

Darrtown United Methodist Church  
September / October, 2007



*Dear Friends,*

This poem was written by a terminally ill young girl in a New York hospital. It was sent by a medical doctor, Dr. Dennis Shields, Department of Developmental and Molecular Biology, Bronx, New York.

Slow Dance

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round?  
Or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?  
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?  
Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?  
You'd better slow down; don't dance so fast.  
Time is short; the music won't last.

Do you run through each day on the fly?  
When you ask 'How are you,' do you hear the reply?  
When the day is done, do you lie in your bed  
With the next hundred chores running through your head?  
You'd better slow down; don't dance so fast.  
Time is short; the music won't last.

Ever told your child, we'll do it tomorrow?  
And in your haste, not see his sorrow?  
Ever lost touch; let a good friendship die,  
Cause you never had time to call and say Hi.  
You'd better slow down; don't dance so fast.  
Time is short; the music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere,  
You miss half the fun of getting there.  
When you worry and hurry through your day,  
It is like an unopened gift.... Thrown away.  
Life is not a race; do take it slower.  
Hear the music before the song is over.

This has been a hectic summer season. As we have organized T.G.I.F. events, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, and just observed Sunday Worship attendance, it is obvious that it is not just Robyn and me that have not been listening to the music.

Now that Robyn's health has crashed and she has been ordered to do what this young lady wants us to do. You see, she is asking us to do what God wants. He wants us to enjoy whatever time we have on earth and use it to serve Him and love him as we help our fellow travelers as we are able.

As Dr. Shields posted this on the internet, he said that this young lady wanted others to live their lives to the fullest, since she knew she would not. She will never make it to prom, graduate from high school, get married, or have a family of her own. It's a bit sad that one has to be so ill to discover, or re-discover, how central the love, strength, comfort, and grace of God is.

As fall descends upon us, and the days get shorter, and the routines get more regular, it is time to heed this call of God through a young girl's words and hopes. I pray that you will each discover again the beauty of God within. Let us all pray that we will not waste another fall.

See YOU in church!

*Rev. Ed*

# Darrtown UMC Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### *\*September\**

- Sept. 2: Labor Day Sunday – no matter how grubby or elite, attend worship this Sunday in your work clothes (you are allowed to wash them if necessary!). We will observe the national holiday that signals the end of summer, and also Communion.
- Sept. 3: Labor Day holiday
- Sept. 4 (Tues): United Methodist Women's meeting at 7:00 pm
- Sept. 8 (Sat): Pig Roast at McGonigle-Millville UMC 4:30 – 7:00 pm
- Sept. 9: Christian Education Sunday; Love Offering; worship at 9:00 am; Sunday School at 10:00
- Sept. 10 (Mon): Admin Council meeting at 7:00 pm
- Sept. 16: Worship at 9:00 am; Sunday School at 10
- Sept. 19 (Wed): Choir gathering at the Gallagher's at 6:00 pm (includes dinner)
- Sept. 20 (Thurs): Spirit Seekers meet at McGonigle-Millville at 7:00 pm
- Sept. 23 (Sun): Worship at 9:00 am; Sunday School at 10; Blessing of the Animals at McGonigle's picnic shelter at 3:00 pm
- Sept. 19 (Weds): First choir practice at Shawn and Donna Gallagher's home at 6:00 pm
- Sept. 26 (Weds): 6:30 pm choir practice at church
- Sept. 29 (Sat): 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fish Fry at Darrtown 4:30 – 7:00 pm
- Sept. 30: Worship at 9:00 am; Sunday School at 10

### *\*October\**

- Oct. 1 (Mon): Noodle-making session at 8:30 am
- Oct. 1 (Mon): United Methodist Women's meeting at 7:00 pm
- Oct. 3 (Weds): 6:30 pm choir practice this evening and each Wednesday throughout the month
- Oct. 7: World Communion Sunday; worship at 9:00 am; Sunday School at 10:00
- Oct. 8 (Mon): 6:30 pm Trustees meeting, followed at 7:00 with Admin Council meeting
- Oct. 14: Special offering for West Ohio Conference "Strength for Today; Hope for Tomorrow;" worship at 9:00 am; Sunday School at 10:00
- Oct. 18 (Thurs): Spirit Seekers at 7:00 pm at McGonigle-Millville UMC

- Oct. 21: Worship at 9:00 am; Sunday School at 10:00
- Oct. 27 (Sat): Ham & Turkey Dinner 4:30 – 7:00 pm at McGonigle-Millville UMC

- Oct. 28: Worship at 9:00 am; Sunday School at 10:00

### *\*November\**

- Nov. 3 (Sat): Darrtown's Turkey Dinner & Bazaar 4:30 – 7:00 pm

## GREETERS – USHERS - HOSPITALITY

Volunteers are needed. Please indicate your willingness to help by signing the sign-up sheets located on the Annex bulletin boards.

For refreshments, volunteers are needed on a two-week basis. Please use the sign-up sheets or contact Etta Jean at 524-2144.



Robyn Beck  
Melva Ward  
Juanita Anderson  
Dorothy Russell  
Helen Campbell  
Ashley Leck  
Anna Kincaid  
Bob Leck  
Family of Lucille Hutton

## PRAYERS REQUESTS

Jill & Dave Morris (Iraq)  
Michael Eversole (Iraq)  
JoAnn Coombs  
Carolyn Kincaid  
Lawrence Baumann  
Jerry & Myra Krauth  
Barbara Lovejoy  
Carol Flee  
Arlene Hurley  
David Russell  
Jim Pate

## Looking Forward

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

September 9<sup>th</sup> is Christian Education Sunday. During our 9:00 am worship service, Bibles will be presented to our new third graders, Adam Blaylock and Tucker Lindley.

That morning we will also be promoting Cassie Hollister and Shelby Cook into the youth class and T.G.I.F.

After Bibles have been presented and promotions acknowledged, a new format for Christian Education will begin. Children below seventh grade will leave each week after the "Children's Moments." Their time during the rest of the worship service will be the new Church School.

T.G.I.F. will continue to worship as adults and their class will begin at 10:00 am.

**TWO SPECIAL SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER**

World Communion Sunday is the first Sunday of October and reminds us of the universal and international reach of Christianity. In these days of terrorism by extremists of another faith, it is good to be reminded that God's love is still recognized and shared around the world.

The second Sunday in October is our annual offering for The West Ohio Conference's program on "Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow." The churches of West Ohio are already seeing good things happen from the income of this program. This is the second year of our three-year commitment.

This offering replaces our love offering for October. We ask you to be very generous to this Conference program.

**OCTOBER MISSION**

"Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow" is a three-year capital stewardship campaign in the West Ohio Conference, of which this church is a part:

- Churches partnering with churches to expand opportunities for ministry and mission
- By helping others, we are helping ourselves
- We shall accomplish much as United Methodists to unite in one purpose, to make disciples for the Lord
- We can make a difference by supporting one another
- To support, a check may be written to The Darrrtown United Methodist Church with a notation for this purpose. The check will go to our treasurer and then be forwarded by the end of October. Cash may also be given in an envelope and designated for the West Ohio Conference annual offering.

Ida Mae Lemmons & Rev. Ed Beck  
Mission Committee

**PIG ROAST**

Everyone is invited to McGonigle-Millville UMC for a Pig Roast dinner on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:00 pm.

*God reaches into our lives every day,  
if our eyes are open to see it.*

**CHOIR MEMBERS**

Mark your calendar for a Choir Gathering on Wednesday, September 19, at 6:00 pm at Donna and Shawn Gallagher's home, 2715 Scott Road. We will have a light dinner, then practice some songs. Bring your spouse and your great singing voices.

Please RSVP by Sunday, September 16 – 523-2748.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**



St. Francis of Assisi loved all of God's creatures. He wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things: "All praise to you, O Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures."

Our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers celebrate his feast day on October 4<sup>th</sup> each year. On September 23<sup>rd</sup> we will again celebrate our "Blessing of the Animals" at 3:00 pm at McGonigle-Millville UMC's picnic shelter. Bring your pets!

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Reservations are now being accepted for the fall Marriage Encounter United Methodist weekend being held at the Dayton Airport Inn, Friday, October 5 – Sunday, October 7. Marriage Encounter is a weekend away from home, family, and responsibilities where in a comfortable, secluded environment, a couple is guided in the discovery of new techniques of communicating and sharing with one another. It is for any couple that wants to strengthen and enrich a good marriage, and is open to all faiths. It is not a group oriented weekend. Couples who have attended found the weekend a rich and rewarding experience. For further information, call: Carl & Jane Denbo at 740-592-2133 or e-mail [denbow@frognet.net](mailto:denbow@frognet.net)

Marriage Encounter United Methodist is an affiliate member of the General Board of Discipleship United Methodist Church.

**UPCOMING IMPROVEMENTS**

Beginning in late September, our entire social room kitchen, classroom area will be painted.

**ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER**

Our annual Turkey Dinner is only two months away. Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. As the date approaches, sign-up sheets will be available for volunteers.

Also this evening, plan to browse the United Methodist Women's Bazaar for crafts and baked goods.

**SPIRIT SEEKERS**

All ladies are invited to attend and bring a friend to the Spirit Seekers group on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the McGonigle-Millville UMC.

**FISH FRY**

The Darrrtown church will continue their tradition of good food and desserts on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:00 pm with their third annual fish fry. Be sure to join us and bring a friend! Tickets are \$9.00.

**OCTOBER – PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**

We invite you to take part in this special celebration during the month of October to thank Rev. Ed and Robyn for their continued dedication, teaching, counsel and leadership to this congregation and community.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

We want to encourage you to give flowers in honor or memory of a loved one on any given Sunday.

Caren has created a flower chart for you to sign up for any Sunday you choose on a first come-first serve basis. You may also split the vases if two families are interested for the same Sunday.

Please contact Caren Hansel, Flower Coordinator, at 868-8739 (home) or 523-7597 (work), or you may e-mail her at [ceh@dzshq.com](mailto:ceh@dzshq.com). Flowers cost about \$10.00 each week.

**CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORIES**

If you have not picked up a new photo directory, they are in a basket at the back of the sanctuary.

**ADDRESS UPDATE**

New address for: Neil & Chryl Akeley  
5631 Bald Eagle Drive  
Port Orange, FL 32128-4521

**THE THIRD OPTION PROGRAM**

Many married couples consider just two options – His Way or Her Way. Now there is *The Third Option*. Learn new ways to build the kind of marriage you wanted to have. Join us as we explore topics such as Respect, Expectations, Listening, Communications, Forgiveness, Trust, and more.

*The Third Option* will begin a 14-week program on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, at Princeton Pike Church of God. There are no fees, but donations are encouraged. For more information, call 513-896-4357

**Looking Back**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School was presented by the Darrrtown Lutheran and the Darrrtown United Methodist Churches. On the evening of July 9<sup>th</sup>, teachers, leaders, and helpers were at their posts at 6:30 pm, ready for the busy week ahead. Many children registered for a week of Bible stories, crafts, music, recreation and refreshments. While "Taking a Plunge for Jesus" they learned to be obedient, to worship, to have courage, do service, and have faith. Colorful sunvisors were distributed the first night to be worn each day. Name tags were worn each day and each child put an attendance sticker beside their name. Each child made a pair of flip-flops and decorated their own handbags. J.P., the penguin, was their mascot.

The VBS "mission well" overflowed with donated food items which will be delivered to the United Methodist Children's Home by Mike and Debbie Hawkins.

Sixty children's lives were touched in that week. Watching happy children as they entered for their daily opening program in song brought about a special memory for me. Bible School is a memory that children will not forget. They are our leaders of tomorrow.

All the helpers, leaders, and teachers are busy people in their private lives, and we thank God for this community mission and the leadership that has taken place.

The week of Vacation Bible School ended with the children presenting a program at Sunday worship, followed by a noon-time picnic sponsored by the Lutheran Church.

*"Whatever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child, in my name, welcomes me."* Matthew 18: 4-5.

Ida Mae Lemmons

**THANK YOU!**

Robyn and I want to thank you for hosting a very special Open House to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We received many compliments on how nice it was. The 25 pink roses were a very special touch that we appreciated very much. Thanks for the gifts also.

We want to thank you also for the many birthday cards!  
Rev. Ed & Robyn

**LOVE PACKAGES MISSION**

As you remember, our Charge collected and sent over 800 pounds of books and other religious materials for education. Below is the chart showing, as of July 2007, the distribution that has taken place (including other churches) from our country. Note: 538 volunteers donated time at warehouses in preparation for shipment.

Country - lbs - boxes	Country - lbs - boxes
Bangladesh – 107 – 6	Missionaries – 75 – 4
Cameroon – 40,000 – 2,016	Nigeria – 101 – 5
China – 668 – 32	Pakistan – 76 – 4
Ecuador – 100 – 4	Panama – 293 – 14
Ghana – 40,025 – 1,357	Philippines – 80,060 – 3,186
Honduras – 3,000 – 210	Romania – 40,000 – 1,410
India – 46,177 – 866	South Africa – 160,086 – 7,021
Indonesia – 23 – 1	Tanzania – 160,000 – 5,628
Kenya – 41,460 – 1,440	Thailand – 56 – 4
Korea – 241 – 11	Trinidad – 40,000
Liberia – 80,073 – 3,327	Uganda – 45 – 2
Mauritius – 28 – 2	Vietnam – 303 – 15
Zambia – 40,000 – 1,877	TOTALS: 732,997 – 28,338

**NURSING HOME VISIT**

A group from church gathered at Woodland Country Manor Nursing Home on Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. As we sang old hymns, many residents sang along and clapped their hands. Visitation was also enjoyed. Lawrence Baumann was glad to see us.

*When your cup runneth over, sit it in someone else's saucer.*  
- Guideposts



**CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOUS**

- 👍 Congratulations to the 4-H members who stood by their year long projects and showed at the fair.
- 👍 J.P., the penguin's costume, won a ribbon at the Butler County Fair, congratulations to Cathy Richardson and Etta Jean Crawford!!
- 👍 Thanks to Andy Bruck and Megan Beckemeier for making the VBS "wishing well."
- 👍 A BIG "Thank You " to the committees and helpers who made this year's Ice Cream Social another successful event. Proceeds reached over \$1400. We are blessed to have a congregation family so generous with their time, talents and fun to work with too!
- 👍 Thanks to the Youth Choir for sharing their music at both churches on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 👍 Thanks to Carolyn Russell for leading the Bible School Evaluation meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, as well as the Education meeting to plan for the fall quarter of the new Church School.



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
RISE, SHINE, GLORIFY GOD**

*All women of the church and community are invited to be a part of this caring and sharing group, locally and globally. Our reason is to be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the local and global ministries of the church.*

**COMING UP**

- September meeting on **Tuesday** instead of Monday: Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00 pm. Hostesses: Carolyn Sadler and Kathy Menke. Vacation is over. This is an important meeting. We will make plans for the busy fall activities. (cont)

- Noodle-making scheduled for October 1 at 8:30 am, in preparation for Turkey dinner.
- October meeting on Monday, October 1 at 7:00 pm. Hostesses: Donna Gallagher and Etta Jean Crawford. More plans for the later fall and winter activities and committees for 2008. Bring your program books to the meeting.

**MISSIONS**

- Month of Sept: Socks for young children – K thru Junior High
- Month of Oct: Special offering for Conference “Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow”

**REMINDERS**

- ✓ Bazaar on November 3<sup>rd</sup> during the annual turkey dinner
- ✓ Save Campbells Soup UPC labels
- ✓ Save your coins for the World Thank Offering. Boxes to be given during worship on November 18.
- ✓ Save old cell phones

***Happy Birthday!***

- Sept. 1: Lora Richardson
- Sept. 15: Maxine Harris
- Sept. 26: Etta Jean Crawford
- Oct. 8: Cathy Richardson
- Oct. 18: Caren Hansel

***Forgiveness Therapy***

*You cannot change someone for the better by holding a grudge. Grudges only change you - for the worse.*

**NOTICE: DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

The next deadline date for submitting articles is **October 20, 2007**. Items can be given to Maxine Harris or Ida Mae Lemmons. You may also send information via e-mail to Maxine at: [maxakers03@aol.com](mailto:maxakers03@aol.com).

***Teens Growing In Faith***

By Megan Beckemeier

The Teens Growing In Faith have been very busy this summer. On August 19<sup>th</sup>, after singing at both churches, we had pizzas and wrote our letters to the children of Children’s Hospital. The youth went to see Cameron Hansel in “Grease.”

Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, we have plans to participate in a campout with the youth of Grace United Methodist Church at Governor Bebb.

Time to go back to school. Remember youth, try to be an example of what God wants you to be. School and stress can be a lot for a teen to deal with. Don’t be afraid to ask for help. Hope you all have a wonderful school year.

Everyone keep your eyes out for the new T-shirts. They are green and hard to miss!

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T.G.I.F. continued

by Robyn Beck, Youth Coordinator

I am pleased to announce new team members for T.G.I.F. Debbie and Mike Hawkins will be activities coordinators for the coming year. They have already begun by organizing, along with Dawn Eck, the August 25/26 campout that was held at Governor Bebb Park. It was a great event in which we combined with the youth of Grace UMC.

We are very excited about the new ideas that Debbie and Mike bring to us. Thanks to both of you for your willingness to work with this great bunch of teens.

Thanks also to Sally Hansel for her efforts in coordinating ticket sales for the August 19<sup>th</sup> performance of “Grease” at the Carnegie Center for the Performing Arts in Covington. Cameron Hansel was outstanding in the lead role. Sally always comes to the rescue and is a big part of our T.G.I.F. team. She is responsible for obtaining and distributing the new T-shirts featuring Cassie Eck’s designs.

We are always looking for other adults to help with teaching on Sunday mornings or with activities. We are always grateful for the adults who provide transportation also.



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## ***Will you bring healing to Ohio's wounded children?***

*Pinwheels – pinwheels, PINWHEELS !!!* During annual conference you saw the overwhelming field of pinwheels near the Lakeside Pavilion. Each pinwheel represented one hundred reported cases of child abuse and neglect in our conference. We need you to offer healing to these children by participating in the conference-wide appeal to support the United Methodist Children's Home, and help stop the cycle of child abuse and neglect.

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At the United Methodist Children's Home, we care for these wounded children, by providing a loving, therapeutic, transitional home for children. We also provide much-needed supportive counseling so families can be successful. God is doing amazing things through this ministry, but we cannot do it alone! Your leadership as pastor and the help of your congregation are essential! In fact it is critical, for without your prayerful and financial support we cannot succeed!

Will you stand with abused and neglected children who need care, nurture, and treatment? We are asking every pastor and church for their support through the Conference-wide appeal on Sunday, September 30. As members of the West Ohio Conference you are the moral owners of this ministry, and, therefore, have a significant stake in outcomes of these lives. We are counting on you to ensure that your congregation has the opportunity to help these wounded children and their hurting families.

Thank you in advance for helping Ohio's most vulnerable children.

Yours in the joy of Christ's service,

Dean W. Pulliam, MS, CAE  
Executive Director

Rev. Steven Putka, MA, M. Div.  
Director of Spiritual Life & Development

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*Our own Maxine and Bill Harris helped provide many, many of the pinwheels from Edgewood School to Annual Conference.  
Thanks for your help.*

# Certificate of Recognition

Awarded to the congregation and staff of

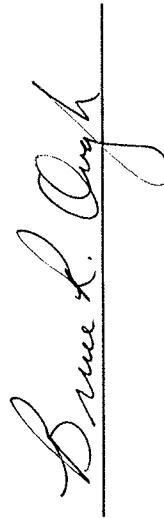
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for demonstrating all six fruits of an

**Acts 2 Congregation**

in the year 2006

Presented this 14th day of June in the year of our Lord 2007



Resident Bishop



District Superintendent

**Six Fruits of an  
Acts 2 Congregation**

**Professions of Faith**

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**Growth in Membership**

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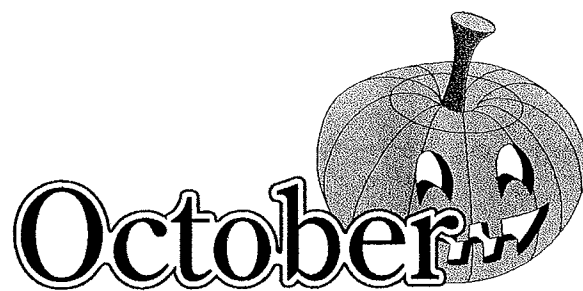
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## 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Lora Richardson's Birthday
2 Labor Day Sunday Wear work clothes to church!	3 Labor Day	4 UMWV meet at 7:00	5	6 Jack Cohen's Birthday	7	8 Pig Roast at McGonigle
9 Christian Education Sunday Cinci Mehl's Birthday	10 Admin Council meets at 7:00 pm Harry & Dodie's Anniversary	11 Barney & Sandy's Anniversary	12	13	14 Josh Russell's Birthday	15 Ken & Carolyn Russell's Anniv. Maxine Harris' Birthday
16 Linda Stegmeier's Birthday	17	18	19 Choir gathering at the Gallagher's at 6:00 pm	20 Spirit Seekers meet at 7:00 at McGonigle	21	22 Corby & Caren Hansel's Anniv.
23 Blessing Animals 3:00 pm at M-M Alisha Meador's Birthday	24	25 Jack & Laura Cohen's Anniv.	26 6:30 pm choir Etta Jean Crawford's Birthday	27	28	29 Fish Fry 4:30-7:00
30 Bill & Maxine's Anniversary						

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 UMW noodle making 8:30 am UMW meeting at 7:00 pm	2	3 6:30 pm choir practice	4	5	6
7 World Communion Sunday	8 6:30 Trustees 7:00 Admin Council Cathy Richardson's Birthday	9	10 6:30 pm choir practice	11 Mike Mehl's Birthday	12 Shaw n & Donna's Anniversary	13
14	15	16	17 6:30 pm choir practice Donna Rungay's Birthday	18 Spirit Seekers Caren Hansel's Birthday	19 Tom & Jennifer Clark and Dick & Carolyn Sadler's Anniversary	20
21 Chloe Hansel's Birthday	22	23	24 6:30 pm choir practice	25 Connie Davis' Birthday Carolyn Kincaid's Birthday	26 Tom Agee's Birthday Ty Burkholder's Birthday	27 Ham & Turkey Dinner 4:30-7:00 at McGonigle
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