

PARADISE LIFE

♥ MAY 2025 ♥



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Quotes about Moms:

-God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers. – *Rudyard Kipling*

-I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England. – *John Wesley*

-Grown don't mean nothing to a mother. A child is a child. They get bigger, older, but grown. In my heart it don't mean a thing. – *Toni Morrison*

-A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie. – *Tenneva Jordan*

LOOKING AHEAD -- VBS - JUNE 16, 17, 18

Paradise Community Church Consistory

April 9, 2025

President Diane Carlson opened the meeting with prayer.

Those in attendance were Brenda Weber, Bob Roy, Dean Reed, Diane Carlson, Holli Polito, Bobbi Becker, Annette Roy, Linda Pifer, Debbie Pifer, Wendy Perry, Erica States, and Brooke Limrick.

The Secretary's report was read and approved by a motion from Bobbi, and a second by Bob.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by a motion from Wendy, and a second by Dean.

The Search Committee was present to update the consistory on the pastor search. Our listing is now live with Chemistry Staffing. Research is being done and three pastors were surveyed to ascertain what combination of degree and experience we should require in a candidate. The profile currently requests a masters degree plus ordained, but may be tweaked pending more discussion.

A profile was received from a candidate thru the mail. They will be directed to contact Chemistry Staffing and follow the appropriate channels to resubmit thru them.

Brenda received a letter from St John's Church seeking help in getting the word out that they, too, are looking for a pastor and were interested in potentially sharing a pastor with us. Brenda will let them know that we are unable to commit to sharing a pastor, and direct them toward Chemistry Staffing for potential help in their search. There is now a link on our website directing potential pastors to Chemistry Staffing to streamline the vetting process.

Properties Committee

Dean gave an update on the chairlift project. Penn Highlands Medical has come back with a \$14,790 estimate for the chairlift plus installation. They also noted that since it would be in a commercial setting it would need inspected every year. He is still waiting on two additional estimates.

Lane and Dean believe the side door can still be repaired with a good cleaning and painting. There is minimal surface rust.

The parking lot drain project is in the works. We were assessed a \$125 fee (good for one year) for the call before you dig service due to our business status.

There will be a clean up day in May. More details to come.

The septic lids need marked. We're parking on top of them on the left side of the lower drive and there's concern that they'll crack.

The soffit between the old and new section needs replaced.

Member Visitation Committee

The committee is looking into how to track attendance to be able to reach out so no one falls thru the cracks.

VBS

Prep is going well

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Men's Ministry

The first meeting was well received.

Missions

The fish fry tally is as follows: \$7,140 raffle, \$2,245 donations, and \$6,746 tickets for a total of \$16,149. Dean made a motion and Bob seconded the motion to pay for the fish fry supplies out of the Church funds.

Feeding His Flock

celebrated 10 years in March with a good turnout.

Events

The egg hunt will be April 12 at 2pm

There will be a photo backdrop in the Church yard Easter Sunday.

Wendy gave an update on Attorney Jeff Lundy's research. The Church's articles of incorporation were done in 1972 and nothing is available online before 1973. He will write a letter to the state to further pursue this. We are still waiting on the deed.

Bobbi reported that the Church signs are completed and will be back up by Friday. Her contact did them at no charge to the Church.

Bob will pick up palms for Wendy and Lowell to hand out on Sunday.

We need to look into a procedure on folks wanting to join the Church in lieu of no current pastor.

Next meeting May 7, at 7pm.

Bob made a motion and Dean seconded the motion to adjourn.

Brooke Limrick, Secretary

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Alter Flowers – Sanctuary Beautification

Anyone who would like to put flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please contact Linda Blosh 814-653-2474 or Jane Pifer (814) 427-2376.

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The Pifer Family Fundraiser Event

April 5, 2025

What an absolutely awesome God we serve!! From the Mission Team's idea of the Fish Fry Fundraiser to benefit Michelle and her family, throughout the planning and preparation, during the food preparing and serving and wrapping it all up, God's hand and presence was a constant.

He inspired many hands to come together to work and plan the details.

He caused ticket sales to be a huge success.



He moved Rod Keller to work with his supervisor that caused businesses to donate an abundance of macaroni, loads of cornbread muffin mix and a flood of bottled water.

He provided Bri Triponey along with Foxes Pizza in Sykesville to offer fish, frying oil and cole slaw at cost and donate serving containers and other useful supplies as well as being on stand-by for any last minute items we needed.

He gave Michelle a loving family that donated all of the cheese needed for the mac & cheese and He brought to us others that donated chips and butter and other miscellaneous items.

He stirred individuals, families, groups and businesses to provide a tremendous amount of baskets and gifts and prizes for the raffle.

He sent willing, happy volunteers to bake 500 cornmeal muffins and offer to make lots and lots of desserts.

He placed in our midst the Sykesville Civic Improvement Association members that offered their facility and their gracious helping hands as we worked to prepare and during the event.

He sent an angel called Rene to come and instruct us in successfully cooking and preparing an astounding 10 roasters full of the best mac and cheese ever.

He gave us Bobbi Becker to oversee and organize the kitchen and food servicing staff and caused everything to run smoothly.



He enabled Marissa Douthit with the ability and patience to handle the hundreds of gift baskets and prizes that flowed in and gave her and her team the skills to manage raffle ticket sales and prize awarding.



He was present with the men that showed up to spend their Saturday afternoon setting up and deep frying over 1000 pieces of fish and He enabled them to do a fabulous job.

The Pifer Family Fundraiser Event *continued*

He gave Michelle strength and rest that allowed her to be present to see the many, many people that came to support and encourage and help and love on her and her family.

And through His great love He motivated masses to donate money resulting in over \$16,000 to be used by Michelle and Mark to meet the medical bills and financial needs during their fight against this cancer monster.

You are a Good, Good Father. We humbly and gratefully thank you!



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We Plow the Fields

We plow the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;

He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes, and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain;

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the way side flower,
He lights the evening star;

The winds and waves obey Him;
By Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us the children,
He gives our daily bread.

We thank Thee, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food;

Accept the gift we offer
For all Thy love imparts,
And, what Thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us
Are sent from heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
For all His love.

By Matthias Claudius, 1782



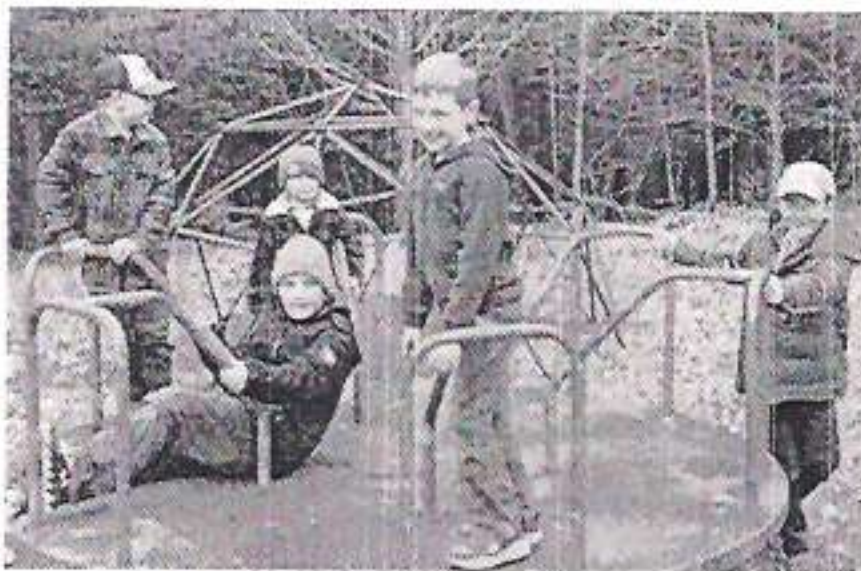
EASTER EGG HUNT

Marrissa Douthit, Activities Committee

Despite the chilly weather, warmth and joy filled the hearts of everyone who gathered for this year's Church Easter Egg Hunt. Families bundled up and braved the cold for a fun-filled afternoon that brought together faith, laughter, and community spirit.



After all the eggs were found it was time to head inside for a heartwarming and engaging story shared by Lisa, who reminded everyone about the true meaning of Easter. She captured the attention of children and adults alike, skillfully weaving the importance of Jesus' resurrection with the joy we find in seasonal traditions like



egg hunts and candy-filled baskets. Her message struck a perfect balance—highlighting the celebration of life and hope that Easter brings, while still appreciating the fun that comes with it.

After the story, everyone gathered for a snack break and some creative time with crafts, where little hands made colorful keepsakes to take home.



Not to be left out of the fun, the adults also participated in a special scavenger hunt designed just for them. Laughter was shared as teams solved clues and enjoyed a bit of friendly competition, proving that Easter fun knows no age limit.

The event wrapped up with smiles, full hearts, and a renewed sense of community. Cold weather or not, the warmth of fellowship and the celebration of Easter made this a day to remember.



PALM SUNDAY – April 13, 2025

Young and old alike waited in excited anticipation for the arrival of Junebug the Therapy Donkey during our Palm Sunday Worship Service. As her family shared her purpose in bringing smiles and warmth to those she visits, Junebug stood patiently and quietly listening and watching. Her message is one of peace and harmony opening the way for her family to share the love and Good News of Jesus.



At the end of the message, Junebug strolled up and down the isles while those that wanted showed their new-found affection for her with pats and pets and hugs. She is a quiet beauty and seemed to enjoy getting the attention as much as we enjoyed giving it.

Thank you, Junebug and your people for sharing your unique ministry with us.



THE LIVING LAST SUPPER

By Bruce Hennigan



On Maundy Thursday, approximately 150 came to witness the Last Supper, and many found it to be a very meaningful service. It was opened with the prelude, Lamb of Glory, and a welcome by Annette Roy, who was also the narrator and prop director for the drama. Deidre Smith had suggested the song "Come to the Table", which was sung by Lisa Triponey, and it was perfect for this "motley crew of misfits." After hearing that one of them would betray Jesus, each disciple took a turn to introduce themselves while the others froze in the pose of da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper. In order of appearance, the disciples were Nathaniel – Larry Shepler, Simon – Dean Reed, James the Lesser – Bob Roy, Thaddeus – Tom Douthit, Andrew – Lane Weber, Matthew – Nathanael Pifer, Peter – Mike Carlson, Philip – Greg Peace, Judas – Kevin Muth, Thomas – Ty Limrick, John – Craig Limrick, and James – Jason Polito. Matt Smith stepped up and portrayed Jesus, and everyone was impressed by their ownership of the roles. For a group of men who were out of their comfort zone, they certainly didn't seem nervous!

Bobbi Becker explained the next steps of Christ and the disciples through scripture while Holli Polito closed the service with an emotional song, "The Day He Wore My Crown."

Thanks to all who brought snacks so we could have a time fellowship with Jesus and the disciples in the basement, giving us a chance to greet the visitors who were able to stay afterwards. God performed a miracle in pulling this together, and the miracles continue as the "disciples" are asking, "What's next?" instead of "Is it I?"



Paradise Community Church
4225 Big Run Prescottville Rd
Reynoldsville, PA 15851

VBS 2025

June 16,17,18

6:30-8pm Check-In starts at 6:15

Registration Form

*When you
pass through
the waters,
I will be
with you*

ISAIAH 43:2

2025 Vacation Bible School for children ages 3 through 12. Toddlers under 3 are welcome and must be accompanied by an adult helper. Parents, family, & friends are invited to join in the Closing Session start at 7:50 pm on June 18.

A free-will offering will be received to benefit local families in need.

Child's Name (One Form Per Child): _____ **Age** _____

Allergies or Medical Concerns: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Emergency Contact (if different than above): _____

Phone: _____

Comments/Additional Information: _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

GRANT TO CONSENT for VBS JUNE 2025

In the event reasonable attempts to contact responsible parties at the phone numbers provided above have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for: (1) The administration of any medical treatment deemed necessary by a licensed physician or dentist; and (2) the transfer of the child to (preferred hospital) _____ or any other hospital reasonably accessible.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Weber at 814-591-6501. Pre-registration is encouraged. Forms can be returned to the Church Lobby, to Tracy Weber, 2687 Desire Rd, Reynoldsville, PA or bring to VBS.

Worship

9:30 AM

Sunday School

10:45 AM

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