



THE SPIRE

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Dear Edwards Church Community,

Fall is a gift. Of course, all of life and nature are too, but fall in New England is truly a gift. Residents of the valley know this, surrounded as we are by daily reminders in the color of the leaves, the taste of cider and pumpkin bread, and the rare afternoons when the air is just a little crisp, but not yet so cold we think twice before going out.



For me, fall is a recurring pleasant reminder of walks in the state parks on or near the Appalachian Trail, a short ride from my family home in western Maryland. Closer to home here in Northampton, a walk on the trails up Mt. Tom, Sugarloaf or any other climb is not only an invigorating walk in nature; it is also, for me, an invitation to recall Saturdays in the fall as a much younger boy.

My father would gather all the children old enough to walk in the woods (and that was an elastic standard, depending on my mother's rest requirements). We'd head off on Saturday morning, leaving Mom and the youngest children at home, and go hike. We'd stay out on the trails until Dad's patience was all used up or young appetites demanded a meal. My parents had other goals at the time, but I know those walks are where my pleasure from walking in the woods was born.

Years later, when the McSherry children were ages 10-30, we took a family picture on the rocks beside a popular waterfall in the Catoclin Mountains. It remains a family favorite for capturing an era: Mom and Dad still middle aged, only one of their children married, and no grandkids. Fall colors were scattered on the rocks. Half the leaves of the surrounding trees had fallen; half were still above.

We are in a different time and place today. Marian and Jim are gone. Never forgotten, their influence and memory live on in us, including their 30 grandchildren.

Edwards Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation:

*We embrace Christ's command to love God with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves. Therefore, we welcome **everyone** regardless of ethnic background, economic circumstance, sexual orientation, family configuration, or difference in ability.*

All who seek the love of Christ are welcome to Edwards Church and to share fully in its life and ministry. In response to the Spirit of Christ in our midst, we glorify God and rejoice in the inherent worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a child of God.

“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.” (1 Cor. 3:6-7) As a newly minted grandparent, I get to re-experience the wonder of new life and the rapid changes in a baby. As he grows, he will discover new things all the time and evolve. He will also become familiar with and even acculturated to his family’s norms, and discover comfort in routines. They will feel natural to him, unquestioned.



As healthy teenagers and young adults, many of us go through a process of differentiating from our family. We find out that who we are is not exactly the same as our family of origin. That process can involve a sense of wonder and growing appreciation. It can also involve tension and resistance, especially when parents or other family members experience the younger members’ growth and change as a rejection of family norms. Maybe you’ve been on at least one side of that experience. I know I have.

In the life of a church, like the life of a family, tension can occur when growth requires change. We can have different experiences and opinions regarding the need for changes or how they are implemented. But if we keep our focus on what we have in common – the life and love that are already present and shared, the commitment to continuity as well as new growth – it can make all the difference. As we celebrate the seasons, observing the changes that occur in the cycle of life, let us remember that what binds us to each other is more lasting than the leaves of one season.

Blessings,

Michael

Looking for Proctors

Our church is an active participant in the life of the wider community. One way we participate is making space available for concerts, workshops and presentations offered by area non-profits. Some of these events involve groups with a relationship to a staff member willing to proctor for no charge, but most do not. To make it possible for groups to use our space in this variety of situations, the need has arisen for a group of paid proctors. These proctors do not need to be members of the church, but must be individuals well known to us, as they will be trusted to represent the church and protect our facilities during events. We will train you and require the group using the building to pay you. The amount of that payment is under review, but the current minimum is \$100. Interested? Contact Michael McSherry at minister@edwardschurchnorthampton.org

From the Minister of Faith Formation

Dear Beloved of God,

“What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.” 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

The “seed planting” of our first intergenerational retreat began in a Faith Formation meeting about 2 years ago when a line item for Vision Initiatives was introduced as viable for Boards and Committees. We let the seeds of the vision of a retreat germinate as we hoped for an event that would offer a worship component, a spiritual experience(s), fellowship, a mission component, and time away...for all ages. We needed a theme; Sheri Cheung introduced us to *Too Many Pumpkins* by Linda White. The seed was being nurtured and watered. Visioning the day began as well as finding a site that could accommodate us for the day. We developed scriptural themes and the flow of the day. Ruth Griggs designed flyers and magnets. In our meetings we enjoyed pumpkin bread, pumpkin and cream cheese muffins, and pumpkin pesto.

Publicity included announcements from Jim Stokes-Buckles and Melissa Mattison aka Pumpkin Spice. Michael and I visited the Rowe Conference Center and secured a date. We lined up adults for providing crafts and activities for the youth (and adults who wanted to participate in them). Seed growth was becoming apparent and felt.

The seed of God is in us. Given an intelligent and hard-working farmer, it will thrive and grow up to God, whose seed it is; and accordingly, its fruits will be God-nature. Pear seeds grow into pear trees, nut seeds into nut trees, and a God seed into God. – Meister Eckhart

Truly it was the God seed in all who participated in the planning and the experience of the day that provided the growth and gifts of our first intergenerational retreat. When asked to reflect on what they were most grateful for, participants offered: colorful leaves, church family, fellowship, sun, pumpkins, face painting, tattoos, labyrinth, the weather, lessons offered, the golf cart, relaxation, spiritual time, music, and pumpkin carving.

My deep gratitude to members of the planning team: Sheri Cheung, Ruth Griggs, Melissa Mattison, Jim Stokes-Buckles and Michael McSherry; to the those who provided crafts and activities for our children and youth: Kelly St. Martin, Michelle Prindle, Lia and Gabriella Wilkerson; and to Dan and Michelle Prindle for gracing us with music.

Gratefully,
Deb

Faith Formation Offering

November 16 ~ 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. *I Wonder: Generations Together Engaging the Bible with Curiosity.* Join Deb Moore for an interactive and intergenerational offering around entering and engaging Bible stories with wonder and curiosity. Those attending are invited to bring something to share in a potluck dinner.

Church School

Parents, please remember to register your child(ren) for church school. Important information for Teacher, Assistants, and the Minister of Faith Formation is on those forms. Also, per our Safe Conduct/Safe Church Policies and Procedures Manual, please be sure to sign your child(ren) in and out of church school. The sign-in sheets are on the table in the back of the sanctuary and will go with the teachers to the classrooms.



During the month of November, members of the church school and their teachers will be exploring stories of our faith from both the Hebrew and Christian scriptures.

November 3 ~ Communion Sunday – Intergenerational Worship & Bible Sunday

November 10 ~ Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 ~ Basking in God

November 17 ~ Isaiah 65:17-25 ~ A Vision of Promise

November 24 ~ Colossians 1: 11-20 ~ Reign of Christ

Level 2 Racial Justice Training

Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Edwards Room. Prerequisite: those attending must have completed the Level 1 training. The training will be led by Rev. Kelly Gallagher and Rev. Day McCallister.

To register email Deb Moore at education_minister@edwardschurchnorthampton.org.

YOUTH GROUP

Edwards Church Youth Group's ministry is open to those in Grades 6 -12.

We generally meet on the second and fourth Sunday of the month from 11:30-1:00, with a few exceptions. Youth are always welcome to bring a friend!



Join us on:

November 15 ~
Serving a meal at the Interfaith
Emergency Cot Shelter

November 24 ~ 11:30 – 1:00
Meeting in the Edwards Room

Bible Sunday

During worship on Sunday, November 3rd graders and older youth who haven't received a Bible from the Edwards Church community will be presented with a personalized Bible including a Bible verse selected just for them.





Share **YOUR** Story with the Edwards Church Faith Journey Project in collaboration with **NARRATUS**

Narratus has been working with the Edwards Church Faith Formation Board, (FFB) led by your Education Minister Deb Moore, for over a year. The FFB has hired Narratus to collect Faith Journey stories from the Edwards Church congregation. Over the last year we have spoken with seven of your fellow congregants. It has been a fascinating and personal journey for both the interviewers and the participants, whom we call “narrators.”

In consultation with the FFB and Deb Moore, Narratus created a list of questions about the faith journey. Each “narrator” speaks to such questions as:

- did you have a religious life as a child?
- how did your spiritual life develop as you got older?
- how do you view God?
- what drew you to this church in particular and what keeps you here?

The interviews last an hour and take place in the comfortable meeting room of your church.

All participants receive an audio file and transcript of their interview and a copy is also held by the FFB.

Narratus: Who Are We?

Pat MacPherson, a retired book editor, directed the English Dance Oral History Project, a collection of over 100 stories of dancers, musicians, and singers, for the Country Dance and Song Society.

Susan Creighton is Archivist at the Westfield, MA Library and Athenaeum, and at the Vermont Folklife Center.

For Further Information

Deb Moore, and your Faith Formation Board, welcome questions about the Faith Journey Project.

Communion Table Flowers

The gift of flowers for the communion table in our sanctuary is a wonderful way to express your love for the church and for each other. You may select from the following Sunday dates: November 3, 10, or 17. Please call or email Janet Hemminger at (413) 584-1635 or chuck.hemminger@gmail.com to select a date.



Many thanks, Janet Hemminger

Fellowship Time is Busy!

Hello Edwards Church! Here's another friendly reminder about the after-church fellowship hour, which has been well-attended this spring. Everything is there: Good company, a watchful deacon, hot coffee and tea, and – well, usually tasty snacks. But not always. Once in a while we have a pretty lean Sunday, hence this appeal. Please, when you get that gentle reminder that your alphabet group comes up, consider bringing a little something. Lots of littles add up to a generous and welcoming table.

Thank you, from the Deacons,

Tom Derr



November 3 - Last names with A-D
November 10 - Last names with E-K
November 17 - Last names with L-P
November 24 - Last names with R-Z

Holyoke for the Holidays

David Kidwell will conduct the Holyoke Civic Symphony in its annual holiday concert on Sunday, December 8 at 3pm at the United Congregational Church of Holyoke (300 Appleton Street). This is a free concert, but donations are gratefully accepted.

The featured work on the program will be the Organ Concerto in G Minor by Francis Poulenc. Roberta Morkin, organist at UCC Holyoke, will be the soloist, playing the historic E. M. Skinner Opus 322 pipe organ.

The rest of the program will consist of Christmas and holiday music, as well as Hanukkah selections from the Mak'hela Jewish Chorus of Western Massachusetts.



For more information, please visit the orchestra's website: www.holyokecivicsymphony.org.

Cathedral in the Night - Sharing our Faith and a Meal with Our Neighbors

It takes a village to support the Cathedral in the Night worship service and provide 100 servings of a hot and take-away meal. And we did it yet again on Sunday, October 6th! It was a beautiful evening, a bit cool by the end of dinner, but the worship service was moving, as usual.

It is always inspiring to hear those who have so little in material goods give so much of themselves when they respond to the sermon with their own understanding of God's word as seen through the lens of their lives. On October 6th, a Cathedral in the Night member preached about forgiveness. The Cathedral congregation's practice of passing the microphone around after the sermon to provide personal insights and ask questions is often the most meaningful part of the service for us. Responses are real, sometimes raw, sometimes joyful, sometimes full of pain, and always heartfelt. We can feel Jesus' presence among us and we love that voices of our Cathedral neighbors, whom many in our greater community prefer not to hear, are wholeheartedly encouraged and supported when they are attending their church. The Cathedral community has broadened our understanding of God's grace and love immeasurably and we look forward to learning much more as we continue our partnership with this special congregation.

In conversation with one of our neighbors at the Oct. 6 service, we learned that their first visit to the Cathedral service was due to physical hunger. What drew this person back, however, was a hunger for something else - community.

Thank you to all in the Edwards congregation who have played a part in helping to make church and a good meal possible six times a year for our thoughtful and inspiring neighbors at Cathedral in the Night. The next time we will be in worship with Cathedral in the Night will be Sunday, December 1st.

With gratitude and awe,
Debbie Davis and Grace Del Vecchio

Children's Choir

Rehearsals for the Edwards Church Children's Choir will begin Sunday, November 3. We welcome children in early childhood and the elementary grades to join us for handbell ringing and carol singing as we prepare for the annual Christmas pageant. We will be meeting on Sundays, right after fellowship from 11:30-Noon on November 3, November 10, November 17, November 24 and **December 8**. We will make a musical offering to the congregation at the annual pageant on Sunday, December 15.



Your Stewardship Committee and the REACH Team Ask You to Save These Dates:

- ***Sunday, November 3, join us during Fellowship Hour after worship***

Your Stewardship Committee and the REACH Team are excited about engaging the Edwards community in new ways that strengthen our connection with each other. Please come to our special Time and Talent Fellowship Hour on November 3 to have one-on-one conversations with Stewardship and REACH members about the ways to serve, the time commitment, and what you want out of your experience in giving service to and/or through your church.

- ***Sunday, November 10, Stewardship Sunday***

Please bring your completed Stewardship pledge card and Invitation to Serve Your Church and Community form to church on Stewardship Sunday and rejoice in what we, as a community, can do together!

What Does Stewardship Mean to You?

During worship services from October 13 through November 3, reflections will be offered about our church and living our faith by actively engaging with our time, talents, and financial support. Here is the first of these reflections, for which Sandra Rossi received many positive comments ...

Bibles, Chop Sticks and Circles

My name is Sandra Carlson Rossi and as a prelude to Stewardship Sunday I want to tell you a bit about what Edwards Church has meant to me. And, as a member of the REACH team, a bit about our way forward as a community of faith.

Bibles – My first Bible was given to me here at Edwards when I was 8 years old. ... One of my favorite verses from the Bible is God's response to Moses when Moses asks God for a name, a name to give the Israelites when they ask who has sent Moses to them to bring them out of Egypt and God answers: I Am who I Am. Tell the people I Am has sent me to you. That thought of an un-named Divine Dimension beyond ourselves has resonated with me all of my life. And so it continues, given opportunities through worship and faith formation to question, study and reflect on scripture and its relevance to relationships and to our part in the world today. My time at Edwards has helped and continues to help fulfill and give meaning to my life.

Chop Sticks – I first learned to use chop sticks in youth group here and I have thought back to that as a small symbol of the further encouragement given me to be open to other cultures, to other people, to other ways of knowing and relating to the Divine - encouragement to attend worship with different denominations when away at school and to reflect on and appreciate other religions when living for a time half way around the world. So much to be thankful for.

Circles – Yes, I have been a part of Edwards Church for a long time. A full circle you might say. I was here when the former building on this site was torn down making way for the present building, here when we voted to become part of the United Church of Christ, here when committee's names were changed to reflect new realities, and here for lots of etceteras - some difficult and some beyond rewarding.

At the last Annual Meeting your REACH team was called to formulate a revitalized governance structure for the church and part of that suggested change is based on what we are calling Ministry Circles. One of those circles is Worship and Spirituality and it is within that circle that we envision teams relating to all aspects of our worship services and to all that informs and enlightens the formation of our faith and the practicing of that faith – the very kinds of opportunities that I experienced here as a young person and continue to experience as an adult.

May you be open to careful consideration of the suggested changes and give prayerful thought to how you might participate in the ministry and mission of Edwards Church.

DRAFT Edwards Church Council Minutes
October 9, 2019

Council Members Attending: Leon Drzewianowski (Moderator), Janet Tucker (Deacons), Carl Erickson (At-Large), Jeanne Kocsis (Outreach), Mark Dion (Pastor-Congregation Relations), Jim Stokes-Buckles (Vice Moderator & Faith Formation), Debbie Davis (Stewardship)

Staff Attending: Deb Moore (Minister of Faith Formation)

Leon called the meeting to order at 7:07pm and led an opening prayer.

Joys and concerns:

- Shelter Sunday was last weekend and it was very successful, which is very important to Manna and to the Interfaith Cot Shelter. The people in Northampton are so generous!
- It feels like there is a great energy on the REACH team, and the team is excited about getting closer to passing on its recommendations.
- Youth Group went gleaning a couple of weeks ago and it was a great mission and a lot of fun.
- The Intergenerational Retreat “Too Many Pumpkins!” is next week and has been a joy to plan!
- Faith Formation Learning Series continues this Sunday with Sheri & Melissa presenting.
- Church school will be giving away cider and kindness rocks on the sidewalk in front of church this Sunday. This is part of the continuing theme of getting “outside the walls”.

Minutes of the September meeting

- One correction: the north side of the Heritage Room will be reconfigured for church school supplies, not for the quilts and prayer shawl ministry as stated in the minutes.
- Minutes were accepted with that one correction.

Retreat Updates

- Deb and Jim shared the planning team’s excitement for the retreat next Saturday 10/19.
- Deb noted it tends to be 10 degrees colder in Rowe than in Northampton so members will be encouraged to plan accordingly.

New Way Inreach review committee

- No update since the summer. As noted in the May minutes: “Council unanimously voted its support for the following individuals to be appointed to the New Way Inreach review committee: Pamela Lamlein (Faith Formation), Dave Haughy (Music), Grace DeVecchio (Deacons), Jenny Hutchinson (At Large), Leon Drzewianowski (At Large). Leon will communicate with these members to coordinate a first meeting.”

REACH

- The group will have its slides and information available at the retreat for members to view.
- REACH will also present its work at “Reach for Pizza” event on 10/27 after worship.
- Stewardship Committee is going to collaborate with REACH on the “Reach for Pizza” event this year. This will be a departure from the “Pizza and Pie Charts” format of recent years.
- A letter from the senior pastor is going in the mail this week, and a letter from Stewardship committee will go in the mail next week which; each will illuminate some of the REACH proposals.

Disruptive Behavior Policy

- Deb shared that the UCC insurance board does not have such a policy.
- She found an example policy from the USNF across the street.
- Deb and Michael will continue to work on this policy with an eye toward adapting it to UCC theology.

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Edwards Church Scholarship Fund

- Deb reported that there are applicants already in. She will be looking for a couple new members of the review committee.
- The \$5,000 for this fund need not all be spent in one year, and can carry over. There is no designated limit to the scholarship that can be distributed, and there was some discussion about whether or not council should approve the amounts before they are distributed. The sense of the meeting was to leave the scholarship fund committee the discretion as to how to distribute the scholarships.

Music at the Crossroads

- The porcelain water cooler will be in place for this event and other physical improvements have been completed as well.
- There was a significant amount of press for this event and we are hoping for a full house!

Other Items

- Mark Dion expressed a willingness to do a free CPR class at church. Mark will follow up with Deb to set that up.

The next council meeting will be held on November 13, 2019, at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Carl led the council in a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Stokes-Buckles

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

C. Rutherford Platt

Grace Lively

Elizabeth Young

Krisinda S. Semb

Heidi Kinner

Susan Banas



Paul C. Gustavson

Louise P. Montague

Samuel A. Grant

Jody Kinner

William Roeder

Lindsey Ann Wells

Susan Anderson

Note: In an effort to protect the digital identities of our community members, we will no longer publish dates of birth in the newsletter. Please contact the church office directly if you would like to obtain this information.

Is your birthday missing? We'd like to include everyone, so please call the church office and let us know your birthday!

NEW WAY FUNDS

At the Edwards Church annual meeting on January 27, 2019, a motion was unanimously approved to move forward with the New Way process. A five-year rolling average of our investment fund end-of-year value would be calculated. As determined by the New Way committee, 5% of that average would be drawn from the church investment fund. The portion of that draw not used to support the operating budget would provide additional monies for “new” church opportunities. My desire is to provide real numbers covering the first three quarters of 2019.

The average ending investment fund value covering the years 2014 to 2018 was \$6,000,000. Applying the 5% calculates to \$300,000 for 2019. Our 2019 budget utilizes \$220,000 of that total, leaving \$80,000 of “New Way” funding. The New Way committee recommended that the \$80,000 be divided equally into four categories:

1. Capital Improvements & Trustee Authorized Expenditures
2. In-reach
3. Outreach
4. To Be Determined – by Church Council

Each category was allocated \$20,000 and separate accounts were created on our balance sheet to record and track activity. In reverse order, I will provide all transactions from January through September 2019, as follows:

(4) TBD – Church Council

- \$10,000 was transferred to Trustees, by vote of Council Balance \$10,000

(3) Outreach

- \$5,000 paid to MACUCC to support Racial Justice position at Conference
- \$5,000 was donated to Safe Passage for capital campaign Balance \$10,000

(2) In-Reach No expenditures in 2019 (1st meeting on 10/22/19) Balance \$20,000

(1) Capital Improvements – Trustees

- \$1,855 for fabrication and installation of metal railings in chancel area
- \$7,226 for new server for computer system
- \$1,000 for electrical work in Addis Hall (additional lighting)
- \$6,900 for closet outside kitchen and installation of doorway for MANNA
- \$ 900 for new computer – administrative assistant
- \$3,595 for capital needs analysis and reporting
- \$5,748 for safety requirements – Parents Center
- \$3,140 for tile floor improvements – Addis Hall, basement hallways, classrooms
- \$ 954 for new computer – Treasurer
- \$2,175 for the replacement of five toilets in basement bathrooms

Deficit (\$8,093)

Trustees will be working on a capital budget plan for 2020. We have just received the capital needs analysis from our provider, and it will provide important information to this plan.

~ Marc Waller, Treasurer

Dave the Cellist

Church member David Haughey will be playing two local shows as part his duo with Michigan-based singer songwriter, Abigail Stauffer:

Nov 16- Black Birch Vineyard, 7-9pm. All ages (\$10 advance \$12 door)

<https://www.blackbirchvineyard.com/vineyard-events/2019/11/16/music-night-abigail-stauffer-and-dave-the-cellist>

Nov 17- New City Brewery 8pm

Description of the ensemble:

Abigail Stauffer and Dave the Cellist blend soulful pop vocals with the rare and distinct sound of jazz cello. Dave's fluid mastery over his instrument lays down a foundation over which Abigail effortlessly jumps between registers, revealing her astounding vocal control and tone palate. Every song is a captivating showcase of confidence and vulnerability, crafting a balance of pain, hope, and joy. Their show evokes so much emotion, it's hard to believe each song isn't specifically about you.

“Haughey is an astonishingly innovative and sure-footed performer. He and Stauffer have written songs and traveled the world together, and the fruits of their collaboration are beautiful to behold.”

– *Patrick Dunn, Ann Arbor Observer*

“Stauffer brings rich, dark, ringing vocals to her folksy acoustic sound. Her songs explore identity and inner power.”

– *Kim Batchelor, Michigan Daily*

Staff Changes



Longer ago than I'd like to admit (because I am late in making this announcement), the Trustees and Personnel Committee approved an expansion in Heather Dandy's duties and a related change in her title and job description. Reflecting this increase in duties, including bookkeeping support for the Treasurer, she is now our Office Administrator, rather than Administrative Assistant. What this means in practice is something anyone who interacts often with Heather already knows. She handles a dizzying array of details related to all sorts of activities. I liken the role to air traffic control, only instead of planes full of people she is coordinating the flow of information, tasks, concerns, and priorities that all matter to the life of the church – and making sure they land safely. Thank you, Heather!



For approximately six months, Justin Clifford came to the church two days per week and quietly but effectively did a lot of the cleaning and other things we had come to rely on Dave Jenkins, our late sexton, to do. Justin did this while doing similar work for Thornes Marketplace and the Montessori School of Northampton. Since Dave's passing in early September, we have increased Justin's hours, and he is now working at Edwards 20 hours per week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and we are happy he could join the team. Welcome aboard, Justin!

NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Abbreviations: AA = Alcoholics Anonymous CoDA = Co-Dependents Anonymous NPC = Northampton Parents Center FF = Faith Formation						
9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Communion Worship 11:15 Fellowship (A-D) 11:30 Children's Choir 11:30 Music Committee 11:30 Trustees Meeting 11:30 Pastor Congregation Relations Committee 11:30 College Student Gathering	PVIRAG= Pioneer Valley Interfaith Refugee Action Group RVS= River Valley Sangha VMSG = Valley Men's Support Group	4 2pm PVIRAG 6pm RVS 7pm VMSG	5 10am AA Women's Group 12 pm Bible Study 4:30pm Friends of the Homeless Mgt. Comm. 6pm M/ANNA 6:30pm Faith Formation	6 6:30pm M/ANNA Board of Directors Mtg. 7pm Choir Rehearsal	7 6:30pm AA	8 9am Racial Justice Training 11:30am M/ANNA
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