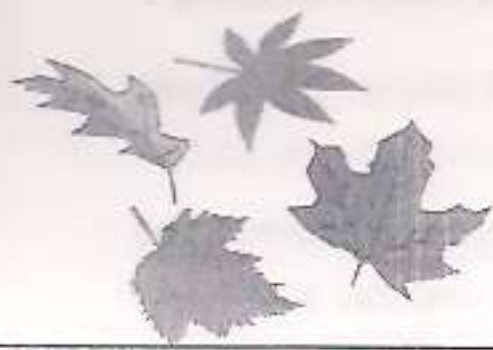


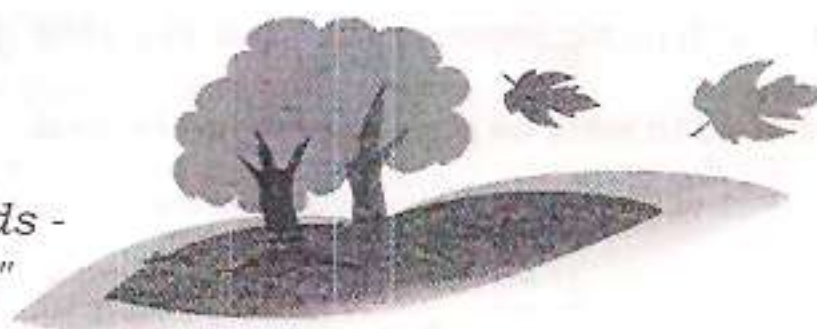


PARADISE LIFE

OCTOBER, 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 Kayla Bittner	3 Tyler Ward	4 Sheri Bailey <i>Trash & Treasure Sale 8-2</i>
5 *Tom & Janet Douthit <i>Communion</i>	6 Barry Fillman, Jr. *Victor & Eloise Kosko, Jr. <i>Bethlehem Walk-7</i>	7 *Craig & Brooke Limrick *Doug & Janice Blinn <i>Feeding His Flock 7</i>	8 Gary Fillhart Rudy Peace John Reed *Jim & Bri Triponey	9 *Calvin & Paige Szewczyk	10 *Cameron & Lauren Palm Laurel Weber	11
12 Rod Keller *Paul & Lisa Triponey	13 Marissa Douthit Jason Fillhart Michael London Susan Pifer *Max & Debbie Pifer	14 Casey Trithart	15 *Kurt & Dana Villella *John & Linda Pifer	16 Richard Trithart Karter Smith <i>Consistory - 7 pm</i>	17 Julie Shields Cameron O'Harah Nola Barr	18 <i>Feeding His Flock 4:45 - 6:00 pm</i>
19	20	21 Thomas Rafferty	22 Abigail Pifer *Bob & Valarie Reinsel	23	24 *Craig & Danielle Askey Katie Ragsdale	25 *Ray & Loretta Shepler
26 *Adam & Megan Murdock <i>Fall Festival</i>	27 Paul Triponey Rick Smith	28	29 Victor Kosko, Jr.	30 Kristen Fillhart	31 *Kevin & Karen Villella Breydon Trithart	

"When you can't put your prayers into words - God hears your heart."



"When the world around us is crumbling, Christ is the solid rock on which we stand."

We bid a heartfelt welcome to and are thankful for all those that have made the decision to become members of the new Paradise Community Church, both those transferring from the UCC and all those that have also decided to join with us. May God's Spirit continue to move us to fulfill His mission, further His Kingdom and follow His direction.

Paradise Community Church Consistory

September 10, 2025

President Diane opened the meeting with prayer.

Annette gave consistory an update on the Operation Christmas Child. She has 50 boxes available to be filled with additional at a cost of \$35/50 boxes. The boxes will be distributed Oct 5 and due back Nov 16. The \$10 shipping charge will be paid by the Church unless you want your package tracked. Bob and Annette will deliver the boxes to DuBois on November 17th.

The secretary's report was read and approved with a motion from Dean, seconded by Bob.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved with a motion by Bob and a second from Brooke. The Thanksgiving fund still has \$100 in it which will be moved to the current fund.

The pastor search has had a small set back with two pastoral candidates rescinding their interest due to personal reasons.

Properties Committee

Danny Muth has the pipe completed. It didn't come to the bottom drain because he ran into more gravel. The final cost came in a bit higher than the estimate of \$4500 at a cost of \$5500 but will be good for many years now.

Andy Genevero has serviced the youth center furnace and deems it to be in great shape. "An old girl, but good". The furnace received a 72 on the efficiency test with brand new sometimes not scoring over 85. He did a very thorough overall and treated the tank. The fuel looks good. He is guesstimating it to be a 1,000-gallon tank.

A W-9 form is needed if work is done because if we pay more than \$600 a 1099 is required.

The fire extinguisher is not inspected. Brenda will contact them.

September 17 @ 6:30 the properties committee will meet to address the door, and chimney. Bobbi is requesting a light for her Sunday School Class cubby.

Men's group leveled out 5 or 6 tombstones.

Dates

The Women's Service group will have a church picnic September 17 at 6. Everyone is invited.

Activities Committee will meet September 23 to work on planning the Fall Festival.

October 18th will be Feeding his Flock.

New

The sweeper has died. Bob ordered a new one for \$152.64

We have a pole deemed unsafe. Lane will see if he can get a new one.

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Paradise Community Church Consistory (continued)

We have 2 cancels for September's pastors. September 21 will now be Luann Baker, and September 28th will be Wendy Strouse Watt. Bob is now starting to schedule the first six months of 2026.

One of the 3-month CDs will mature on Sept 13. It will be reinvested as a 9-month CD.

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Dean to give \$500 to the Josh Yohe family, and to match at a minimum of \$500 whatever funds the Church donates to the We Care Pregnancy Center.

It's the time of year to start talking elections. Diane will contact some possibilities to see if they are interested in running.

Next meeting will be **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT 7 PM.**

PCC SOFTBALL WRAPS UP SEASON

Sports Report, Lisa Triponey

On September 7th, we were blessed with another beautiful day to heckle and cheer for our favorite players (which is all of them!). Following the Steelers' win on opening day, everyone gathered for one last game together, and we even had professional ball players and cheerleaders show up! And Morgan showed off her skills quickly as she made an amazing stop and throw for the first out! Glenn set the tone with the first home run of the game, followed by Tommy and Ty banging out a couple each. Craig decided to send a line drive to his son on the mound (again, family connections don't matter in these games!) while Jacoby slammed one right between Darcie and Jackson (he likes to remain close to those he's "coaching" while waiting for things to happen in the outfield!). Darcie was spared, but Jack got whacked on the foot by the ball when it was thrown back in! Deja was such a fast pinch runner that this reporter never even saw her leave for 1st base, while Glenn showed his running skills as he was caught between bases and managed to elude being tagged. We thank you all for coming out and entertaining us with your skills and being such good sports!

This month's teams consisted of Craig Limrick, James Becker, Tommy Burkett, Bri Triponey, Jim Triponey, Brooke Limrick, Adrienne Barr, Teagan Flanders, Morgan Shepler, Joey Bowser, and pitcher Charlie Shepler. Ty Limrick pitched for the opposing team of Mark Pifer, Glenn Perry, Deja Burkett, Darcie Grenier, Jackson Triponey, Wyatt Reed, Dean Reed, Patty Burkett, and Jacoby Reinhart. Special thanks to Annette Roy, who provided heckles for all of the spectators to shout out and annoy the players. We've enjoyed these games so much that we look forward to another fun season next year!



True dedication:

"Who says there's no dedication these days? The campground was full today, so no practicing in the camper. Looks like we drive across the lake to State Game Lands.

We had an audience of deer, raccoons, squirrels, bear, chippies, etc.

The echo was amazing!!!

WOMEN'S SERVICE GROUP Annual Picnic

Women's Service Group held their annual picnic on Wed. Sept 17 at the church with 20 people in attendance.

Tracy Weber started the evening with Tips to Live By reading, followed by Pastor Mary Ellen blessing the delicious pot luck meal.

After everyone had finished their desserts, the gift card door prizes were chosen. Pastor Mary Ellen won the PizzaTown card, Ruth Filhart won the Sykesville Foxes card, Harold London won the Joe's Drive In card and Denise Neal won the Dubois DQ card.

Readings for the evening were provided by Elaine Filhart, Linda Blosh, Debbie Pifer, Bobbi Becker, Denise Smith and Donna Pifer.

Bobbie Becker led us in an interesting Noah's Ark drawing game, which was drawn with closed eyes and also a rousing game of passing the presents left & right as she read an Autumn reading.

Debbie Pifer acted as the host for a Thankful themed version of the Price is Right.

Prizes were awarded to all the game winners and drawings were held for the remaining prizes, with everyone receiving at least one prize for the evening.

Thank you to everyone who attended, brought food/drinks and donated gifts. A special thank you to the ladies who presented readings and hosted the games.

Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time.

Linda Pifer and Women's Service Group

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On September 14, we welcomed back our Men's Choir!! God has blessed our congregation with an amazing array of musical talent. Thank you, gentlemen, for sharing your gift with us.



BIBLE STUDY

There will be no study on October 8th, but we will resume in 1 Corinthians on October 15th in the church basement. Meal and fellowship are at 5:30 followed by the study at 6pm. We love digging into God's Word, and we hope you can join us!

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LOVE FEST

The church was filled with praise on the night of September 20th, and we're grateful for all who came and shared a testimony with us. It was so good to sing of the "Goodness of God" and lift our voices to heaven. Lori shared her beautiful photos of God's creation to the sounds of a children's choir. Sherri Reed led us in the singing of "Because He Lives." Morgan, Adrienne, and Bretley sang "Still Waters," and we closed singing of His "Majesty" before spending some time together in the basement. If you haven't yet participated in a Love Fest, we hope you can come to the next one. Nothing is better than praising the Lord!



BIBLICAL STUDIES

Our team gathered after church on September 7th for a wonderful lunch as we shared ideas for teaching God's Word to our congregation. We would love to see everyone involved beyond the church service, and we're excited to see our Sunday School program growing! We presently have classes for adults and all ages of children. With many young parents bringing their children to class, we would like to offer a study opportunity for the parents, a place where they can share with others who understand the whirlwind of life with kids. If you are interested in this type of study and have ideas, please contact Patty Burkett.

We are also looking for someone with a passion to work with youth and young adults. Presently we have nothing available for them, but if you feel led in this direction of ministry, please let Lisa Triponey know. The field is ripe!

Morgan Shepler did some research and found an interesting Bible study entitled "12 Ordinary Men", which we would like to offer on Mondays beginning in January. More information will be coming on this, and you are also welcome to join the New Testament study continuing on Wednesdays. We have something for everyone: all that's missing is YOU!

THE FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING!

The Activities Committee met on Sept 23 to work on plans for the Fall Festival, and it promises to be a blast! It will be held on Sunday, October 26 from 2-5pm. **Hayrides** will begin at 2pm along with an array of games to play, each one earning chips for the kids to exchange at the prize booth. This also includes a **Leaf Blower** (money machine) to see who has the fastest hands! Marissa Douthit is organizing a game of **Fall Family Feud** at 3pm, so gather your family/friends and sharpen up on your trivia. We are asking families to sign up so we know how many to expect. There will also be an ongoing vote to select the **best scarecrow**, so start working on your scarecrows now and bring them along to be judged at the festival. Marissa can answer any questions you might have about this event.

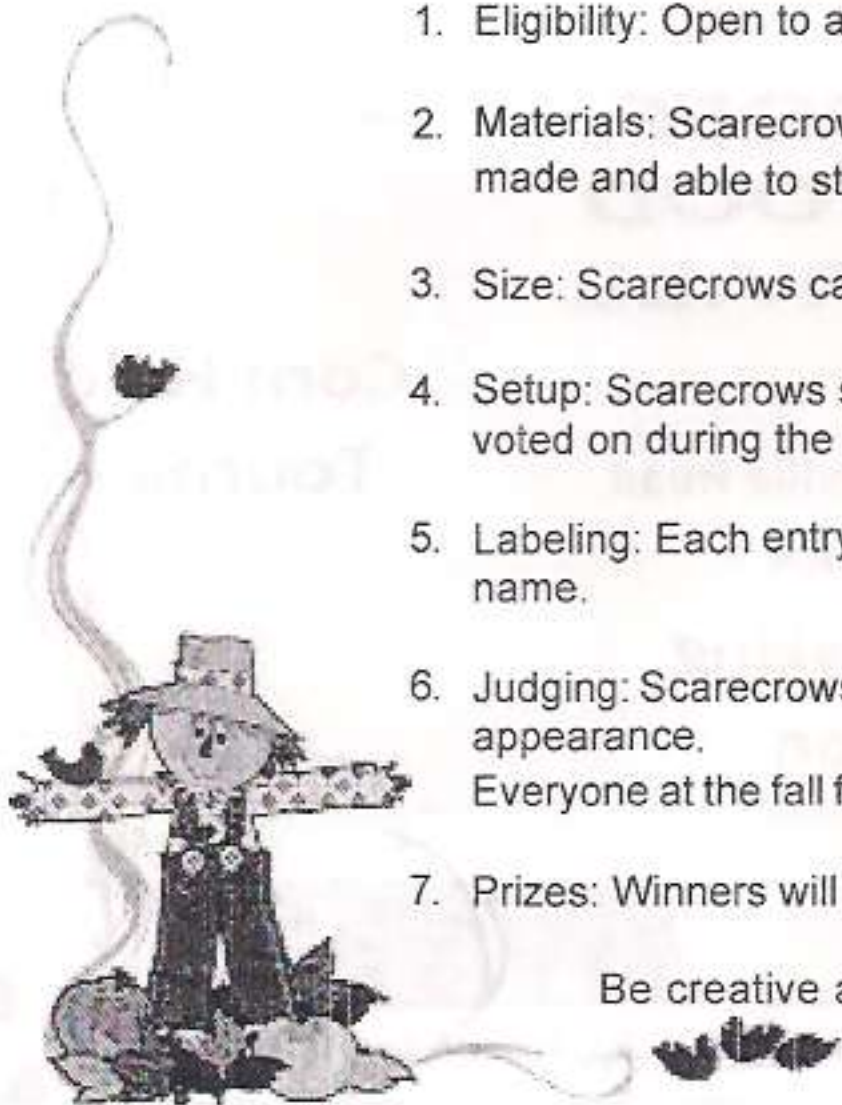
The yummiest part of the day will be the **Chili Cookoff**! Anyone is welcome to bring your favorite chili recipe to be sampled and judged by all in attendance at 4pm. Fill up your crockpot and join the competition! Brooke Limrick will be in charge of this and will provide a sign-up sheet for food in addition to the chili.

We would like to give wonderful handmade items as prizes for some of the events, so if you would like to provide something, please let one of the committee members know (Marissa, Brooke, Diane, Bobbi, Lori, Lisa, Annette). We're so excited for this day of fun and fellowship together!

Scarecrow Contest Rules

1. Eligibility: Open to all ages. Individuals, families, or groups.
2. Materials: Scarecrows may be made from any materials but must be home made and able to stand on their own.
3. Size: Scarecrows can be big or large but must fit inside the church basement.
4. Setup: Scarecrows should be set up around 2 so they can be enjoyed and voted on during the Fall Fest.
5. Labeling: Each entry must include a sign with the creator's name or group name.
6. Judging: Scarecrows will be judged on creativity, originality, and overall appearance.
Everyone at the fall fest will be voting on the winner.
7. Prizes: Winners will be announced at 4:45.

Be creative and have fun. Let's fill the basement with scarecrows!!!





PARADISE COMMUNITY CHURCH Fall

Chili Cook Off

Fall Family
Feud

FESTIVAL

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Tons of
games

OCTOBER 26, 2025
2:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

DIY Caramel
Apples

**CHILI COOKOFF,
HAYRIDE, FOOD
GAMES FOR ALL
AGES!**

Needle in
the
Haystack
Dig

4225 Big Run Prescottville Road
Reynoldsville, PA

Scarecrow Making
Competition

Corn Hole
Tourney

Questions? See a member of the Activities Committee: Marissa, Brooke, Lisa, Annette, Lori, Bobbi, Diane

