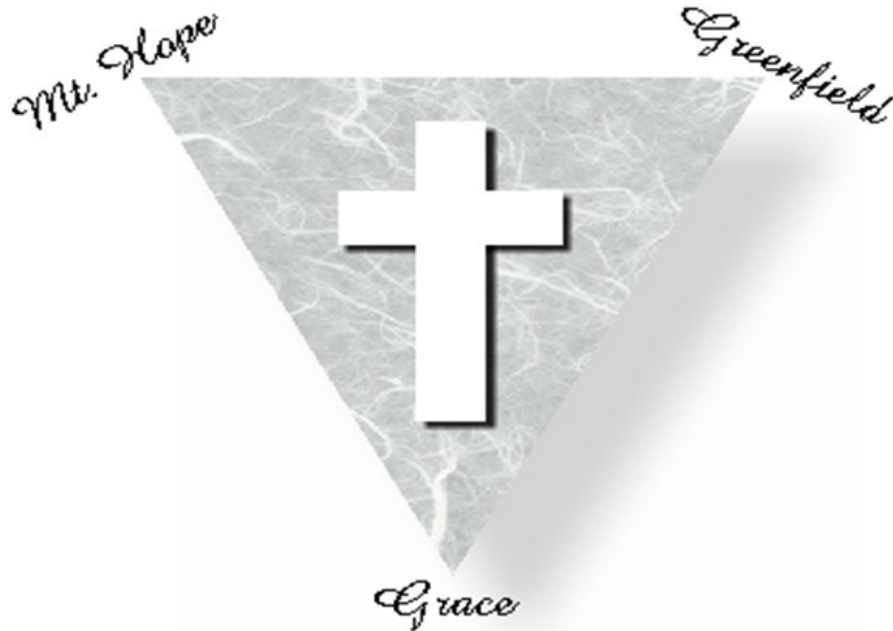


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TRINITY Gazette

Third Quarter, 2017

The Greenfield Charge



United Church of Christ



LEADING THE CHARGE!

A Message from Pastor Bob

Guam rails and Guam kingfishers: They cannot go back to Guam because the brown tree snake, accidentally released from New Guinea, took over the island, reaching densities of up to 30,000 snakes per square mile.

Masked bobwhites: They cannot go back to Arizona because their arid grassland habitat has been destroyed by cattle.

California condors: They cannot go back to Southern California because alien invaders are marching across the landscape and gobbling them up, aliens called electricity pylons. (David Wilcove, "Helping the Homeless," *Living Lord* 13 [Autumn 1994], 8-9.)

Spiritually homeless people: They may not appear to be in need of a home - they have the house, the family, and the neighbors. But, there is a hollow feeling of homesickness that follows them wherever they go.

In these spiritually bankrupt times, many of us have that feeling of homesickness. The welling up of emotions that remind us that our eternal home is with God, but, we are not sure if that eternal home is our destiny.

The cure for spiritual homesickness is the Body of Christ – God’s church here on earth. The Body of Christ is capable of propping us up when we are too homesick to stand on our own.

New Testament scholar, John Knox calls the church "the family who remember Jesus." You and I have a family, a church family who remember Jesus even when we cannot remember him.

Bishop Kenneth Carder recently told of some friends losing their 22-year-old son in a tragic automobile accident. "When we gathered in the sanctuary for the funeral service," the bishop said, "we sang some of the great hymns of the church. We affirmed our faith by saying the Apostles' Creed. The choir offered a choral arrangement of Psalm 23. We prayed prayers from our liturgy.

Some weeks following the service, the grieving mother said: "I was too hurt to sing the hymns, and I couldn't say the creed with confidence. But, when I couldn't sing or affirm my faith, the church did it for me. When it seemed that life had fallen apart, the church reminded me that the foundation stands firm."

God’s vision for the Church is a foundation that stands firm! It is our vision for the Church – a family of faithful witnesses – a family of support – a family who remembers Jesus.

Let it be so! Amen.

Zephaniah 3:18-20

I will remove disaster from you ...
I will save the lame and gather the outcast ...
At that time I will bring you home.

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The Walter Clan completed the MS Walk on Sunday, April 23rd. It was a perfect day for walking. Temperatures were in the mid-60's and sunny. We want to thank all our supporters. Our team collected almost \$700.00 !!



Fourth of July Prayer

Fr. Ed Hays - A Pilgrim's Almanac, p. 111

We lift up our hearts, O God,
on this day of celebration in gratitude
for the gift of being Americans.

We rejoice with all those who share
in the great dream of freedom and dignity for all.

With flags and feasting, with family and friends we salute those who have sacrificed that we might have the opportunity to bring to fulfillment our many God-given gifts.

As we deny all prejudice a place in our hearts, may we also clearly declare our intention to work for the time when all people, regardless of race, religion, or sex, will be granted equal dignity and worth.



Lectionary Texts for Third Quarter, 2017

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Gospel
JOINT SERVICE Fourth of July Celebration July 2	Genesis 22:1-14	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 9	Genesis 24:34-67	Romans 7:15-25	Matthew 11:16-30
Christmas in July July 16	Isaiah 9:2-7	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 23	Genesis 25:10-19	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-43
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 30	Genesis 29:15-28	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-52
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 6	Genesis 32:22-31	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
NO CHURCH SERVICES August 13			
Greenfield Charge Joint Picnic August 20	Genesis 45:15	Romans 11:1-2, 29-32	Matthew 15:21-28
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 27	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20

Lectionary Texts for Third Quarter, 2017 cont.

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Gospel
JOINT SERVICE Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sept ember 3	Exodus 3:1-15	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost/ Grandparent's Sunday September 10	Exodus 12:1-14	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
Fifteenth Second Sunday after Pentecost Sept ember 17	Exodus 14:19-31	Romans 4:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24	Exodus 16:2-15	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
JOINT SERVICE Harvest Home Sunday October 1	Exodus 17:1-7	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32



CELEBRATING THE GREENFIELD CHARGE'S 2016 GRADUATES!

Derek Bivens, son of Craig and Susie and grandson of George and Marie Burket, graduated from the Altoona Vo-Tech Adult Education HVAC certification program.

Greenfield Charge
Schedule of Church Services Third Quarter, 2017

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPECIAL SERVICE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
JOINT SERVICE Fourth of July Celebration July 2	GREENFIELD	Pre-Service Bible Study @ 9:30am Joint Consistory Meeting after Fellowship	10:00am
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost July 9	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Christmas in July July 16	All 3 Churches	Communion	Regular Services
Vacation Bible School July 16 – July 20	MT. HOPE		6:00– 8:30pm
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 23	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 30	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 6	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 13	NO CHURCH SERVICE	Claysburg Community Day's Service	10:45am
Greenfield Charge Joint Picnic August 20 JOINT SERVICE	JOINT SERVICE Blue Knob Community Ctr 11:00am PICNIC Blue Knob Community Center 12:30pm		

Greenfield Charge
Schedule of Church Services Third Quarter, 2017

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPECIAL SERVICE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 27	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
JOINT SERVICE Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Labor Day Week- end September 3	GREENFIELD	Pre-Service Bible Study @ 9:30am Joint Consistory Meeting after Fellowship	10:00am
Grandparent's Sunday September 10	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 17	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
JOINT SERVICE Harvest Home Sunday October 1	MT. HOPE	Communion Pre-Service Bible Study @ 9:30am Joint Consistory Meeting after Fellowship	10:00am

Trinity Gazette Newsletter Briefs

July to Sept 2017



Leo continues to “sniff” his way through Nose Work Classes. We are currently in Skill Building I Class. The scent is no longer paired with food treats. He only gets a treat after he finds the scent. The scent is placed indoors and outdoors on vehicles. He is doing good.

Leo is taking the summer off from Obedience Classes because of his “Good Obedience????” Actually, there are no classes scheduled until mid-August.

Special Services & Events

“Pre-Service Bible Study”

Our “Pre-Service Bible Studies” continue before the Joint Services on July 2 and September 3. The Bible Study starts at 9:30 AM, prior to the 10:00 Service. There is a Children’s Sunday School that runs concurrently with Bible Study. We do have a lot of fun and we are surprised by our new insights into our God.

July 2 – Fourth of July Celebration

Our annual Fourth of July Celebration will held on July 2 at the Joint Service at Greenfield at 10:00 AM. This Service has become a favorite as we sing patriotic songs and celebrate the birth of our nation in thanksgiving to our God.

July 16 – Christmas in July

We will celebrate “Christmas in July” at all three churches on July 16, 2017. Join us as we sing traditional Christmas hymns and celebrate Holy Communion at this “Special Summer Service.”

Vacation Bible School

July 16 – July 20

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 16 through July 20, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM at Mt. Hope. This year’s theme is “Mighty Fortress: In Jesus, the Victory is Won!” Everyone is invited to the Closing Program on July 20, 2017 at 6:00 PM, followed by a Hot Dog Roast.

August 6

Regular Services at all three Churches

August 13

NO CHURCH SERVICES

I invite you to join in the Claysburg Community Day’s Service at the Park at 10:45 AM.

August 20 –Greenfield Charge Joint Picnic

You are invited to the Joint Service and Joint Picnic on August 20, 2017. Service will start at 11:00 AM, followed by the picnic at 12:30 PM. The Service and picnic will be held at the Blue Knob Community Center. Please bring covered dish/

picnic food to share. Also, bring your place setting.

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

September 3 – Labor Day Weekend

We will celebrate Labor Day with a Joint Service at Greenfield on September 3, 2017. Pre-service Bible Study at 9:30 AM, Service at 10:00 AM followed by Fellowship Time.

October 1 – Harvest Home Sunday & World Communion Sunday

We join with Christians around the world on October 1, 2017 to celebrate Holy Communion. We will also praise God for the Bounty of the Harvest. Please bring canned and boxed items to share the Bounty with those in need through the Food Bank. The Service is a Joint Service at Mt. Hope. Pre-service Bible Study is at 9:30 AM, Service at 10:00 AM followed by Fellowship Time.

Joint Consistory Meetings

The Joint Consistory will meet following the Joint Services on July 2, 2017 and October 1, 2017.

Confirmation Class

A new Confirmation Class will start on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at Mt. Hope. Classes will be held one Sunday per month from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM. Classes will run from September through April, with Confirmation on May 20, 2018. Confirmation class is open for students who are 13 or older by the end of the year 2018 and older students who have not been confirmed. Instructor will be Pastor Bob and assisted Wendy Farber. Please let Pastor Bob know if you have interested candidates or if you have any questions or concerns.

Video Recording Project

We have started to distribute the Kindles to our shut-ins. The reviews have been good. Pastor Bob is developing a schedule of exchange dates.

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

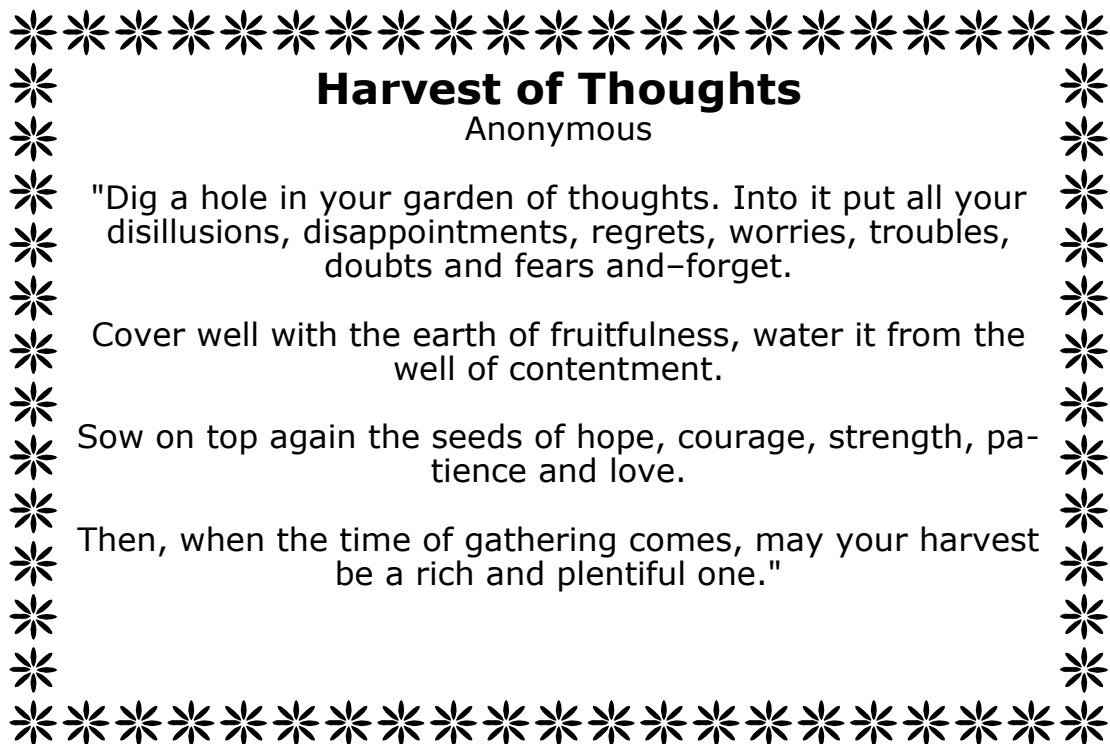
We invite everyone to submit articles and/or information to Jeanne Mowry or Pastor Bob. The deadline for information submission is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

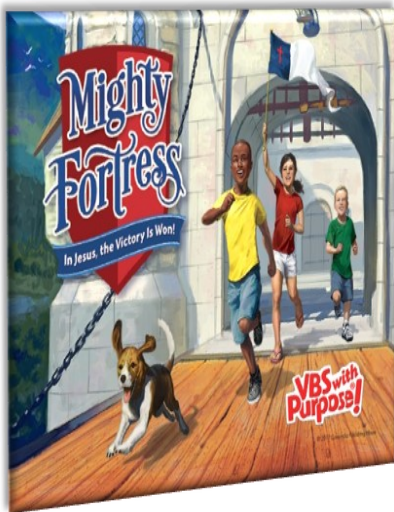
Newsletter Team

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





2017 VBS

Mighty Fortress

"In Jesus, the Victory Is Won!"

Mt Hope UCC - Blue Knob

Sun, July 16 - Thu, July 20

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Open to kids Ages 3+. Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, etc...

Everyone is welcomed to attend the Closing Program which will be held on Thu, July 20 with the Children's Presentation, followed by a Hot Dog Roast.

Registration Form can be downloaded at <http://www.greenfieldcharge.org/vbs.html>. Or picked up your church.

New this year – one form per family (4 kids)! Download, Open in Acrobat Reader, Fill out, Print, Sign, then bring to the first day of VBS. This should speed up the first day sign in! That is, as long as you remember to bring it with you!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Pastor Bob or Wendy.

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 12th & 13th. 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!



**Greenfield United Church of Christ
Charge Joint Consistory Meeting Minutes
of May 7, 2017**

Submitted by Lisa Pejack, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Barry Barnes. Pastor Bob opened with prayer.

The following members were present:

Sally Barnes, Donna Glass, Robin Pozgar, Roger Knisely, Donna Finnegan, Dick Finnegan, Jonathan Furry, Rick Walter, Scott Finnegan, Sylvia Olewinski, Jeffrey Farber, Louise Smith, Barry Barnes, Karen Stombaugh, 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 \$7,778.74 as of April 30, 2017. Dick Finnegan moved and Donna Glass seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Constitution Committee has not met yet. They will re-schedule a meeting in the next few weeks to discuss needed changes and updates to the language of the current constitution.

Pastor Bob reviewed changes to the 2017 Worship Schedule:

- a. It was proposed that we have no Sunday service during Claysburg Community Days since there is a service in the park that Sunday.
- b. We will celebrate Harvest Home on October 1, 2017 instead of in November.
- c. We will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on November 5, 2017.
- d. On Christmas Eve there will be one morning joint service at Grace.

Jeff Farber moved and Robin Pozgar seconded the motion to approve these changes. Motion carried.

Pastor Bob reported that the job descriptions and contracts for Rick Walter and Robin Pozgar have been completed and are ready to be reviewed and signed by July 1, 2017. The contracts are effective July 1 through December 31, 2017. These will be renewed on January 1, 2018 for the entire 2018 year, and then yearly thereafter. It was also discussed that Wendy Farber should have a contract, as well. Roger Knisely moved and Donna Glass seconded the motion to present contracts to Robin, Rick, and Wendy. Motion carried.

Pastor Bob presented the bids for the replacement of the existing electric hot water heater with a gas indirect-fire water heater using the existing boiler at the parsonage. The proposals are: Knisely's \$3,295.00, Barnes \$3,247.00, and Gardner's \$2,620.00. Sally Barnes moved and Louise Smith seconded the motion to not replace the hot water heater at this time. Motion carried.

New Business/Pastors Concerns:

Rick Walter reported that he will need updated copies of liability insurance for any contractors who do work at each of the three churches to be in compliance with Workers' Comp. Rick

also checked into Workers' Comp insurance rates. Currently our yearly insurance rate from the state is \$1,048.00. We can get the same insurance from DB Mackey of Bellwood for \$766.00 per year. This rate is further reduced to \$686.00 if we choose to have automatic payments. Rick Walter moved and Robin Pozgar seconded the motion to purchase the insurance from DB Mackey. Motion carried.

Pastor Bob will be starting new confirmation classes in September for ages 12-13. These students will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday 2018.

Penn West Conference is requiring a 3-Way Covenant to be signed by the Minister, the Congregation, and the Juniata Association. After some discussion, Jeffrey Farber moved and Jonathan Furry seconded the motion to not sign this covenant. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on July 2, 2017. Jeffrey Farber moved and Dick Finnegan seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Lisa Pejack
Secretary



Friends and Family of Jesus

Do you count yourself as a Friend and/or Family of Jesus?

What characteristics make up a Friend of Jesus? Do you possess any of these traits or qualities?

The Bible Study group, this year, will attempt to go in-depth and explore the people who made up the inner and outer circles of Jesus. 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*
July	Mt Hope
August	Grace
September	Greenfield
October	Mt Hope

* Subject to change

We will NOT be meeting July 26th due to Vacation.

Date	Friend/ Family	Name	Role
4/26	Friend	Simon The Lep- er	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
7/12*	Family	John the Bap- tist	The Chosen Cousin
8/9*	Friend	Mary Magda- lene	Jesus, the Friend Who Restores
8/23*	Family	Elizabeth	The Faithful Aunt
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

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
14th Gage Barnes
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
28th Kylan Garner
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!