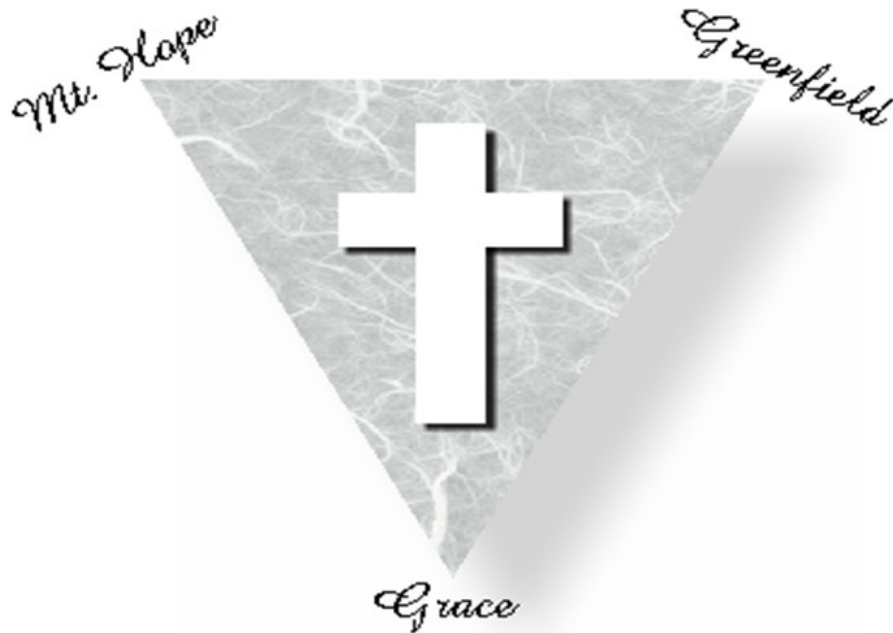


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TRINITY Gazette

Third Quarter, 2016

The Greenfield Charge



United Church of Christ



LEADING THE CHARGE!

A Message from Pastor Bob

I have to share this article in its entirety. It puts into words my thoughts about preaching.

In a Plain Brown Wrapper

Greg Cummings

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The song service is finished. The sermon begins. During the first three sentences, expectant faces look toward the preacher.

A single mother sighs, praying her children will let her make it through the sermon, maybe even listen. An older man in failing health turns up his hearing aid. Frustrated and angry with diminishing strength and energy, he searches to make sense of his losses. A high school sophomore listens with an MTV-conditioned attention span. She is not trained to listen long. A successful business person caught in the depths of depression hopes for an alternative to suicide.

A Bible class teacher dealing with major failure clings to faith by a fingernail. A married couple, sitting together in the pew but hardly speaking at home, hopes for renewal of lost affection. A frustrated parent of an angry teen looks for confidence. A widow's eyes fill with tears as her hand touches the empty seat beside her. A cancer patient needs a reason to suffer through another chemo session. The mate is desperate for strength to persevere.

A contractor, competing with kickbacks and cheats, wonders if his ethics are antiquated. A nurse, exhausted from a twelve-hour-pressure-filled shift, hopes for renewal. A lonely soul hopes for connection with others. New Christians listen to build faith. Long-time members hope for revival from spiritual lethargy.

Debaters want a convincing argument. Condemners want a reason to feel superior. Tired church volunteers long for a boost. Frazzled church staffers need a shot in the arm. Elders need power to persevere through the pressure. Deacons need to be uplifted.

The confused seek wisdom. The guilty seek forgiveness. The sad seek help. The mad seek release. The glad seek rejoicing.

The preachers stands.

For three sentences everyone listens intently, wondering, "Is there a word from God for me today?"

Who dares to rise to preach in the face of such need? Who can meet such a multiplicity of expectations?

God can. Only God can.

God speaks through the preacher's faltering words, stiff outlines, and overused illustrations. God speaks through his words, his tears, his personality, his humor, his gestures, his spirit. God uses unworthy vessels to anoint hearts, persuade minds, lift spirits, comfort pain, and enlighten understanding.

The power in preaching is not the preacher. It is God. God, speaking through a man, gives a beautiful gift in a plain brown wrapper.

God has a word for you. Shhhhh. Listen!

AMEN!

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Special thank-you for all your donations supporting "Team Walter" in the 2016 annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk . \$400 was raised by the team and they had a beautiful day for the event.



The "FROG's" Relay for Life Team participated in the annual Relay for Life event in Roaring Spring on Friday and Saturday, June 23 & 24. All the teams' donations totaled over \$100,000! The FROGs would like to thank each of you for contributions and support over the past year. Look for their food tent at Claysburg Community Days on August 13 & 14.

Lectionary Texts for Third Quarter, 2016

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Gospel
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 3	2 Kings 5:1-14	Galatians 6:7-188	Luke 10:1-20
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 10	Amos 7:7-17	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 17	Amos 8:1-12	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost July 24	Hosea 1:2-10	Colossians 2:6-19	Luke 13:1-13
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost July 31	Hosea 11:1-11	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 7	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Hebrews 11:1-16	Luke 12:32-40
Thirteenth Sun- day after Pentecost August 14	Isaiah 5:1-7	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
Fourteenth Sun- day after Pentecost August 21	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 28	Jeremiah 2:4-12	Hebrews 13:1-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14

Lectionary Texts for Third Quarter, 2016 cont.

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Gospel
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 4	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Deuteronomy 30:15- 20	Luke 14:25-33
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 11	Jeremiah 4:11-12	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18	Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 25	Jeremiah 32:1-15	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31



Vacation Bible School “Barnyard Roundup- Jesus Gathers Us Together”

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 24 through July 28 from 6:00pm to 8:30 pm at Mt. Hope. This year’s theme is “Barnyard Roundup – Jesus Gathers Us Together” – based on Psalm 23. The closing program will be held on July 28 with the Children’s Presentation, followed by a Hot Dog Roast.

A registration form must be completed for each child attending VBS. These forms are available for you to complete in advance and bring with you on the first night of VBS. You can find the form either on the Charge’s website or Facebook page. Just follow the links below to find the form.

Website: <http://www.greenfieldcharge.org/vbs.html>
Facebook page: Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ

Greenfield Charge
Schedule of Church Services Third Quarter, 2016

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPECIAL SERVICE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Fourth of July Celebration JOINT SERVICE	GREENFIELD	Fourth of July Celebration Joint Consistory Meeting	10:00am
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 10	All 3 churches		Regular Services
Christmas in July July 17	All 3 churches	COMMUNION	Regular Services
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost July 24	All 3 churches		Regular Services
Vacation Bible School July 24 – July 28	MT. HOPE		6:00pm – 8:30pm
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost July 31	All 3 churches		Regular Services
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 7	All 3 churches		Regular Services
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 14 JOINT SERVICE	GRACE	Claysburg Commu- nity Days Service 10:45 am	9:00am
Greenfield Charge Joint Picnic August 21 JOINT SERVICE	JOINT SERVICE Blue Knob Community Ctr 11:00am PICNIC Blue Knob Community Center 12:30pm		

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 28	All 3 churches		Regular Services
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 4 JOINT SERVICE	GREENFIELD		10:00am
Grandparent's Sunday September 11	All 3 churches		Regular Services
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18	All 3 churches		Regular Services
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 25	All 3 churches		Regular Services
World Wide Com- munion Sunday October 2 JOINT SERVICE	MT. HOPE	COMMUNION Joint Consistory Meeting	10:00am



Important Financial Information from Rick

Since the beginning of the year, we've received more than a few Lenten Folders, Building Fund Envelopes, and Food Bank Offerings with generous amounts, but no name attached. After mentioning this situation at the Grace Consistory Meeting, it was decided that pencils or pens would be placed in each pew rack and everyone is encouraged to write their names on the envelopes or folders. Major reason: year-end Giving Statements will then have these amounts included. This may be used for tax purposes if you itemize & most important, it provides an audit. Thank-you!

Trinity Gazette Newsletter Briefs

July to Sept 2016



Leo Update

Leo and I are on Summer Break until the first week of August. Leo and Nancy are in an Obedience class until July 14. Then, we start all over with Agility Class – Advanced Agility Class!

Leo loves to ride in the car, but only if we are going to the bank. The bank employees know Leo and give him a big dog bone. Every time he gets in the car, he thinks we should go to the bank. So much, for on-line banking.

Bible Study

July 2016

Due to the busy summer schedule, there will be no Bible Study in July. Our next Bible Study is scheduled for August 9, followed by August 23.

Christmas in July

July 17, 2016

We will celebrate Christmas in July at all three churches on July 17, 2016. Join us as we sing Christmas hymns and celebrate Holy Communion at this “Special Summer Service.”

Vacation Bible School

July 24 – July 28, 2016

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Claysburg Community Days

August 14, 2016

We will have a Joint Service at Grace on August 14, 2016. **Note that the Service will start at 9:00am** . We will then proceed to the Claysburg Community Day’s Service at the Park, scheduled to start at 10:45am.

Greenfield Charge Joint Picnic

August 21, 2016

You are invited to the Joint Service and Joint Picnic on August 21, 2016. Service will start at 11:00am, followed by the picnic at 12:30pm . The Service and picnic will be held at the Blue Knob Community Center. Please bring a covered dish/picnic food to share. Also, bring your place setting.

Entertainment will be our Second Annual Talent Show. We invite all those with talent, and those without, to participate in this fun event.

Grace Sunday School Picnic

August 28, 2016

Mark your calendars for the Grace Sunday School picnic to be held at the Morrisons Cove Memorial Park in Martinsburg after church services on Sunday, August 28th. A pavilion is reserved for the picnic and the pool is available for swimming. More details will be posted in the weekly bulletins as we get closer to the date.

World Wide Communion Sunday

October 2, 2016

Join with Christians around the world on October 2, 2016 to celebrate Holy Communion. Our service is a Joint Service at Mt. Hope. A Joint Consistory Meeting will follow.

Mt. Hope Landscaping Project

Mt. Hope has undertaken a Landscaping Project. The large bushes/hedges in front of the parking lot and on the other side of the church will be replaced with a new landscape design featuring smaller plants and flowers.

The Trinity Gazette

We have updated our Distribution List for The Trinity Gazette. If we missed you or someone you know should be on the List, please tell Jeanne or Pastor Bob.

The Trinity Gazette is published on a quarterly basis. It is available on the Church's Web site and hard copies are being distributed at each of the three churches.

**For all the Greenfield Charge News and Calendar
of Events,
Go to www.greenfieldcharge.org, click on 'News &
Events'.**



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

WINGS is busily making plans and buying goodies for gift baskets for the annual Basket Auction at Claysburg Community Days scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 13th & 14th. WINGS appreciates all basket donations and monetary contributions for a basket. We have a large supply of shrink bags and bows. If you prefer, WINGS will gladly "shrink wrap" the basket for you. Please give your basket to any WINGS member prior to event. Thanks!

The next WINGS meeting will be on Monday, July 18th at 7pm. Final preparations for Community Days and wrapping of available baskets will be on the agenda.

WINGS spring mission donation was a \$250 contribution to the Claysburg Elementary Bulldog Backpack program.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Allison Walter, daughter of "Beaver" and Cathy Walter, was selected as one of three 8th Grade Career Fair Essay Finalist at Claysburg-Kimmel High School. The Blair County Chamber's BASICS program sponsors the essay contest for 8th graders at local schools immediately following Career Fairs at those schools. The Chamber President noted that it was "extremely difficult" selecting a winning essay from Claysburg-Kimmel because they were so well-written. WAY TO GO, ALLY!!

CELEBRATING THE GREENFIELD CHARGE'S 2016 GRADUATES!

Derek Bivens, son of Craig and Susie and grandson of George and Marie Burket, graduated from Claysburg-Kimmel High School. Derek enjoys the outdoors particularly hunting, camping and 4-wheeling. He is skilled with his hands and likes working on 4-wheelers and chain saws. Derek will be attending the Altoona Vo-Tech Adult Education courses in the fall majoring in HVAC certification.

Dick and Donna Finnegan are proud to announce the graduation of two of their great-grandchildren! **Tyler and Emily Elder** are members of the 2016 Claysburg-Kimmel High School graduating class. They are the children of Misty Elder and Terry Elder and the grandchildren of Alan Finnegan and Vicki Finnegan.

Tyler has consistently been a member of the CK football and wrestling teams from elementary school to Jr. High through Varsity. He was awarded trophies for his football and wrestling achievements. Tyler will be attending Thiel College in Greenville, PA in the fall majoring in physical therapy. He will also participate on the Thiel College football and wrestling teams. Tyler works part-time at Hoss's in Duncansville.

Emily plans on attending Penn Highlands for two semesters before transferring to Bloomsburg University. Emily is studying to be an interpreter for the deaf. She is currently working part-time at the Dollar Store.

Brittany Finnegan, daughter of Scott and Amy Finnegan and great niece of Donna Glass, will be graduating from YTI Career Institute in Altoona on August 18th with a degree in Medical Billing and Coding. Brittany earned awards for Academic Honors, Perfect Attendance and Student of the Term. She is Treasurer of National Honor Society and is a member of SKILLS USA. She placed 1st at the state competition in Hershey and is heading to Kentucky for Nationals.

The Greenfield Charge wishes each of the graduates many blessings and much success in their future endeavors.



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*"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me:
I lift up my lamp beside the golden door."*

Emma Lazarus
"The New Colossus"
Inscribed on the Statue of Liberty
in New York Harbor



**Greenfield United Church of Christ
Charge Joint Consistory Meeting Minutes
of April 3, 2016**

Submitted by Lisa Pejack, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Lisa Pejack. Pastor Bob opened with prayer.

The following members were present:

Dick Lingenfelter, Louise Smith, Sally Barnes, Peggy Berkhimer, Roger Knisely, Jeffrey Farber, Dick Finnegan, Donna Finnegan, Karen Stombaugh, Emily Corle, Monte Cowher, Sylvia Olewinski, Donna Glass, Rick Walter, 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. Dick Lingenfelter moved and Peggy Berkhimer seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Technology Committee has not begun taping services yet. Their next step is to contact Galaxy and look at the possibility of purchasing a CD recorder. They will also check on what types of equipment shut-ins may have to listen to the recordings and possibly purchase something for those people to use.

The Constitution Committee has not met yet.

There was discussion about mailing the newsletters that are not distributed in the churches. Emily moved and Peggy Berkhimer seconded the motion to have the newsletters that are left after the first week will be given to Pastor Bob. He will bring them to Rick Walter to mail. Motion carried.

New Business/Pastors Concerns:

Rick Walter reported that the Helsel Christian Education Fund balance is \$8,311.29.

Rick has also ordered the 2017 offering envelopes for the churches. Roger Knisely moved and Jeffrey Farber seconded the motion to authorize Rick to pay the tax bill of \$250.00 for the parsonage and the Worker's Comp bill for \$800.00. Motion carried. Rick asked for any copies of liability certificates for any work being done at the three churches for the Worker's Comp audit in June.

There was a discussion about purchasing a new laser color printer at a cost of \$300 - \$400. Dick Lingenfelter moved and Monte Cowher seconded the motion to purchase the Hewlett Packard laser printer at the sale price of \$300.00. Motion carried. There was some concern about the number of copies being made each month. Rick Walter will monitor the number of copies being made. Donna Glass moved and Roger Knisely seconded the motion not to renew the contract on the current copier. Motion carried.

Pastor Bob reviewed the dates for upcoming services.

May 1 - Blessing of the Fields at Mt. Hope to be followed by covered dish brunch. There will also be a children's project. They will plant flowers in three planters-one for each church.

May 8 - Communion will be held at each church
 May 15 - Pentecost - Joint service at Grace. Wendy will be filling in for Pastor Bob.
 June 5 - Joint Service at Grace at 10:00 am. A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:30 am.
 July 3 - Joint Service at Greenfield.
 July 24-28 - VBS at Mt Hope 6:00-8:30 pm each night.
 August 7 - No Joint Service.
 August 14 - Joint Service at Grace at 9:00am. Claysburg Community Days.
 August 21 - Joint Service and picnic at Blue Knob Community Center. Service at 11:00am followed by the picnic at 12:30pm.
 December 4 - Joint Service at Grace followed by Christmas Dinner.
 December 24 - Christmas Eve services at each church
 December 25 - No Sunday Service
 January 1, 2017 - Joint Service at Greenfield.

The next meeting will be held on July 3, 2016. Monte Cowher moved and Donna Glass seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Lisa Pejack
 Secretary



Picnic in the Park

The Claysburg-East Freedom Ministerium is sponsoring a Picnic in the Park on Tuesday, July 12th at 6:00pm. All food and paper products will be donated by the local churches. "All for Him" will provide the music. Please come and enjoy an evening of good food, fellowship and entertainment. In the event of rain, the picnic will be held at one of the nearby churches. I'll get that information and post it in the bulletin.



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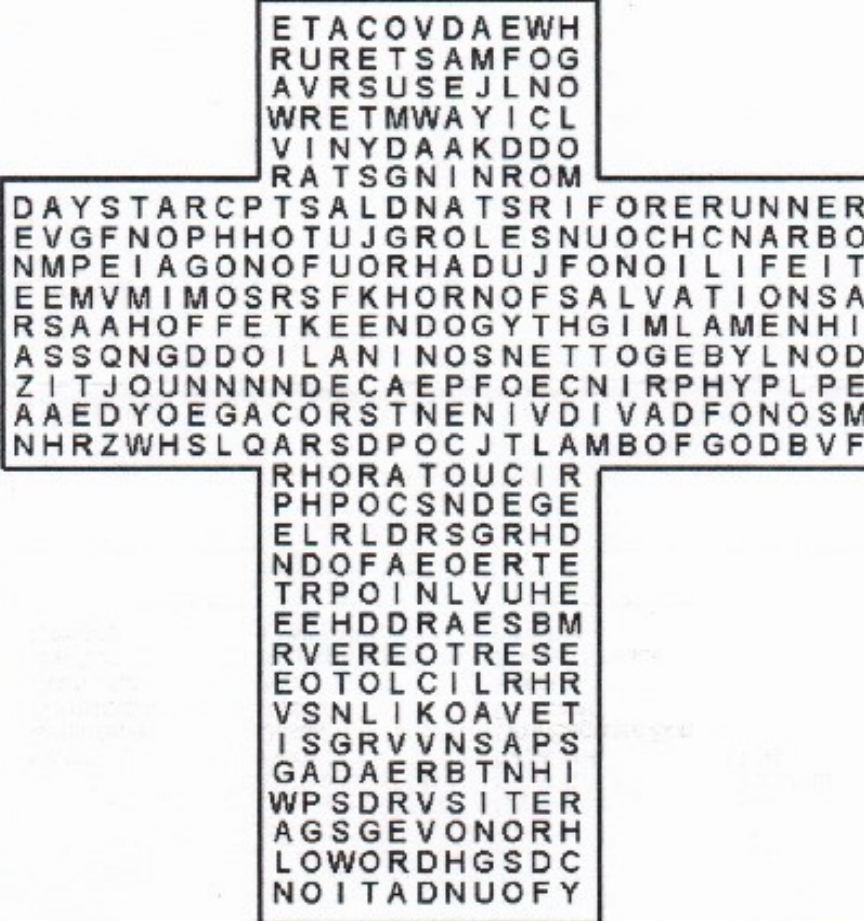
Greenfield, Freedom, Taylor Townships & Roaring Spring Borough

Open every Thursday morning 9:00 am to 11:30 am and every third Thursday of the month from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Items most needed at this time are soup, mashed potatoes or other boxed potatoes, Hamburger Helper-type meals, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, pudding, canned pasta, spaghetti sauce and tuna. However, all non-perishable items **in date** will be much appreciated.

Monetary donations should be made payable to the *Claysburg Food Bank* and mailed to Dolores Helsel, treas., 371 Cottontown Road, Claysburg, PA 16625.

But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate
 Almighty
 Alpha and Omega
 Amen
 Apostle
 Beloved Son
 Bishop
 Branch
 Bread
 Captain
 Carpenter
 Chosen
 Christ
 Consolation
 Cornerstone
 Counselor
 Day Star
 Deliverer

Door
 Emmanuel
 Everlasting
 Faithful and True
 First and Last
 Forerunner
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 Holy and Just One
 Horn of Salvation
 I AM
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 Passover
 Priest
 Prince of Peace
 Prophet

Redeemer
 Resurrection
 Rock
 Savior
 Servant
 Shepherd
 Son of David
 Son of God
 Son of Man
 Vine
 Way
 Wonderful
 Word

July, August and September Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Birthdays

3rd Donna Finnegan
3rd Braidyn Kranik
4th Betty Burket
5th Bradley Bivens
6th Joanne Smith
7th Cassie Berkhimer
8th Andrea Plouse
10th Richard Finnegan
15th Jonathan Furry
16th Colin O'Rourke
16th Bonnie Walter
17th Grace Burket
18th Christina Claar
26th Frank Burket
28th Scott Finnegan
30th Sylvia Olewinski

August Birthdays

1st Lauren Barnes
14th Brittany Finnegan
16th Matt Claar
17th Megan Clarke
18th Braden Furry
19th Sheryl Osborn
20th Lindsey Corrigan
21st Pamela Bowser
25th Michael Osborn
27th Michael Walter
29th Elaine Crist

September Birthdays

2nd Travis Clarke
2nd Nancy Penner
15th John Lingenfelter
16th Annajean Finnegan
17th Heather O'Rourke
23rd Robert Ramsey
27th Alvin Stombaugh
27th Ronald Walter
29th Jeanne Mowry
30th Wyatt Yoder

July Anniversaries

6th Scott & Casey Zimmerman
10th Rick & Linda Walter
17th Tyler & Lindsey Corrigan
28th Scott & Amy Finnegan
31st Joe & Ann Claar

August Anniversaries

2nd Mike & Amy Boyer
16th Justin & Cindy Garner
22nd Roger & Emily Corle
28th Jim & Cheri Berkhimer
27th Craig & Susie Bivens
31st Bob & Pat Wees

September Anniversaries

12th Gary & Sharon Roudabush
22nd Matt & Jessica Claar
23rd Bob & Jean Gordon
26th Jeffrey & Wendy Farber

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