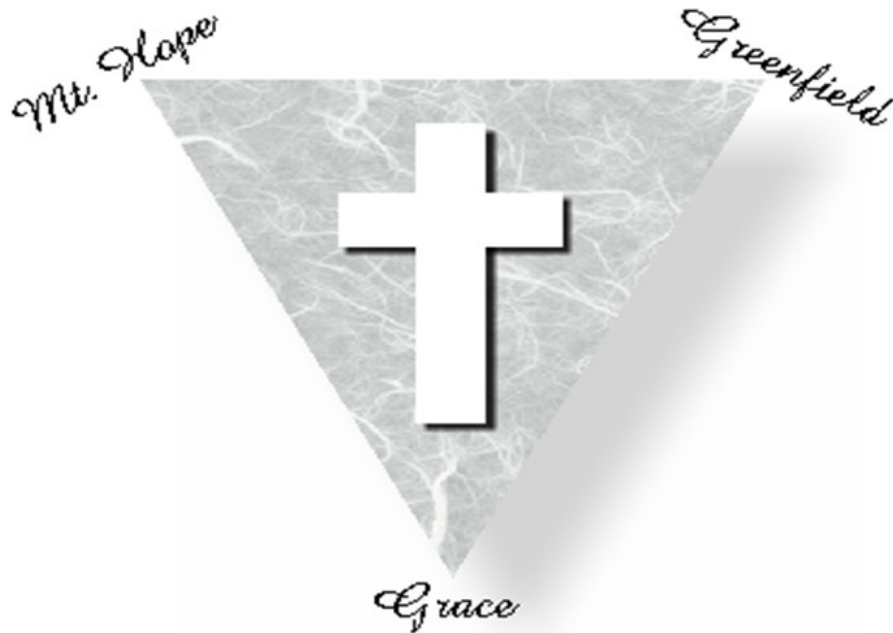


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TRINITY Gazette

Fourth Quarter, 2017

The Greenfield Charge



United Church of Christ



LEADING THE CHARGE!

A Message from Pastor Bob

On November 5, 2017, we will celebrate 500 years of our Christian heritage as “Reformed Christians.”

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his “Ninety-Five Theses” in Wittenberg and the resulting debate about Christian teaching and practice led to changes that shaped the course of Western Christianity for 500 years. At the heart of these wide-reaching changes was a deep conviction that God’s mercy or grace in Jesus is given freely to all. When Luther and other reformers learned to trust God’s mercy with “a living, daring confidence,” they discovered in that faith the freedom to give themselves generously, lovingly in all of life’s undertakings with everyone they met.

The changes began with a critical look at confession and forgiveness, preaching and the sacraments – what Luther called the “means of grace.” The sale of indulgences, the practice of penance, the content of preaching, the administration of Baptism and the Lord’s supper – all the restrictions that impeded the message of God’s mercy from being heard and received fully by all came under close scrutiny. Repeatedly, Luther made changes and took initiatives to give full and free expression to the gospel, the message of God’s liberation mercy in Jesus Christ. He translated the Scriptures into German so that ordinary believers could hear the Word of God in their everyday language. He composed many hymns including, “A Mighty Fortress,” (based on Psalm 46) that put the Word of God to music, the language of the heart. He preached for the people in Wittenberg in simple, everyday terms, and he used those sermons as the basis for teaching resources that parents and pastors could use.

I pray that we are true to the Reformation – that we proclaim the Word of God – that we proclaim the Good News God’s liberation mercy in Jesus Christ – that we proclaim God’s concerns and the mind of God, not our human concerns. Amen.

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Celebrating Pastor Bob's 10th Anniversary with the Greenfield Charge Pastor Appreciation Month

Pastor Robert Bernard Penner

Lay Minister: Oct 21, 2007

Installation: Oct 2, 2011

This October marks Pastor Bob's 10th Anniversary with the Greenfield Charge. October is also Pastor Appreciation Month. We plan on celebrating Pastor Bob at the Joint Service at Greenfield on November 5th.

Those that have been with the Greenfield Charge for more than 10 years also know that Pastor Bob filled in when the prior pastors (Pastor Bill and Pastor Mary) would go on vacation.

The picture on the right was taken at the Penn West Conference in 2005. I don't believe the mustache was there when he took the position of lay minister to fill in the gap between Pastor Bill and Mary and our next full-time minister. Little did he know that he would be our full-time minister as well.



Pastor Bob - June 10, 2005

Pastor Bob had ingrained himself into our lives. The Kids love to participate in the VBS games and laughed along with him as he played CC – the rapping super fun, good-natured kid who is the “life of the party.”

Some interesting facts about Pastor Bob:

- His wife is Nancy and they have two sons Russell and Tyler. Russell's wife is Amy and he has a daughter named Zoey. Leo is Pastor Bob's dog and the most talked about family member. Course Leo doesn't know that he's talked about during sermons or children's messages. Ask him about his other pets – one of their cats was the center of attention at a Christmas Eve service.
- He has about a hundred favorite hymns. Each Sunday his top favorite potentially changes to one of the hymns being sung that day. The Hymn of the Week!



VBS July 26, 2015

Pastor Bob as CC

- Ask him to say wish and wash. I would love to hear how he pronounces the local car wash – ‘Wishee Washee Car Wash’
- He was a Former HR Manager. This comes in handy during church conflicts.
- Was/Is a Notre Dame fan. Definitely, a Pitt fan. Either way he wears Blue and Gold.
- Shares an orthopedic doctor with the Pitt Athletic Department.
- A Budding Caterer
- Likes to wear Red Polo Shirts.

If you can't or didn't make it to the Pastor Appreciation Service on Nov 5th, Please let Pastor Bob know how he might have affected your life or family for the better. Give him thanks!

Lectionary Texts for Fourth Quarter, 2017

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Gospel
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 1	Exodus 17:1-7	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 8	Exodus 20:1-20	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 15	Exodus 32:1-14	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 22	Exodus 33:12-23	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
All Saints' Sunday October 29	Revelation 7:9-17	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
500th Anniversary of the Reformation Sunday November 5	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-41
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost November 12	Joshua 24:1-25	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Twenty-fourth Sun- day after Pentecost November 19	Judges 4:1-7	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Reign of Christ Sunday November 26	Ezekiel 34:11-24	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46

Lectionary Texts for Fourth Quarter, 2017 cont.

First Sunday of Advent December 3	Isaiah 64:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
Second Sunday of Advent December 10	Isaiah 40:1-11	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
Third Sunday of Advent December 17	Isaiah 6:1-11	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-28
Fourth Sunday of Advent – Morning Service December 24	2 Samuel 7:1-16	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Christmas Eve December 24	Isaiah 62:6-12	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:1-20
First Sunday after Christmas December 31	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40

New Neighbors!

We want to say "Aloha" to Jeremy & Beth Helsel and their boys on their moving to Hawaii. They've lived in our parsonage for the past 7 years. We want to thank them for being such wonderful tenants! We hope they enjoy their move to Hawaii and have a great future.

The Charge welcomes our new tenants, Barry and Andrea Weyandt and their two boys. They will be moving in at almost the same time that the Helsel's are moving out. Say "hello" to them when you see them.

Greenfield Charge
Schedule of Church Services Fourth Quarter, 2017

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPECIAL SERVICE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
JOINT SERVICE Harvest Home Sunday/ World Wide Communion Sunday October 1	MT. HOPE	COMMUNION Pre-Service Bible Study @ 9:30am Joint Consistory Meeting after Fellowship	10:00am
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 15	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 22	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
All Saints' Sunday October 29	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
JOINT SERVICE 500 th Anniversary of the Reformation Sunday November 5	GREENFIELD	COMMUNION Pre-Service Bible Study @ 9:30am	10:00am
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost November 12	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
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JOINT SERVICE First Sunday of Advent December 3	GRACE	COMMUNION NOTE: No Pre-Service Bible Study Joint Charge Christmas Dinner	Worship— 10:00am Dinner- 11:30am
Second Sunday of Advent/Hanging of the Greens December 10	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Third Sunday of Advent December 17	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
JOINT SERVICE Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24	GRACE		10:00am
Christmas Eve Service December 24	GREENFIELD	Celebration Service Communion	5:00pm
Christmas Eve Service December 24	MT. HOPE	Family Service Communion	7:00pm
Christmas Eve Service December 24	GRACE	Midnight Service Communion	11:00pm
First Sunday after Christmas December 31	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
JOINT SERVICE Second Sunday after Christmas January 7, 2018	GREENFIELD	Pre-Service Bible Study @ 9:30am Joint Consistory Meeting after Fellowship	10:00am

Trinity Gazette Newsletter Briefs

Leo Update



Leo and I are doing “Traveling Classes” one day each week. Traveling Classes meet at various locations in the Hagerstown/Martinsburg to practice our competitive trial skills. Leo is doing good.

Leo and Nancy started an Advanced Obedience Class on September 11, 2017. Advanced?...Who would have guessed?

Special Services & Events

October 1, 2017 – Joint Service at Mt. Hope

We celebrate Harvest Home Sunday and World Wide Communion Sunday. Please bring canned and boxed goods to share “the harvest” with those in need. We will celebrate Holy Communion with the Christian community around the world.

October 29, 2017 – All Saints’ Sunday

We will remember those who have gone to their eternal home at all three churches on this All Saints’ Sunday as we light Remembrance Candles.

November 5, 2017 – Joint Service at Greenfield 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

We will celebrate 500 years of “Reformed Christianity” with Holy Communion. Join us to celebrate our Reformed Heritage and learn what that means for us today.

November 19, 2017

Grace UCC will host the Claysburg Ministerium’s Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, November 19 at 6:00 PM. Pastor Bob will be the speaker.

December 3, 2017 – Joint Service at Grace & Joint Christmas Dinner

Join us as we begin the Advent Season and celebrate Holy Communion followed by the dinner. Dinner prepared by Pastor Bob, Lisa Pejack and helpers.

There is no charge for the Christmas Dinner this year!

We will need a firm commitment if you plan to attend by November 19, 2017

December 24, 2017 – Joint Service at Grace - Christmas Eve Morning Service

We will have a Joint Service at 10:00 AM on Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017 - Christmas Eve Services

Celebration Service	Greenfield	5:00 PM
Family Service	Mt. Hope	7:00 PM
Candle Light Service	Grace	11:00 PM

Joint Consistory Meetings

The Joint Consistory will meet following the Joint Services on October 1, 2017 and January 7, 2018.

Confirmation Class

A new Confirmation Class started on September 17, 2017. I will give you an updated report in the next Newsletter.

Video Recording Project

If you miss a Service and/or would like to watch a Service, let Pastor Bob know and he will get you the recording. Likewise, if you know someone who would like to see a Service, just let Pastor Bob know.

The Trinity Gazette

The Trinity Gazette is published on a quarterly basis.

The Trinity Gazette is available on the Church's Web site and hard copies are being distributed at each of the three churches. If you are not receiving it or if you know of someone who would enjoy our publication, let me know and we will get the names on our distribution list.

Church Web Site is www.greenfieldcharge.org

We invite everyone to submit articles and/or information to Jeanne Mowry or Pastor Bob. The deadline for information submission is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Newsletter Team

The Newsletter Team has finalized a distribution list. The distribution list will be used to mail out copies of The Trinity Gazette to those who do not pick up their copy at church. This will ensure that The Trinity Gazette is being received by everyone in the congregations and by our friends.

If you know of someone that would like to receive our publication, please give the name(s) to Pastor Bob or Jeanne.

Team Members:

Jeanne Mowry
Robin Pozgar
Wendy Farber
Pastor Bob

Mark your calendars... the annual **Crop Walk for Hunger** is scheduled for October 8th, 2:00 p.m. Registration begins at 1:30pm at the Claysburg Church of the Brethren. Participants will walk to the Park (about 1 –1/2 miles) and then complete the walk at the track. Those with mobility or health issues can join the group at the park and walk the track as they are able. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Robin is the Charge co-ordinator. Please see her if you would like to walk or make a donation.



The meeting was called to order by President Denny Cowher. Pastor Bob opened with prayer.

The following members were present: Louise Smith, Sally Barnes, Roger Knisely, Don (Beaver) Walter, Denny Cowher, Monte Cowher, Richard Finnegan, Donna Finnegan, Peggy Berkhimer, Karen Stombaugh, Scott Finnegan, Sylvia Olewinski, Donna Glass, Roy Berkhimer, Jeffrey Farber, Rick Walter, Jonathan Furry, Pastor Bob Penner, and Lisa Pejack.

Lisa Pejack read the secretary's report. The report was approved as read.

Rick Walter presented the treasurer's report. Rick reported that the Helsel Christian Education Fund balance is \$7,936.91 as of June 30, 2017. Dick Finnegan moved and Donna Glass seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business: 1. The Constitution Committee has not met yet. They plan to meet before the next meeting. 2. Pastor Bob reviewed additional changes to the 2017 Worship Schedule: a. December 3, 2017 will be the Christmas Dinner & Joint Service at Grace. This year the jointure will be paying for the dinner & there will be no charge to parishioners. 3. Pastor Bob reported that the job descriptions and contracts for Rick Walter, Robin Pozgar, and Wendy Farber have been signed. 4. Rick Walter reported that the Workers' Comp Audit was completed June 2, 2017.

New Business/Pastors Concerns: 1. Rick Walter reported that the real estate taxes for the parsonage are \$786.32. Jonathan Furry moved and Jeffrey Farber seconded the motion to approve payment. 2. The boiler at the parsonage needs cleaned. Scott Finnegan moved and Peggy Berkhimer seconded the motion to have it cleaned. 3. Rick Walter reported that he received the premium notice for the parsonage insurance. It is a combined policy for Grace church and the parsonage. It increased 24% to \$3,000.00 for the year. The current policy is with Jack Yingling Insurance. Rick checked other insurance agencies for quotes. He is waiting to hear from Keystone Insurance and Goodville Mutual. He did talk to Joe Keith at the Teeter Group. Their quote was for \$2,600.00 for the year with better coverage than the current policy we have. Rick looked into the possibility of separate policies for Grace and the parsonage, but there is a savings to combine policies. Rick suggested that the insurance may be a savings to Greenfield and Mt. Hope as well if all three churches and the parsonage were to be covered under the same policy. After some discussion it was agreed to have Rick get quotes on a combined policy for the three churches and the parsonage. Greenfield and Mt. Hope will then discuss the findings and make a decision at their respective consistories

4. Jeremy Helsel notified Rick Walter that he and his family will be moving out of the parsonage in August or September. Jeremy also indicated that his sister & her husband, Andrea & Barry Weyandt would be interested in renting the parsonage. After

some discussion, Scott Finnegan moved and Jonathan Furry seconded the motion to keep the parsonage rent at \$550.00 per month for the remainder of the year and increase the rent to \$600.00 per month in January 2018. Sally Barnes moved and Jeffrey Farber seconded the motion to require a security deposit of \$550.00. Both motions carried. An approval to refund the security deposit of \$400.00 to Jeremy Helsel is pending a walk-thru of the parsonage by the Parsonage Building Committee. 5. On behalf of the Technology Committee Pastor Bob and Jeffrey Farber presented the possibility of pursuing a mission grant from Penn West Conference to upgrade the sound system at Grace to make it a digital system and to purchase a portable camera to video joint services at the other two churches. Jonathan Furry moved and Donna Glass seconded the motion to allow Jeff to apply for a grant. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on October 1, 2017 following the joint service at Mt. Hope. Monte Cowher moved and Donna Glass seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Lisa Pejack
Secretary

Homewood Auxiliary News

Reminder: The Homewood Auxiliary's Annual Fall Bazaar will be held on **Thursday, October 5 and Friday, October 6 from 10am-4pm**. If you would like to donate craft items or baked goods, please contact Debbie Pierce, Homewood Auxiliary Coordinator at 793-1350.

Also, the **Homewood Auxiliary annual membership drive** is around the corner too! Please see Karen, Donna or Jeanne (catch me at the end of October!) to become a member. This is a fundraiser and a family membership is only \$5. Please be generous and consider joining this year.



Operation Christmas Child

The Charge will once again participate in Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan's Purse International Relief fund. Every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Last year, the Charge packed 69 shoeboxes.

The National Collection week is November 13th-20st. Wendy has the informational material and the shoeboxes but any cardboard or plastic shoebox- sized container will work. The drop-off date has not been announced yet but we will let everyone know through the weekly church bulletin.

If you are looking for packing suggestions, please look at the Samaritan's Purse website for ideas. They have the list categorized by sex and age. Here is the link:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

If you do not have access to a computer but would like to know what's on a particular list, please ask Wendy or Jeanne to print the information for you. We'd be glad to help!!!

There are a few specific items to exclude from your shoebox. Here's the info:



Do Not Include

Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Watch the weekly bulletins for the collection date!!



W.I.N.G.S
(Women Into Nurturing God's Spirit)

THANK-YOU! to all of you who supported the WINGS basket auction at Community Days. Thank-you for donating a basket or money for a basket, buying tickets, helping with the booth setup/take down, working the booth and anything else that helped us with our success!!! Without your support, we could not do the things that we do!

WINGS netted about \$1,923 from this year's basket auction. The proceeds are used in our local mission work including:

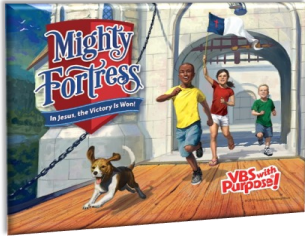
- Claysburg Food Bank
- Fire Victims
- Funeral Dinners
- Homewood Birthday Party - cake, ice cream, small gifts
- Kris Kringle
- Poinsettia's/Chocolate for Shut-ins or our Golden Agers
- Sponsor Child
- Those in need

The next WINGS meetings will be on **Monday, October 16th at Greenfield** and **November 20st at the Christmas Cottage at 7pm.** (Possible November date change if Jeanne and her puppy are at puppy class!) All ladies in the Charge are welcome to participate.



Salvation Army: Claysburg/East Freedom Service Unit

The local Salvation Army will kick-off its annual kettle campaign starting at Christmas in the Park on Saturday, November 25th. If you or your group is interested in "ringing the bell" this Christmas season, please see Jeanne. We have been assigned specific dates in December to ring at the East Freedom Walmart. The Claysburg Rotary will be ringing at C&S Market during the month. 85% of the money collected stays in the Claysburg service area. We raised over \$5,000 last year and hope to have another successful year. Please remember those less fortunate by donating either your time and/or financially this Christmas season!



2017 VBS

Mighty Fortress

"In Jesus, the Victory Is Won!"

VBS was another huge success! Our attendance was lower this year (due to vacations and a few kids aged out) but our enthusiasm from the kids was flying high!!

Our theme this year was Mighty Fortress!

We learned about:

- God's Might Tumbles Jericho's Walls
- God delivered King Hezekiah's Kingdom
- King Jesus Enters Jerusalem
- Jesus Wins the Victory

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Shout! God Is Mighty!

The Victory Is Won!

We learned a few new songs including:

- Victory's Won (Theme Song)
- I Will Sing of the Mercies (at least one child sang this to & from VBS!)
- A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

The VBS offering collected during the week of \$202 was donated to UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Annual Charge Curve Outing

Sept 3, 2017

We had issues picking a day that worked for most for our Annual Curve Outing. But ended up going to the second to the last regular season home game. Twenty-six members strong in attendance.

The Curve lost but then the Curve shutout the Harrisburg Senators!! What!?!? Saturday nights rain delay was postponed until Sunday at 4:00 pm with our game starting around 6:00pm. So, for those early birds, we got to see the last 4 innings of the Saturday game and all 9 innings for Sunday's. We lost the first game 4-3. But won our game 0-6!

Fireworks and Kids Run the Bases ended our night out. Pastor Bob and Tyler attempted to duck out of the game before the fireworks, but one little girl prevented his early departure. Subsequently, the child sat on Pastor Bob's lap and watched the fireworks. She even helped Pastor Bob from getting ear damage by putting her hands over his ears to keep the loud sounds out.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month!



A Ministry of Faith

A Service of Love

A Calling by God

Thinking of you
With warm appreciation
For your faithful devotion
To your holy ministry
God bless you
For all the ways you bless us!

The members of the Greenfield Charge of the United Church of Christ
Mt. Hope, Greenfield & Grace

Each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. 1 Corinthians 7:17





May
Lovely,
Happy Times
Decorate Your
Holiday Season,
May Warm, Special
Memories Brighten
Your New Year, May
The Wonder of Christmas
Be With You Forever.



JESUS IS THE REASON – MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THIS CHRISTMAS

Mend a quarrel * Seek out a forgotten friend *
Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust *
Write a letter * Give a soft answer * Encourage youth *
Manifest your loyalty in word and deed * Keep a promise *
Forgo a grudge * Forgive an enemy * Apologize *
Try to understand * Examine your demands on others *
Think first of someone else * Be kind * Be gentle *
Laugh a little more * Express your gratitude *
Welcome a stranger * Gladden the heart of a child *
Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth *
Speak your love and then speak it again *

-Howard W. Hunter



Friends and Family of Jesus

We will be wrapping up our in-depth look at the Friends and Family of Jesus Bible Study.

The New Testament Bible characters have much to tell us about how they saw Jesus. We will then proceed to reflect on how today, we see Jesus.

Everyone is welcome. Feel free to attend in any or all gatherings. Each session is pretty much independent of the others.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from April 25th – Oct 24th.*

Tentative Month*	Tentative Location*
September	Greenfield
October	Mt Hope
November (if needed)	Grace

*Subject to change

Date	Friend/ Family	Name	Role
4/26	Friend	Simon The Leper	Jesus, the Compassionate Friend
5/10	Family	Joseph	The Protective Stepfather
5/24	Friend	Martha	Jesus, the Comforting Friend
6/14	Family	Zechariah	The Knowing Uncle
6/28	Friend	Jairus	Jesus, the Loyal Friend
8/9	Friend	Mary Magdalene	Jesus, the Friend Who Restores
8/27	Family	John the Baptist	The Chosen Cousin
9/13*	Friend	Simon Peter	Jesus, the Friend Who Forgives
9/27*	Family	James	The Doubting Brother
10/11*	Friend	John	Jesus, the Friend Who Transforms Through Love
10/25*	Family	Mary	The Loving Mother

October, November & December Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays

1st Loretta Imler
1st Emily Walter
4th Derek Bivens
6th Pastor Mary
Hendricks
15th Amy Finnegan
25th Patricia Wees
29th James Bowmaster, Jr.
30th Hannah Claycomb
31st Elizabeth Osborn

November Birthdays

1st Callum Furry
5th George Burket
9th Cathy Walter
14th "Beaver" Walter
15th Bryson Corrigan
16th Blake Claar
16th Steve Burket
16th Joy Wright
19th Linda Walter
25th Kaitlyn Farber
29th Nicole Gustkey
30th Norma Ritchey

December Birthdays

3rd Donna Claar
4th Gary Roudabush
5th Ann Claar
8th Roy Berkhimer
8th Edith Ramsey
13th Amy Berkhimer
14th Jessica Claar
17th Brandon Reynolds
19th Chase Mock
22nd Mary Walter
23rd Dick Lingenfelter
25th Marie Burket

October Anniversaries

11th Barry & Cathy Barnes
20th Michael & Sheryl Osborn

November Anniversaries

1st Dennis & Nellie Cowher

December Anniversaries

15th George & Marie Burket
18th Roy & Diana Berkhimer
22nd Steve & Bonnie Walter
27th Larry & Jeanne Mowry
31st Bob & Edith Ramsey

If there are any additions or corrections to the birthday/anniversary lists, please contact Emily Corle. THANKS!