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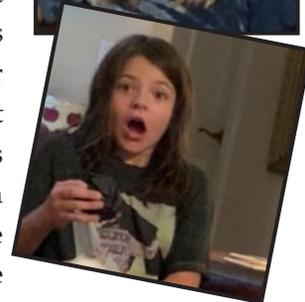
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**5 + 1 = A Full Boat**

So...the Rustin family is growing by one coming in March 2020! For those of you who did not hear the announcements made in church yet, Jen is expecting and we could not be happier!!

On a Friday evening in early September, we bombarded the girls with a surprise that they had no idea was even on the radar! Our setup was well thought out and, by our standards, quite elaborate. Here's how it went down...

We sat the girls down in our living room and Jen gave them all little presents she had picked up the week before, but before they opened, we asked that Charlotte open an extra present. When she pulled it out, she saw that it was a pink t-shirt...and she read the inscription (mind you, she's only in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and just starting to read) – "Big Sp...ar...kle??" to which Gwynn said, "no, it says "Big Sister!" Then...silence for one second...then this look, as the reality of a new life dawned upon our 13 year old! Since Charlotte was still figuring things out, Gwynn asked her, "do you know what this means?" And when she whispered it into Charlotte's ear that mom was pregnant, we got a massive squeal and absolute excitement from our youngest – who quickly realized she was being promoted to "Big Sister" (not "Big Sparkle!") Annie was still trying to put two and two together at this point, and so we had Jen stand up and show off the baby belly she had been hiding so well the last couple weeks. Annie suddenly realized she would be joined in the "middle child" ranks by Charlotte and gave us a look of pure shock, enthusiasm and love!



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This reveal melted into a beautiful dance-party/love-fest for our girls. As a family, we were FINALLY able to celebrate God's continued blessing in our lives. March 2020 is going to bring a lot of change...it's going to be full of good days and tough days and change...but it is by God's grace that we have become a family, and it is by God's grace that our family is going to grow!

We want to thank you all for your loving support. Like I said on the Sunday morning this was announced, we want to celebrate this event with you all because we love you all. This event in our lives is just a small part of what God is doing in our collective life as a church, and all around us as we live out the Gospel. It also serves as a reminder that transition is given to us as a gift from God as part of our faith journey and an opportunity for growth!



Thank you for being on this journey with us as we look ahead to the many blessings to come in the Rustin family and in the First Pres family!

In Christ,

*Dino*

**Lead Pastor:** Rev. Dino Rustin

**Care & Visitation:** Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter

**Organist/Director of Music Ministry:** Ted Hayes

Michelle Noval, Office Operations Dir.	Larry Underwood, Family Min. Dir
Doreen Hawkins, Financial Admin.	Amy Connours, Office Assistant
Fernando Olaya, Maintenance Tech.	Christine Melchior, Custodian
Paul Fullylove, Web/IT/Sound Tech.	Diane Varnadore, Pianist
Jessica Palma-Hernandez, Nursery	

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- # October Birthdays
- 1 Audrey Mills
  - 2 Sonny Fenton, Doug Dahlquist
  - 3 Jeanette Morse
  - 4 Darena Marvin
  - 5 Connie Trotter
  - 6 Rusty Russell, Vada Johnson, Cooper Carlson
  - 9 Barbara Borderieux, Kate Carlson
  - 14 Elma Westney
  - 15 Bob Johnson, Charlie O'Connor
  - 17 Amy Connours
  - 21 Kristine Dittmann
  - 23 Melissa Eason
  - 25 Laurie Grabiak
  - 27 Catharine McHugh
  - 29 David Brunner
  - 30 Ann Cope

# Birthday Blessings



## FPC Building Commission Update



The FPC Building Committee has met and finalized the GMP (guaranteed maximum price) for the renovation plans for the First Presbyterian Church. We had hoped to begin construction in October, but it looks like more towards the end of November. There are many moving parts of this project and we are working hard to make sure we have all our bases covered. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this process.

We have completed the demolition of the old office building (i.e. white house) and site work is underway for the new parking lot. Also, we have replaced the AC units in the small dining room and nursery areas. The new units have been ordered for the Fellowship Hall and should be in place soon.

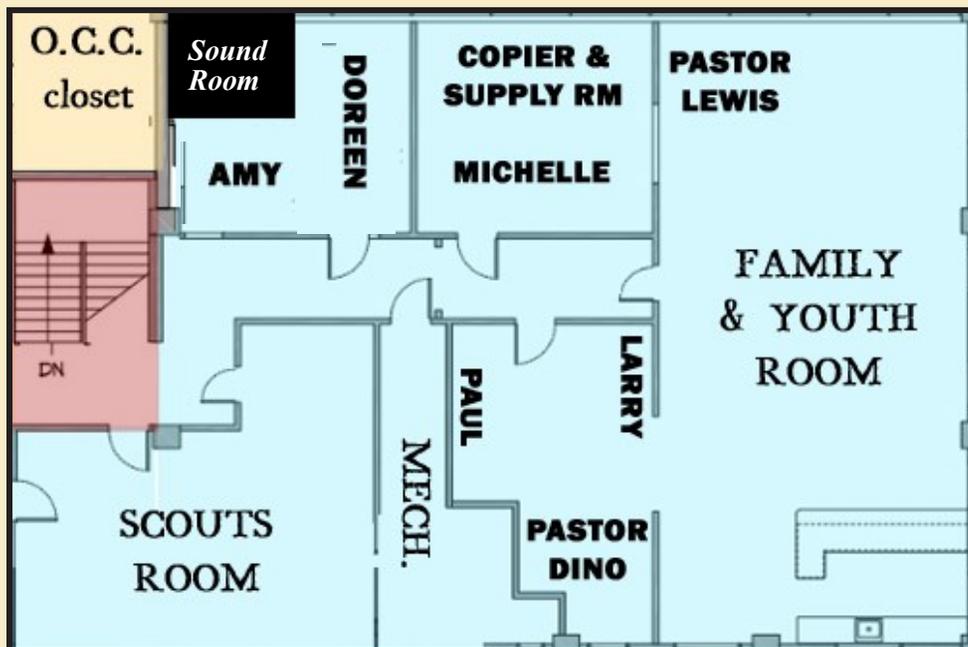
As always, we ask that you keep our Church and this Committee in your thoughts and prayers as we move forward with this project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Building Committee.

Wayne Scroggins, Chairman

Members: Kaye Butler, Steve Porter, Kathy Schermer and Bill Schmoll

### OUR CHURCH OFFICES HAVE MOVED!



We have officially moved our offices to our "temporary" location upstairs in the Youth Room, Sound Room and Balcony/Cry Room. We will be in this location until Phase I of the renovations are completed. *Please note: you will still come to the double glass doors to use the doorbell/office intercom to let us know you are at the church. We will then come down to let you into the church by the double red doors once construction begins.*

The Outreach Room for adult Sunday school/Piecemakers/OCC sewing has also been relocated to

the last room of the nursery; now called the "Breezeway Suite".

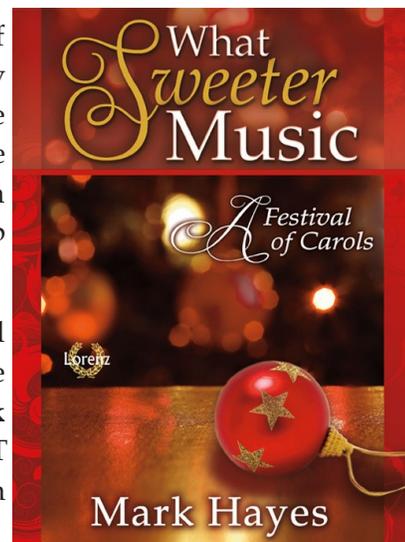
**Please turn to page 9 to see photos of our move and the demolition of the white house.**

# Music Ministry

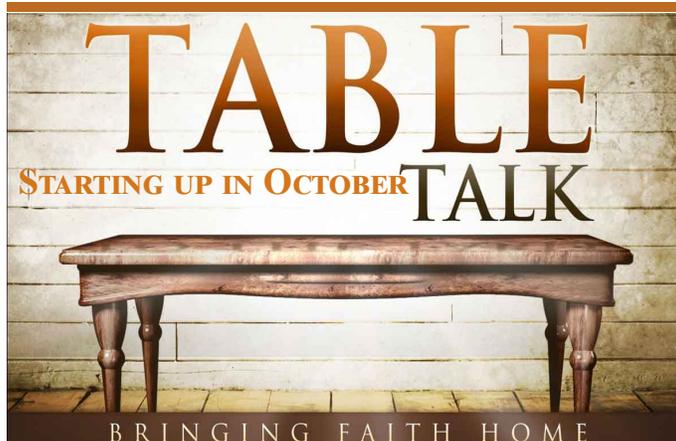
## Music Notes

The entire Music Ministry of First Presbyterian Church has relocated to the rear of the Church Sanctuary. It was necessary to totally move everything to make way for the scheduled upcoming construction. This means the Chancel Choir will robe and rehearse in the new location until the construction is completed. If you arrive early for the 11:00 am Worship Service on Sundays, you will hear how terrible I am to the Choir. All the yelling and screaming I do! They must love it as they keep coming back for more.

Please place Sunday, December 15, 2019, 5:00 pm on your calendar for our Annual Christmas Concert presented by the Music Ministry. This year the theme of the concert will be **"What Sweeter Music", A Festival of Carols, compiled by Mark Hayes**. Watch for more details and information in our November issue of FIRST PRESS. Begin to invite friends and family to this presentation. All will leave with the Christmas Spirit.



In Christ,  
*Ted Hayes*



If you haven't signed up yet for Table Talk, I urge you to do so! If you've ever thought you'd like to know the person sitting near you in church better, here's your chance! You can sign up for breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner and your group can decide if they'd like to do home visits or restaurants. There are lots of choices, all up to your group! Groups usually are limited to 8 so it's not unmanageable.

There are several groups that go on from year to year. There are 2 lunch groups at Westminster and a ladies' lunch group that makes monthly decisions as to destinations. Otherwise, you need to sign up with your preference and we will put

you with a group we hope you will love. These groups go from October through January and from February through May.

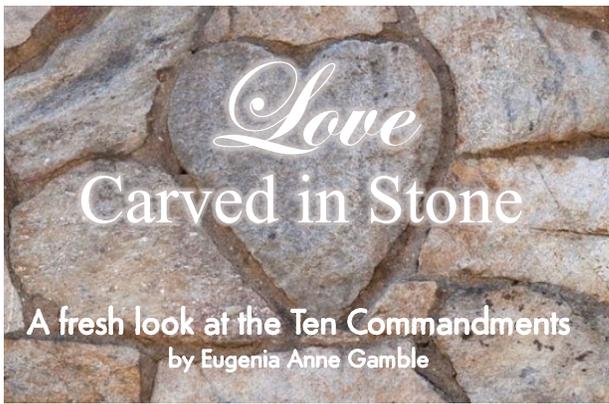
Frank and I have found these groups to be great fun and the best way to get to know people you only see around the church. I urge each of you to sign up and experience this terrific program! It doesn't matter if you are a single or a couple, you should have a good experience. We start with a Bible lesson and then become social. I especially urge our new members to sign up!

*Emily Buskirk* (941-0792-1495 [ebbuskirk@gmail.com](mailto:ebbuskirk@gmail.com))

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Is extended to Linda & Marcos Dobarganes and family on the death of Linda's sister, Susan Chlopicki, who died on September 13, 2019.

*In Christian Sympathy*  
*Praying God's comfort*



**JOY CIRCLE** 1st Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm  
In the Small Dining Room (*September 5*)  
Teacher: Patty Li

**FAITH CIRCLE** 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 10 am  
In the Small Dining Room (*beginning October 9*)  
*Please note: shuttle service available from the Shores, Towers and Courtyard to FPC*  
Teacher: Judy Ernest

Eugenia Gamble is this year's Bible Study author. She is a pastor who has served 30 years as an author, speaker, preacher and retreat leader. The study "Love Carved in Stone" is a fresh look at the Ten Words which God presented to the enslaved Israelites to emphasize that He wanted His chosen people to live in a new community with Him. Decalogue (ten words) laws and decrees are other words used for the Ten Commandments. Jesus lived out the Word.

In the First Word, God stresses that He is our One and Only and He wants a relationship with us. In the Second Word, we are to have no idols, or to replace God with something else that takes up our time, and thoughts: money, success, things, etc. God wants us to remember that life comes from one source, and when we replace that with something else, we are in danger of idolatry. We are reminded of the Shema, the central prayer in the Jewish prayer book from Deuteronomy 6:4 which states:

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God: the Lord is one."

The Bible Study for October is "The Third Word" - You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God. In Biblical times names were chosen to imprint the character of the name upon an individual for identity and to shape their future actions. To speak a name is to activate the power of that name, so to misuse the name of God in connecting it to something that would violate God's character is to profane our relationship with God.

#### November's Study:

**"The Fourth Word: Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy."**

## **Join us for our Annual Autumn Fest!**



Join us on **Monday, October 21, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Westminster Manor (1700 21st Ave W, Bradenton)**. The Manor residents look forward to this each year! We encourage everyone of the church to come and visit with them, as some are homebound and not able to get out, so a cheery smile would be welcomed.

Members of the circles will bring tea sandwiches, cookies and punch for all the residents to enjoy. The congregation may also donate items.\*

#### PLEASE NOTE

*\*You may bring your "goodies" to the Manor on the 21st as there will be someone at the door of the Manor to take the food from your car, or you may leave your items in the small kitchen at the church, covered and clearly marked "Autumn Fest", on Sunday, October 20th.*



Larry Underwood is stepping in to champion the vision for family ministry here at First Presbyterian.



Larry was born in Tampa, but grew up in Orlando and then Western North Carolina. He graduated from Toccoa Falls Bible College in 1996, majoring in music education and minoring in biblical studies. After graduating, he taught at Central Heights Christian School and also began managing a music store in Toccoa, Georgia.

While living in Toccoa, he met his wife, Jennifer. They married in 1999, and in 2001 relocated to Habersham County, Georgia to focus on their growing family. Larry and Jennifer have three children; Levi(19), James(17), and Jessica(16).



Larry's call to ministry came after they started attending a small church plant (that eventually became one of the larger area churches). From 2001-2011 they served as bi-vocational student and family Pastors in Habersham County. Larry's secular experience is

split between education, information technology, and management. In 2011, they answered the call to full-time ministry in Bradenton, Florida, and have enjoyed their roles in family ministry, as well as Church revitalization.

Larry enjoys reading, running, photography, and vintage Volkswagens. Jennifer loves crafts, home projects, hiking, and spending time with family.

Both Larry and Jennifer have a heart for seeing families experience and understand the Gospel. They are excited to be part of the First Presbyterian Bradenton family and can't wait to see how God uses this Church to reach the unchurched.

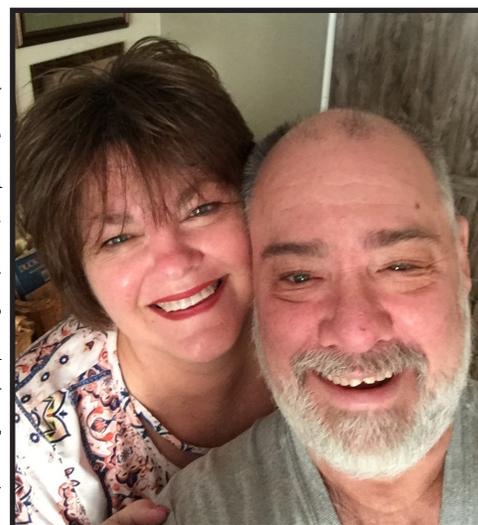
Please extend a warm welcome to Larry, Jennifer and family! We are so happy that they are here!

# TO OUR NEW STAFF!

*Larry Underwood*, Family Ministries Director  
*Amy Connours*, Office Assistant

Let's welcome Amy Connours, our new part-time office assistant. With the arrival of Amy, who will be working every afternoon from one o'clock until the office closes at five, our office staff is now complete! We hired two part-time positions to replace Grace Lane's full-time position, which she held for 28 years before retiring in June. Amy will assume many administrative responsibilities that encompassed the other part of Grace's position.

Amy lives locally here in Bradenton with her husband, Doug. They have been married 33 years and have three children and five grandchildren--all of which keep them very busy. She holds a B.A. in Music from FSU, and also plays viola. Her business highlights include marketing and small business ownership (meaning everything from soup to nuts!) She is a professional vocalist and is currently serving as the alto lead for Sarasota's premiere professional ensemble, Choral Artists of Sarasota, and featured soloist for Choral Artists and Key Chorale, Sarasota's symphonic choir. Amy is a frequent guest artist for the Sarasota Artist Series Concerts, has toured through Europe in Spain, Ireland and Scotland, and most recently, the Baltic States.



On a side \*note\*, when Ted Hayes, our Director of Music Ministries, heard about Amy, he approached her about joining the choir. Amy is thrilled to fill a soprano role as the section leader here at First Presbyterian Church!

Personable and positive, Amy is a wonderful addition to our staff. Please extend her a warm welcome and come visit Amy at the church office from 1:00 to 5:00 pm!



SING TO THE LORD A

*New Song*

FOR HE HAS DONE

*Marvelous Things*

Psalm 98:1



If you are a new member since last year, the words Operation Christmas Child or Christmas Shoeboxes might not have any meaning, but for the past 13-15 years our church has been sending shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items, toys, and love to children in around 160 countries of the world through Operation Christmas Child (OCC), an arm of the larger mission project of Samaritan's Purse. OCC was started by Franklin Graham in the U.S, and since 1993 has sent a total of 163 million shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. As disciples of Christ, it is our way of reaching others we may never meet in this life with the Gospel. For 2019, the goal is to reach 11 million children, as the world's largest Christmas Project of its kind!

Each child is also given a book "The Greatest Gift" which tells the story of Jesus, and also offers a 12 lesson discipleship program called "The Greatest Journey" which has been taught by 902,420 teachers since 2009 with over 18.9 million children participating since its inception.

Six members of the Piecemakers quilting group have been working all summer on sewing pants, shorts, dresses, skirts, stuffed animals and scarves for your boxes. One of our members even makes pants at home and buys shirts for a complete set!" A special Thank You to Barbara Borderieux and Nancy Varner who lead the group.

Join us on Sunday, November 3, as we will have our church-wide Packing Party after both services at 10 am and 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall, where tables will be set up with donated items for filling a shoebox. There are 3 age groups for both boys and girls: 2-4 yrs., 5-9, and 10-14. You may purchase your items and or use donated items set out at the Packing Party. You may use one of the limited cardboard OCC boxes we have left. We encourage you to complete your boxes that day or come by the church to pick up any needed items on display Monday – Thursday, November 4-7, in Fellowship Hall during office hours. Each box filled has a shipping cost of \$9 which should be placed in the brochure envelope provided. More details will be announced in flyers by the middle of October.

New goals of OCC are to expand reaching children where Gospel witnessing is prohibited and to deliver shoebox gifts to 1,000 Pacific Islands in the next 4 years. Also, OCC is working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in concentrating on unreached people groups. Last year they reached 107 unreached people groups in 46 countries.

Bring Salvation to a child - Pack a box!

*Patty Li*, FPC OCC Project Leader

and official volunteer member of OCC Suncoast Team (De Soto, Charlotte, Manatee and Sarasota Counties)

 <b>FINANCIAL REVIEW</b>	<b>Budgeted Offering Through Sept. 22</b>	<b>\$312,874</b>
	<b>YTD Offering Received Through Sept. 22</b>	<b>\$336,280</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE through September 22</b>		
	<b>9 am</b>	<b>11 am</b>
	<b>44</b>	<b>92</b>



Our office space and Sunday school / sewing room!



Demolition of the white house on September 26th

Save the Date

Jeannie Oliver's  
100<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday Party

November 9th, 2019

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

FPC's Fellowship Hall

## *PRAYER CONCERNS*

Carol Frankland, Frances MacDonald, Cameron Bogue, Barbara Dittmann, Don Harris, Jeanne Oliver, Janice Lange, Judy Plano, Sally DenUyl, Catherine Wilcockson, Jean Phillips, Rose Carlson, Vic Kane, Charlie O'Connor, Irene Henderson, Bob Marsh, Jay Daspit, Donna Jones, Betty Gilmore, Melody Porter, Vada Johnson, Keith Allen, Dave Stacho, Ellen Cavanaugh, Kathy Winchester, Bill Saggau, Carol Saggau, James Braunlin, Doug Walsh, Jr., Betty Harkins, Frances Moody, Debbie Parvin, Elma Westney, John Weichel, Karen Montgomery, Bonnie Sylvester, Nell Barner, Roger Lane, Jo Zonders

## *PRAYER REQUESTS*

We would love to pray for you. You can either enter your prayer requests on our website or e-mail the church office at: [office@firstpresbradenton.com](mailto:office@firstpresbradenton.com)

## **CARING FOR OUR SHUT-INS // ASSISTED LIVING**

<i>Health Care Facilities</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Name(s)</i>
<b>Bay Vue Nursing &amp; Rehab.</b>	105 15th St. W. Bradenton, 34208	941-747-8681	Betty Harkins (Room 132)
<b>Inn at Freedom Village</b>	6410 21st Ave W. Bradenton, 34209	941-798-8250	Margaret "Jo" Zonders (121A)
<b>Summerfield Assisted Living</b>	3409 26th St. W. Bradenton, 34205	941-751-7209	Vada Johnson (Room 126)
<b>Westminster Manor Assisted Living (RAL)</b>	1700 21st Ave W Bradenton, 34205	941-745-0167	Jeanne Oliver (RAL Room 408)
<b>Westminster Shores Assisted Living (RAL)</b>	1610 3rd Ave W Bradenton, 34205	941-748-1700	Rae Flanders (RAL Room 124) E. Jean Phillips (RAL Room 134) John Weichel (RAL Room 125)
<b>Westminster Towers Assisted Living (RAL)</b>	320 15th St Ct W Bradenton, 34205	941-666-8837 941-567-6976	Vic Kane (#146) Debbie Parvin (#133)
<b>Westminster Towers Health Care (HC)</b>	320 15th St Ct. W. Bradenton, 34205	941-747-1881 941-757-5941	Marion McClellan (HC 340A) Janis Pearce (HC 321B) Elma Westney (HC 327A)



# October

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KEY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SG = Small Group</p>		<p><b>1</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:30 MOPS 10:00 Staff Meeting 4:30 Mission</p>	<p><b>2</b> 7:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 OCC Sewing 7:00 Joy Circle</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
		<p><b>6 Communion Sunday</b> 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p><b>7 Newsletter Submission</b> 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:15 CE 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Pew Crew</p>	<p><b>9</b> 10:00 Faith Circle 7:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 OCC Sewing 5:00 Finance</p>
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<p><b>20 KOINONIA</b> 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service <b>12:00 KOINONIA Lunch</b> 3:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p><b>21 Autumnfest</b> 2:00 Autumnfest 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Session</p>	<p><b>23</b> 7:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 OCC Sewing 6:30 Scout Council</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10:30 Card Min. 7:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
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I will give thanks to You, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.

Psalm 9:1