



Edgeboro Moravian Church's Mission

To love God, grow in Christ, and share the Holy Spirit through
Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Evangelism

Sunday Schedule

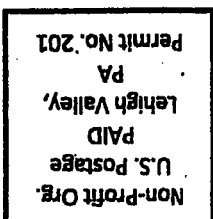
9:15am Adult Sunday School
9:30 Youth Sunday School
10:30am Worship

Find us at edgeboromoravian.org or 610.866-8793

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Office Hours: Mon.- Fri. 9:00am-1:00pm
Organist & Choir Director: Gayle Justice
Sexton: Greg Clugston

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- Access the church calendar online & Worship online at edgeboromoravian.org
Click on the Contact Us dropdown to enroll in weekly email announcements & phone blasts.
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Edgeboro Moravian Church
645 Hamilton Ave.
Bethlehem, PA 18017



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On Palm Sunday, we had 7 young people confirm the Baptismal Covenant that their parents made for them when they were born. One of their final homework assignments was to complete some sentences on a worksheet that I gave them. These are the sentences they were asked to complete:

- I believe God is _____.
- God created _____.
- God shows His love for me by _____.
- When I think about God's power, I imagine _____.
- When I pray to God, I feel _____.
- One way I can grow closer to God is _____.
- I believe Jesus came to _____.
- Jesus teaches me to _____.
- My favorite story about Jesus is _____.
- When I think about Jesus' sacrifice, I feel _____.
- Jesus is important to me because _____.
- I can follow Jesus' example by _____.
- I believe the Holy Spirit helps me by _____.
- I feel the Holy Spirit's presence when _____.
- The Holy Spirit gives me strength to _____.
- The Holy Spirit reminds me to _____.
- One time I felt guided by the Holy Spirit was when _____.
- I can listen to the Holy Spirit by _____.
- I can show my love for God by _____.
- I can share the message of Jesus by _____.
- I can encourage others through the Holy Spirit by _____.
- One way I can live out my faith every day is _____.
- My prayer for today is _____.

How would you complete these sentences? Did you try to complete them as you were reading them? I did and I got stuck a few times because some of them have more than one answer and then I got distracted thinking about all of the different possibilities and then my brain was off and running and lacked any type of focus at all! But I digress.

So, how would you complete these sentences? When I typed all of the confirmands responses into a spreadsheet, I noticed that there was some overlapping of answers just as I would suspect there would be for the other members of the congregation. The one answer that they all gave to either One way I can grow closer to God is _____ or I can show my love for God by _____ was going to church.

So, as we are approaching the summer months, I would encourage you to come to church! There are plenty of reasons to come to worship in May. On the 3rd, we will be celebrating May Birthday's and also hosting a book signing with Leah Hosterman for her book "Our Last Verse", which you can order through Barnes and Noble or buy from Leah on the 3rd. May 10th, we will be celebrating Christian Family Lovefeast, our Sunday School kids will be singing, and we will be having several new members join our church family. On the 17th, the Edge Band will be leading us in singing. May 24th is Pentecost and we will be having a benevolence breakfast and celebrating Holy Communion during worship.

Come to worship; share in fellowship with your fellow believers; feel God's love and presence.

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing!

Pastor Jodie

Sunday Schedule & Volunteers

May 3

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship - *Joyful Noise; Moravian Music Sunday; Birthday Sunday*

Elder: Spencer Smith
Sacristans: Ron & Carol Freyman
Ushers: Bob & Elley Silfies
Nursery: Val Hoff
Lawn: Blake Messman (4.28-5.10)

May 10

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship-*Christian Family Lovefeast; New Members*

Elder: Tammy Baer
Sacristans: Heath & Val Hoff
Ushers: Hoff Family
Nursery: Jenny Minnich
Lawn: Blake Messman (5.11-5.17)

May 17

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship-*Ascension*
 1:30pm Palette Club Group

Elder: Tim Jones
Sacristans: John & Paula Horn
Ushers: Carol Saeger & Nancy Bartleman
Nursery: Madison Hoff
Lawn: Art Sergent (5.18-5.24)

May 24

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship- *Pentecost; Communion*

Elder: Lynn Terry
Sacristans: Jon & Lynn Terry
Ushers: Brent & Kyle Sergent
Lawn: Patrick O'Brien

May 31

9:15am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Worship-*Trinity Sunday*

Elder: Season Pagano
Sacristans: Mike & Terri Long
Ushers: John & Rosie Bauman
Nursery: Lynn Terry
Lawn: Jon Terry (6.1-6.7)

Worship

In this section you will find information about special offerings, services, and activities for the communal worship of our congregation.

- **Worship Online**—Go to edgeboromoravian.org to download the week's bulletin and access the livestream of worship on YouTube each Sunday. We also livestream on our Facebook page. If you cannot join live, recordings of past services can be accessed in the same way.
- **May's Joyful Noise Offering**—This month's Joyful Noise Offering will support Camp Hope . Place your offerings in the Joyful Noise can in the sanctuary or make a gift to Edgeboro online, designating your gift for "Joyful Noise."

Holy Week Attendance (In-Person + Online)

	2025	2026		2025	2026	Key: C: Communion GSL: Great Sabbath Lovefeast NS: Not Streamed Unless specified, totals include YouTube streaming
Mon	12 (NS)	27	Fri 2:30	55	36	
Tues	16 (NS)	35	Fri 7:00	46	39	
Wed	12 (NS)	40	Sat (GSL)	48 (NS)	101	
Thurs (C)	82	94				

Worship Attendance (In-Person + Online)

	2025 in person	2025 online	2026 in person	2026 online	Key: CD: Confirmation Day E: Easter PS: Palm Sunday ONLINE Includes YouTube views only
MARCH week 5	70	42	161 (CD, PS)	42	
APRIL					
Week 1	87	42	193(E)	63	
Week 2	133	47 (PS)	98	34	
Week 3	211	51 (E)	65	31	
Week 4	63	52	70	37	

Monthly Financial Update

March Budgeted Revenue	\$18,665	Total Revenue Year to Date through March 28	
March Actual Revenue	\$22,156	2025	\$48,071
Over (Under) Budget	\$3,491	2026	\$50,885
Year to Date Difference	\$5,836	% Change	5.9%

- **Make a Gift to Edgeboro Online**—Scan the QR code to the right to make a gift to Edgeboro online using a credit card or bank account. Go to edgeboromoravian.org/give for more options and details about giving to Edgeboro.



Church News & Events

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Sugar Cake Orders. — Hankering for some tasty sugar cake? Edgeboro will be having another sale the second weekend of May, just in time for Mother's Day! Cakes are \$12 each. Orders are due May 4th.

Please contact Dr. Becky Miller to place your order: 610.442-8204 Pick up times: Friday, May 8, 3:00-5:00pm; Saturday, May 9, 8:30-11:30am; or Sunday, May 10 after church.

- **Book Signing May 3rd** — Come out and meet Joellyn Henry (Leah Hosterman) the author of *Our Last Verse*, after worship Sunday May 3rd in Fellowship Hall. *Our Last Verse* is an inspiring story based on real-life experiences about a young woman living with Cerebral Palsy after a stroke at birth. While facing her own challenges, she steps up to care for her niece as her brother struggles with addiction. It's a story about resilience, strength, and proving that no matter the obstacles, anyone is capable of overcoming more than they think.
Leah had a stroke at birth and was told she would never walk or talk, and did she prove them wrong. She has gone through 17 surgeries and has Epilepsy but through all her challenges she always has a smile on her face and sees the good in everything and everyone.
- **2026 Church Directory** will be in available soon! We will have several paper copies at the church for pick-up, but will also be e-mailing an electronic version to those we have email addresses for. Thank you for keeping the office aware of any updates you have.
- **Youth Sunday School** last day for this season will be **May 17th**. It will resume again for the new school year , Sunday September 13th.
- **Church Office will be CLOSED:** May 21st, May 22nd, and May 25th.
- **Clarinet Recital** by students of Megan Weikert will be held in the sanctuary May 30, 3:30pm. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend.



GARDEN ART MAKING PARTY

A Fundraiser for Essentials Café – Bethlehem, PA

Create. Connect. Support Your Community.

Build your own upcycled garden art from glass and ceramic plates and accessories!

No experience needed.

WHY ESSENTIALS CAFÉ?

A pay-what-you-can café providing fresh, homemade meals for all.
Your participation helps reduce food insecurity in our community.

EVENT DETAILS

Sunday, May 3 | 2:00-4:00 PM

- \$30 Per Participant • 25 Spots Available
- 100% of Donations Go to Essentials Café
- Refreshments Provided

Make Something Beautiful. Make a Difference.

RSVP to 484-547-2185

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- **Seniors & Friends—** May 7, 11:30am West Side Moravian 402 3rd Ave. Take a journey through the almost 200-year history of Martin Guitar as told by the company's Archives & Museum Manager, Jason Ahner. As part of the experience, you will be able to view select items from the company's vast archives. From an early age Jason Ahner has been fascinated with guitars. Not just as a guitar player, but their origins, both acoustic and electric. He also has always loved history. For the past eight years he has been able to blend both of them, while managing the archives and museum at Martin Guitar. Jason got his start at Martin fourteen years ago working in the polishing department. He then spent five years working in the company's customer service department before he was appointed to his current position. Bring a Friend & a Sandwich Beverage and Dessert will be Provided! The front door located on 3rd Ave. will be open for easier access to our meetings.
- **Community Yard Sale** May 30 Palmer Moravian Church, 2901 John St, Easton 8:00am -12noon.
- **Surprise Card/Gift Shower** As the Eastern District continues to give thanks for the faithful ministry of Sister Marie Coutts, we invite you to participate in a Card Shower of Gratitude in her honor. Marie concluded twenty-one years of service as Director of Christian Education for the Eastern District at the end of 2025. Over more than four decades of ministry, her faithful leadership, encouragement, and creativity have shaped generations of educators, leaders, and congregations across the Moravian Church. We hope to offer the opportunity to everyone to share their good wishes with Marie as she enters this new chapter of service. We will be presenting Marie with a gift box of cards, letters, notes, emails, and photos that she can open and read over time. To that end, we invite you to mail your card or note in an envelope to:

Sister Marie Coutts c/o Missy Johnson
Moravian Church Center
1021 Center St.
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Email your message or digital photos to: Eastern@mcnp.org Please send all items by June 1. Cards, notes, and emails will be collected and presented to Marie as a joyful surprise, a tangible reminder of the many lives she has touched. Photos are welcome and may be included with her gift box. We encourage you to forward this invitation to others who might wish to participate. **This is meant to be a special surprise**, so please limit your sharing to communications Marie will not see in advance.

On behalf of the Eastern District, thank you for joining in this celebration of Marie's extraordinary ministry.

- **BAM Night at the Iron Pigs** Join the Bethlehem Area Moravians - and friends - for a baseball game on Friday, June 5, 7pm at the Iron Pigs stadium. Affordable fun for everyone! Tickets are \$10 each, with a \$3 loaded value. Parking is an extra \$5. All are welcome! To register for tickets visit: tinyurl.com/3kth8p2y
- **Service Camps with BWM** The Board of World Mission, together with our Moravian camping ministries in Wisconsin and New Jersey, invites volunteers to join together in preparation for 2026 summer programming at our BWM service camps. There is no cost to attend either camp; meals and lodging (and lots of fun!) will be provided for the volunteers. Project details are not yet available, but in the past, groups have done everything from staining cabins, replacing roofing on pavilions, clearing brush, weeding, and more. Free time is casual and can be spent as you choose - you are sure to find others who will join you on a hike or sitting around the campfire. Register at MoravianMission.org/ServiceCamp/ and direct any questions to Director of Mission Service, Dan Miller (dan@moravianmission.org).

Mt. Morris Service Camp
Wautoma, Wisconsin | May 13-17
Register by May 1st

Camp Hope Service Camp
Blairstown, New Jersey | June 16-20
Register by June 1st

- **Faith Formation Newsletter** To read the latest edition of the Faith Formation newsletter from Lainie Yaswinski, visit: tinyurl.com/y8jsakww.

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- **Camp Hope Summer Schedule**

5.22-5.24 Memorial Day Weekend Family Camp

6.16-6.20 Mission Camp

6.28-7.04 *Music Theater Camp (*Godspell, Jr.*) Grades 5-9

7.05-7.11 Primary Conference Grades 3-4

7.12-7.18 Middler Conference Grades 5-6

7.19-7.25 Junior High Conference Grades 7-8

7.26-8.01 Senior High Conference Grades 9-12

8.02-8.05 Pre-Primary Conference Grades 1-2

8.02-8.08 *Junior Park Ranger Camp Grades 3-6

9.30-10.3 Quilt Camp Women

Sarah Hriniak, dean

Kerrian Simpson, dean

Amy DeLong, dean

Rev. Jodie Harney, dean

Andrea Peart, dean

Shannon Swingle Balsai, dean

Lisa & Rob Baker, deans

Jill Bruckart, organizer

*Limit 30 campers

- **Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern (LEPOCO)** is hosting **Young People Making Peace Summer Day Camp (Peace Camp)** July 27-31. Founded in 1990, this one-week camp involves children (Kindergarten through 7th grade) and teen and adult volunteers in fun and creative songs, games, stories, craft projects, mostly in small groups, with a focus on peace and justice themes. Register here: tinyurl.com/5e4fzuxh by July 1st. After that date call the LEPOCO office to check availability. For more information, call the LEPOCO office at 610-691-8730
- **Bethlehem Moravian Archives Volunteers Needed** Throughout the years, the Archives has relied on volunteers to help in carrying out our mission of service to the Church and community. Volunteers, staff, our reception area, work with genealogy researchers, assist in the digitization of our print and photo resources, generate searchable typescript documents from our manuscript collections, and remind us daily with their enthusiasm and dedication just what a joy it is to work here. To learn more and apply, visit: moravianarchives.org/volunteers/
- **Essentials Café** Monday evenings are food prep nights for the café at West Side Moravian Church. If you plan to attend, contact West Side Moravian at: westsidemoravian@gmail.com or 610.865-0256. The café is always in need of additional volunteers. Visit essentialscafe.org/volunteer to learn more and sign up to volunteer. The café is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 8:00am-2:00pm. **Pay It Forward Wooden Nickels** - Wooden Nickels offer an opportunity to provide a meal for someone else. Stop by the café and pick up wooden nickels for the suggested price of \$12.00 each. Each wooden nickel can be redeemed for a nourishing meal. There are two ways to provide meals to others: **1.** Place a wooden nickel in our jar, kept on the counter. paying it forward for our guest that may not be able to make a donation for their meal. **2.** Purchase a wooden nickel and give it to a friend in need, or a neighbor who may be working hard and simply too tired to cook, or give it as a gift to someone who gave you a helping hand, sharing with them your experience at Essentials Café.
- **Moravian Music Foundation Opportunities**
Monday Morning Music: Join Kyle Johnston, at the keyboard, Mondays at 10am on the MMF You Tube Channel as he plays through a variety of hymns from multiple sources. Hear old favorites, discover new favorites, and relax to the sound of classic hymns at home, in your office or on your commute. Recordings are also available.
Monthly Shape-Note Sing: (Lehigh Valley Shape-Note Singers) **6:00-8:00pm Every 4th Tuesday,** Come join Kyle Johnston and the Lehigh valley Shape Note Singers in learning to sing an authentic, historic American style of singing. Singers of all ages and skill levels are welcome. **Godfrey Daniels, 7 E. 4th St.** in Bethlehem. For more information, please contact: Corinne Serfass at c.e.serfass@gmail.com
- **Community Yoga at West Side Moravian** 402 3rd Ave, Bethlehem, Saturdays 9:00am-10:00am \$10 Donation. Bring a yoga mat and water. Contact Angela Baio: angelobaio86@gmail.com for more information.



*Celebrating ALL the women
who helped shape us to become
who we are today.!*

Item Collections & Drives

In this section, you will find information and updates about the different things Edgeboro is collecting.

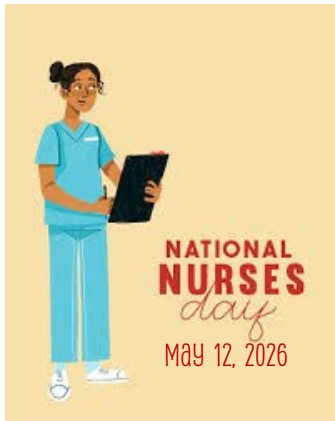
INDOOR DROP-OFF—Bring all items to the donation room (“Old office”).

OUTDOOR DROP-OFF—Place your items in the donation drop-off shed located at the corner of the building right off the parking lot.

- **ONGOING: Trex Plastic Recycling Program**—Edgeboro is collecting plastic! Since we began the program in February 2020, Edgeboro and the Bethlehem Moravian congregations have recycled **over six tons of plastic!** Accepted plastics include: pallet wrap and stretch film, grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, Ziploc bags, produce bags, bubble wrap and air pillows, salt bags, and cereal bags. (NOTE: All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.)

Recycling drop off schedule: May 2: Carole Burkhardt; June 13: Blake Messman; July 11: Jon Terry

- **ONGOING: Hygiene Items for Northeast Community Center (NECC)**—NECC has a section of their food pantry for hygiene items. Edgeboro is collecting the following hygiene items: anti-bacterial wipes, hand soap, laundry detergent, menstrual products, mouthwash, and tissues.



Monthly Highlights

Elders

- The Elders last met on Thursday, April 9th. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, May 7th.
- Anniversary, birthday, condolence, and thank you cards were sent.
- Reports from CEC & Youth, Fellowship, House, Outreach & Collections, Sacristans, Membership, Trustees and Pastor.
- The Lenten collection of socks and underwear will soon be delivered to NECC.
- A date for new members joining the church is in the works.
- Scott Harney has offered to create a presentation on internet safety for the congregation. A date will be announced soon.

Trustees

- The Trustees last met on Thursday, April 16th. The Trustees will meet next on Thursday, May 14th.
- Reports from CEC & Youth, Evangelism, Fellowship & house, Finance & Audit, Stewardship, Pastor, and Treasurer.
- Pastor Jodie is looking for someone to lead a high school Sunday School class.
- Sugar Cake sale was successful. Next sale will be Mother's Day weekend.
- Insurance audit has been submitted.
- Looking into the purchase of a new fiberglass ladder.
- Creating a committee to vet potential new renters as a new lease will begin July 1st. Becky Miller will head the committee.

Fellowship

In this section you will find information about fellowship events, correspondence received during the month, and birthday and anniversary dates.



May Birthdays

- 4) Andrew Batson
- 5) Donna Henning
- 6) Kyle Sergent
- 7) Diane Aker-Vought
Kathie Smyser
- 9) Michael Horwath
Joseph Volkert
- 10) Abigail Lovell
- 12) Bradley Williamson
- 13) Thomas Ruhf
- 14) Blake Messman
- 15) Amanda Borowski
Ronald Freyman
- 17) Mary Williamson
- 21) Jayden Eldridge
David Swanson
- 23) Allen Frank
- 24) Jeffrey Minnich
- 25) Arohn Testa
- 29) Linda Kunsman
- 30) Cassidy Baer
Steven Rohn
- 31) Sylvia Cusatis

May Anniversaries

- 3) Abiel & Alexandre Solitario
- 4) Robert & Bridge Frank
- 5) John & Luran Bannon
- 10) Heath & Val Hoff
Kyle & Jamie Sergent
- 13) Kyle & Amanda Borowski
- 15) Brent & Nancy Sergent
- 21) Johanna & Ronald Heft
Amy & Bruce Weikert
- 25) Darryl & Robin Bacon
Thomas & Shannon Balsai
- 26) Deb & Peter Hepler
- 29) Jarret & Melissa Hoff



There are 12 images of Christ throughout the church.

Dear Edgeboro Moravian Church:

Thank you for your generous support of \$210.0 in 2025 for the Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers program which addresses local hunger and food insecurity programs. Your thoughtfulness in provide for others has made a big impact!

Last year, our combined programs provided of 150,000 meals for our brothers and sisters in the Lehigh Valley and our goal for 2026 is to provide 175,000 meals for our communities in need. None of this would have been possible without your valuable financial support, partnership, and prayers.

With my sincere thanks,

Bob Wingrove

The Freezer Ministry and Garden Gatherers, Executive Director

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Hawaiian Chicken Salad

Mrs. Palmer Eby

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 c cooked chicken | 3/4 c. slivered dried apricots |
| 2 c. chunk pineapple | 1/2 c. toasted slivered almonds |
| 1 1/2 c. chopped celery | |

Mix your favorite salad dressing (mayonnaise or miracle whip).
Serve with coconut and chopped green pepper. Serves 6.



Dear Edgeboro Moravian Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$208.00 to Essentials Café. Your contribution makes a real difference in our community.

It is only because of the generosity of so many people, like yourselves that we are able to help fulfill our mission in helping alleviate food insecurity and help build a community where all are welcome to have a seat at a table and enjoy a homemade meal regardless of the ability to pay.

We hope you visit Essentials Café to see firsthand how your generosity is helping neighbors in need. We love it when our donors experience the positive impact their support brings to our community. Your support truly makes a difference in our mission and directly impacts the lives of those we serve.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of Essentials Café and our mission. We are truly grateful and we look forward to seeing you soon .

Best Regards,

Dawn Fenner, Executive Director Essentials Café



May Children Birthdays

- 7) Mila George
- 12) Daisy Bannon
- 22) Maxwell Beller
- 29) Theodore Maritch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship</p>	27	<p>28</p> <p>6:00pm Girl Scouts troop 81139</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417</p>	30	<p>1</p> 	2
<p>3</p> <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Moravian Music Sunday 11:30am Hosterman book signing</p>	4	<p>5</p>  <p>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER</p> <p>Sugar Cake Bakers 7:00pm Elders meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Sugar Cake Bakers</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Sugar Cake Bakers</p>
<p>10</p>  <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Christian Family Lovefeast</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30am Palette Club Board Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00pm Girl Scouts troop 81139</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00pm Trustees Meeting</p>	15	16
<p>17</p> <p>9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Youth Sunday School 10:30am Worship 1:30pm Palette Club Group</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	23
<p>24</p>  <p>9:00am Benevolence Breakfast 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship - Communion</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00pm Girl Scouts troop 81139</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8417</p>	28	29	<p>30</p>  <p>3:30pm Clarinet Recital & Reception</p>
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