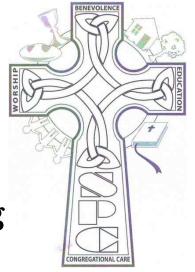


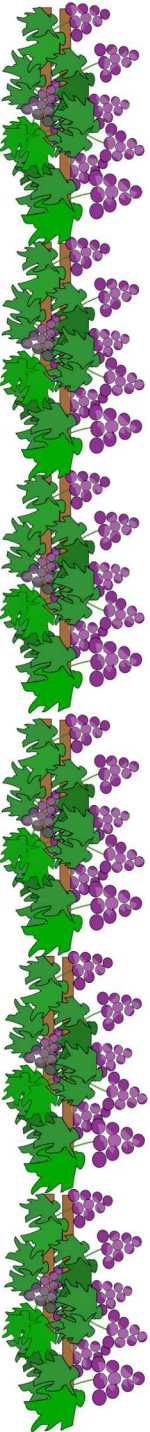


# Sedgefield Presbyterian Church



Responding gratefully through service in our community, worshipping our Creator and working to alleviate hunger in our neighborhood.

# February Grapevine



"I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener." ~John 15:1



*35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*

*37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

~Matthew 25:35-40

A familiar text has become the bold vision for our (PCUSA) denomination. The Presbyterian Mission Agency has discerned that Matthew 25 will lead us into how we will engage in the world around us. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. An invitation has gone out to all churches to become a Matthew 25 church. The hope of the call is that it will unite all Presbyterians to become a more relevant presence in the world.



### Why the initiative?

"God calls us boldly and compassionately so that faith comes alive and the world wakes up to new possibilities." - Presbyterian Mission Agency

### Where to begin?

There are already PC(USA) congregations that identify themselves as Matthew 25 churches. The Presbyterian Mission Agency aims to help multiply this loving commitment to radical and fearless discipleship by partnering with mid congregations to help them embrace one or more of these three focuses:

**Building congregational vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.

**Dismantling structural racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.


**Eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

I am asking SPC to engage in discernment, conversation, and prayer about joining other churches in our city and across the country about pledging to become a Matthew 25 church. We are already doing much of the work and ministry in our community. I will be providing information, but if you want to do your own research, please check out this website: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Peace and Blessings, Kim Priddy



February  
 3 Meghan Price Hadley  
 17 Chip Burch  
 18 Nancy Campbell  
 28 Bruce Bingham  
 29 Bob Stout



February 27 Elaine & Willie Mitchell

### Worship Assistants

February	Communion Prep	Communion Service	Lay Reader	Infant Care	Church School	Ushers/ Greeters
2 Communion; Traditional	Julie Gehling	Team B	John Stone	Charlotte Stone	Gin Reid Hall	Chip & Geraldine Burch
9			Karen Johnson	Diane Weeks	Suzanne Thacker	
16						
23			Gene Lester	Janice Butler	Gin Reid Hall	
26 Ash Wednesday				Linda Price	Shani Lester	

**Communion Assistants:**

**Team A:** Chip Burch, Sheryl Bell, Jim Gehling, plus two

**Team B:** Gin Reid Hall, Karen Johnson, Gene Lester, plus two



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### Elders

**Session Class of 2020:**

Gin Reid Hall, Gene Lester, Myra Montgomery

**Session Class of 2021:**

Sheryl Bell, Karen Johnson

**Session Class of 2022:**

Chip Burch, Jim Gehling



## Adult Sunday School Classes

We will be taking a look at the prophets: their message, who it was addressed to and asking do their concerns then apply to today? Are there prophets today? If so, who are they?



## Children's Church School



*The Life of Jesus* is the focus for children during the month of February. What do we know about Jesus' life? Join us for church school and explore the life of "The Light of the World!"

February 2: *People Follow Jesus*

February 9: *Jesus Tells Stories*

February 16: *Jesus Makes Miracles Happen*

February 23: *Jesus Heals People*



### Attention All Youth

I am excited that we will continue to meet with the youth of **Jamestown Presbyterian Church**. Middle School Youth will meet 4:30pm to 6:30pm with dinner included, and the High School

Youth will meet at 6pm to 7:30pm.



Despite the cold snap, our collards, broccoli, and cabbages seem to be progressing nicely, thanks to Jef Morgan's hard work with his grandson last fall. ~Zoe Dillard



*Truly I say to you, as you did it to the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me. Matthew 25:40*

### Pennies for Hunger

The collection buckets are passed on the first Sunday of each month.

Other times, you can find the buckets near the pulpit; donations are accepted at any time!

### Where Does Your Money Go?



### Sunday School Offering Helps Locally

Our congregation is a **GCAN (Guilford Congregational Assistance Network)** partner and we work with Greensboro Urban Ministry and the Salvation Army to meet emergency assistance needs of individuals and families in our community. Please remember your offering!



Thanks to our children at SPC for providing all of us with a sweet opportunity to honor Christ's birth by bringing gifts of non-perishable foods for our neighbors in need. We delivered 117 pounds of food to Greensboro Urban Ministry gathered on the day of our children's Christmas sharing.



A Celtic Gathering with Rev. Frank Dew

Join Rev. Frank Dew and your fellow pilgrims on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30pm at Sedgefield Presbyterian Church for an evening of Celtic music and reflections. You are invited to share your pilgrimage experiences and learn about plans for another pilgrimage in spring of 2021. Please bring a covered dish to share.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Rev. Frank Dew.



It has been my pleasure to play my hammered dulcimer on several occasions at the church lately. This type of musical instrument dates back at least to the year 900 AD and spread from the Middle East both to the East and West. It goes by many names. In Hungary it is called a Cymbalon. In China the name means "visiting zither". In Germany it is called "Hackbrecht" literally "chopping board". It arrived in America in colonial days and was popular in lumber camps to play lively tunes and jigs. Some called it a "whamadiddle". The names refer to the way it is played by striking the strings with small mallets called hammers. This is different from the Appalachian or mountain dulcimer, a smaller lap instrument with 3 or 4 strings which are strummed.

~Stan Ashworth

Please remember these people in your prayers: Jane Wray, Classie Meredith, Myra Montgomery. Jef Morgan, on the death of his sister, Sue; Joanne Smith, on the death of her sister, Ruth; Amy McGuinn, friend of Karen Johnson; the family of friends of Ellen Chelava.

Pray especially for the victims of violence, refugees, and our country.



Note: Prayer requests should be sent to the church office at office@sedgefieldpresbyterian.org.



### Attention All Cooks!

The volunteers taking part in this very important ministry prepare and deliver food to those who are ill, who have had a death in their family, or are recovering from a medical procedure.



To request help with a meal, or to volunteer, please contact Diane Weeks, at [dianeweeks54@gmail.com](mailto:dianeweeks54@gmail.com).

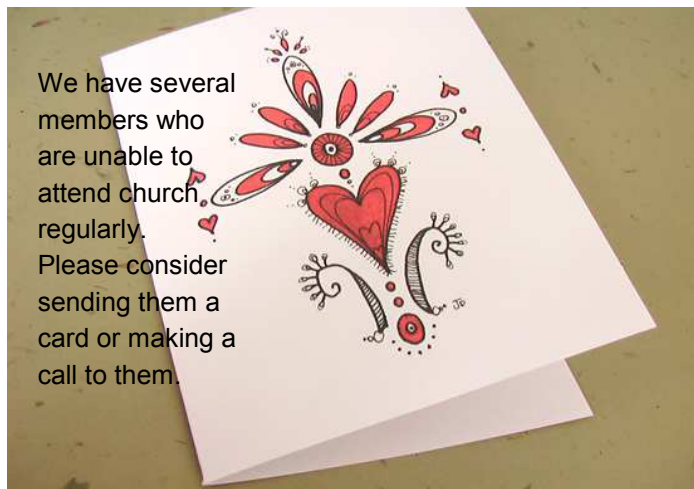
### Church Connections



A great team of volunteers send notes and goodie packages to our young adults so they know they are always in our prayers at SPC.



*Thanks to parents for sending in students' addresses! If there are changes or additions, please send to [dianeweeks54@gmail.com](mailto:dianeweeks54@gmail.com)*



We have several members who are unable to attend church regularly. Please consider sending them a card or making a call to them.



We welcome our first-time visitors! Volunteers for this ministry greet our visitors and give them information about our church and a package of Equal Exchange coffee.



Please join the Women of the Church at their monthly dinner. February's dinner will be on **Monday, February 17, 6:30 pm at the Pavilion Restaurant.**

## Christmas Angels

The Benevolence Ministry team is very appreciative to all those from our congregation and community for helping make Christmas very special for 39 children and their families in our community! Twenty five of these children were from Sedgefield Elementary and 14 from FaithAction families.

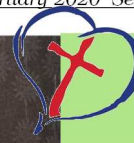


We are very grateful to members of our congregation and community who purchased gifts of clothing, shoes, books, special wishes and filled stockings. A very generous gift from the Sedgefield Colony Garden Club (\$2800) last year helped make it possible for us again this Christmas to provide gifts for the 39 children! Our Father Lutheran, All Saints Episcopal and Hinshaw United Methodist Church also provided gifts of clothing, special wishes, books, and stockings from their Angel trees for an additional 40+ children from Sedgefield Elementary.

Since our partnership began with Sedgefield Elementary School a number of years ago, the Benevolence Ministry Team has requested names of children for our "Angel Tree." Each Christmas, Carla Farrington, SES Guidance Counselor, and Vivian Ilima, interpreter for SES, and teachers choose families who have very limited incomes and would not be able to provide Christmas gifts for their children.

Thank you so much for supporting the Angel Tree year after year. Parents are always amazed at the generous and beautifully wrapped gifts for their children! Sometimes we never know the joy and excitement that a simple gift can bring to a child on Christmas morning.

**Benevolence**  
Taking Care of God's Family



## Honor Cards

During Advent and Christmas a number of honor cards are available each Christmas for our congregation to purchase. This is a great way to remember someone special to us and help one of our Benevolence Ministries or another ministry in our community/world. Thank you to all who purchased honor cards!

Honor Card contributions:

Greensboro Urban Ministry – \$211  
Cooking Matters - \$10  
Animal Rescue – \$30

Would you like to remember someone on a special occasion? These honor cards will be available throughout the year on a table in the Gathering Area outside the sanctuary. Please consider purchasing one of these cards (\$5/card) to remember a birthday, anniversary, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day or another special day.

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*We appreciate you serving as an Honor Card Coordinator this year! You have helped us raise vital funds that support our programs that provide food, shelter, and hope to our neighbors in crisis.*

*Thank you for helping to make this year's Honor Card program so successful!*

*Best Regards,  
GUM Staff*

SPC also made a special Christmas Eve Offering to GUM in the amount of \$780.

## 2019 BENEVOLENCE FUND REPORT

*"Then the king will reply to them, I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me."*  
~Matthew 25: 40

As Christians, we are called to help those experiencing poverty in our community from being evicted from their homes, having their utilities disconnected or not being able to heat their homes. Emergency assistance funds at Greensboro Urban Ministry (GUM) and Salvation Army are limited and they have to turn to Greensboro Congregational Assistance Network (GCAN) and churches to provide additional assistance after the need has been verified. When eviction papers are served or utilities disconnected, families who have the least amount of resources are faced with additional charges for court costs or reconnection fees.

Because of your support to our Benevolence Fund and our partnership with GCAN, in 2019 we were able to provide emergency assistance to 35 families (\$4492.54) in our community.

Benevolence Expenses: \$3804.07, emergency assistance for rent, Duke Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas and emergency hotel stays; \$688.47 food assistance, Green Card, gas card, miscellaneous; \$130.38, food for two FaithAction ID Drives; \$42.17 contribution to Sedgefield Elementary for school dance. Total Contributions from Benevolence Fund: **\$4665.09**

As affordable housing continues to be a big challenge for many in our community, the need for utility and rent assistance will be needed. Sometimes as little as \$35 can keep someone from having their utilities disconnected or \$100 can prevent an eviction! THANK YOU SO MUCH to all who contributed in 2019. Your continued contribution of any amount does make a difference! An offering to the Benevolence Fund is received the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month and each Sunday in the Adult Sunday School.

If you have questions, comments, would like to be a part of this ministry team or if you know of a ministry you would like the Benevolence Ministry Team to address, please contact one of the members – Ana Atwater (Cooking Matters); Janice Butler, Karen Furman, 336-294-6403 (Backpacks); Michelle Harkleroad, Leisa Huddleston, Ellen Morton or Charlotte Stone

### Did you know....

Some college students are hungry because they do not have enough food to eat? Numerous studies in recent years have found that 20-40% of community college and university students have experienced hunger. Rising tuition costs, reduced financial aid and student loans have helped contribute to college student food insecurity. Emily Saine, assistant director of the Wesley-Luther Campus Ministry at UNCG, states that 22% of their student population has gone without food for an extended period of time. When a student at UNCG is hungry, they can get help at the Spartan Open Pantry which is located at College Place United Methodist Church. This food pantry's purpose is to ensure that no one in the Spartan (UNCG) community goes hungry. Emily says they typically give out 20-30 bags of food each week.

We will have an opportunity this coming Sunday to help the Spartan Open Pantry by contributing to the **Souper Bowl of Caring** offering during worship. This offering will be given to the Spartan Open Pantry so much needed items can be purchased for students in need of food.

Please respond generously to this need in our community!

And to learn more, go to [Hunger on College Campuses and UNCG Spartan Open Pantry](#)



### Souper Bowl of Caring

From \$5700 raised in 1990 to a total of more than \$150 million by 2019! This is the amount that has been raised for soup kitchens and food pantries throughout the US and the world since the first Souper Bowl of Caring offering in 1990.

How did this offering begin? "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." This simple prayer was given by Brad Smith in 1990, a seminary intern at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC. This youth group invited 22 other Columbia churches to participate in a special offering to benefit a local food pantry, raising \$5700. Since that time, youth groups throughout our country and the world have continued to raise money to help alleviate hunger through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Our youth/church has been participating in this offering since the mid 90's. Most years our offering has gone to the Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Pantry. Last year and again this year our Souper Bowl of Caring offering will support the Spartan Open Pantry. (Please see above article, Did You Know).

Thank you for supporting this offering, remembering that part of our church's mission statement is "to help alleviate hunger in our community." (More information about the Souper Bowl of Caring can be found online.)



Ellen Chelava, center in coral shirt, with kids and other volunteers at the Summer Lunch Program under the Big Tree.

### Remembering Ellen.....

Caring, compassionate, a friend to all, a gentle spirit, faithful, dependable, understanding, a good listener. These qualities describe Ellen Chelava. Whether serving children at the Summer Lunch Program, handing out flyers at the GUM Food Drive at Harris Teeter or delivering Angel Tree gifts, Ellen always had a kind word for everyone. Her presence, support and participation in ALL the Benevolences Ministries for many years will be missed!

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## Cooking Matters News – February 2020

The following Cooking Matters at SPC are tentatively scheduled for 2020. Let us know if you'd like to be a part of this important ministry.

**Summer Cooking Matters for Teens** - June 9,11,16,18, 23, & 25 (11 am – 1 pm)

**Fall Cooking Matters for Families** - September 15, 22, 29 & October 6, 13, 20 (6-8 pm)



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### Cooking Matters Recipe of the Month

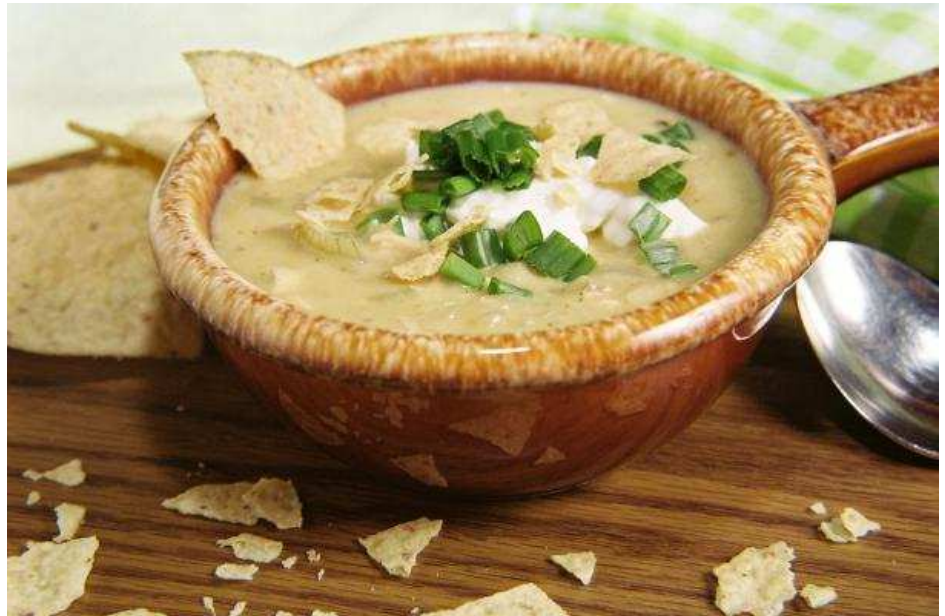
#### White Bean Basil Chicken Chili

##### Serving Size

Serves 6, 1 1/2 cups per serving

##### Ingredients

1 pound boneless chicken pieces  
1 medium onion  
2 cloves garlic  
1 medium tomato  
1 large lime  
¼ cup fresh cilantro leaves  
1 Tablespoon fresh basil  
2 (15½-ounce) cans great northern beans,  
no salt added  
2 Tablespoons canola oil  
4 cups low-sodium chicken broth  
1½ teaspoons chili powder  
1½ teaspoons ground cumin  
½ teaspoon dried oregano  
¼ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper  
*Optional Ingredients:*  
2 teaspoons red pepper flakes



##### Instructions

Remove any skin and excess fat from chicken pieces. Cut chicken into ½-inch cubes.  
Rinse, peel, and finely chop onion. Peel and mince garlic.  
Rinse tomato. Remove core and seeds. Chop.  
Rinse lime. Cut in half. In a small bowl, squeeze juice from one half. Discard seeds.  
Rinse and chop cilantro and basil.  
In a colander, drain and rinse beans.  
In a large pot over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and garlic. Cook until onion is tender, about 5 minutes. If onion or garlic start to brown, lower heat.  
Add chicken, beans, broth, spices, tomato, lime juice, basil, and cilantro. Stir. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cover.  
Simmer for 1 hour, stirring occasionally.  
If using, top with red pepper flakes.

##### Chef's Notes

Use any canned beans you like in place of great northern beans.  
Serve over a bed of cooked greens like spinach, kale, or chard. Or, serve over brown rice.  
For a different flavor, use Thai basil instead of regular basil.





Come try our Southern Food here at Arlene's Restaurant in Greensboro, North Carolina! We serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Hot plates, hot dogs, sandwiches, wings, salads, croissants, and more! Find us east of I-73 on Gate City Blvd. Order online for carryout or delivery! Near Sedgfield Florist & Box Seat Restaurant.

5002-F High Point Road 336-285-8081  
[Arlenesrestaurantnc.com](http://Arlenesrestaurantnc.com)



### HOT DOG TUESDAY

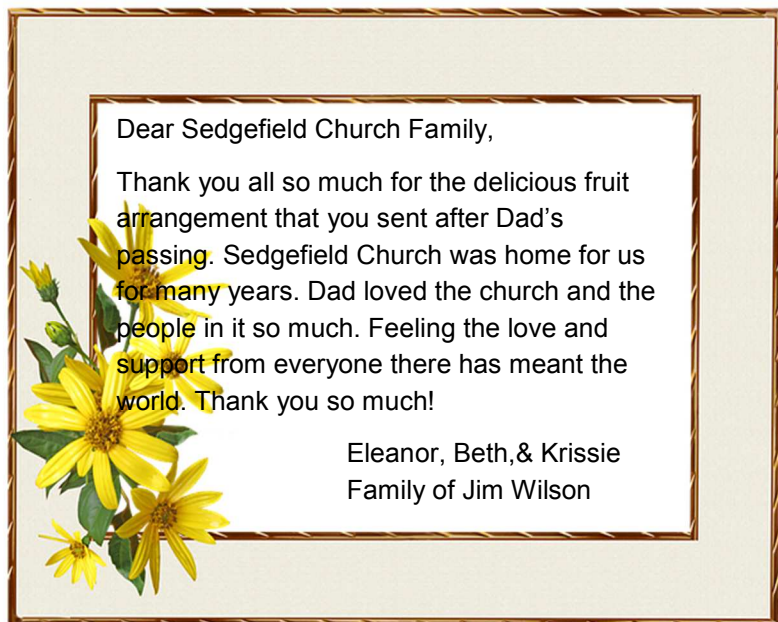


EVERY Tuesday (January– November)  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Hinshaw United Methodist Church  
4501 W. Gate City Blvd.  
(formerly High Point Road)  
**BENEFITS LOCAL HUNGER**



Dear Church Members—For the beautiful basket of useful and delicious contents and the thoughts and love you put into it, thank you. It means so much to me that you care. May God Bless each of you who had a part in it.

Love in Christ,  
Jo Williams



Dear Sedgfield Church Family,  
Thank you all so much for the delicious fruit arrangement that you sent after Dad's passing. Sedgfield Church was home for us for many years. Dad loved the church and the people in it so much. Feeling the love and support from everyone there has meant the world. Thank you so much!

Eleanor, Beth, & Krissie  
Family of Jim Wilson

**PURSE & SHOE SALE**  
ANIMAL RESCUE SOCIETY

Wallets, Totes  
Purses, Luggage, Book Bags

All proceeds benefit  
Animal Rescue & Foster  
Program

Womens, Mens & Childrens Shoes





**Saturday FEBRUARY 8th**  
8 am - 1 pm  
Sedgfield Presbyterian Church  
4216 Wayne Road  
Greensboro

MC, VISA, AmEx  
Cash & Checks  
Accepted

**DON'T MISS THE SPECIAL FRIDAY PREVIEW PARTY**  
February 7th • 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Hors d'oeuvres, Refreshments and Shopping!  
**\$10.00**  
PER PERSON • FRIDAY ONLY



A HUGE thanks from Gary & Margit Howell for visits and delicious meals that were sent during Margit's recovery from surgery!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1>February</h1> 						1
 <b>2</b> Pennies for Hunger; Communion	3	4 5:30 Yoga	5	6 ARFP Purse & Shoe Sale set up	7	8 Sale from 8 am—1 pm
9	10	11 5:30 Yoga	12	13 Faith Action all day	<b>14</b> FaithID Drive 8 am-3 pm in Parlor & Fellowship Hall Valentine's Day	15
16	<b>17</b> Presidents' Day 6:30 Women's Dinner at Pavilion	18 5:30 Yoga	19	20	21	22
<b>23</b> Benevolence Basket; Youth at Potter's House	24	25 5:30 Yoga	<b>26</b> Ash Wednesday 	27	28	29



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