



# PARADISE LIFE

## AUGUST, 2024



*Your beauty and love chase after  
me every day of my life.  
I'm back home in the house  
of God for the rest of my life.  
Psalm 23:6 (The Message)*

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 Faith Newman	2 Fred Reed	3 Charlotte Sprague
4 Jeane McFadden	5 Luke Ragsdale *Rob & Jeane McFadden	6 Nancy Keller *Floyd & Diane Askey *Garrett & Molly Rowan	7 Craig Limrick *Harold & Nancy London	8 *Bob & Denise Smith	9 Stephanie Fillman Tera Peace Kenlee Smith	10 Laura Keller *Casey & Sydney Peterson
11 George Alexander	12 Tiffany Hand *John & Sheri Bailey	13 *Barry & Rosanne Fillman *John & Bea Kroh *Kevin & Melanie Shepler Holli Polito	14 Mike Stockdale Samantha Rice Elizabeth Rice *Heath & Sunni Reddinger <b>Consistory - 7</b>	15 Josie Mae Reed	16	17 Paige Szewczyk
18  <b>Backpack Blessing</b>	19 William Becker Chuck Pifer Keenan Yohe *Dean & Sandra Reed	20 *Ray & Sherry Keller Ryan Pifer Hunter Trithart	21 *Greg & Kelly Keller Jason Polito	22 Dan Peace Donna Trithart	23 Cassandra Becker *Jim & Lydia Crooks *Bob & Annette Roy	24 Piper Alexander
25 *Rod & Penny Pifer	26	27 Isaac Pifer	28 Elaine Fillhart	29 Chelsea Alexander Melissa Shepler	30 Elizabeth Pifer Heath Reddinger Cheyenne Lupole Sydney Peterson	31

*More pictures from the **Roar! Vacation Bible School** which was held here June 24-26, 2024, are included in this issue of the **PARADISE LIFE**. There is also an updated report of who attended and who helped this year. **Life is wild! God is good!***

**Monthly Report  
June, 2024**

	5/31/2024	Current	Benevol.	Mission	Other	Totals
<b><u>Offering</u></b>		31,436.93	1,395.00	466.43	1,103.05	34,401.41
6/2/2024				155.00	535.00	2,809.00
6/9/2024		1,824.00	295.00	235.00	25.00	2,224.00
6/16/2024		1,554.00	410.00	180.00	125.00	1,725.00
6/23/2024		1,145.00	275.00	60.00	35.00	2,360.00
6/30/2024		1,785.00	480.00	95.00	35.00	1,979.00
		1,629.00	220.00	725.00	755.00	11,097.00
		7,937.00	1,680.00			
<b><u>Other</u></b>						
Troutville Share		1,486.05				1,486.05
Memorial		100.00				100.00
Investment Interest		350.00				350.00
Interest		0.28				0.28
		1,936.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,936.33
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>						
EFT Department of the Treasury		1,011.16				1,011.16
EFT PA Department of Revenue		164.69				164.69
EFT Pension Boards		1,370.50				1,370.50
7295 Bobbi Becker					67.65	67.65
7296 Tom Douthit - Door lock & Liners		141.35				141.35
7297 VOID						0.00
7298 Donna Jarrell - Annual Gathering		478.58				478.58
7299 Penn West Conference			1,170.00			1,170.00
7300 Donna Jarrell		1,420.00				1,420.00
7301 Larry Shepler		344.30				344.30
7302 Master Sunday Bulletins		148.21				148.21
7303 Strong's Pressure Washing		1,150.00				1,150.00
7304 Verizon		83.33				83.33
7305 Unilec		164.75				164.75
7306 Wolff Refuse Service		66.00				66.00
7307 Cru				400.00		400.00
7308 Moving Mountains				200.00		200.00
7309 Living Thunder				50.00		50.00
7310 Brenda Weber		325.00				325.00
7311 Dave Hollis - guest speaker		175.00				175.00
7312 Tom Douthit - Key Pad		114.23				114.23
7313 Upper Room		87.30				87.30
7314 Wolff Refuse Service		49.50				49.50
7315 Branchh					455.00	455.00
7316 Donna Jarrell		1,420.00				1,420.00
7317 Highmark		703.10				703.10
7318 D & R Cleaning LLC		750.00				750.00
7319 Tom Douthit - ceiling fan repair		23.32				23.32
		10,190.32	1,170.00	650.00	522.65	12,532.97
<b>Balance 6/30/24</b>		31,119.94	1,905.00	541.43	1,335.40	34,901.77

Cemetery	600.00
Branchh	60.00
Feeding His Flock	417.00
Bereavement	258.40
	<u>1,335.40</u>

# **Roar! Vacation Bible School**

*Life is wild. God is good!*

Thirty-eight children attended the **Roar! Vacation Bible School** and had lots of fun! It was held at the Paradise Community United Church of Christ on Monday, June 24, Tuesday, June 25 & Wednesday, June 26, 2024, from 6:15 until 8:10 P. M.

## **SAVANNA'S SPIRITED**

### **SPRITES (2-4 Year)**

Briar Barr  
Haley Hanzely  
Adalyn McCloskey  
Brynlee McCloskey  
Mya Muth  
Rory Neal  
Cameron O'Harah  
Karsyn Pifer  
Rhyett Polito  
Josie Reed  
Violet Schreckengost  
Nala States  
Nora States  
Elora Stockdale  
Kylan Stockdale  
Sienna Weber  
Laurel Weber

### **LEADER**

Melissa Shepler

### **HELPERS**

Deja Burkett  
Savannah Villella  
Adrienne Barr  
Susie O'Harah  
Pam Rake  
Brenda Weber

### **COORDINATOR**

Lori Yohe

### **LESSONS**

Lisa Triponey  
Dean Reed (Pharaoh)  
Tracy & Meghan Weber

## **HOOPER'S HEROIC**

### **HUMBLEBEES (5-7 Year)**

Bretley Barr  
Lindsey Hanzely  
Laykin Hartzfeld  
Lucas Hartzfeld  
George Perry  
Madalyn Perry  
Owen Schreckengost  
Ackley Stockdale  
Jackson Triponey  
Lane Zenzi

### **LEADER**

Sunni Reddinger

### **HELPERS**

Lacey Stockdale  
Morgan Shepler

### **KITCHEN HELP**

Michelle Pifer  
Ann Weber  
Meghan Weber  
Tracy Weber

Elaine Fillhart

### **CRAFTS**

Marissa Douthit  
Janet Douthit  
Karen Villella

### **RECREATION**

Bobbi Becker  
Patty Burkett

### **ARTWORK & PAINTING**

Tracy & Meghan Weber

**SONGS** – "Thankful"  
& "I'm Trusting Him"

## **MARGE'S MIGHTY**

### **MOVERS (8-12 Year)**

Dakota Hanzely  
Liam Hartzfeld  
Ryan Hughes  
Genevieve O'Harah  
Jackson Polito  
Kutcher Reed  
Wyatt Reed  
Easton Reddinger  
Amelia Villella  
Jacob Weber  
Evelyn Zenzi

### **LEADER**

Linda Blosh

### **VBS PREPARATIONS**

Bobbi Becker  
Janet Douthit  
Marissa Douthit  
Susie O'Harah  
Michelle Pifer  
Loretta Shepler  
Lisa Triponey  
Karen Villella  
Meghan Weber  
Tracy Weber  
Lori Yohe  
Jacob Weber

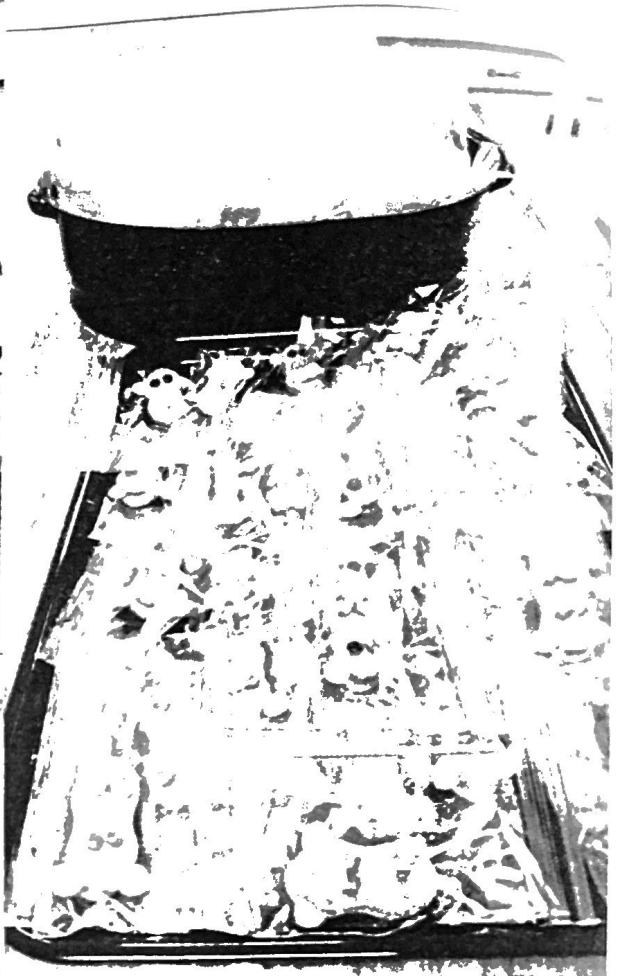
### **REGISTRATION**

Janet Douthit  
Marissa Douthit

### **PICTURES**

Eloise Kosko

**BIBLE VERSE** – Psalm 106:1





## **HOMECOMING WORSHIP SERVICE AND PICNIC**

The annual Paradise Homecoming was held on Sunday, July 7, 2024, with a combined Worship Service of the Paradise Community United Church of Christ and the Troutville Trinity United Church of Christ beginning at 11:00 A. M. in the Paradise Church Sanctuary. Eighty-seven people were in attendance.

The Pre-Service Music was "Battle Hymn of the Republic" played by Loretta Shepler on the organ and Lisa Triponey on the piano. After Pastor Donna Jarrell gave the Greeting, they then played "God of Our Fathers" for the Prelude. After the Call To Worship, the Opening Hymn was "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Pastor Donna Jarrell gave the Invitation to Confession following by the Prayer of Confession by All and the Assurance of Pardon by Denise Smith. The Choir Anthem was "Let Freedom Ring!" directed by Eloise Kosko and accompanied on the piano by Lisa Triponey. Choir members included Mei Bogardus, Rosanne Fillman and Nancy London on Soprano, Cynthia Peace on Alto, Loretta Shepler and Victor Kosko on Tenor and Larry Shepler on Bass. During the Children's Time, Lori Yohe spoke about "Freedom" and allowed each child to choose a lolly pop of their favorite color.

The Scriptures were Mark 6:1-13, Luke 4:17-21 and John 8:31-34. Pastor Donna Jarrell's sermon was appropriately entitled "Homecoming." Dean Reed read "A Prayer for Veterans" and then recognized the following Veterans who were present: Bob Burkett, Lowell Friedline, Harold London, Max Pifer and Mike Stablein. Then, everyone sang "God Bless America." Lane Weber led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian flag. "A Prayer for America" was given by Jacob Weber and Jackson Polito.

After the Prayers of the People and the Offering, the Closing Hymn was "The Star-Spangled Banner." Tracy Weber gave the Benediction, and Loretta Shepler and Lisa Triponey played "This Is My Country" for the Postlude.

Special thanks to the following members of the Homecoming Committee who planned the Worship Service and the Picnic held afterwards: Gail Pifer, Dean Reed, Loretta Shepler and Tracy Weber. In addition, Ann Weber and Linda Blosh decorated the church, and Larry Shepler placed the flags outside the front of the church. The Community Building (where the picnic was held) was decorated by Dean Reed, Jacob Weber and Tracy Weber. Thanks also to everyone who helped and everyone who attended! It was a beautiful day! God bless our country!

**Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit is, there is freedom.** 2 Corinthians 3:17

**If the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed.** John 8:36







## Paradise Consistory Meeting July 10, 2024

Pastor Donna opened with prayer.

Those in attendance were: Linda Blosch, Brenda Weber, Bob Roy, Dean Reed, Diane Carlson, Pastor Donna, and Karen Villella.

Minutes and Treasurers reports read and approved with a correction for last months meeting Pastor Donna was at last months meeting.

Old Business: Bob is checking into signs for men and women's bathrooms. Fuel tank don't needed changed yet but will be in by the end of July. Bob made a motion to replace fuel filters for Carlson's. Church has been cleaned and carpets.

New Business: Pastor Donna gave notice her last day will be October 6, 2024. Glenn Perry's membership was reinstated at his request. On July 14, 2024 Mei Borgardus will become a member of our church . Adrienne Barr and Darcie Grenier are also interested in becoming members so Pastor Donna will check with them. Dave Ackerman will be here July 21, if anyone has questions after church. Ballots were discussed. Linda will be at the church July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8p.m. and July 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. Voting will be closed after service on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Consistory will do the counting. Diane made a motion that the excess fuel be taken up to youth center it was seconded. August 18<sup>th</sup> Dan Reed and Sarah would like to get their daughter Josie baptized. August 18<sup>th</sup> is corn and doggie roast at Paradise.

Next consistory meeting will be August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by: Karen Villella



## **Women's Service Group July Picnic Meeting**

The Women's Service Group held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 1:00 P. M. at the home of Pastor Donna Jarrell and Tom Young at 108 Dale Street in Tionesta. They had planned on an outside picnic, but because of the rain, they had an indoor picnic which was fine! The rain was greatly needed and appreciated!

Following a prayer of gratitude, the group enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch in their living room which included Tom's grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and a great selection of salads and all kinds of desserts!

After the picnic lunch, Eloise Kosko did a lesson about the Twelve Steps which Pastor Donna Jarrell has been using in her "Spiritual Awakening" Sermons during the months of June and July. Eloise gave everyone a copy of "The Twelve Steps Of Alcoholics Anonymous" and a copy of "The Twelve Principles with Scripture." (Both copies are included in this issue of the PARADISE LIFE.) Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith founded AA in 1935 and drew their inspiration for the Twelve Steps from the Oxford Group, an evangelical Bible Study. These Twelve Steps and their Principles can also be used by Christians in their walk with God. To conclude the lesson, Elaine Fillhart read the Serenity Prayer, and Eloise gave everyone a tract titled "God Will Forgive You."

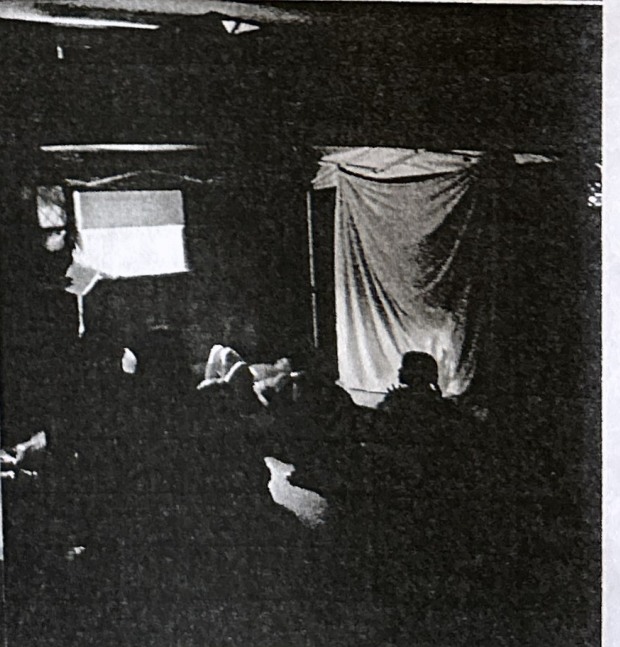
Vice President, Michelle Pifer, opened the meeting with prayer. Pastor Donna Jarrell suggested that the group have a "Sharing Time," and many took the opportunity to share some personal stories which were very meaningful and touching.

During the business portion of the meeting, Secretary, Bobbi Becker, read the minutes from the last meeting. Treasurer, Linda Blosh, reported that the group has \$289.88 in the treasury and around 35 to 40 cookbooks are remaining. Linda Pifer did the flowers at church for the month of June, and Ann Weber is doing the flowers for July. Michelle Pifer suggested that everyone send a Get Well Card to Jane Pifer (who normally sends out the cards) because she has not been feeling well lately. Paradise Blessings for August will be Olive Pifer who will soon be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Diane & Floyd Askey. The Women's Service Group also discussed the Birthday Party that they will be doing at the DuBois Nursing Home on Thursday, July 25, at 2:00 P. M. Eloise Kosko announced that the program theme will be "The Goodness of God."

The next meeting of the Women's Service Group will be Thursday, August 21, at 7:00 P. M. at the church. Bobbi Becker and Patty Burkett will share the hostess duties, and Nancy London will do the devotions. Ann Weber will be in charge of the flowers at church during the month of August. All ladies of the church are invited to come!

Those members and guests attending the Picnic Meeting included: Bobbi Becker, Linda Blosh, Patty Burkett, Donna Chollock, Elaine Fillhart, Barry & Rosanne Fillman, Debbie Pifer, Donna Pifer, Linda Pifer, Michelle Pifer, Denise Smith, Eloise Kosko, and hosts, Pastor Donna Jarrell and Tom Young. Special thanks to them for a lovely day!







## THE TWELVE STEPS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him*.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

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The Twelve Steps are explained in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

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## ***The Twelve Principles with Scripture***

1. **Honesty** *I know, O Lord, that the way of human beings is not in their control, that mortals as they walk cannot direct their steps. Jeremiah 10:23*
2. **Hope** *And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6*
3. **Surrender** *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3: 5-6*
4. **Courage** *Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless, indeed, you fail to meet the test! 2 Corinthians 13:5*
5. **Integrity** *If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*
6. **Willingness** *You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds. Ephesians 4:22-23*
7. **Humility** *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Psalm 51:2*
8. **Love** *And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32*
9. **Responsibility** *Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. James 5:16*
10. **Discipline** *As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other, just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Colossians 3:12-13*
11. **Awareness** *I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*
12. **Service** *Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4*

*from "What Are the 12 Principles of AA?" in Recovery (June 26, 2024)  
by Molly Lauroesch, the Director of Alumni Services at FHE Health.*

*from "AA's (and NA's) Twelve Steps in Scripture" in Beyond Today (December 8, 2011)  
by Larry Walker, an Elder at the United Church of Christ in Bend, Oregon.*

## **Small Group Conversation & Fellowship Meetings**

The first meeting with members of the Research Committee was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 6:30 P. M. in the church basement. Lane Weber opened with prayer. Some of the topics of discussion were the vision and process of transition if our church votes to move in a new direction, the ballot for the congregational vote and the possible time-line for hiring a new minister. Donna Chollock closed the meeting with the following prayer from An Interactive Bible Study from Season 3 of **The Chosen**: **“Dear Jesus, Thank You for coming to earth, not only to die for my sins and rise again to secure my salvation, but also for living a perfect life. Your life displayed wisdom in the face of confusion, courage in the face of hardship, peace in the face of difficulty, and faithfulness in the face of despair. You understand the storms of life that I find myself in today, and I recognize that You’re the Lord of my storms. I do believe in You, but help my unbelief (Mark 9:24). Please make me more and more like You so that I can live in the midst of these storms with more of Your character (2 Peter 1:3-12). When I need to step out in faith and take a stand for You, give me the wisdom, courage, peace and faithfulness to do it with my hope set on You. Amen.”** Members of the Research Committee who were present included Bobbi Becker, Lori Yohe, Sunni Reddinger, Lane Weber, Joyce London, Donna Chollock and Eloise Kosko. Others in attendance were Debbie Pifer, Harold London and Nancy London.

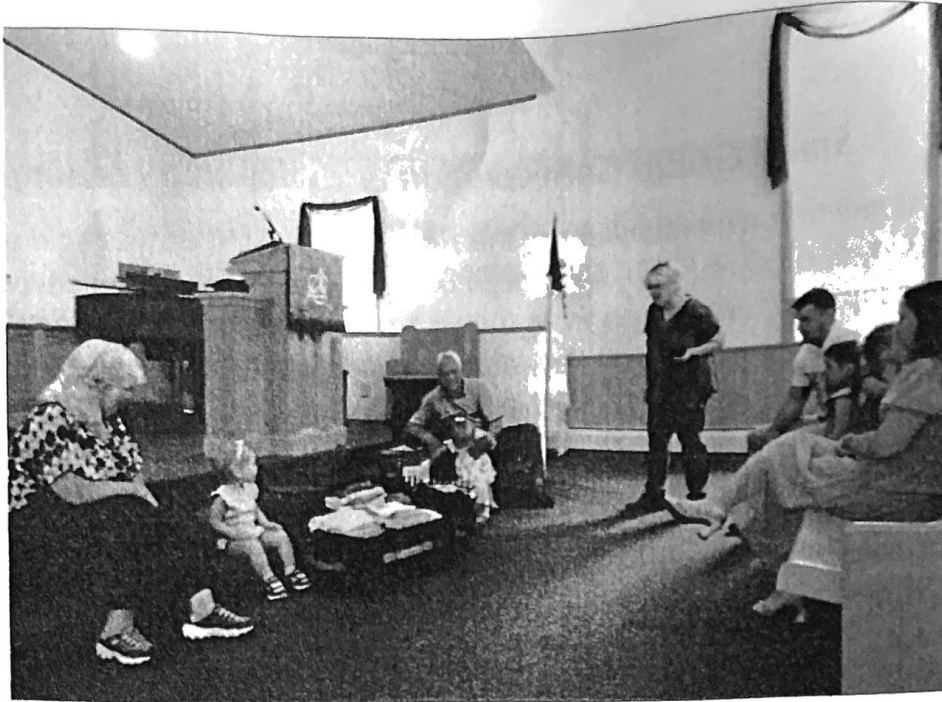
The second meeting with members of the Research Committee was held on Friday, July 19, 2024, at 2:00 P. M. in the church basement. Two of the topics of conversation were concerns about our congregation this year and the process of hiring a new minister. Rev. Barry Fillman was our minister for forty-one years, and he retired in 2009, which was fifteen years ago. Lisa Triponey asked Barry Fillman to close the meeting with prayer, and then she shared some of her delicious homemade blueberry muffins. Research Committee members who were present included Lisa Triponey, Marissa Douthit, Donna Chollock and Eloise Kosko. Barry Fillman also attended.

## **Birth Announcement**

Congratulations to Calvin and Paige (Weber) Szewczyk of North Versailles, Pennsylvania, on the birth of their first child, **Miles John Szewczyk**, who was born on Sunday, July 21, 2024 at 3:38 A. M. He weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. Maternal grandparents are Lane and Brenda Weber, and the maternal great grandmother is Ann Weber. Paternal grandparents are John and Lisa Szewczyk, and the paternal great grandmother is Margaret Szewczyk.

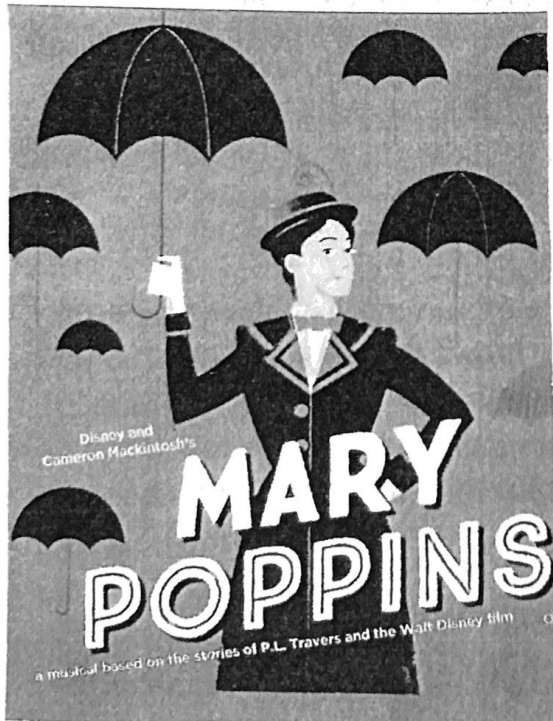
**Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him.**

*Psalm 127:3*



On Sunday, June 30, a **Blessing** was given for the two suitcases of children's T-shirts and jeans which were collected by the Primary Sunday School classes during the month of June for children in **Guatemala**. They were delivered by the **Moving Mountains Mission** to the village of Santa Maria de Jesus in Guatemala July 12-20, 2024. During their mission trip, they built bunk beds, installed concrete floors, replaced tin roofs, distributed clothing and shoes to children, delivered supplies of food to villagers and hosted Vacation Bible School. Thanks to all who helped with their contributions!

Pictured above are Pam Rake, Nala States, Gracelynn Carlson, Mike Carlson, Pastor Donna Jarrell, Michael McCloskey, Adalyn McCloskey, Brynlee McCloskey and Sierra McCloskey.



On Friday, June 28, 2024, five members of the Women's Service Group and one guest attended the musical **Mary Poppins** at the Reitz Theater in DuBois. The show was "Practically Perfect in Every Way!" Their performance was just as excellent as any show would be in Pittsburgh!

Those who attended were Elaine Fillhart, Donna Pifer, Linda Pifer, Michelle Pifer, Eloise Kosko and Linda Kosko Toth.

Also attending the same performance were Melissa Shepler, Nancy Bittner and Mary Kay London.

## St. Paul's Auxiliary

The meeting of St. Paul's Auxiliary was held on Monday, July 22, 2024 at the Troutville Church. It was our annual White Elephant Sale.

Present were: Barb Dixon, Millie Agnew, Donna Schriver, Lee Knarr, Judy & Alex Topalanchick, Becky Anderson, Nancy London, Barry & Rosanne Fillman, Jaye McKee, Donna Chollock, Linda Pifer, Donna Pifer, Loretta Shepler, Tom Young, Pastor Donna Jarrell, Kathy Hartzfeld, Joyce London, Eloise Kosko and Sally Knarr.

We opened with the song "I Love To Tell the Story". We sang one verse by memory with Judy Topalanchick accompanying on the piano. Sally Knarr had the devotions.

Lunch was served by the ladies of the Troutville Church and as usual it was a fabulous lunch.

Our auction began with Pastor Donna as our auctioneer. We raised a total of \$317.00 which will be sent to St. Paul's Auxiliary. This year the Auxiliary is raising funds to purchase new patio furniture for the Bistro patio that overlooks the fountain courtyard between The Villas and The Heritage. Last year we raised \$243.00, so it was a good night with lots of laughter and lots of really nice items for sale.

We didn't have time for a business meeting, but I am reporting on a few things that happened between our last meeting on April 2024. The April meeting was held at Paradise and our speaker was Melissa Silvis. She has traveled the world and feels a responsibility to help struggling people. She said Missionaries were asked what is the most spiritually bankrupt country in the world and they said America. A collection was taken for Melissa to help her with her mission and it totaled \$90.00. She encouraged everyone to get involved to help those struggling. She preached at the Presbyterian Church in Big Run when they closed due to lack of worshippers and the church was full. Sad to see churches close.

Membership – we have a total of 30 members, 18 from Paradise and 12 from Troutville. We sent a total of \$109.00 to St. Paul's Auxiliary for our memberships. Our checkbook has a total of \$124.58.

Submitted by Loretta Shepler





*Pastor Donna Jarrell is shown with three new members, **Adrienne Barr**, **Darcie Mae Grenier** and **Mei Bogardus**, who joined our congregation on Sunday, July 14, 2024. May God grant His richest blessings on them in Christian love!*



*Melissa Shepler is shown performing the song, "**John 3:16**" by Anne Wilson, for Special Music on Sunday, July 14, 2024.*

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life."*

*John 3:16*



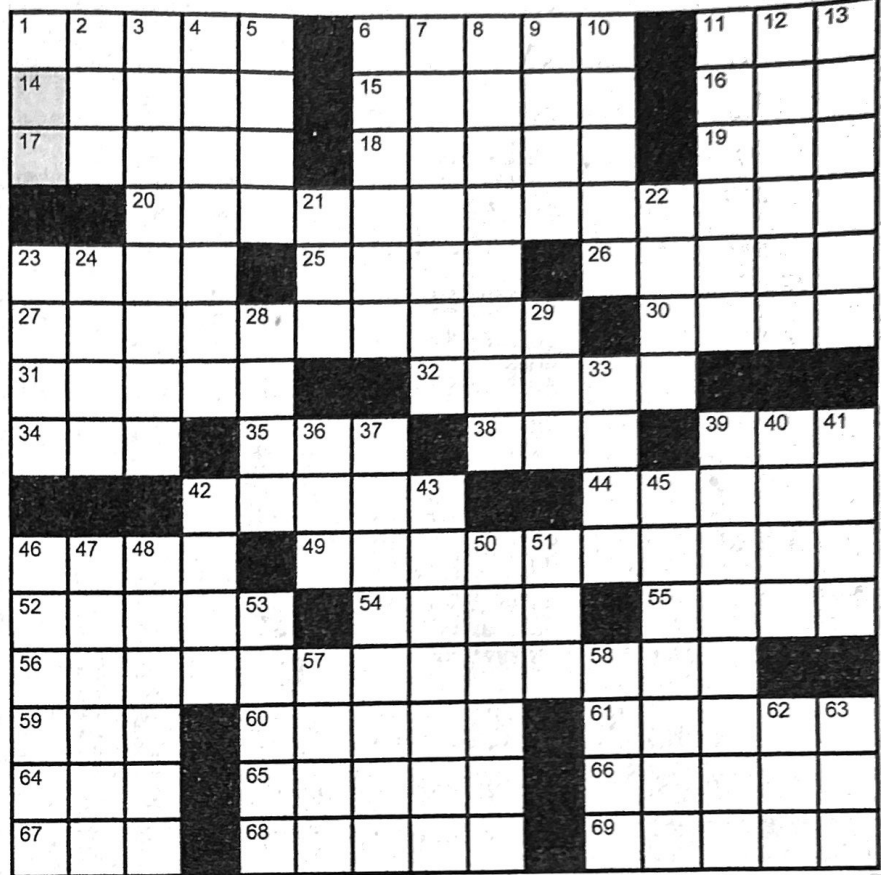
# INTO ALL THE WORLD

**EASY**  
Solution on page 23

The theme answers in this puzzle all relate to activity that's hinted at by the gray-shaded word. That word also, together with the title, completes Jesus' command for his disciple (and us) in Mark 16:15

## ACROSS

1. Symbol like "prayer hands" or "heart eyes"
6. Track and Field Hall of Famer Devers and Basketball Hall of Famer Goodrich
11. Eli and Peyton Manning, for two: Abbr.
14. 1950s-'60s actress Lolobrigida and 1980s-'90s actress Gershon
15. Year, *en français*
16. Notre Dame legend Parseghian
17. 1300 hours
18. Non-glossy finish
19. Dissenting vote
20. "He refreshes my soul. He guides me along \_\_\_\_\_ for his name's sake."  
(Psalm 23:3 NIV)
23. On the sheltered side, to a sailor
25. Roll-call reply
26. Rip-offs
27. "Such a large crowd of witnesses is all around us! So we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won't let go. And we must be determined to \_\_\_\_\_ that is ahead of us." (Hebrews 12:1 CEV)
30. Exxon, overseas
31. Offering initiated by Abraham in the Bible, when he gave one to Melchizedek
32. Labyrinths
34. Wood used in Louisville Slugger bats and some wands in the "Harry Potter" series
35. George W. Bush is the only president to have earned this univ. degree
38. Atomic energy org. since 1974
39. Food preservative (anagram of BAH)
42. Sauce that's heavy on garlic...and vowels
44. Letter-shaped girder — which seems to make sense just before 46-Across
46. Letter-shaped girder — which seems to make sense just after 45-Across
49. "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye \_\_\_\_\_ of the vocation wherewith ye are called." (Ephesians 4:1 KJV)
52. By land \_\_\_\_\_
54. Dot on a radar screen
55. "Eureka" moments
56. "God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any of us. 'For in him \_\_\_\_\_ and have our being.'" (Acts 17:27-28a NIV)
59. Tool for Paul Bunyan (or, slangily, for Gene Simmons)
60. Like gunmen and octopi
61. Diets drastically



64. Never, *auf deutsch* (anagram of EIN)
  65. Former East German secret police (anagram of SISTA)
  66. Pink part of a cow, in cartoon
  67. Motor oil brand
  68. Nerve-racking
  69. Takes a nice long bath
- ## DOWN
1. Braggart's "I" problem
  2. 60 secs.
  3. Percentage given in a 31-Across offering
  4. Brother of Shem and Ham, in the Bible
  5. "Woe \_\_\_\_\_"
  6. More like overripe meat
  7. "A RAG MAN" is one for this answer
  8. All wrapped up, to a cinematographer
  9. 1990's Dallas Cowboys lineman Leon, with three Super Bowl rings
  10. Oozes
  11. Australian airline noted for its safety by Dustin Hoffman's Raymond in "Rain Man"
  12. Along with Bach and Beethoven, the third great "B" of classical music
  13. States to be true
  21. Baseball scoreboard letters
  22. Las Vegas WNBA team, who won their first title in 2022
  23. Woman at the well to Jesus in John 4:19 KJV: "Sir, I perceive that thou \_\_\_\_\_ prophet"

24. Baseball Hall-of-Fame shortstop Aparicio
28. Prefix with -sphere, meaning "half"
29. Bible book before Neh.
33. Canyon reverberation
36. Reaction to an ovation
37. Hank Aaron or Hank Williams, by birth state
39. Maryland city where NIH is headquartered, named for a pool mentioned in John 5
40. Funny (or sarcastic) joke response
41. Gospel's Grant and comedy's Poehler
42. "Whose woods these \_\_\_\_\_ think I know": lines from Robert Frost's famous poem
43. Malady
45. Aura of courage; swagger
46. John Wayne and Ashton Kutcher, by birth state
47. Slangily, the subject of a 2016 UK referendum about its leaving the EU
48. Catching Z's
50. \_\_\_\_\_ pool (not the deep end, for sure)
51. Typist's stat: Abbr.
53. "Hold it right there!" to a pirate
57. Big name in Art Deco design (anagram of TREE)
58. "Just the Two \_\_\_\_\_" (1981 Grover Washington Jr. Grammy-winning hit)
62. William Shatner sci-fic book: "\_\_\_\_\_ War"
63. Many promgoers: Abbr.

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## DuBois Nursing Home Birthday Party

The Women's Service Group hosted a **Birthday Party** for twenty residents and three aides of the DuBois Nursing Home on Thursday, July 25, at 2:00 P. M. The theme of the program was **"The Goodness of God."**

Scriptures referring to God's Goodness which were read included Genesis 31:1, James 1:17, Psalm 34:8, Psalm 106:1, Exodus 33:19, 1 Timothy 4:4, Psalm 23:6, Galatians 6:10 and Galatians 5:22-23. Hymns in the program were "We Sing the Greatness of Our God," "Good Is So Good" and "Surely Goodness and Mercy." The poems given were "Gifts of God," "A Psalm of Gratitude," "We Thank Thee" and "Be Good." Eloise Kosko also sang a solo entitled "Goodness of God," and everyone sang **"Happy Birthday"** after a Unison Prayer. Gifts were also given to the residents present.

Debbie Pifer baked the delicious yellow and chocolate cupcakes with icing crosses, Bobbi Becker provided the blue paper products and gifts, Elaine Fillhart furnished blue fruit drink and Michelle Pifer brought the ice cream cups which were so good! Eloise Kosko organized the program and even used blue paper for the typed programs!

Those who attended were Nancy London, Michelle Pifer, Linda Pifer, Donna Pifer, Elaine Fillhart, Donna Chollock, Eloise Kosko and Harold London. The residents and staff of the DuBois Nursing Home were very appreciative and so grateful! Everyone had a good time at the **Birthday Party!**

### INTO ALL THE WORLD

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Crossword Puzzle  
Submitted by Rosanne Fillman