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# GOOD NEWS

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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## FROM THE PASTOR



When I think of March I think of a certain amount of madness. I suppose because of my great love for basketball and

the chaos associated with tournament play.

I'm certain this March will be the same as different tournaments begin and end.

Sometimes it feels like there's chaos in the life of the church. Many of us choose to serve in a variety of capacities and on various committees in different ways.

The one factor that keeps us from being chaotic is that we are all serving our God and focused in on glorifying Him. This is rooted in our Methodist tradition and a biblical mandate. In order for us to be the very best church we can be we must continually remind ourselves that we are serving a risen Savior. When we put him first in all that we do the chaos becomes focus.

Romans 12:1 and following encourages off to us to present ourselves to God as living sacrifices. Colossians 1:18 teaches us that in all things Christ should be preeminent.

As we continue to serve Him, let us remember that He calms storms, He calls us by our name, He adds meaning and purpose to all that we have and all that we are, and all that we do.

Grace and Truth,  
John  
252-474-8454

## *Continue to Celebrate the Season of Lent with us!*

Lenten Events:

Wednesday Night Lenten Fellowship Meals: February 17 thru March 23 ; 6:00 PM

"Lenten Readings" – a time of quiet: Each Wednesday morning March 2 thru March 23; 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Easter Outreach Event (more info on page 3) : March 19; 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Palm Sunday / Easter Cantata "My Savior's Love": March 20; 10:00 AM Combined Service

Good Friday Communion Service: March 25 ; 7:00 PM

## *Room at the Inn*

Our next week for Room at the Inn is coming up March 20-27. This is a tremendous mission opportunity right at our back door, and we need your help. Remember, "Love thy neighbor?" That wasn't a suggestion.

### **What can you do to help?**

- Offer to prepare and serve a dinner. Our guests are not hard to please, and they appreciate whatever we do. Or offer to help Methodist Men with a breakfast!

- Offer your time. Spend a night at the Cove with our guests. This is so easy! Simply eat dinner with the group at 6pm, hang out until bedtime (10pm), sleep on a comfy sofa in the living room, and make sure everyone is up and ready for breakfast by 7am. Sometimes, providing a listening ear is a great mission opportunity. Sometimes, everyone just wants to watch TV, or everyone goes to bed early. These volunteers are the hardest to find, so please consider offering one night?? All it takes is a little compassion and sleeping away from your home for a few hours!

Don't wait for Mrs Jean Payne (meals-252-473-3079) or Gib Harrison (overnight folks -252-473-8025) to call you and ask for help. PLEASE CALL THEM and ask when they need you? I promise you, you'll be blessed by serving. Don't miss this opportunity.

Bonnie Strawser (252-423-0815)

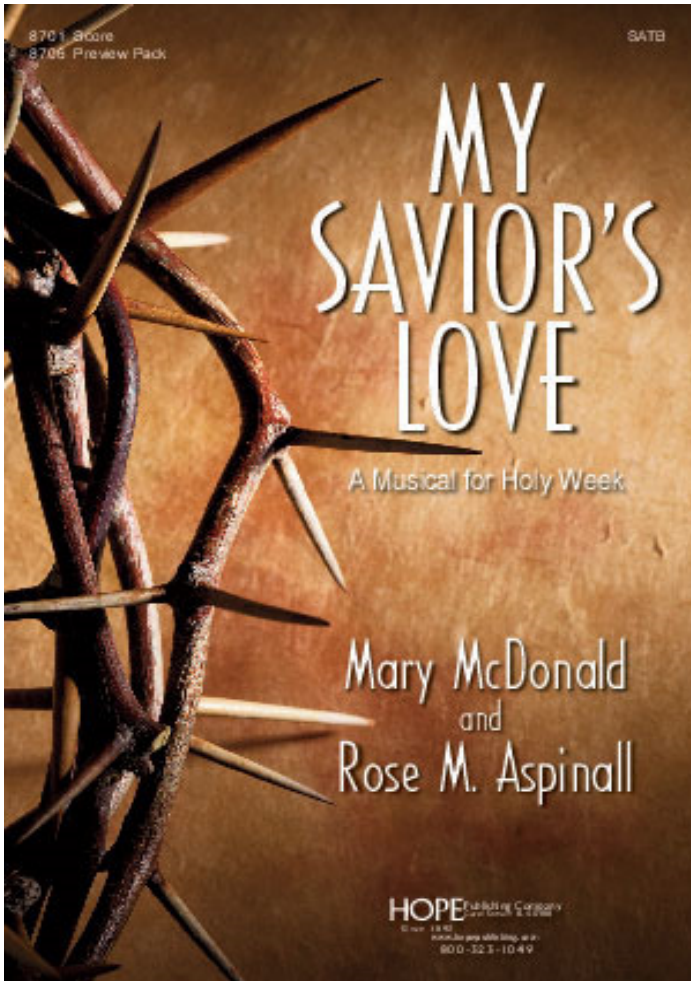


# Music Ministry



**Ephesians 5:19** Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,

Our chancel choir leads worship each Sunday morning for the 11:00 AM service. If you are interested in singing with the choir, we meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the choir room. We could use a few more men!



The Resounding Praise team leads worship for the 8:30 AM service each Sunday. If you are interested in joining then stop in at a rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM or contact me for more information. We would love to see you there.



If you are in 6 – 12th grade and are looking for a great time to worship with your peers then come and join us. Youth Praise will meet on Sunday evenings starting Sunday, September 6. We will be singing for the 8:30 services on September 20, October 18, and November 15. We would love to have you share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.

Blessings,  
Nathan Schierer

## “My Savior’s Love”

On Palm Sunday, March 20 at 10:00AM the Chancel Choir will present its Easter Cantata entitled My Savior’s Love. If you are interested in joining us, THERE IS STILL TIME! Please contact me and I will give you some music and more information.

I would like to share the following narration from My Savior’s Love:

“Everlasting mercy meets a cross. This was the ending that created every new beginning. Darkness and despair were transformed by something entirely new... Calvary’s love. This love took every loss, every bit of brokenness and pain, and with the pieces wrote a new song – a wondrous song that rose like a fragrant offering from the earth to heaven where Jesus stood with gates wide open.

The message and meaning of the cross and Easter is a powerful one. Without Christ as the center of our lives, we are wandering in darkness. Let us celebrate our great Redeemer each day and throughout the coming Easter season. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

If you enjoy singing and are interested in helping lead worship for the 11:00 AM service on Sunday mornings, you are invited to join the Chancel Choir on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the choir room. We would love to see you there!



# Evangelism

The Evangelism Committee has been hard at work to bring you another year filled with opportunities to share with those that do not have the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ especially in today's volatile world. Are we at Mount Olivet UMC ready to approach those that need God's love, comfort, and hope? Are you ready to go outside the safety of our church walls to proclaim the bad news of sin and wrath and the good news of love, grace, mercy and faith? Begin with prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in witnessing, and that doors will be open with the opportunity to share your faith, experiences, and love of your Savior and Redeemer, Jesus!

To start your journey, begin with the opportunities already started at Mount Olivet. Come and sit with a Room in the Inn participate at breakfast or dinner, or share with the folks that attend our Fish Fry's, or what about telling the Good News through music with the choir when they minister to the elderly at the nursing homes and through the cantata's. You may join the many choirs in the community that bring the love and joy of Christ through music. Serve at the Hosea House, Dare Challenge, or the Crisis Pregnancy Center. What about joining a few that hide shells with Scripture written on them at the beach during the summer months, share the good news when we feed the lifeguards, or take a Gideon Bible with you to your next doctor or dentist appointment and leave it in the reception area. Have you ever left the Bible in the lunch room at work? Watch it disappear and ask God to touch the person who took it. There are so many opportunities and open doors for you to spread the Good News.

Let me share with you the upcoming events that your Evangelism Committee members are currently planning:



Instead of a Revival this winter, we will hold a Movie Night on March 13th. The movie we will be showing is War Room and is open to all in the community. We will serve soup and sandwiches at 5:30 pm with the showing of the movie at 6:30 pm. Popcorn will be available to further the feel of being in a movie theater. Bring your friends, neighbors, and family members to this wonderful and powerful movie. What a way to bring Jesus to those non-believers or fence-sitters.



The Church Family Picnic is scheduled for September 18th at the Old Swimming Hole. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be supplied with the church Sunday Schools supplying drinks and the congregation bringing delicious side dishes and desserts. Reserve this date on your calendars for a fun family time and fellowship.



Our Fall Revival will be on October 23 - 26th. Surveys are out in the bulletins and one is included here in the newsletter. Tell us who you would like as a speaker and what topic you would like to hear about. What are your interests? Do you have a favorite speaker you would like to have bring the message? What type music would you like to hear and are there any favorite groups you would like to have? Fill out the survey and return to the office so we can work on putting this event together.



On November 6th, we will once again setup downtown during Marathon Sunday, to reach out to those in the marathon race and the spectators. Mark your calendars to join us as we set up a prayer table for prayer requests and to pray with them. We will also have games, face painting and crafts for the children. Everyone loves music. Join the praise team and others as we play instruments and sing Christian songs. And that's not all! We will be handing out Mount Olivet bags with water and a snack to the runners. Don't miss out on this powerful outreach.



December 2nd is the downtown festivities of the Christmas Tree Lighting and performance; AND our outreach of serving Brunswick Stew to those in

attendance. Keeping the name of Jesus in Christmas is always our platform for that night. Our wish for this service is to have the youth and you on the frontline serving the public. As Dock reminds us "it's a great way to experience giving and not receiving". So add this event to your calendar.



Lastly is Christmas Caroling on December 18th at 6:00 pm singing to our shut-in's. Designated drivers and song sheets will be available and of course we will have our walking tour. Cookies and hot chocolate will be a wonderful finish to the caroling.

We hope you are as excited as we are in bringing these opportunities to you. If you have ideas or suggestions that will take us out of our comfort zone, to a community that needs to hear the Good News of Jesus, please let us know. May God challenge you to reach out and speak for Him.

Blessings,  
Evangelism Committee

**Please fill out this survey, cut on the double line and return to the office.**

Please take a few minutes to answer the questions below so the Evangelism Committee can better serve you.

What speakers would you like to hear from at an upcoming revival?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What 3 topics would you be interested in hearing about?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What type music and groups would you like to have?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



*Nannie Midgett Circle*

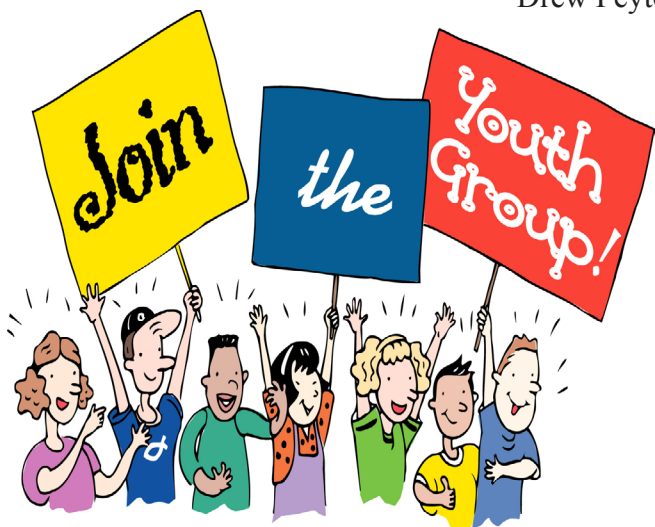
The Nannie Midgett Circle will meet on March 21st, 2016 at Joyce Etheridge's at 7:30 pm.

Toni Franklin

# YM Youth Ministry

We have some exciting events coming up in March, please check out the following information to find out more about schedule changes as well as upcoming trips and events at the Cove Student Ministries.

Drew Peyton



## March Scheduling Changes

**Sunday, March 13th- Movie Night featuring the movie "War Room" at Mount Olivet.**

Students will meet at the Cove at 5:30 for a snack and prayer time. We will walk over to the church building together before the movie starts at 6:30. The movie will end around 8:30 pm.

**Sunday, March 20th- Youth group will meet at its normal time: 5:00-7:00, but we will be meeting in the main church building rather than the Cove. Join us for snack, a lesson, and a photo scavenger hunt! We will meet in Room C (near the church kitchen) at 5:00 and finish in the sanctuary at 7:00.**

**Sunday, March 27th- We will not meet for youth group due to Easter, enjoy the time with your families and friends. He is risen!**



## Cove Summer Mission Trip Deadline

I am excited to announce that the Cove will be going on a mission trip this summer! Our trip will be taking place the week of June 18th-24th, in Wheelwright, Kentucky. Our group's primary service project will be a VBS to children in the area, and we will also be helping to complete some minor home repair projects. This will be a great opportunity for our students to serve people in need, and I am looking forward to our trip! The total cost of the trip will start at \$349, but we will be offering fundraisers as opportunities for the students to lower the cost.

Please note that each student who is attending the trip must sign up and pay a non-refundable \$100 deposit to the church office by Friday, March 18th. This deposit will secure the student's spot and will go toward the cost of the trip. I will also need to know the student's T-shirt size by that date. This is a hard deadline that I will not be able to extend, so make sure to sign up soon! Please let me know if the cost of the deposit is an obstacle to your child's availability to go.

This trip will be open to students who are now in the 6th-12th grade, including the graduating class of 2016. Last year our trip was life-changing for many of the students who went, and I am looking forward to another fantastic trip. Please let me know if you have any questions that I can help you answer.

## 2016 Spring Schedule

\*All events are open for students in the 6th-12th grade unless otherwise stated\*

Wednesday- High School Bible Study, 8:00-9:30 pm at Drew's House. This Bible study is open to all 9th-12th grade students. We will discuss topics that are of interest to our students, study the Scriptures and pray together.

Thursday morning youth breakfast, 7:00 -7:40 am each Thursday morning school is in session; come out for a great hot breakfast and a guest speaker each week. Transportation is provided to middle and high school after breakfast. This event meets in "Room A" inside the main church building.

Sunday night Youth Group 5:00 - 7:00 pm. This is a time for students to grow in their love for God and their love for one another as they fellowship through the sharing of heavy snacks, playing games, and studying Scripture together.

Sunday school will continue to meet as previously scheduled. (9:45-10:45)





## March Nursery Volunteers

Date	8:30 Service	Sunday School	11:00 Service
March 6	Jackie Hart 473-6579	Jan Culpepper 757-373-4155	Brenda Davis 305-8393
March 13	Carly Hernly 305-8288		Martha Howell 475-1117
March 20 Palm Sunday		9 am Sunday Sch Elizabeth Gallop 423-0484	10 am Church Jennifer Phillips 473-5269
March 27 Easter Sunday	Rita Shaffer 473-6630 Joyce Edwards 473-3845	Millicent Duprey 473-6079 Denise Trevino 305-8210	Kathy Seawell 473-2056 Wynne Hopkins 475-1006

Thank you for volunteering to serve our children in the church nursery. Your time is appreciated! If you cannot serve during your scheduled time, please make arrangements to swap with someone on the schedule. The nursery can always use more volunteers. If you are willing to serve, please contact me!

*Elizabeth Gallop elizabethgallop@yahoo.com 423-0484*

## preschool ministry



## Preschool News

The months of January and February have been full of fun in Preschool. We have done some fun winter crafts and hung snowflakes all over our room. We studied about Martin Luther King in January and in February we had a special cookie and Valentine exchange and talked about love and sharing with our friends. We also studied about the presidents of the United States and practiced saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

The preschool also purchased a projector to use with our Letter Land curriculum because the kids were having a hard time being able to see the computer screen. It has been an awesome thing! Even our after school kids are benefiting from it because we can watch movies on a big screen now and they love it!

Thank you,

Shon and Scarlet



March 2016

Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers

8:30 Rodney & Sarah Benson

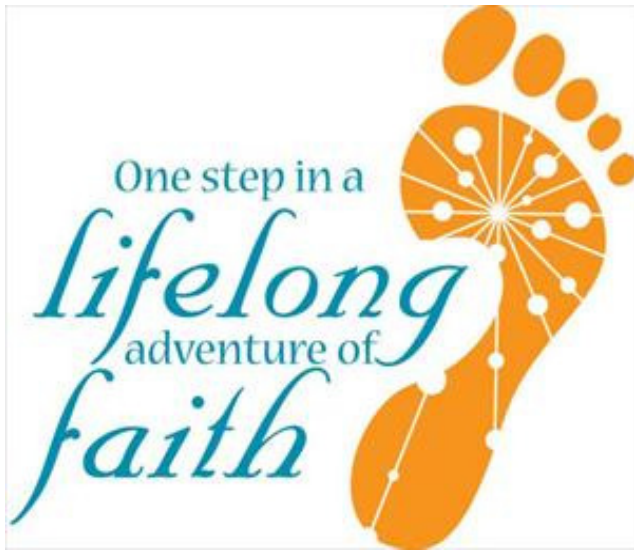
11:00 Terry & Valerie Wheeler 473-5595

Thanks to everyone who helps with Worship Committee activities.

Happy Easter from the Worship Committee!

*Sarah Wise, Chair*





## Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class- This class will start on April 3rd and end on Pentecost Sunday, which is May 15th. This class is open to 6th-8th grade students, and will take place at the Cove during the normal Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45). There will be a separate Sunday school class offered at the same time for any student who has already been through Confirmation or is not interested in doing so. If any high school students have not been confirmed and are interested in doing so, they should talk to Drew for more information.

Students will be expected to attend every session of the seven week course. In order to complete Confirmation, students may not miss more than two classes throughout the seven weeks, and they will need to make up the information from those classes that they missed. Additionally, at least one parent of each child that goes through the class will be required to attend a parent Confirmation class that Pastor John will teach during those weeks.

He will be going through the same curriculum in the parents class that we will be covering in the class for students, which will allow the parents to discuss the Confirmation class with their children. In the event that a parent is unable to attend Pastor John's class, a sponsor may go in their place. That class will also take place during the Sunday school hour and will be open to any adults who would like to attend it, including those who do not have children that will be attending the Confirmation class.

This class will be a great opportunity for students to become more rooted in their faith as we discuss the core truths of Christianity and how these truths impact the life of a Christian. Please see Drew or Pastor John for more information about the Confirmation class.

## Missions

Easter comes early this year so we are clearly in our season of Lent already. As you know; each year we choose a LOCAL, NATIONAL, & INTERNATIONAL mission opportunity for us to bless as our Lenten/Easter Mission Opportunity. This year it is STRONG MISSIONS in Costa Rica. We have a group of folks going down in July from Mt Olivet consisting of Middle Schoolers to Senior Adults and are very excited about what God has in store for them on this trip.

With this said; this is our "all in one focus" and you will be hearing more about it between now and the time of the trip. We are hoping to have some fundraisers to help out our Missionaries and we know you will be there to help.

More than anything right now, this group needs your prayers - won't you agree to put them on your prayer radar and lift them up as God lays them on your hearts?

Missions Committee



YOUTH COME IN ALL AGES!





As you might have already heard, the trustees have been working on a plan to make some much needed repairs and updates. The finance team and administrative board have approved the plan. We will begin providing more information about this in the next few weeks. Please stay tuned.

“Forward in Faith”, Steering Committee

## *RISE UP WITH JESUS*

*March 19, 2016*

*1:00 PM - 3:00 PM*

All are invited to come to Mount Olivet UMC as we ‘Rise with Jesus’ during our Easter Celebration.

There will be exciting activity and craft stations for all to visit, delicious homemade desserts, and tons of FUN!

Bring a friend, and come join in the celebration!



## *Thanks*

Dear Friends at Mount Olivet,  
Your many acts of kindness following Dan’s unexpected passing are greatly appreciated. Knowing how much Dan cared about this church and its many mission activities, I thank you for your support of our family.

Sincerely, Sherron Moore



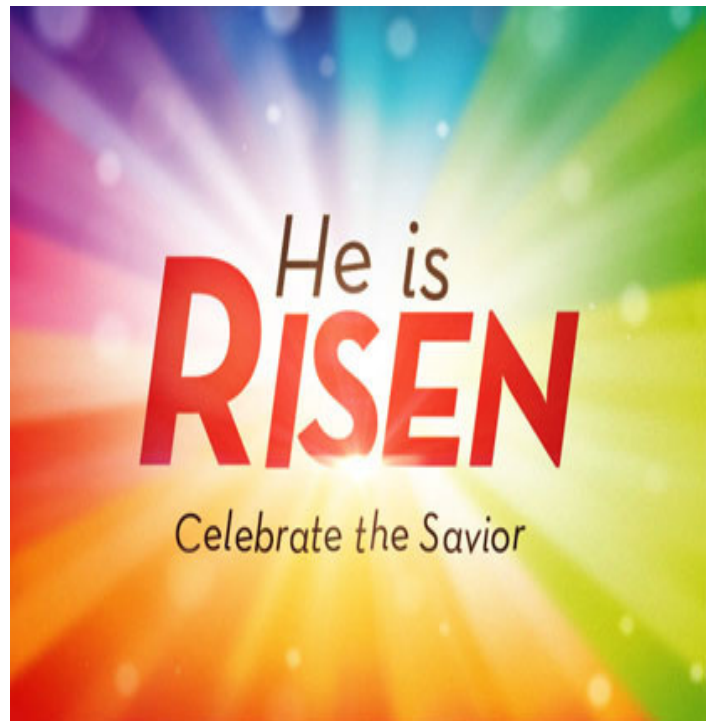
There are so many ways you are able to get involved in Children’s Ministry. We are stronger together, and the children need you! Call Children’s Director, Tina Hodgson, at 252.305.4349 today to learn more of how you can get involved and make an eternal difference in the lives of our children.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Kenneth Meekins, Ellen Parker
- 2 Angie Brady Daniels, Kathleen Snyder, Annabel Walker
- 3 Dawn Davenport, Debbie Parker, Ruth Stetson
- 4 Allen Berry, Brad Gainey
- 5 Jane Brinkley, Scott Buckalew, Hannon Fry
- 6 Marlowe Crews, Charles Edwards, David White, Jane Wright
- 7 Fields Scarborough, Sr.
- 8 Linda Boyd, Michael Campbell, Elisha Creef, Alison Henry, Owen Hodgson
- 9 Shaun Adams, Logan Bonner, Waylon Burkhart, Kate Harrell, Valerie Wright
- 11 Renee Austin, Lynette Crews, Elizabeth Gamiel, Nancy Opdyke, Caroline Pearce
- 12 Lauren Horne, Davis Pritchard, Daniel Reed, Van Smith, Alex Zillifro
- 14 Kaleb Goudy, Anita Twyne, Ian Culpepper, Amy Dowdy, Tim Shearin
- 15 Joyce Edwards, Keeli Harrison, Matt Lewis, Emma Meekins, Brianna Payne, Bailey Petty, Arturo Romero, Dawn Tillett, Zachary Zottoli
- 16 Douglas Evans, Jordan LaRose
- 17 Brandon Gregory, Ryan Murphy, Mark Vrablic, Jr.
- 18 Saint Basnight, Kathy Burrus, Tanner Payne
- 19 Laura Anne Long, Julie Owens, Janice Tillett
- 20 Jason Brown, Reha Otte, Ray Jones
- 22 John Collins, Dianne Gaskill, Joe Holmes, Lovie McCann, Emma Rogers, Gloria Seward
- 24 William Creef, Stephen Cribb, Katherine Kennedy
- 25 Katie Cheeseman, Sam Wright
- 26 Jerry Austin, Amanda Daniels, Colton Snead
- 27 Dustin Burk, Ryan Evans, Todd Hart, Wynne Hopkins, Belinda Keller Sukeena
- 28 Olivia Martin, Gail Midgett, Ryan Parker
- 29 Kory Erpelding, Hannah Hunt, Ray Midgett
- 30 Tristan Gomez, Brenda Zaytoun
- 31 Robert Anderson, Melinda Creef, Michele Kemp, Ross Shaffer

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 3 Joe & Patsy Zoll - 33 yrs.
- 4 Jerry & Metta Austin - 38 yrs.
- 4 Kenneth & Donna Wells - 38 yrs.
- 10 Bert & Lara Snyder - 4 yrs
- 14 Michael & Brenda Brent - 24 yrs.
- 16 Larry & Marjorie Gutshall - 48 yrs.
- 18 George & Myra Speake - 39 yrs.
- 20 Dan & Reha Otte' - 9 yrs.
- 30 Keith & Karen Zillifro - 44 yrs.



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*Love Thy  
Neighbor!*