



Dear Mary,
David was so pleased with his gift of a beautiful dark blue prayer shawl from those at First Parish who are part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. David sends his thanks for such a lovely gift of love. He has been blessed with so many prayers from friends and neighbors in our community. David is having some difficulty writing. We have faith and we have hope that he will regain his gift of speaking and writing and will have much to share with the friends and community.

Love to all of you,

Sally Howe (Thought for the day: "We realize the strength of the anchor when we feel the stress of the storm!")

Thank You

A very special "Thank You" to the generous and talented crafters of prayer shawls for our church. Some knit; others crochet. All of them weave prayers of healing into every stitch of the beautiful shawls they create. Each Sunday following worship, members of the congregation bless the shawls with a prayer as a sign of God's healing presence to let the recipient know that he/she is not alone.

129 prayer shawls and baby blankets as well as hats and booties for 6 babies, were given away in 2017. The total since we began keeping count is 973. First Parish Church prayer shawls have traveled to people, near and far, all over the USA and even abroad. It is heartwarming when we hear back from time to time that a recipient has started a prayer shawl ministry in his/her own church.

Directions are simple—knit three, purl three or a variation. Copies are available from Mary Johnson or any member of the Prayer Group. The prayer shawl crafters buy their own yarn (Lion Brand Homespun is preferred). From time to time we have received a donation gift in the thank you note from a recipient, and we happily make use of it to further our ministry.

Mary Johnson for the Prayer Group—Jane Avery, Lu Downey, Judy Gray, Ethelee Jackson, Jane Kircher, Kathy Lund, Brenda MacDonald, Sue Neumyer, Lee Perkins, Joan Sonneborn and Kathleen Larsen.



Search Committee Update...

We would like to thank each of you for your continued positive thoughts and powerful prayers as we continue our time of discernment.

Currently we are still receiving Ministerial Profiles from the Conference Office and conducting initial interviews. **As of 5/1/18...**

- We have received 32 Ministerial Profiles. Each of these profiles are 20-30 pages in length.
- Of the 32 profiles 4 individuals have requested that their names be withdrawn from consideration. They have either found their new church or are staying where they are.
- 12 prospective candidates have been determined not to fit the identified needs of First Parish.
- The final 16 Ministerial Profiles are being carefully and prayerfully reviewed. We will be determining if any of these candidates will meet the needs of First Parish as defined in our Local Church Profile.

We plan to continue to receive Ministerial Profiles until we determine we have found our new Settled Pastor.

Your continued positive thoughts and powerful prayers are much appreciated.

Blessings and Peace,
Your Search Committee

Hello from the Good News Team

We have made plans for the summer and want to extend an invitation to you to put on your First Parish shirts and join Main Street Saco and us in one or more of the following activities:

First was the Memorial Day parade Monday May 28th and it was a “happening” – kind of like Woodstock, but with fewer people, marching band music and no long hair. Ok it was nothing like Woodstock. It did happen; with fourteen Parishioners including two that rode in our float and a dog named Jara. The weather was perfect, not too hot and not too cold. With the “All Lady Kazoo Band” practiced and ready, candy packed in three bags, our church banner unfurled and the float was adorned, we were ready for the 2018 Memorial Day Parade.

The First Parish Church participated and marched with a few hundred other band revelers along the 1.9 mile trek to the Biddeford Veterans Park. We recognized many friends from the Saco, Biddeford area and waved at all the people who had gathered along the route. Who was having more fun than us? Next year come and see for yourself and join us in the parade!

Second: On June 23rd is the Sidewalk Art Festival. For the past here years we have given watermelon slices and water to the vendors and the people there to buy art and enjoy the day. We have always been happily received by all and we have had fun as well while promoting Christian generosity.

Third: is the Music in the Parking Lot will start on Thursday, July 12th. It runs every Thursday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Dyer Library Parking Lot. Last year we had a table where we sold bags of cookies and cold waters on one of the evenings. This year we are hoping that we can increase that number. We are looking for bakers and people who like listening to music to work at the table. If we get enough interest we can do more than one evening.

Fourth: On July 28th 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. is the Car Show. Vintage cars will be parked all along Main Street. We do not have any plans for an event sponsored by us, but for all of you who love the automobile should make plans.



Good News Team Continued

Fifth: is the very popular River Jam weekend. Again, we do not have an event planned. It is a weekend event with Music, Food and Carnival.

Sixth: is the October Pumpkin Fest on October 20th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We have had a booth for the past two years where we had a bean bag toss game for the children with candy prizes. They are usually dressed in Halloween costumes. We all have a very fun time.

Seventh: On December 8th is the Parade of Lights. We have participated as a church before but not recently. It does offer a chance for us to have a Float or maybe a choir singing Carols.

We are open to your ideas and of course participation in one or more of these events. These events give us an opportunity to spread the Good News of our Lord Jesus through our actions and potential invitation to First Parish.

Speaking of invitation, we are going to have another Invitation Sunday this year. It will probably be held in the fall. Last time we did an Invitation Sunday, we had a bowling outing afterwards and over forty people came to our church by invitation.

Do you have a special event happening at First Parish? Or an event that happens regularly.? Please give us a heads up. Contact Fred Connelly, Al Sicard, Jon Edstrom or me. Give the details and we will get Facebook activated, News Papers, E-Blast, maybe even the TV News. We ask that you give us plenty of time to get the word out so don't be shy!

Last for today, if you are looking for a great Team to join, we may be just what you are looking for. There is no special knowledge required! We have fun, we will teach you and we have awesome meetings. Please contact me at papagnome@aol.com or call me Rick Campbell at 207-831-1425. If I am not answering, leave a message, I will get back to you and you will be glad.

Thank you for your time!





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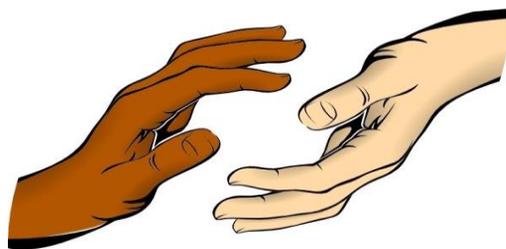


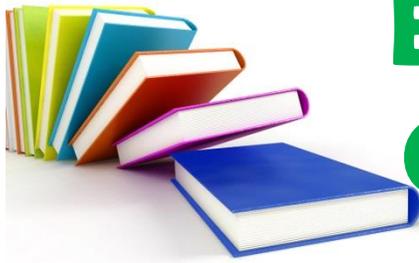


Please help us support *Welcome Immigrants; our New Neighbors* which is a non-profit started by the Federated Christ Church in Kennebunk, ME about 2 years ago. Some of our FPCC members have worked with this small Kennebunk team to support new refugees who have entered the U.S. legally, and now seek asylum. While waiting for the government red tape to be completed in order to receive their official asylum certification, these new immigrants are **not** allowed to seek work for 5 months, and do **not** qualify for general assistance, (except children and pregnant mothers receive food stamps and medical assistance through MaineCare). Since the start of this program, 22 families (102 people) have been served. Before arriving in the U.S., one recent immigrant was kidnapped in his country of origin and held for ransom. His family paid a lot of money to have him freed, and now, safe in the U.S. he and his family have little to support themselves. Money donated helps to pay for rent, mattresses, clothing, basic supplies, and food for the families. In addition, noncash items may be donated, specifically car seats for kids > 20 lbs, double strollers, adult bikes (for transportation), tricycles, child bike trailers, baby supplies like soap and shampoo, and grocery gift cards. If you want to donate a large item, please see Rick Twomey or call him at 207- 282-5017 or e-mail rdtwomey@gmail.com. Checks should be made payable to FPCC with **Immigrants** in the memo line. Please put cash donations in an envelope marked **Immigrants**. If you'd like to volunteer, please see Carol SpencerLemay or contact her at 284-9088 or spencerlemay2@gmail.com

A mission trip is planned for September 9-14, 2018 to Cherryfield, Maine. I (Carol SpencerLemay) volunteered last September along with my husband, Rick Lemay, plus Nancy Niven, Rick and Nancy Twomey, and volunteers from other Maine churches. If you enjoy carpentry, or are handy at fixing things around the house, (or even if you have minimal carpentry experience like me) you can make a difference in the lives of those whose homes are in need of repair. The recipients were so grateful for our help! Look for applications under "Missions" on the bulletin board near the office, or speak with Rick or Nancy Twomey. Total cost person is \$325.00 which includes meals and housing. Some Mission Outreach money will be available to defray the expenses of the journey, but your application must be sent in by July 1st. If you are *not* able to go on the September trip, you can still help this *Seacoast Mission*. Rick and Nancy Twomey will continue to collect children's mittens, lap robes, prayer shawls, and afghans for the *Seacoast Mission* to distribute to those in need. Don't throw out those unused throws; bring them to the office!

Every year in **Honduras**, thousands of children go hungry. For years, through the AMIGOS Program, our York Association of United Church of Christ congregations have been trying to feed as many of those children as possible. We've done this in the past by assembling and sending buckets of food, and raising money to purchase food from local Hondurans for distribution. This year, Amigos, now called **Feeding Forward**, is working with a local Honduran charity called Daisy's Children. FPCC members can help in two ways: (1) Volunteer for a February Mission trip to Honduras and meet children and their families in their home. The York Association of the UCC has received a grant to assist with sending up to 10 people to Honduras to personally share God's abundance with those in need. See Rich Roedner or e-mail roedner@maine.rr.com or 2) Help us create the "meal that will not be finished" by giving generously. This year, in partnering with Daisy's Children, for every 50 cents donated, one meal can be served to a child! Please make checks payable to First Parish Congregational Church with **Feeding Forward** in the memo line, or put cash in an envelope labeled **Feeding Forward**. Donations may be left in the collection plates by June 17th. You may also donate at daisyschildren.org





Book Club

June 27th

“Before We Were Yours” by Lisa Wingate

July and August – No Book Club

September – Date TBA

“Big Little Lies” by Liane Moriarty

October – Date TBA

“Lilac Girls” by Martha Hall Kelly

November – Date TBA

"Tell My Sons: A Father's Last Letter

by Mark M. Webber

December – Date TBA

“Social Meal and 2019 Planning

Book Club meetings are held in the parlor of the church at **6:30 p.m.** Light refreshments are served. For more information contact Glen Ellen Roth at droth@maine.rr.com



Bean Supper

First Parish Congregational Church
12 Beach Street, Saco
(Corner of Beach & Main Streets)

When: Saturday, June 9, 2016
Serving from 5:00-6:30PM

Cost: \$8.00 for Adult
\$4.00 for Children ages 6-12
Children under 6 years old are free

Menu: Pea Beans, Kidney Beans, Hot Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese, Coleslaw, Brown Bread/Dinner Rolls, Desserts, Beverages



FLOWERS: There are still opportunities for giving altar flowers in July, August, and September. The sign-up sheets are posted by the church office door.

2nd Annual Picnic in the Parking Lot

Mark your calendars ~ Sunday, July 15th, Rain Or Shine! Women's Fellowship will provide the hot dogs, burgers and buns. You bring the salads and desserts!

From the Office

Please welcome Nadeen DeSilva as First Parish's new Office Manager. Office hours will continue to be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m

Born in June



June 20th

Margaret Blood

June 1st

Judi Klingensmith
Ray Lund
Michael Rumery
Gunnar Savage

June 8th

Peter Russell
Norma Gorham

June 18th

Ella Wiggs

June 22nd

Ronald Bissell
John Walters

June 19th

Stephen Garland

June 2nd

June Stewart

June 12th

Judy Gray
Camden Wilder

June 14th

Philip Curtis

June 24th

Hilton Lamson Jr

June 3rd

Wallace Nutting

June 15th

Gilbert Samuel
Cleve Worster
Peter Browne

June 27th

Johanna Fitzgerald
Nancy Sullivan
Russell Denner

June 4th

Dhanam Samuel

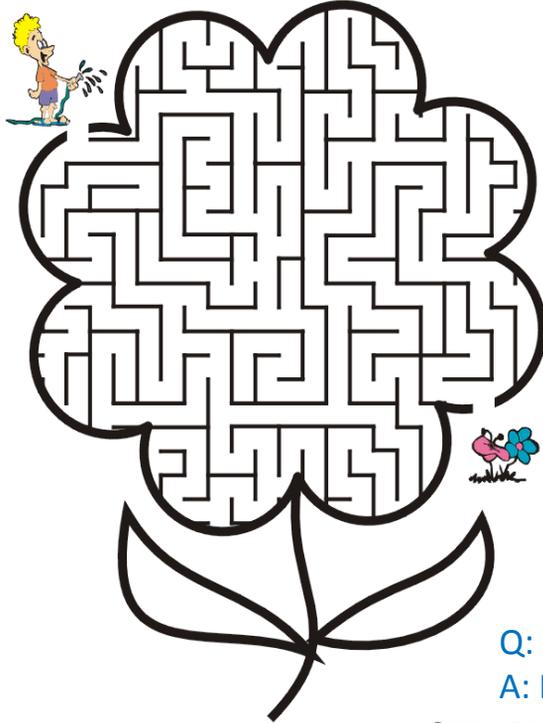
June 5th

David Page

happy
birthday



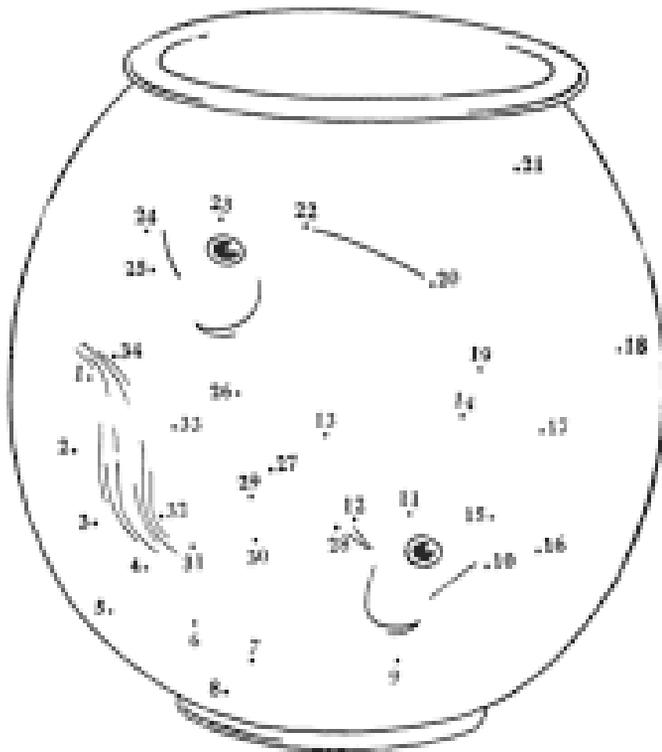
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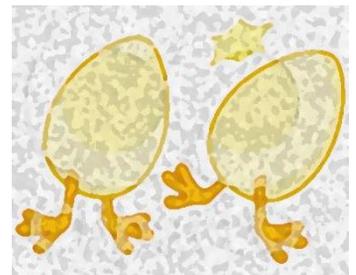
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Q: How to chickens get strong?
A: Egg-cersize

Q: What does a cat call a hummingbird?
A: Fast Food



Q: How do crows stick together in a flock?
A: Velcrow



Q: What did one egg say to the other egg?
A: Let's get crackin'!

Q: What do you call a crate of ducks?
A: A box of quackers.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10 8:00 Early Worship 9:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor) 10:00 Worship	11 4:00 Pastoral Relations Comm. 6:30 Church Council (Conf. Rm) 7:00 Big Book AA	12 9:30 WF Board Mtg. (Parlor) 9:30 WF Workshop (Atrium) 5:45 Voices in Harmony 6:30 New Pastor Search Comm. (Conf. Rm)	13 10:00 Staff Mtg. (Workshop) 10:00 Exercise (Flex Use Rm) 5:00 Dance Co. (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 GS Troop 277	14 5:00 Smarty Pants Graduation (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 Women's Step Mtg. (Youth Rm)	15 5:00 Devon Wedding Rehearsal	16 2:00 Devon Wedding
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