



Join us for Vacation Bible School June 20 – 24.

9:00 am – 12:00 Noon

**Ages 3 thru Senior High are welcome!**

JOIN US IN THE ICBC GROVE  
FOR THE ANNUAL  
4th of July Homecoming Picnic  
Monday, July 4, 2016

12:30 pm Parade  
1:00 pm Flag raising ceremony with VFW Post 12019  
2:00 pm Games for all ages  
6:30 pm Musical entertainment  
7:30 pm Music with Dan Schall  
10:00 pm Fireworks display

Cake walk in the evening and  
refreshments available all day.



The Baptist Beacon is sponsored by the ICBC Couples Class. The next Beacon will come out at the beginning of July and will include activities from April, May, and June, as well as upcoming dates. Any submissions for the Beacon should be sent as Word Documents or in the body of an email to Hope Dull by Wednesday, June 29.

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*Please send any addresses changes to this address. If you no longer want to receive the Beacon or would rather get it by email, please let us know also.  
Thanks for reading!*



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Sunday:

Sunday School Opening – 9:30 am  
Sunday School – 9:45 am  
Morning Worship – 10:40 am  
Jr BYF & Sr BYF – 6:30 pm  
Evening Worship – 7:30 pm

## The Baptist Beacon

January, February, and March 2016

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One of the joys of spring is putting away winter clothes and getting out bright, spring clothes. I once bought a suit from a store clerk who told me, “This will be a fine suit between Memorial Day and Labor Day.” I still don’t know what he meant, but I wore that suit two weeks ago. I have never been in style, but for those who are, spring presents another opportunity to show off the latest trend. In Christianity, we have seen many new trends, or approaches to ministry, come and go throughout the years. Some have been wonderful. Some, as poor as my “everything matches grey” approach to fashion. One trend that is gaining popularity is the removal of baptism as a focal point in the life and ministry of the local church. I would like to share some of the excitement of baptism:

Baptism is an invitation to reflect upon what the Lord has done in an individual’s life. Two weeks ago, we had a baptismal service in which each of the baptized had a family member or friend share their testimony. I don’t think there was a dry eye in the church that night. We heard the story of one girl who came to Christ at church camp, another whose entire life has been a miracle, and a woman who shared the way a family tragedy caused her to reflect upon her walk with the Lord.

Baptism is an opportunity for a believer to make a public proclamation of faith. Although not a requirement for salvation (we are saved by grace, through faith- not of works), baptism does give a church family an opportunity to recognize those who desire to walk in obedience to the Lord’s commands. It welcomes accountability and provides a powerful illustration for a church family. Our baptismal service included two women who, in humility, followed the Lord in obedience rather than simply saying, “I know I’ve been a Christian for many years - why do I have to go through with this?” Joyful obedience to the Lord’s example and commands causes others in the church to examine their own walks with the Lord.

Baptism is a tremendous opportunity for a church family to celebrate what God is doing. Two women who have been believers for a while walking in obedience, combined with four girls who celebrated their relatively new walks with the Lord, gave ICBC a reason to rejoice in the numerous ways God has been working in our community. God has been doing great things! But if we don’t take time to celebrate those things from time to time, we are missing out on the abundant life the Lord has promised us.

We all have fallen victim to a poor trend at one point or another- there is probably a high school picture of you somewhere that you don’t hang on your living room wall- but let’s not fall victim to this one in our churches. God has given us wonderful commands to follow, and, as we were reminded just a few weeks ago at ICBC, walking in obedience to His commands can cause us to reflect, encourage, and rejoice. This is true of all areas, in not just baptism. As we push on towards summer, let us continue to serve the Lord with humility and great joy. Have a blessed spring everyone!

-Pastor Chris

We rejoice with those who were baptized (listed below with their favorite *Song* and Scripture):

Bailey Pritts - *Blessings* & Philippians 4:13

Meredith Kinneer - *Amazing Grace*

Jessica Kinneer- *Amazing Grace* & John 3:16

Kenzie Mowry - *Victory in Jesus* & Philippians 4:13

Madison Kinneer - *You Raise Me Up*

Jocelyn Richter - *The Old Rugged Cross* & Psalm 23

In addition to those baptized, the following were also accepted into membership at ICBC on Easter morning, March 27, 2016: Kelsey Fisch, Carol Fullem, Larry Mowry, Robin Mowry, Damaris Oldham, and April Warrick. Pastor Chris and Amy were also taken into membership Sunday, January 31, 2016.

## News Around the Church

by Donna Crider

Pastor: Chris McLaughlin

Sr Choir Director: John Tressler / Pam Hughes

Jr Choir Director: Janet Grimm / Shannon Bryner

Pianist: Vicki Tressler / Bonita Warrick

Organist: Nanette Miller / Bonita Warrick

### Sunday January 3, 2016:

- Responsive Reading: Continue in the Word (Kevin Morrison)
- Sr Choir Special
- Message: *What Is A Baptist?*

### Sunday January 10:

- Responsive Reading: Worship of God (Mike Bigam)
- Special Music: Allie Richter – “*Waiting for You!*”
- Sr Choir: *I’m Living in Canaan Now*
- Message: *What is a Baptist?*

#### **ICBC Verse for January:**

**“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.**

**1 Peter 2:9**

### Sunday January 17:

- Responsive Reading: Psalm 67 (Mark Kemp)
- Special Music: Rick & Tyler Broadwater, Marlyn, Jeff, & Brian Dull - “*The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power*”
- Installation of Elected Officers
- Sr Choir: *Give the World a Smile*
- Chaz & Kari Dull Family Presentation - missionaries to Ecuador with Tentmakers Bible Mission

### Sunday January 24: Services cancelled due to blizzard

### Sunday January 31:

- Responsive Reading: 1 Peter 2 (Derek Orndorff)
- Business Meeting: Transfer of Membership for Pastor Chris and Amy McLaughlin
- Sr Choir: *All in the Name of Jesus*
- Message: *What is a Baptist?*

### Sunday February 7:

- Responsive Reading – Romans 6 (Rob Gallentine)
- Special Music: Tim McLaughlin – “*Glorious Day*”
- Sr Choir: *The Holy Hills of Heaven Call Me*
- Message: *What is a Baptist?*
- Observance of the Lord’s Supper

#### **ICBC Verse for February:**

**The Lord is gracious and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.**

**Psalm 116:5**

### Sunday February 14:

- Responsive Reading – Ephesians 5 (Ken Firestone)
- Special Music: Tyler Broadwater – “*I Can Only Imagine*”
- Sr Choir: *Amazing Grace / Grace Greater Than Our Sin*
- Message: *The Christian Marriage*

### Sunday February 21:

- Responsive Reading: Romans 14 (Melvin Warrick)
- Special Music: Mindy, Nicholas & Amelia Santore – “*That’s the Love of God*”
- Jr Choir: *Father Abraham / Making Melodies*
- Message: *What is a Baptist?*

### Sunday February 28:

- Responsive Reading: 2 Timothy 2 (Tyler Broadwater)
- Mission Moment: America for Christ Offering video
- Sr Choir: *When We All Get to Heaven Melody*
- Message: *What is a Baptist?*

### Sunday March 6:

- Responsive Reading: Psalm 62 (Marlyn Dull)
- ABW Moment: Pam Hughes regarding Calendar Party/America for Christ Offering
- Message: *Parables of the Kingdom: The Sower*

### Sunday March 13:

- Responsive Reading: Luke 6 (Roger Bigam)
- Mission Moment: America for Christ Offering video
- Sr Choir: *Victory in Jesus*
- Message: *Parables of the Kingdom: The Unmerciful Servant*

### Sunday March 20: Palm Sunday

- Children’s Musical: *Because He Lives* (Luke Gambill)
- Special Offering: America for Christ
- Palm Sunday Devotion: *Rejection of the Kingdom*

**ICBC Verse for March:**  
**I confer on you a kingdom, just as**  
**My Father conferred one on Me.**  
**Luke 22:29**

### Sunday March 27: Easter Sunday

- Business Meeting: Receiving New Members
- Sr Choir Musical: *Alive* (Joe E Parks)
- Easter Devotional: *By Whose Authority*
- Observance of the Lord’s Supper
- Sunday School followed by our Easter Sunday Brunch

**Psalm 62:6 Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**

Compiled by Mike Bigam

ATTENDANCE	1/3	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31	2/7	2/14	2/21	2/28	3/6	3/13	3/20	3/27
<i>Sunday School</i>	97	100	124	x	118	101	95	115	103	88	115	115	101
<i>Morning Church</i>	148	154	158	x	149	171	140	157	177	144	161	206	214
<i>Evening Church</i>	*	54	*	x	*	48	*	57	*	59	+	107	--

(\* Service at Mill Run UMC; x Service canceled due to weather; + Sunday School Rally; -- No service)

\*\*\*If you work with children or youth in some capacity at ICBC and haven’t done your  
Childline or Police Clearances yet, please talk to Hope Dull.\*\*\*

## YEARS GONE BY - 1956

by Pam Hughes

Some of us are finding 1956 was a good year.....60 years ago.

ICBC held the Annual meetings in April.

Rev James Seefried was the pastor and was the moderator for the meeting held on April 7, 1956. The treasurer's report was given with following amounts: General fund- \$1462.03; Building fund- \$156.18; Parsonage fund- \$2106.03

SS report showed an average of 118 in attendance and \$906.59 in the SS Treasury.

The Mission group reported that the quota was completed, 2 boxes (used clothing) were sent to Mather, 2 boxes to Rankin, and a Christmas box to the Scandinavian Seaman's Mission.

Discussion was held on the need of a new coal heater.

Besse Friend and Rella Shearer were deaconesses, Fern Work was clerk, and Elwood Broadwater was a trustee, until he resigned to move away.

June 1956 the Broadwater property was being purchased for use as a parsonage.

*What will be said of us 60 years from now???*

## Sunday School Rally by Brian Dull

On Sunday evening March 13, 2016 the District 11 Sunday School Association Rally was held at the Normalville United Methodist Church. A total of 64 people attended. ICBC won the red banner for having the most in attendance, while Normalville UMC won the blue banner for having the highest percentage of their total Sunday School roll in attendance.

District President Barney Shipley opened the service. John Tressler led the singing and accompaniment was by Louis Kemp on piano. Special music for the evening included solos by Kristin Maselli of Normalville UMC, and a medley by the ICBC senior choir. Albert Ohler of Mill Run UMC read a poem entitled "Always Easter".

Bob Prinkey announced the annual Fayette County Sunday School Association convention which will be held April 29th and 30th at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Acme, PA. There will be convention speakers both nights and a ham dinner will be served on Saturday at 5:30 for a cost of \$8.00. The annual Sunday School Poster and T-Shirt Contest for children and youth ages 6 – 19 is ongoing and contest entries will be judged at the convention.

Also announced was a Sunday School Training Workshop to be held Saturday morning September 10, 2016 at the Mt. Olive Evangelical Church Social Building. The workshop is entitled "Get Back to the Bible".

The next rally will be held Sunday, June 12th at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. Come out and enjoy fellowshiping with others. Hope to see you there!

The theme of the 2015 PA State Poster and T-shirt contest was "The Bible Is..." 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners were:  
Logan Kemp, age 9 – 11 Computer Generated Poster and Kenzie Mowry – age 12 – 14 Traditional Poster.

## *Do you know our church history?*

(The following is from our church website – [www.icbcmillrunpa.com](http://www.icbcmillrunpa.com))

Early in the 19th century, the surrounding community was known as the Indian Creek Settlement....so the name Indian Creek Baptist Church. ICBC was in existence in the early 1800s.

Previous to 1843, services were held in a small log structure located near the present building by Rev. Griffith & Rev. John Rockefeller. It was in this same log building that the Indian Creek Baptist Church was organized on June 24, 1843.

In 1846, a new stone church was erected. In 1870, another frame building was suggested then adopted. It's dimensions were: 36' wide by 46' long by 12' high. The church was built at the cost of about \$2000 and the seating capacity was 350 persons. In 1914, an addition was built for classrooms, making it modern and well-equipped for all needs of the church.

From 1911 to 1926, the church supported two workers, the Reverend F.S. Wortman at home and the Reverend Samuels in the Ongole Fields.

The following ordinations were given in the Baptist Church: L.S. Colborn in 1872; F.S. Cunningham in 1878; E.K. Bailey in 1880; James Seefried in 1960; and Gary Dull in 1974. Approximately 31 ministers and supply ministers have served the church since its existence. The Reverend F.S. Wortman had a total of 36 years of service at Indian Creek Baptist Church.

A half-hour weekly radio broadcast was started over Connellsville Radio Station WCVI on April 1970.

The church purchased the adjoining property on the southwest in the 1950's and in 1976 bought the property on the northern side. Around 1958, the basement was completed by adding a dining room and kitchen.

In 1975, a need for more classrooms came about and in the process it was discovered that our church was in dire need of many repairs. After many months of meetings and planning by the Directors and a Building Committee, new church plans were voted on and accepted. On May 20, 1979 the groundbreaking ceremonies were held for a new brick church. We had our first worship service in the new church on Easter Sunday 1980 at 7:00am with a capacity attendance. In the evening, 17 were baptized and 18 were accepted into membership, which raised the membership total to nearly 300! An addition to the church was built in 1999, which includes an updated kitchen, classrooms, restrooms, and a gym.

ICBC is an American Baptist Church, affiliated with the American Baptist Churches USA and ABCOPAD (American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware).

*"The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation."  
2 Samuel 22:2-3*

ICBC OFFICERS / COMMITTEES 2016

Deacons:

Junior Show (2017)  
Sharon Weible (2017)  
Ed Warner (2018)  
Beverly Morrison (2018)  
Rick Broadwater (2019)  
John Warrick (2019)

Directors:

Steve Kooser (2017)  
Keith May (2017)  
Ben Morrison (2018)  
Brian Shearer (2018)  
Tyler Broadwater (2019)

Church Treasurer:

Melvin Warrick (2017)

Asst. Church Treasurer:

Tammy Miner

Church Clerk:

Pam Hughes

Church Organist:

Nanette Miller

Church Pianist:

Vicki Tressler

Asst. Organist / Pianist:

Bonita Warrick

Sr. Choir Director:

John Tressler

Asst. Sr Choir Director:

Pam Hughes

Youth Choir Director:

Janet Grimm

Asst. Youth Choir Director:

Shannon Bryner

Jr. BYF Leader:

Chris & Amy McLaughlin

Sr. BYF Leader:

Rob & April Orndorff

Head Usher:

Mike Bigam

Ushers:

Tyler Broadwater  
Adam Crider  
Jeff Crider  
Derek Hoover  
Joe Kooser  
Jacob May  
Seth Miller  
Austin Miner  
Derek Orndorff  
Brandon Pritts  
Brian Shearer  
Cade Warrick  
John Warrick

SS Superintendent:

Brian Dull

Asst. SS Superintendent:

Beverly Morrison

SS Secretary:

Mike Bigam

Asst. SS Secretary:

Shannon Miller  
Amber Anderson  
Ashley Pritts

SS Treasurer:

John Warrick

Flower Committee:

Debbie Kooser  
Kerina Pritts  
Candi Strunk  
Kelly Work

Thanksgiving Dinner:

BASIC Class

Nominating Committee:

Tonya Brewer  
Donna Crider  
Hope Dull  
Brian Dull  
Susie May  
Alternate: Nina Kern  
Alternate: Candi Strunk

Mission Committee:

Jan Show  
John Tressler  
Bonita Warrick  
Sharon Weible  
Virginia Work  
Hope Dull

Mother / Daughter:

Janet Grimm  
Nina Kern

Father / Son:

John Tressler  
Chris McLaughlin

Recreation Committttee:

Mollie Kooser  
Tammy Miner  
Kerina Pritts  
Mindy Santore  
Brian Shearer  
Vicki Tressler  
John Warrick

Recitations:

Amy McLaughlin  
Bev Morrison

Editors note: My apologies to anyone  
I may have missed on this list.

Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory. Proverbs 11:14

## MISSION REFLECTIONS by Pam Hughes

We have just celebrated Easter and welcomed new members to ICBC. What an exciting time of the year.

The ABWM will be sponsoring our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Calendar Party on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. It is a great time of fellowship and learning about a mission project. We have a great time of decorating our tables with various themes: Popcorn Day, Smokey Bear, Movies, Watermelons, Patriotic, Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Winter, and so many more terrific ideas. All the salads and soups are donated as well as local businesses and individuals providing door prizes.

It is exciting to share a program that benefits medical missionaries, Doctors David and Laura Parajon, and their mission work in Nicaragua. They are working with AMOS – A Ministry Of Sharing – to provide vital health care to the people of rural Nicaragua. We are specifically supporting *Water of Blessing*, which will provide funds for education, training, water filter supplies and more. Local people are trained to go into the rural communities to train other Nicaraguans on how to purify the local water sources. Water borne diseases cause serious diseases and death, especially among the children.

The ABWM of PA/DEL have made *Water of Blessing* the Regional project for 2015-2016 and the goal is to raise \$15,000. The money we raise at the calendar party will go toward this goal. We will also have a display that will show some photos from Nicaragua as well as a water filter made from a 5 gallon bucket and filter materials. Elijah and Lainey Stutzman created the filter with help from dad and mom (Marty and Leah) as a home school science project.

Thanks to everyone who is helping to make our event a success.

### Operation Christmas Child

It's not too early to start collecting items for your Shoeboxes. T-shirts, toys (nothing military), games, stuffed animals and small dolls, balls, and other items for hygiene use are great to include.

The collection won't be till November, but that will come quickly.

It is amazing how a small box of "goodies" can make a difference in a child's life and possibly their eternal life, too. The children are taught through a 12 lesson Bible course, The Greatest Journey. Children receive the good news of Jesus and they in turn share with their families.

Did you know that over 124 million shoeboxes have been given since 1993? Won't you consider filling a shoe box or two, three, or four or more this year?

Please pray for **Chaz and Kari Dull** who we have supported over the years in their work with **Tentmakers Bible Mission**. During their current furlough, God has been redirecting their steps. They will be stepping down from Tentmakers and their work in Ecuador and Chaz will become the Associate Pastor at Faith Baptist Church of Altoona, Pa, their sending church. Pray for them in this time of transition and new season of ministry.

### WHITE CROSS

White Cross provides valuable funding and items for many missionaries throughout the world. Many of our missionaries provide medical, health and education needs. Some of the countries are Bolivia, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Chile in Central and South America and the Caribbean. The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi, Uganda, South Africa, Nepal, China, Bulgaria, India and Thailand and many more. We also provide funds for Christian Centers in Dayton, Ohio, Rankin Christian Center, PA and others.

The ABW asks for various projects throughout the year that are White Cross as well as other projects. Your giving makes a difference in so many lives.

THANK YOU!!!!!!

**ABWM CONFERENCE: July 15 – 17, 2016, \$156 (meals, lodging, etc)**

**Our speaker will be Joanna Weaver, author of Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World.**

Please consider going. There are "scholarships" available for first timers. Check with Pam Hughes for more info.



# Youth



by Tiza Dunaway

We are quite blessed to have so many youth who attend ICBC. They fill our pews each week bringing with them their unique God-given interests, talents, & abilities. We want to recognize them for their accomplishments & encourage them as they shine their light for Jesus in the many different activities they are a part of.

- \* **Kaylynn Bryner** plays in the band at Springfield & is also a member of the chorus.
- \* **Rohwen Firestone-Stouffer** made the honor roll at Connellsville Township.
- \* **Rachel Grimm** is a member of the Connellsville Senior High Track Team.
- \* **Gabriel Kemp** received High Honors at Connellsville Junior High. He also participated in the GK Icon Pittsburgh Goalie Academy.
- \* **Logan Kemp** earned Highest Honors at Springfield. Logan won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the American Legion Essay contest for the 5th-6<sup>th</sup> grade category. He is a member of the Connellsville Soccer Club U10 Winter Indoor Travel Team.
- \* **Teran Kemp** earned Highest Honors at Springfield. He won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in The American Legion essay contest for the 3rd-4<sup>th</sup> grade category. Teran received a Certificate of Excellence Participation from Connellsville Area School Board for his participation in the “Wild About Reading” Program & Logan is also a member of the Connellsville Soccer Club U10 Winter Indoor Travel Team.
- \* **Madison Kinneer** made Highest Honors at Springfield. Madison also plays travel soccer & is playing baseball on the Mill Run team.
- \* **Meredith Kinneer** made Honors at Springfield. She will be competing at the state level in gymnastics the end of April.
- \* **Kenzie Mowry** made the honor roll at the Junior High. She also participated at the 2016 PA Farm Show. Kenzie showed a lamb & placed with a Reserve Light Weight Crossbred Champion. She was also awarded Master Showman.
- \* **Kaydence Oldham** just finished her basketball season with St. Rita's & will soon be attending her basketball banquet. She also recently finished her dance classes and is preparing for her summer recital.
- \* **Ashley Pritts** was 1st in her class with her lamb & 4th in her class with her pig at the 2016 PA Farm Show. She was Master Showman for both.
- \* **Sadie Richter** made Honors at CNP. Sadie was named Master Showman for her pig class at the 2016 PA Farm Show. She place 4<sup>th</sup> in her lamb class & 4<sup>th</sup> in her pig class.
- \* The “Springfield Pride” is a certificate presented each 9 weeks to students at Springfield in recognition of their attendance & grades as well as being honest, helpful, & polite. Students recently receiving this honor are **Kaylynn Bryner, Breanna Bryner, Landon Steyer, Porter Steyer, Jett Dunaway, Nicholas Santore, Madison Kinneer, & Meredith Kinneer.**

\* **Christian Firestone, Andrew Firestone, Grace Firestone, Amaris Richter, Kace Shearer, & Bryn Shearer** all made the honor roll at CNP.

\* Several boys are playing Dunbar Little League Baseball this year. They are **Landon Steyer, Brayden Curry, Kace Shearer, Porter Steyer, & Nicholas Santore.**

\* **Cade Warrick & Derek Orndorff** are members of the Connellsville High School Baseball Team and recently traveled to Myrtle Beach to play with their team.

Let us know what the children and youth of the church have been involved in! Email Tiza with their news! [tizadun@yahoo.com](mailto:tizadun@yahoo.com)

### **TAPPING TREES** BY ELIJAH STUTZMAN

We tapped maple trees February 20, 2016 in Meyersdale, PA. We had 225 taps. This included keelers (buckets) and tubing that flows into tanks.

Our last gathering was March 10, 2016. Our pap, Lainey, mom, dad and I gathered 1550 gallons of sugar water on our farm. This is boiled down to make maple syrup. Sugar water boils at 219 degrees to make syrup, about 40 gallons of water makes a gallon of syrup.

(Elijah is Pam Hughes' grandson.)

#### ***Jr. BYF*** by Pastor Chris

After our annual business meeting in January, Amy and I became the Jr. BYF leaders. We replaced Bonita Warrick and Joy Miller, who had faithfully served the Lord in this capacity for several years. They both continue to serve the Lord at ICBC in various ministries, and everyone is certainly appreciative of the hard work they put in to make this ministry very successful for many years. Amy and I are humbled to follow in their footsteps.

As Jr. BYF leaders, we have done our best to make sure the kids have fun while learning Biblical truth. Amy is passionate about crafts, and so we have done our best to incorporate those into each lesson. We begin every meeting with songs and then a video lesson (We use Study Gateway materials) in the sanctuary. From there, we move downstairs for a craft and a follow up discussion on the video lesson. I read the passage from Scripture that was addressed in the video and we talk about the main point. We always have a snack and make sure to have plenty of time to play in the gym. We hope it has been as enjoyable for the kids as it has been for us!

#### **Sr. BYF Activities** by Rob Orndorff

On January 30, 2016 six teens from ICBC, as well as two guests attended the Winter Jam 2016 concert at Consol Energy Center in Pittsburgh. It was a great night of ten contemporary Christian artists and/or groups that performed to a standing room only crowd.

On Palm Sunday, the Sr. BYF teens hosted the annual ICBC Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the church. The weather put a damper on our outside activities, but not the enthusiasm shown by the children during the hunt. The teens did an awesome job of stuffing the plastic eggs with candy in the two weeks leading up to the hunt. They were also very helpful in hiding the eggs throughout the church and helping serve snacks to the children following the hunt. Thank you to our church members who were so willing to donate candy to help make this activity a success.

# CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Jade Nicole Jacobs was born February 5, 2016 at 11:30 pm. She weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz, and was 20 inches long. She is the daughter of Jake and Manda "Friend" Jacobs of Richland NC. She has two sisters, Keara 16 and Kerstan 13. Her grandparents are Nancy Bittner of Connellsville, Ronnie Friend of Normalville, Robin Kessler of Connellsville, and Edward Jacobs of Connellsville. Great grandparents are Della Mae Bittner of Connellsville and Arline Black.

## In Sympathy

Compiled by Mollie Kooser

**MINER** – Kenneth E. Miner, 82, of Connellsville died Friday, January 15, 2016. He was born February 3, 1933 in Mill Run, a son of the late Edward and Gertrude Bowers Miner. He is survived by his wife Lorraine M. Stark Miner; daughter Linda Exton and her husband Tom of Connellsville; eight grandchildren, and sisters, Ellen Lawver and Evelyn Balsley both of Connellsville.

**SHERBONDY** – Wilma E. "Vimmie" Sherbondy, 91, of Normalville died Saturday, January 23, 2016. She was born July 7, 1924 in Connellsville a daughter of the late Eli and Emma Grace Hall Ohler. Wilma is survived by her children Connie Richter of Normalville, Bonnie Cramer of Indian Head, John R. "Pete" Sherbondy of Normalville, Pamela Prinkey and husband Alfred of Acme, Patricia Tinkey of Indian Head, Peggy Basinger, Ivan "Butch" Sherbondy, David L. Sherbondy and wife Brenda of Ligonier, and Arnold C. Sherbondy and wife Jane, and Cindy Grimm all of Normalville, her 21 grandchildren, her 25 great grandchildren, and her 2 great great grandchildren.

**LONG**—Sharon Ruth Long, 63, of N.C. formerly of Mill Run, died January 29, 2016. She was born a daughter of the late Orpha Shearer Dennis. She was predeceased by her grandmother Olive Shearer.

**COLE**—Marlene Ann Cole, 69, of Mill Run, died February 1, 2016, a daughter of the late Lester C. and Clara B. (Jolliffe) Tressler. She was born August 1, 1946. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, John W. Cole, a son, John W. Cole, Jr. & wife, Emmie of Mill Run and 3 grandchildren.

**BIGAM**—Dennis J. Bigam, 68, of N.C. died February 3, 2016. He was born May 21, 1947, a son of the late Ralph and Mary Basinger Bigam. He is survived by his former wife of 28 years and companion, Phyllis Hartman, two brothers, Roger & wife Beverly of Connellsville, & Robert Dale & wife Karen, of Melcroft. He is also survived by his nephew, Mike Bigam of Connellsville.

**REAM**—Linda Sue Ream, 64, of Mill Run, died February 5, 2016, a daughter of the late Samuel Earl & Dorothy Brahs Keller. She was born July 22, 1951. She is survived by her husband, Robert G. Ream, 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

**HARBAUGH**---William Ray Harbaugh, 84, of Mill Run, died February 14, 2016. He was born June 29, 1931, a son of the late Evans and Faye Hixenbaugh Harbaugh. He was predeceased by his wife Phyllis A. Rugg Harbaugh and 2 brothers.

**HARDY**—William Edward Hardy, 86, of Connellsville died March 2, 2016. He was born April, 21, 1929, a son of the late William Jr. & Edna Mae Singfield Hardy. He is survived by his children, Bonnie Foley & husband Daniel, Rebecca Broadwater & husband Rick, William II & wife Lori, and Brad & wife Gillian; eight grandchildren & one great-grandchild.

**BRYNER**—Barbara W. (Rowan) Bryner, 87, of Uniontown, PA, passed away Friday, March 25, 2016. She was born October 15, 1928, in Mill Run, PA, daughter of the late Earl and Geraldine (Bigham) Rowan. She is survived by three children.

*"Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.  
2 Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken."*

*Psalms 62:1-2*

*Greetings from Mill Run and Thank You by Patty Ann Dull*

*We had a very blessed celebration of Christ's resurrection. Pastor Chris led us in a wonderful service Easter morning, and prior to that, Maundy Thursday communion and Palm Sunday baptism services. Though it has only been 9 months since Pastor Chris, Amy, Isaiah, and Elijah joined us, we cannot imagine our church family without them.*

*We think of Pastor Don Walls' family, as they have just spent their first Easter without him. He led us in glorious services last April. Marlyn and I were able to attend his funeral service/home-going celebration last November 7<sup>th</sup>. He had preached until one month before he died. We all sang his favorite hymns, "I'll Fly Away" and "Victory in Jesus" and also the hymn of the U.S. Navy, "Eternal Father Strong to Save". He was so glad he had served. His wife, Joanne, shared a tribute. One part that touched my heart was when she recalled how he loved to sing about the Lord and to the Lord. He would often 'break out in song' as they travelled in the car. She said that even as he tried to regain strength in his last few days, he would be singing as he walked very slowly with help of a walker. He is missed, but Pastor Don is home.*

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*Until next time, keep in touch and in prayer.*

**Please join us...**

**Sunday:**

Sunday School Canteen in the Social Room – 9:15 – 9:40 am  
Sunday School Opening – 9:30 am – 9:45 am  
Sunday School for all ages – 9:45 am – 10:30 am  
Morning Worship (with nursery care and junior church) – 10:40 am  
Jr BYF and Sr BYF – 6:30  
Evening Worship – 7:30 pm (Note – every other week services are generally at Mill Run UM Church)

**Wednesday:**

Mid-week Prayer & Bible Study with Pastor Chris – 7:00 pm  
Children's Choir Practice – 7:30 – 8:00 pm  
Adult Choir Practice – 8:15 – 9:00 pm

God's Tots is every Tuesday from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. (unless there is a school delay or cancelation.)

Ladies' Bible Study meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 6:45- 8:15 p.m.

ABW (American Baptist Women) meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Church Board Meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 8:15 pm – All are welcome.

May

May 1 – Communion Sunday

May 8 – Mother's Day

May 17 – God's Tots finishes for the school year

May 29 – Yogi Bear Campground Ministry begins

June

June 12 – Sunday School Rally at Pleasant Hill UMC 7pm

June 19 – Father's Day

June 20 – 24 – Vacation Bible School

July

July 3 – Communion Sunday

July 4 – Homecoming Celebration in the Grove

*If you have dates of ICBC events to include in future listings, please let us know!*