

# Around St. James

For the Glory of God

2007

January

February

From the Rector

The holidays have passed and it is the time of year in the church between Epiphany (January 6<sup>th</sup>) and Lent, the “in between time” if you will. I actually love the month of January, not only because it is filled with family birthdays, but because for some reason for me it tends to be a quite peaceful month. The craziness of Christmas is over, Lent isn't with us yet, it is cold outside, hopefully some snow has fallen (I can't help it, I'm a New Englander at heart) and there isn't much to do but just be.

We aren't very good at just being, we do much better with having stuff to do. But just being is good for us; it is good for us physically, psychologically and spiritually. It is good for us physically to rest, recharge our batteries, and take care of ourselves. It is good for us psychologically for much the same reasons, we need to let go of the stress of our hectic lives every now and then and let our minds have some quiet time. And it is good for us spiritually; it is in the quiet times that we can have time to sit with God. Time we now have to pick up our Bibles or other books that feed our souls. Those books don't even have to be non-fiction; you can find God in all kinds of books – even fiction, if you look.

Take some time during this “in between time” for yourself, your family and to be with God: walk in the woods, sit by a fire, turn off the TV and play board games or cards with your family, read from the Bible, or from a good book, put on some music and just be present to it, take a drive in the country and enjoy the beauty of the winter landscape – whatever you do, enjoy the peace and beauty of the winter before the busyness of life comes rushing in again.

Peace,  
Rev. Denise

# NOTICE



The Annual Meeting of St. James' Church  
will be held on Sunday, February 4th  
immediately following worship service.  
Breakfast will be provided.

**There will be one service on the 4th at 9:00.**



# NOTICE

## Holy Cow!

The Parish Assessment begins on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> you can log on and complete the assessment at anytime after this date until the 4<sup>th</sup> of February. Be sure to get a card to fill out for the drawing once you have completed the survey and drop it in the box in the parish hall.

Assessments may also be completed on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> from noon – 3:00. Lunch and games will be provided for your entertainment. You will also have an opportunity to do them on the 28<sup>th</sup> at coffee hour.

## Important Information

**The phone number for St. James has been changed to 301-743-2366.**



## YOU'RE INVITED!

TO AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY

ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

FROM 1:00-5:00

PLEASE STOP BY FOR FOOD AND DRINK AND FELLOWSHIP!

6 LESLIE DR. INDIAN HEAD  
301-743-7262

### Women's Group

The St. James' women's group meets on Monday mornings from 10:30-12:00 in the Rector's Office. We do Bible study and have time for fellowship and prayer. The group is open to all the women of the congregation. Please join us.

### Adult Education

If you are interested in an adult education program in the evenings, please talk to Rev. Denise. We can do Bible Study, learn about our church, faith, or whatever you might be interested in. Time and day would be determined by the participants.

# Parishioners Corner

If you would like to place an item or article of interest in this section please let Shelley Prasser know by emailing her at [ShelleyP65@comcast.net](mailto:ShelleyP65@comcast.net) or speaking with her at church.

*Thank you*

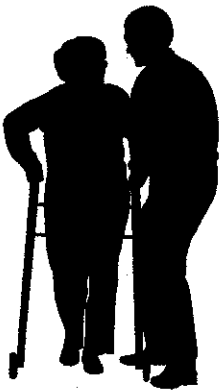
*To all my family & Friends:*

*I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, cards and prayers during this difficult time. Your visits and kind words were very comforting and appreciated. We are grateful to have such wonderful friends.*

*God Bless You All  
Mary Pittman and Family*



## *PRAISE TO GENTLE FOLK Marion Doyle*



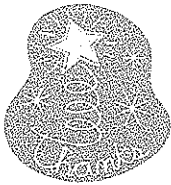
*God be thanked for gentle folk  
Who know the art of kindness,  
Who go a step beyond their way  
To aid another in distress,  
However crowded be their day.*

*God be thanked for gentle folk  
Who know the healing word to speak  
When flesh recoils at pain's swift sting  
Or hearts are galled by sorrow's yoke.  
Kindness is a simple, blessed thing;*

Thank you so much!

Doug and I wish to express our deep gratitude for the generous Christmas gift given to us by the people and Vestry of St. James. We were overwhelmed by your kind generosity and thoughtfulness. We continue to be amazed at the great blessing we have been given to be here with all of you and we thank God every day. Thank you so very much.

### WITH GREAT APPRECIATION



Thank you to all who worked so hard this holiday season to make our worship celebrations so beautiful: to Nancy Hurlburt and the Altar Guild, to all who decorated the church on Christmas eve, to those who polished and shined everything up, To Lynda and the choir for their beautiful anthem, to Shelley Prasser, Ron Litten and Diane Coelho for their work with the children and to the children who did such a wonderful job on the Christmas plays. We are blessed with so many people who give of themselves for the glory of God; thanks be to GOD!

### Confirmation

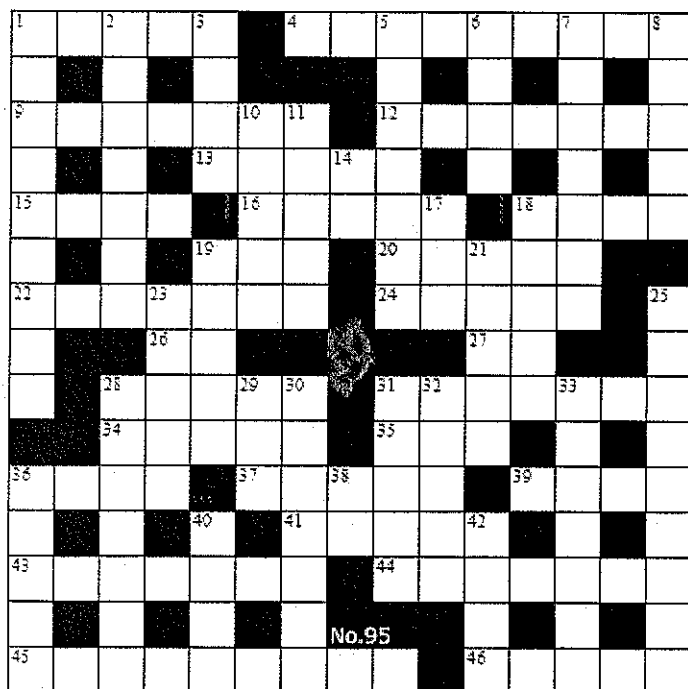
There will be a spring confirmation service at the Cathedral (date is not yet announced) for adults and youth. If you are an adult who has not been confirmed, or you would like to be officially received into the Episcopal Church, please see Rev. Denise. Also if there are any young people who are 15 years old or older, who are interested in being confirmed, please also see Rev. Denise.

### An Opportunity

If you enjoy getting together with friends and having a good time, if you like planning fun activities, or if you are looking for a way to get involved in the church – consider attending the first meeting of the Fellowship Group. The purpose of the group is to plan fun activities for our church family on a regular basis. This isn't a huge time commitment with lots of meetings, I promise. The group will meet for the first time on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in Rev. Denise's office. The meeting will only be an hour, come and see if it might be something for you.



January 2007 crossword and solution No.95



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ACROSS

- 1 indispensable to No.22 across (Jer 18:3)  
 4 But if we judged \_\_\_\_, we would not come under judgment (1 Cor 11:31)  
 9 the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth \_\_\_\_ (Rev 21:19)  
 12 When he was \_\_\_\_ by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no (Matt 27:12-13)  
 13 and lift up your \_\_\_\_, because your redemption is drawing near (Luke 21:28)  
 15 brother of Jacob (Gen 27:6-7)  
 16 He has given \_\_\_\_ of this to all men by raising him from the dead (Acts 17:31)  
 18 Do not turn to idols or make \_\_\_\_ of cast metal for yourselves (Lev 19:4)  
 19 He who has ears, \_\_\_\_ him hear (Matt 11:15)  
 20 In the month of \_\_\_\_ in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes (Neh 2:1)  
 22 workers of clay (Jer 18:3)  
 24 In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his \_\_\_\_ (Prov 16:9)  
 26 " \_\_\_\_ ! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" (Luke 4:34)  
 27 \_\_\_\_ are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:32)  
 28 the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast \_\_\_\_ (Gen 2:1)  
 31 then her vows or the \_\_\_\_ by which she obligated herself will stand (Num 30:7)  
 34 Would all of you throw him down--this leaning wall, this tottering \_\_\_\_ ? (Ps 62:3)  
 35 Peter said to him, "We have left all we \_\_\_\_ to follow you!" (Luke 18:28)  
 36 the one who was born of God keeps him \_\_\_\_, and the evil one cannot (1 John 5:18)  
 37 creatures of the sea are being \_\_\_\_...but no man can tame the tongue (James 3:7-8)  
 39 Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands \_\_\_\_ in the heavens (Ps 119:89)  
 41 Far be it from us to \_\_\_\_ against the LORD and turn away from him (Josh 22:29)

- 43 Tell us then, what is your \_\_\_ ? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? (Matt 22:17)  
44 version  
45 Jesus Christ is the same \_\_\_ and today and forever. (Heb 13:8)  
46 Priests must not shave their heads or shave off the \_\_\_ of their beards (Lev 21:5)

#### DOWN

- 1 Suffer me that I may feel the pillars \_\_\_ the house standeth, (Judg 16:26) KJV  
2 ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an \_\_\_ robe (Luke 23:11)  
3 wife of Isaac (Gen 49:31)  
5 If anyone else thinks he has \_\_\_ to put confidence in the flesh (Phil 3:4)  
6 Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what \_\_\_ would get (Mark 15:24)  
7 old men will dream dreams, your young men will see \_\_\_ (Joel 2:28)  
8 a scroll with writing on both \_\_\_ and sealed with seven seals (Rev 5:1)  
10 Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the \_\_\_ (Matt 26:6-7)  
11 ye shall be able to quench all the fiery \_\_\_ of the wicked (Eph 6:16) KJV  
14 when you give to the needy, \_\_\_ not announce it with trumpets (Matt 6:2)  
17 who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not \_\_\_ to carry (Matt 3:11)  
18 They \_\_\_ upon me with their mouths, as a ...roaring lion (Ps 22:13) KJV  
19 Our people must \_\_\_ to devote themselves to doing what is good (Titus 3:14)  
21 they \_\_\_ fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves (Gen 3:7)  
23 "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in \_\_\_ days." (John 2:19)  
25 the priests in their \_\_\_ and with trumpets (Ezra 3:10)  
28 The elders who direct the \_\_\_ of the church well are worthy of double (1 Tim 5:17)  
29 God who works in you to will and to \_\_\_ according to his good purpose (Phil 2:13)  
30 Desired strongly (1 Kings 3:26) KJV  
31 I commend unto you \_\_\_ our sister, which is a servant (Rom 16:1) KJV  
32 and \_\_\_ every man his ass, and returned to the city (Gen 44:13) KJV  
33 Judas came to the grove, \_\_\_ a detachment of soldiers (John 18:3)  
36 He also went down into a pit on a \_\_\_ day and killed a lion (2 Sam 23:20)  
38 "Come, follow \_\_\_," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." (Matt 4:19-20)  
40 They sound like the roaring sea as they \_\_\_ on their horses (Jer 6:23)  
42 I am sending you out \_\_\_ sheep among wolves (Matt 10:16)

## *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tea*

Dear Members of St. James'

On December 2, 2006, we hosted our fifth annual Christmas Tea. It was exciting and could not have been a success without your help and dedication.

Our theme was entitled, "The Beauty of Christmas". We raised \$1600.00 for our Building Fund. We received generous donations from our parishioners and members of this community.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to say, "Thank You". Perhaps you prepared food, donated a door prize, helped in the kitchen, or just greeted our guest. The committee appreciated whatever you chose to do.

We wish each member of St. James' a blessed and happy New Year. May this year find all of us at peace in our hearts and in our nation.

The Ways and Means Committee of St. James'

### **Thank You**

Calling all Lay readers, Chalice Bearers and Acolytes. We are called to live and spread the Gospel through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, ministering to each other and all mankind by sharing our time, talents, and treasure. Each of you did that so well by supporting Reverend Denise and the congregation in worship.

We added three new lay readers to our Sunday worship, Miss Shermel Sherman, Mr.

Doug Scott, and Mr. Tom Peterson. We also have three new acolytes, Miss Rachel Davis, Miss Kaelie Linkins, and Miss Merranda Linkins. Shermel has also served a dual role.

I have truly appreciated your support and dedication in this ministry. I am extremely thankful to work with each of you and look forward to your participation in 2007.

God Bless,  
Karen Burroughs

### **N.E.T.S Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket Success**

During 2006 Thanksgiving and Christmas Season, N.E.T.S distributed baskets to 202 families living in the Western Charles County Community. The Food baskets fed 943 family members, which included 573 children.

N.E.T.S received \$4,833.00 in donations; the total cost of putting the food baskets together was \$4,945.28, we almost broke even!! N.E.T.S would like to thank all who made monetary and/or food donations, without your help we couldn't help those in need in OUR community. God Bless!!

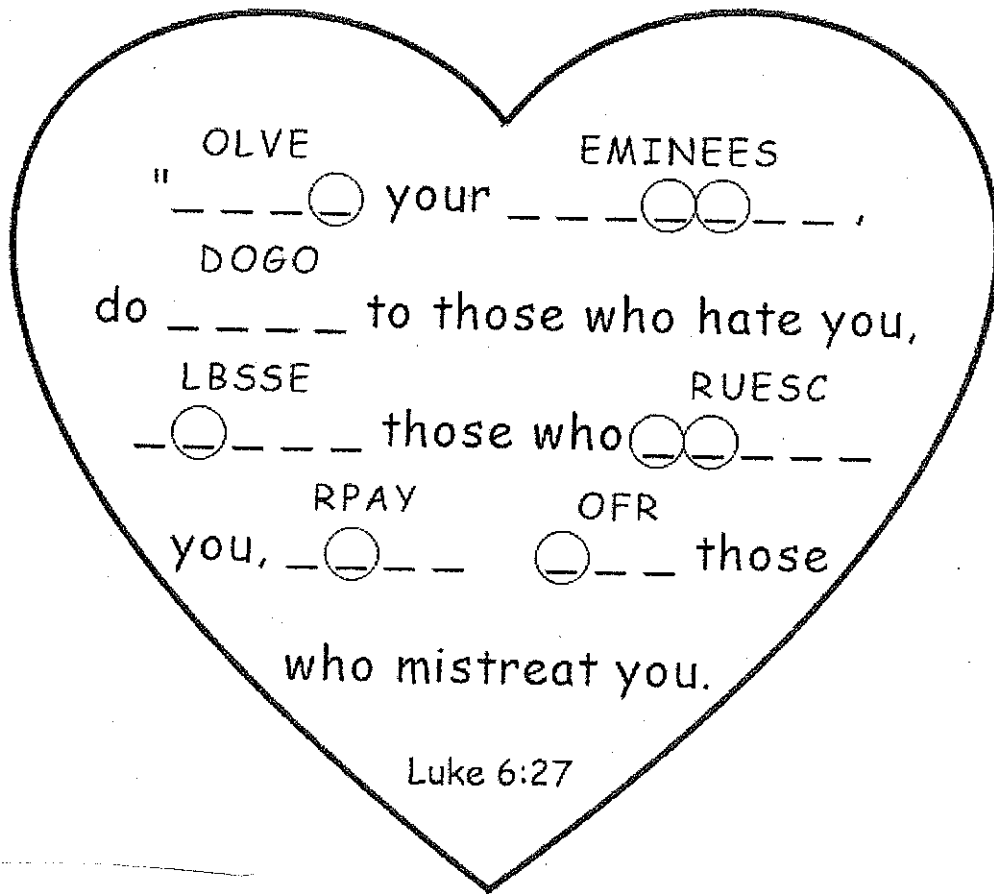


## Love Your Enemies

Luke 6:27-36 (NIV)

One of the important things Jesus told the people was that they should love others, just as God loved them. Not only should they love their friends, but they should also love their enemies.

Unscramble the words below and fill in the blanks to see what Jesus said about this in Luke 6:27

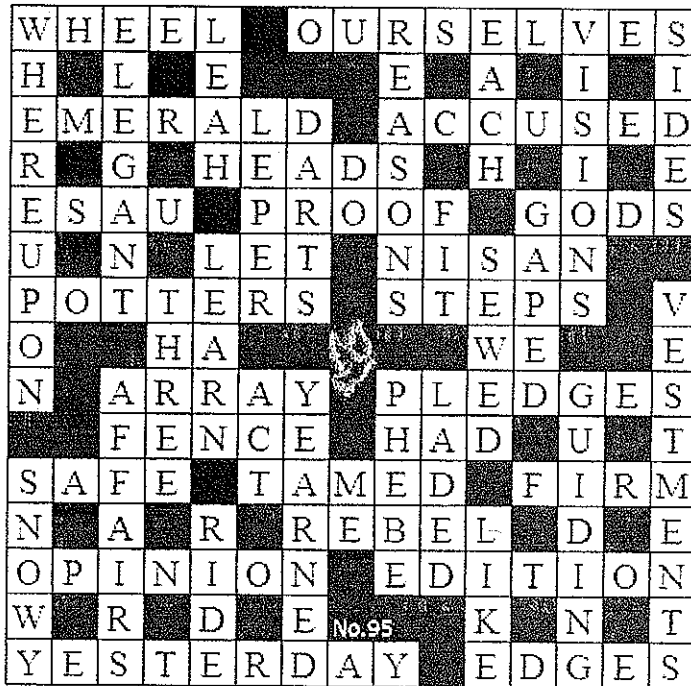


Unscramble the letters in the circles to find the word that fits both blanks below.

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"Be \_\_\_\_\_ just as your

Father (God) is \_\_\_\_\_. (vs36)



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## PARISH YARD SALE

February 17, 2007

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

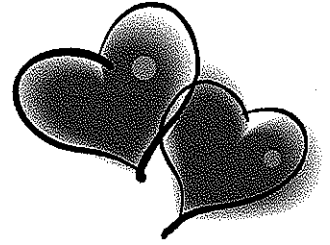
If you have any items you'd like to donate, please bring to St. James' no later than February 4, 2007. Items should be clean and ready to sell. NO CLOTHING PLEASE.

Sell your own yard sale items or your own Crafts. Table rentals will be \$8.00.

Food sales: Homemade Soups, Coffee and Desserts

If you wish to rent a table, volunteer during the day or bring food, please contact Bonnie Richardson or Cathy Jenkins.

*God smiles through the eyes of gentle folk.*



Join  
N.E.T.S  
(Neighbors Eager to Serve)  
At our  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine Celebration Dinner

For the Western Charles County Community  
At  
St. James Episcopal Church  
7 Potomac Avenue  
Indian Head, MD 20640

Saturday, February 10, 2007  
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Bake Chicken, potatoes, 2 vegetables and dessert  
Adults \$15.00      Children \$7.50 Under 6 Free

All proceeds will go to support the NETS Food Pantry in its endeavor  
to meet the needs within our community

Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting our church member  
Barbara Prasser 301 743-6880 or Shelley Prasser 301 743-7515

Or

Contact Connie 301 934-6881 or Linda 301-392-9981 from nets

Or

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance

## Where Did You Go?

The summer of 1957 seems like such a long time ago. Could it really be almost 50 years? I turned 8 that summer and oh what a summer it was. I got to spend time with my Grandmother and Grandfather on the farm! I don't remember the weather; do kids remember weather? I just remember the farm and the work and dinner time. My Grandfather, Pop Pop, gave me my first job that summer. My responsibility was to make sure that all the men had sticks handy on which to spear the tobacco plants they were chopping. So I would run over to the trailer, grab an armload of sticks, and then drop them near the men as they moved down the rows; chopping, spearing, chopping, spearing, and sweating. Oh my gosh, I remember the sweat, not the heat, just the sweat. And sticky too, boy was it sticky moving around all those tobacco plants. Pop Pop paid me a penny for each stick I delivered and boy did I feel important. I had a job!

We all came in out of the fields around noon for dinner. Dinner was the big meal of the day on the farm. I don't really remember much on the table that wasn't grown or raised on the farm. My favorite was the strawberries and cream we often had. We always ate down in the basement where it was cool and dark. I don't remember Pop Pop ever saying much. Years later I was told by a family friend that they never once heard him say anything. Imagine that!

What he did do though was teach me a lot. Neat stuff, like how to drive a tractor. He'd get me up there on his lap and boy was I king of the world! I felt so big on that tractor with the breeze in my face and tobacco plants rushing by. The real skill came in backing up the trailer. Anybody can go forward! He taught me the importance of teamwork. In the field we were all equal, there was no prejudice, we all had a job to do and together we got it done. We weren't trying to score any points. We just all moved in a synchronous dance of harvesting tobacco and hanging it in the barn. He taught me about waste. There's no waste on the farm, everything has a use and every action has a purpose. Table scraps? Hogs got that. Hole in your pants? Sew it up.




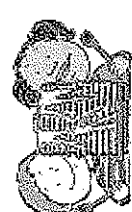
Most of all I remember the cycle of life and what he showed me about it. He didn't have to say anything about it - to do so would have been silly. Just look around and take notice. Where did that cow come from and how come there's milk to be had? I saw the reasons and I knew. I knew where the fried chicken came from and I knew where the pork chops came from. There was an unspoken reverence surrounding the cycle of life on the farm. And I have never forgotten those early lessons.

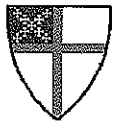
Such a long time ago and yet so near, so dear. It was late August and Pop Pop moved on.

“One day beside his body I was kneeling,  
In a field not far away,  
Where angel wings were stirring.  
He heard the call for supper time in heaven,  
And I know he's waiting for me there.”

**Tom**

# FEBRUARY 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Admin/Communication Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> Children's Choir Practice	<b>29</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Welcomers Welcoming Committee	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>1</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> ECW Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> Children's Choir Practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Buildings and Grounds Committee <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>8</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 
<b>11</b>  <b>1:00 PM</b> Open House at the Rectory <b>5:00 PM</b> Children's Choir Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Vestry Officer's Meeting	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Finance Committee <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> NETS Dinner 
<b>18</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Children's Choir Practice	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>SHROVE TUESDAY</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Supper	<b>21</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Yard Sale
<b>25</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Admin/Communication Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> Children's Choir Practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Vestry Meeting	<b>28</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>1</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>8:00 PM</b> NA Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>



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