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vening Worship – 7:30 pm (Note – every other Sunday services are generally at Mill Run UM Church)
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lid-week Prayer & Bible Study with Pastor Chris — 7:00 pm
dult Choir Practice – 8:15 – 9:00 pm

Be stíll, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10 The Baptist Beacon is sponsored by the ICBC Couples Class. The next Beacon will come out at the beginning of October and will include activities from July, August, and September, 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, September 28.

Mail: Attn Beacon 311 Baptist Church Rd Mill Run PA 15464 Email: <u>icbcbeacon@gmail.com</u>

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.



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The Baptist Beacon

April, May, and June 2016

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All Hands on Deck

This week Amy and I celebrated one year in ministry at Indian Creek Baptist Church. I cannot believe it has been a year. As I reflect back on our move here, three blessings stick out in my mind: 1) We praise God every day for allowing us to use our spiritual gifts for His glory in such a wonderful church and community; 2) The long drive from North Dakota to here is over and I never have to make that drive again; and 3) When we arrived in Mill Run, we didn't have to carry all any of our boxes in. After driving that far with two kids, the last thing we wanted to do was carry all of our belongings into the house. Thankfully, a team of church members volunteered their might. I didn't carry a single box into the parsonage.

Fast forward a year and we have just finished our VBS program. As I reflect upon how our week went, I see a lot of similarities between my first memory as the Pastor of ICBC and the most recent: God's people here are faithful and are willing to meet needs whenever and wherever necessary. Vacation Bible School is a tremendous outreach. This past week we saw twenty children accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. We praise God for the wonderful things He is doing! We also praise Him for allowing us to partner with Him in that work. Consider all who partner with God in this ministry:

VBS planning begins in the winter months (I say this as an outsider: I do not plan our VBS program). Many hours are spent in planning and in prayer. Leaders are assigned tasks and begin the preparation process weeks before VBS week. Volunteers respond to sign-up sheets and volunteer a week of their summer to minister to children. Church members stay after church the Sunday before VBS week, and again after, to set up and tear down. Parents, grandparents, and a daycare are so tremendously faithful in bringing children to hear God's Word.

Vacation Bible School is just one of the various ministries at ICBC. We have people who step up to lead or help in various programs, outreaches, and classes throughout the year. As I look ahead, I don't know exactly what God will do through this ministry, but I do know that ICBC has all hands on deck. May He guide us where He will.

In Christ, Pastor Chrís

¹² "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ....¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be....²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

Pastor: Chris McLaughlin

Sr Choir Director: John Tressler / Pam Hughes Jr Choir Director: Janet Grimm / Shannon Bryner

Sunday April 3:

- ABW Calendar Party Moment Pam Hughes
- Responsive Reading: Psalm 86 (Cody Adanitsch)
- Sr Choir: If There Ever Was a Time
- Sermon: Parables of the Kingdom: Prayer

Sunday April 10:

- Responsive Reading: Ezekiel 37 (Jeff Crider)
- Sr Choir: I Surrender All/ Spirit of the Living God
- Message: The Terrible Day of the Lord

Sunday April 17:

- Responsive Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5 (Jim Weible)
- Sr Choir: *I Will Sing of My Redeemer Medley*
- Message: The Terrible Day of the Lord Part 2

Sunday April 24:

- Responsive Reading: Revelation 21 (Rob Orndorff)
- Jr Choir: Lord I Lift Your Name on High and Psalm 23
- Message: The Terrible Day of the Lord Part 3

Sunday May 1:

- Responsive Reading: Psalm 27 (Brian Dull)
- Sr Choir: How Great Thou Art and I Sing the Mighty Power of God
- Message: Boldly Following the Lord

Sunday May 8:

- Responsive Reading Proverbs 21 (John Tressler)
- Sr Choir: On Jordan's Story Banks
- Message: The Godly Woman

Sunday May 15:

- Special Music: Kenzie Mowry Jesus is Alive and Doing Well
- Responsive Reading 2 Timothy 2 (Kerwin Miner)
- Sr Choir: Blessed Be the Name Medley
- Message: Finishing Well

Sunday May 22:

- Responsive Reading: Colossians 1 & 2 (Jan Show)
- Jr Choir: Give Me Oil in My Lamp and See Ye First
- Message: Whoever Finds Me Finds Life

Pianist: Vicki Tressler / Bonita Warrick Organist: Nanette Miller / Bonita Warrick

> ICBC Verse for April: There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides You; there is no Rock like our God. 1 Samuel 2:2

> > *ICBC Verse for May: Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him and He saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in Him; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation. Isaiah 25:9*

Sunday May 29:

- Reflections on America's Heroes Pastor Chris
- Responsive Reading: Psalm 138 (Rick Broadwater)
- Sr Choir: Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus / Oh, How I Love Jesus
- Message: The Best of Times

Sunday June 5:

- Responsive Reading: Psalm 20 (Roger May)
- Sr Choir: Face to Face / Saved By Grace
- Message: Help From the Sanctuary

Sunday June 12:

- Responsive Reading: Philippians 2 (Jeff Dull)
- Mission Moment: One Great Hour of Sharing DVD
- Recognition of 2016 Graduates
- Sr Choir: There is a Fountain Medley
- Message: Why?
- Communion Service

Sunday June 19:

- Responsive Reading: Proverbs 19 (John Warrick)
- Mission Moment: One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (Bonita Warrick)
- Special Music: Mindy Santore Wherever You Are
- VBS Installation Service
- Message: When the Man of God Loses Focus

Sunday June 26:

• 2016 VBS Closing Program – Surf Shack

2 Corinthians 4:18b (Msg) The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.

Compiled by Mike Bigam

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ATTENDANCE	4/3	4/10	4/17	4/24	5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22	5/29	6/5	6/12	6/19	6/26
Sunday School	113	90	93	116	104	93	97	82	90	90	97	105	114
Morning Church	151	165	132	177	148	141	146	139	112	118	135	142	207~
Evening Church	*	60	*	55	*		54	*		*	+		58

(* Service at Mill Run UMC; + Sunday School Rally; -- No service; ~ Vacation Bible School Program)

Upcoming Dates

<u>August</u>

Aug 7 – Communion Sunday

<u>September</u>

Sept 4 – Yogi Bear Campground Ministry ends

Sept 10 – Sunday School Workshop "Get Back to the Bible" 9:00 – 12:00 at Mt Olive Church

Sept 11 – Sunday School Rally at ICBC at 7:00 pm God's Tots / Jr and Sr BYF resume

<u>October</u>

Oct 2 – Communion Sunday

Editor's note: I apologize for not including the recipe for the Cardinal's Pacceri (Pink Sauce from the Mother's Day dinner) in this Beacon. It should be in the next edition.

ICBC Verse for June:

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Psalm 19:1

God's Tots by Patty Show



God's Tots had a very active year with our winter/spring lessons on the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, God's Love, John the Baptist, snowflakes, owls, King Josiah, Peter, Fishers of men and Mary & Martha. Our Easter lessons covered Palm Sunday and Jesus' death and resurrection. The children participated in an Easter Egg hunt in the grove. The fair weather added to the fun as the children gathered as many candy filled eggs as they could.

We always like the children to have a sharing project, and this spring they joined with the Couples Class to give a monetary donation to Samaritan's Purse. The donation was for The Greatest Journey, a 12lesson discipleship program for the children that received shoeboxes. More than 7.4 million children worldwide have enrolled in the course since 2010 and 3.3 million have accepted Christ as their Savior. (https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/thegreatest-journey/)

God's Tots concluded the year with a field trip to Living Treasures Animal Park in Donegal on Tuesday, May 17. Approximately 67 children and adults joined us for a fun filled day at the zoo. All of us enjoyed the antics of the monkeys, especially the baby Marmosets. After visiting all the animals we went to Resh's Park in Indian Head for our pizza picnic. The children also enjoyed the playground. We honored our six graduating 5 year olds who will be going to kindergarten in the fall.

God's Tots will start their fall session in September. We will meet every Tuesday morning during the school year. We would love to have you and your preschooler join us as we learn together, play together and share together.

ICBC FATHER'S DAY PICNIC by John Tressler

At 5 o'clock on Saturday, June 11th, the fathers and sons (men of ICBC) met in the church grove on a beautiful, if a little bit windy day. Thirty of us prepared to feast on Richard Broadwater's amazing hamburgers and all the great covered dishes sent by the wives. However at least one of the covered dishes was prepared by one of the fathers (maybe more). Thanks Larry (and Robin) for the sausage, pineapple and chili dish, which was one of the evening's favorites. We did have a small problem with a new grill, but we were able to overcome it and get the burgers cooked to perfection. Vic jumped in and helped Richard move the burgers to another grill.



After the main meal we enjoyed some great cakes and pies too. During all this eating we had some great conversation and storytelling. At the end of the meal, Pastor Chris presented a devotional from 1 Timothy 4 where Paul instructed Timothy to set an example for believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. He challenged us to be men of God in our church and families. The rest of the evening was spent talking and playing Cornhole (which Tyler thinks he dominated). I want to wholeheartedly thank everyone who helped in anyway. What a Great Time!!!!

Sunday School Rally by Brian Dull

On Sunday evening June 12 the District 11 Sunday School Association Rally was held at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. A total of 38 people attended. ICBC won the red banner for having the most in attendance, and the blue banner for having the highest percentage of our total Sunday School roll in attendance.

District President Barney Shipley opened the service. John Tressler led the singing and pianist was Jeanne Meyers. The special music for the evening was provided by the men's quartet of ICBC, singing "What a Day That Will Be".

Bob Prinkey gave some additional information about the Training Workshop being conducted by the Fayette County Sunday School Association. It will be held September 10th from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Mount Olive Evangelical Church Social Building in Connellsville. The theme of the workshop is "Get Back to the Bible". It is open to all Sunday School teachers, leaders, and anyone interested in Sunday School ministry. Cost for the workshop is \$10.00 but for those attending from ICBC, the church will cover the cost. Deadline for registration is September 6th. See me for more information.

The next rally will be held Sunday, September 11th at 7:00 pm here at ICBC. Come out and enjoy fellowshipping with others. Hope to see you here! FAYETTE COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION by Brian Dull

The 120^h Annual Convention of the Fayette County Sunday School Association was held at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Acme Friday April 29th and Saturday April 30th.

Presiding over the convention was Barb Patton, President. The business portion of the convention included the giving of the "Nominating Committee Report", the "Treasurer's Report", the election and installation of officers, and the announcement of the time and place for the 2017 convention: May 5 & 6 at Markleysburg New Life Church of God.

Friday evening's program included special music by the Poplar Run Church Children's Choir. The message for the evening was given by Reverend Randy Winemiller, pastor of the Poplar Run Church.

Saturday evening opened with a delicious ham and chicken dinner. The program began with the presentation of the posters and T-shirts that had been entered in the youth poster and T-shirt contest. The theme for the contest was "Jesus is..." There were a total of 87 entries, including 11 from ICBC. Contest entrants from ICBC included Sean Fullem, Madison Kinneer, Meredith Kinneer, Emma Moran, Jonah Morrison, Noah Morrison, Kenzie Mowry, Kaydance Oldham, Dara Pritts, Grace Rugg, and Nicholas Santore. Congratulations to Kenzie Mowry for winning 1st place for her T-shirt entry in the 12-14 age group, and to Noah Morrison for winning 2nd place for his poster in the 9-11 age group.

Saturday evening's message was given by Reverend Steven Lamb, pastor of Albright Methodist Church and Pleasant Hill Methodist Church.

In Sympathy

Compiled by Mollie Kooser

SHERBONDY – John R. "Pete" Sherbondy, 70 of Normalville, PA died Tuesday, April 12, 2016. He was born May 8, 1945, the son of the late John C. "J.C." and Wilma E. (Ohler) Sherbondy. He is survived by 2 children, Kimberly Thomas and husband Darren of Stephens City, VA; and Nicholas and wife, Kayla of Normalville; sisters, Connie Richter, Bonnie Cramer, Pamela Prinkey and husband Alfred; Patricia Tinkey; Peggy Basinger; and Cindy Grimm; and his brothers, Ivan; David and wife, Brenda; Arnold and wife, Jane. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Barbara.



During the week of June 20th through the 24th an average of 155 children, teachers and helpers attended this year's VBS.

Our theme this year was *Surf Shack; Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love.* Through stories in the Bible, students learned of God's power to change their lives. The children were encouraged to develop a personal relationship with the Lord.

During our VBS week we listened to Bible stories, sang songs, played

games, enjoyed recreation, ate snacks and made crafts. Our mission project this year encouraged the students to bring in pennies. The students collected \$522.99. The pennies collected were used to purchase of a cow for a village overseas through Heifer International (<u>www.heifer.org</u>).

Skipper (played by Gabriel Kemp), Snappy (played by Faith Firestone), Ty (played by Rachael Grimm), Epic (played by Kenzie Mowry), and Pixel (played by Natalee Bryner) performed in a skit each day and at our closing program. They took us to the Surf Shack each day and used creative ways to show us how to share God's amazing love.

On Friday, we ended our VBS with a picnic held in the gymnasium. During morning worship service on Sunday, June 26th, the children performed in a closing program. Each class was featured singing the various songs we learned throughout the week. A DVD presentation was also enjoyed by those in attendance.

The Lord blessed our Bible school this year by providing so many willing workers. Everyone worked hard and gave so much of their time and talents to make our VBS a success. Children are a blessing from the Lord and helping with Bible school is a way to show love and appreciation for the children He has blessed us with.

A sincere thank you to everyone who has helped this year.

Becky Broadwater and Mindy Santore - VBS Directors



The 8th annual Alloutpraise! Christian Concert Event will be held Friday and Saturday, **July 22 and 23**, at ICV Christian Family & Children's Center's North Campus in Donegal, 1076 Kings Way.

- * Friday evening will feature several artists, including headliner Never Forsaken.
- There will be bands all day on Saturday, with the evening ending in a performance by national headliner <u>Josh</u> <u>Wilson</u>. Also on Saturday, there will be information booths, concessions, children's activities, including a petting zoo, and fireworks to end the evening.
- * Camping is available on site for both Friday and Saturday evening.
- Tickets are on sale now. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, or selling them as a fundraiser, please contact the office at 724-455-2122 x 101. If you purchase your tickets before the day of the event, Friday tickets are \$10, Saturday tickets are \$15, and child tickets (ages 4-12) are \$5.

MISSION REFLECTIONS by Pam Hughes

The ABWM held our Annual Calendar Party Saturday, April 9th. What a great time of food, friends, and fellowship. The monies raised went to the Regional Project of ABWM PA/DEL "WATER OF BLESSING," which help provide water filters for Nicaragua. Dr's David and Laura Parajon minister to the rural areas of Nicaragua as medical missionaries. They have formed AMOS Health and Hope (www.amoshealth.org). Through this organization they provide training for locals to assist with prenatal care, clean water, and other medical needs. Through the Calendar Party, we collected over \$2,000 dollars. Thanks to all who provided food, door prizes, donations, and table decorations.

The ABWM will meet at Shippensburg University in July for our conference. Dr Laura Parajon will be there to share the mission she and her husband provide. A side project will be baby layettes for the newborns. Many women don't go to hospitals to deliver because they don't have clothing for the newborn. These layettes are a ministry and a must in providing adequate care to the mother and baby. Our women have put together 9 layettes to take.

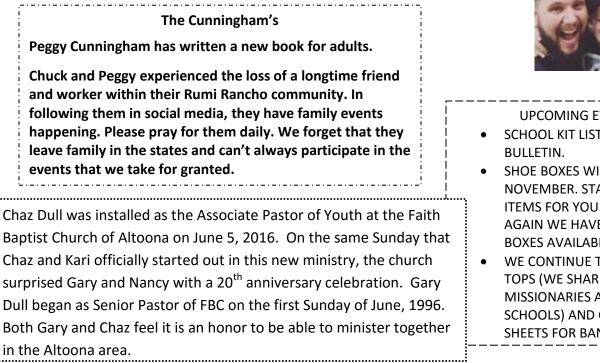
Mission Committee Update

At our last meeting in June, the Mission Committee decided to begin supporting Elmo, Kathryn and Cinco Compton. They are the founders of the ministry, The ONE: Peru Ministries, based in Lima, Peru.

"Here at The ONE: Peru Ministries we believe that Jesus changes people's lives. We also believe that in the Kingdom of God, everyONE person matters. Jesus changes lives and it is our job to facilitate the introductions. We facility this by creating and maintaining relationships with people who are far from God. That means that we are out in the world, meeting people and introducing them to our Father and His son Jesus."

Elmo and Kat are planting a church in an urban area. Beginning July 1st, they also began working in the Administrative / Director Role at an orphanage for nine at risk and abandoned girls between the ages of 4 & 16.

http://www.theoneperuministries.com





UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SCHOOL KIT LIST WILL BE IN THE
- SHOE BOXES WILL BE COLLECTED IN NOVEMBER. START COLLECTING THE ITEMS FOR YOU BOXES. ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE SOME OF THE BOXES AVAILABLE.
- WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT BOX TOPS (WE SHARE WITH MISSIONARIES AND OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS) AND CLEAN WORN SHEETS FOR BANDAGES.



by Tiza Dunaway

I loved our Bible School Theme this year which was to "Shine Bright" & be a "Ray of Light". I am happy to share with you some of the exciting ways our youth have been using their God-given gifts & talents to do just that. We congratulate them on these accomplishments & want to encourage them to keep "shining bright"! Speaking of Bible School, Natalee Bryner, Faith Firestone, Rachel Grimm, Gabriel Kemp, & Kenzie Mowry were all a big hit participating in the Bible School skits this year!

Ethan Barkley won 2nd place in the Donegal American Legion Veterans day essay contest.

Jett Dunaway was named to the "Springfield Pride" for the 4th 9 weeks & finished 2nd grade with all A's.

Gabriel Kemp is playing on the Connellsville Jr. Legion team. They finished the season undefeated & now head to play offs.

Logan Kemp played Dunbar Little League Major Division. He is now playing on the 12 yr old All Star team. He also plays for the Connellsville Thunder travel baseball team.

Teran Kemp plays for the Connellsville Thunder travel baseball team.

Trenton Kessler graduated from preschool.

Jacob May graduated from Connellsville Area Senior High School. He was named Student of the Year at Connellsville Vo-tech.

Hanna Mowry graduated from Agora Charter School.

Tesla Mowry is attending Triangle Tech in Greensburg, majoring in Welding.

Kaydance Oldham recently completed her dance season & performed in her class recital June 12th & 13th. She is also playing softball & has had an exciting year pitching & playing 1st base.

Alyssa Orndorff attended the Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh with the Penn State Christian Club in February. She was named to the Dean's List at Penn State Fayette for the Spring Semester, maintained a 4.0 GPA, & has been admitted to the Nursing Program for Fall 2016.

Derek Orndorff was selected as a WPIAL 2nd Team All-Star Infielder. He was also selected to participate in the 5th Annual Big 26 Baseball Classic. He will represent & be playing for Team Pennsylvania in a 3 game series verses Team Maryland July 15-17, 2016 in Harrisburg, PA. On Thursday, July 14th, he and his special needs "buddy" will participate in a Challenger Baseball Game to kick off this special event. During his time in Harrisburg he will be staying with a provided host family. Derek received Highest Honors during the 4th 9 weeks & was inducted into the Connellsville Area High School National Honor Society. He was also selected for the Penn State Fayette, Eberly Campus & United Bank 4.0 Club.

Ashley Pritts made the Dean's List at California University for the Spring Semester.

Allie Richter graduated from Connellsville Area Senior High School.

Amaris Richter made Principals honors at CNP Elementary for both 1st & 2nd semesters.

Sadie Richter made High Honors for the last 9 weeks at CNP Elementary.

Cade Warrick made Highest Honors for the 4th 9 weeks. He is playing baseball for Connellsville Junior American Legion this summer.

Luke Warrick made the Honor Roll for the 4th 9 weeks & was inducted into the National Honor Society. He plays baseball for Connellsville Junior American Legion this summer.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!



On June 4, 2016 Kelsey Elizabeth May, daughter of Keith and Susie May, of Mill Run, PA and Samuel Adam Sprowls, son of Samuel J. and Jacqueline Sprowls, of Hopwood, PA were married at Indian Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Kevin Brooks officiating. A reception followed at The Hayloft in Rockwood, PA. The wedding party included: Matron of Honor, Bethany Owen, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids: Sara Tetil, friend of the bride, Allison Sprowls, sister of the groom, Christen Bolen, cousin of the bride, and Theresa Butler, friend of the bride. Flower Girl Courtney Bolen, cousin of the bride. Best Man, Chris Mikolowsky, brother of the groom. Groomsmen: Matt Macar, friend of groom, Brandon James, friend of the groom, Daniel May, brother of the bride, and Adam Filburn, friend of the groom. Ring Bearer Cole Owen, nephew of the bride. The soloist was Mindy Santore and pianist Vicki Tressler. Alyssa Orndorff, cousin of the bride, was the Guest

Book Attendant and read Scripture. The bubble attendants were Isabella and Ilana Whartenby, cousins of the bride. Following the wedding, the couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico.

Kelsey is a 2014 graduate of Waynesburg University with a degree in Middle Level Education English and Science and a 2015 graduate with her Masters in Special Education. She is currently employed at Suncrest Middle School in Morgantown, WV as a Special Education Teacher.

Samuel is a 2014 graduate of Waynesburg University with degrees in Biology and Chemistry. He will be attending West Virginia University in the fall to obtain his Doctoral Degree in Pharmacology and Toxicology. He is currently employed at Mylan Pharmaceuticals in Morgantown, WV as a chemist.

The happy couple now resides at 5202 Stonewood Drive, Morgantown, WV.

Greetings from Mill Run and Thank You by Patty Ann Dull

We are looking forward to celebrating our nation's 240th birthday in our grove: being thankful for all who have served and for those now serving. We will also be welcoming all of the visitors who come for 'homecoming'. It's a great day to appreciate the freedoms we have and to reflect upon the high cost.

We have just survived the invasion of the 17-year cicadas. Most of us in Mill Run heard them surrounding us, but didn't have a lot of direct bombardment into our yards. Their chorus was loud for a few weeks, some saying that it sounded like a spaceship, idling and waiting to launch. After the eerie sounds died down, many of their remains blew into out yards - pretty wings of luminous silver and orange. I belong to a senior Sunday School class and someone joked that, if any of us are around for the next round, he or she probably will not be hearing them.

We are grateful to folks who have helped us with printing and mailing costs. Thanks to Gilbert and Twanda (Dahl) Kilton, Friendship, MD. (in memory of Don and Thelma Dahl); Patty (Stickel) Hensel, Wheeling, W.VA.; and Virginia Eberharter, Connellsville, PA.

Until next time, keep in touch and in prayer.

The LORD is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1