



PARADISE LIFE

JUNE, 2025



	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 Donald Sprague Violet Roland *Thomas & Vickie Rafferty *Quinton & Courtney Weber	3 Nathanael Pifer Denise Smith	4 *Jacob & Amanda O'Harah	5	6	7 Linda Haag Benjamin Pifer *Tim & Kayla Schreckengost
8 Ruth Pifer	9	10 *Lane & Brenda Weber	11 Larry Bowser	12 Adalyn McCloskey	13 Angie Haag *Michael & Jessica London *Lowell & Wendy Perry	14
15 Wyatt Reed HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	16 *Richard & Betty Dickey	17 Joel Triponey	18 Valerie Solnosky *Bradley & Stephanie Walker	19 *Matthew & Dustee Carlson	20 Daniel Ross	21 Lisa Triponey
Vacation Bible School 2025-6:30-8:00 PM						
22 Dana Villella	23	24 Susan O'Harah Jenna Perry	25 Nancy Bittner Adrienne Barr	26 Nora States	27 Easton Reddinger	28 Feeding His Flock Meal
29 Sarah London	30 Bob Love *Dick & Judy Reed					



Quotes about Dads:

"It is a wise father that knows his own child." - Williams Shakespeare

"Dad, you're someone to look up to no matter how tall I've grown." -Unknown

"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it." - Clarence Budington Kelland

"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me." - Jim Valvano

"The older I get, the smarter my father seems to get." - Tim Russert

"When I was a kid, I said to my father one afternoon, Daddy, will you take me to the zoo? He answered, if the zoo wants you, let them come and get you." —Jerry Lewis

"Remember: What dad really wants is a nap. Really." —Dave Barry

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-Bad Dad Jokes

Paradise Community Church Consistory

May 6, 2025

President Diane Carlson opened the meeting with prayer.

Those in attendance were Dean Reed, Bob Roy, Diane Carlson, Wendy Perry, Bobbbi Becker, and Brooke Limrick.

The secretary's report was approved as read with a nomination from Wendy and a second from Dean.

The treasurer's report was reviewed with one question for Brenda about a payment to Wolff.

Property Committee

- The ditch has been cleaned and the water issue persists. Dean will stay on it.
- Clean up day will be May 10
- The furnace man for the youth center was contacted
- Dean and Lane will fix the Church soffit at cleanup day.
- No further chairlift quotes have been received

Old Business

- We need to update Church registration since we are a new Church. This is needed for current and new members. There will not be any classes needed if you sign up during open enrollment. Members must be 18 yrs or older.
- VBS registration papers have been posted
- The July 6 service will be a patriotic service with the homecoming service held July 13. There will only be a meal for July 13.
- Per Attorney Lundy the name change for the deed has been signed and is official.
- Smith Nale and Attorney Lundy need to clarify new EIN # questions. Smith Nale is stating payroll thru the state should use the old EIN for the first quarter.
- The Barber Financial check is coming from Kentucky and will not arrive tilt the end of May. Diane is going to try and get it switched to direct deposit.
- Bobbi will contact Kendall's again about the Statement of Faith print job. We need 350 ½ page self-adhesive copies.

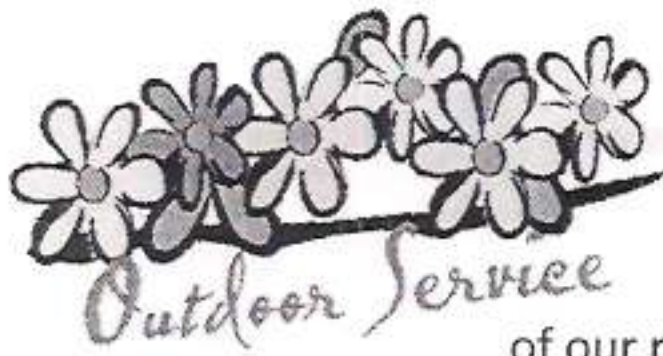
New Business

- The Bethlehem Walk will be Dec 6 from 6-8, and Dec 7 from 2-4 and 6-8. Brooke will contact Ken Mercer for porta potty prices.
- The Stations of the Cross will be left up year round
- The refrigerator for the flowers has quit working. Bob has contacted a repairman.
- Maundy Thursday was well received.
- We need to create a plan for funerals and weddings until a new pastor is found.

The next consistory meeting will be June 11, at 7pm

Brooke made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Dean seconded.

HOMECOMING 2025



Things are happening this Homecoming in Paradise! First off, we decided to move the date to **JULY 13**. We hope that moving it to a non-holiday weekend that we may have more

of our regular attenders present, and we also want to make it a true homecoming by inviting those who formerly attended our church. Invitations will be sent, but we also need all of you to reach out and let people know that we'd love to see them! And don't limit your invitations to those we used to worship with, but please feel free to invite the community. The **11AM SERVICE** will be outdoors (weather permitting, of course), so please bring lawn chairs, canopies, whatever you need to be comfortable worshipping under the heavens! If you have something special to offer for the service, please let Lisa Triponey know! Afterwards, there will be a **POTLUCK DINNER** at the schoolhouse. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service as we dine together. Drinks will be provided.

At that point, everyone usually splits. Those of us who remember how Homecoming used to be desire more! Brooke Limrick is heading up a **HOMEMADE ICE CREAM COMPETITION!** Please bring your favorite recipe, already prepared.



There is limited freezer space in the church, so if you need help storing it through the service, check with those of us who live near the church, and we'll help you out.



Marissa Douthit is making sure there are many **OUTDOOR GAMES** set up for your enjoyment, and at 2:30, we will have a **TALENT SHOW!** There's so much hidden talent in our congregation, so here's your chance to show it off. Serious,



funny...whatever! Please sign up with Annette Roy (she'll be able to answer any questions) so we have an idea of how long the show may be. Let's have fun with it!



And no, we're not done yet. We will have a 6pm **SOFTBALL GAME** in Troutville at the Municipal Ball Field, featuring our newly-formed team. Let's get out and support them in their efforts, hopefully cheering them on to victory! What a day it will be, but it won't be complete without **YOU**, so please make plans to come and be part of a unity-building experience, just the way God wants us to be!

Why is dad like a mushroom? Because he's a fungi!



Spring 2025 – Outside Church Clean-Up Day

A small but willing and hardy crew immersed on the morning of May 10 to perform some outside Spring cleaning on and around the church building. Weeds were pulled, dead leaves removed, windows were washed, spider webs were swept away, railings and doors were wiped down, spouting repaired and all completed without getting rained on!

Much thanks to all that showed up to help!

PARADISE CHURCH HOMECOMING

AT THE HISTORIC SCHOOL HOUSE
ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE CHURCH

GAMES !!!

JULY 13, 2025

FUN !!!

TALENT SHOW
AT 2:30 PM

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM CONTEST

JUDGED BY PICNIC GO-ERS

BRING YOUR SPECIAL DELIGHT
ALREADY MADE & FROZEN

FOOD !!!

CHURCH LEAGUE
SOFTBALL GAME
6 PM AT TROUTVILLE
MUNICIPAL BALL FIELD

CHURCH SERVICE AT 11 AM

PICNIC TO FOLLOW

Bring a Pot Luck Dish to share & your own table service. Drinks will be provided

4225 BIG RUN-PRESCOTTVILLE RD,
REYNOLDSVILLE, PA

When does a
joke become a
dad joke?
When it
becomes
apparent!

What did the
buffalo say to his
son when he
dropped him off
at school? Bison.

July Service Project for Children's Sunday School Classes

Join us in spreading joy this summer as our children's Sunday school classes assemble birthday cake blessing kits to donate to the food pantry in Big Run. What's remarkable is that a delicious cake can be made with just a box of cake mix and a can of soda – a perfect solution for those who may not have access to eggs and oil. We invite you to contribute to this heartwarming effort by donating these affordable items, available at local dollar stores, and placing them in the designated box in the lobby.

During the month of June, we will be collecting donations of the following:

- Boxed Cake Mixes
- Cake Icing
- Sprinkles
- Birthday Candles
- Disposable Aluminum Cake Pans with Plastic Lids
- Lemon-lime soda in cans
- Balloons



Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

**"Don't just count your blessings.
Be the blessing
Other people count on."** Anonymous

Paradise Community Church Presents:
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

Rolling River Rampage

JUNE 16, 17, 18
6:30-8PM
CHECK IN STARTS AT 6:15
AGES 3-12
TODDLERS UNDER 3 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Rafters are invited to experience the ride of a lifetime with God. Along the river, Rafterers will discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder & surprise, & that they can trust God to be with them through anything!

When You Pass Through the Waters I Will Be With You
Isaiah 43:2

Help spread the word! Vacation Bible School 2025 is just around the corner. Registration forms are available in the church lobby and will be available at Bible School. Or contact Tracy at 814-591-6501. We look forward to seeing you there!

Two goldfish are in a tank.
One says to the other, "Do
you know how to drive this
thing?"

Marcella E. Strouse

12/15/1930-5/16/2025

Marcella E. Strouse, 94, Paradise, passed away at Penn Highlands DuBois, on May 16, 2025.



Born December 15, 1930, in Coolspring, PA, she was the daughter of the late Donald and Gladys (Kunselman) Barr.

On July 20, 1953, she married Earl M. Strouse Sr. in Winchester, WV, he preceded her in death on May 20, 2018.

Marcella graduated from Big Run High School. She enjoyed being a homemaker, gardening, sewing, knitting, crocheting and hunting. She was a member of the Paradise Community United Church of Christ. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by sons, Earl (Marty) M. (Cindy) Strouse Jr. and Keith (Ennie) Strouse, a nephew, Byron St. Clair, all of Paradise, PA., six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one sister, Patty Surkala, Paradise, PA. and several nieces and nephews.

Her family said they were happy that she was able to enjoy the last many months of her life in better health. She had even recently started driving again. Her couple days were spent doing one of the things she most enjoyed, being outside and starting to plant her garden.



We say good-bye to yet another icon of our community. She influenced many beyond her family with her love for gardening, flowers, hunting and her volunteer time as a 4-H leader.

As her loss is mourned here on earth, there is great celebrating as she is received by Jesus and reunited with Earl and her many friends that have gone before her.

And His Name Shall Be Called . . .

Jesus had many names. All the words below were used to refer to Jesus in the Bible. Fit the names into the puzzle. (Hint: Start with the longest names.)

GOD

SUN

WAY

ONE

ROOT

WORD

LAMB

GATE

LORD

KING

VINE

LIFE

SEED

STAR

RABBI

BREAD

LIGHT

TRUTH

ALPHA

OMEGA

STONE

FATHER

PRINCE

BRANCH

CHRIST

SAVIOR

MESSIAH

TEACHER

REDEEMER

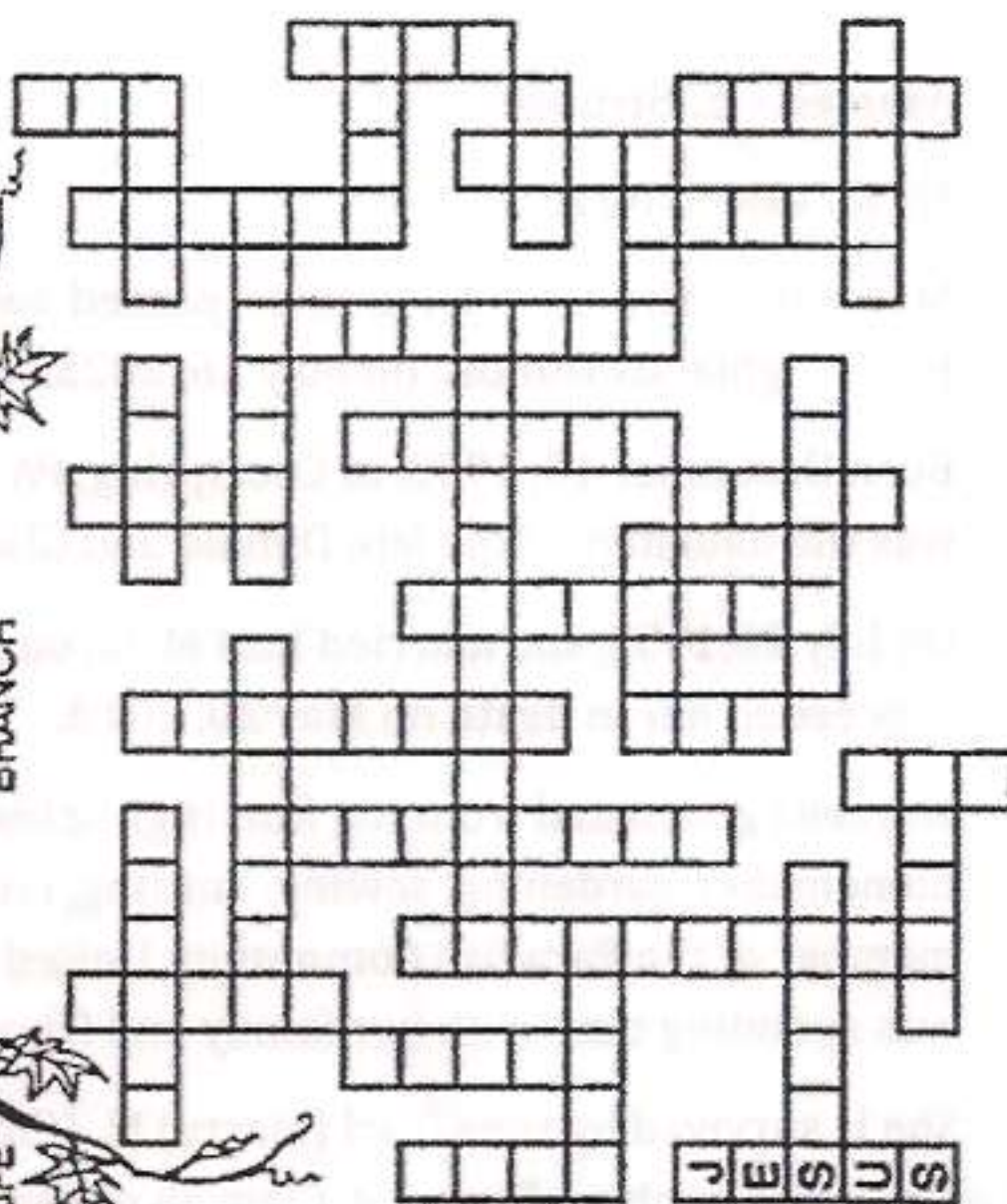
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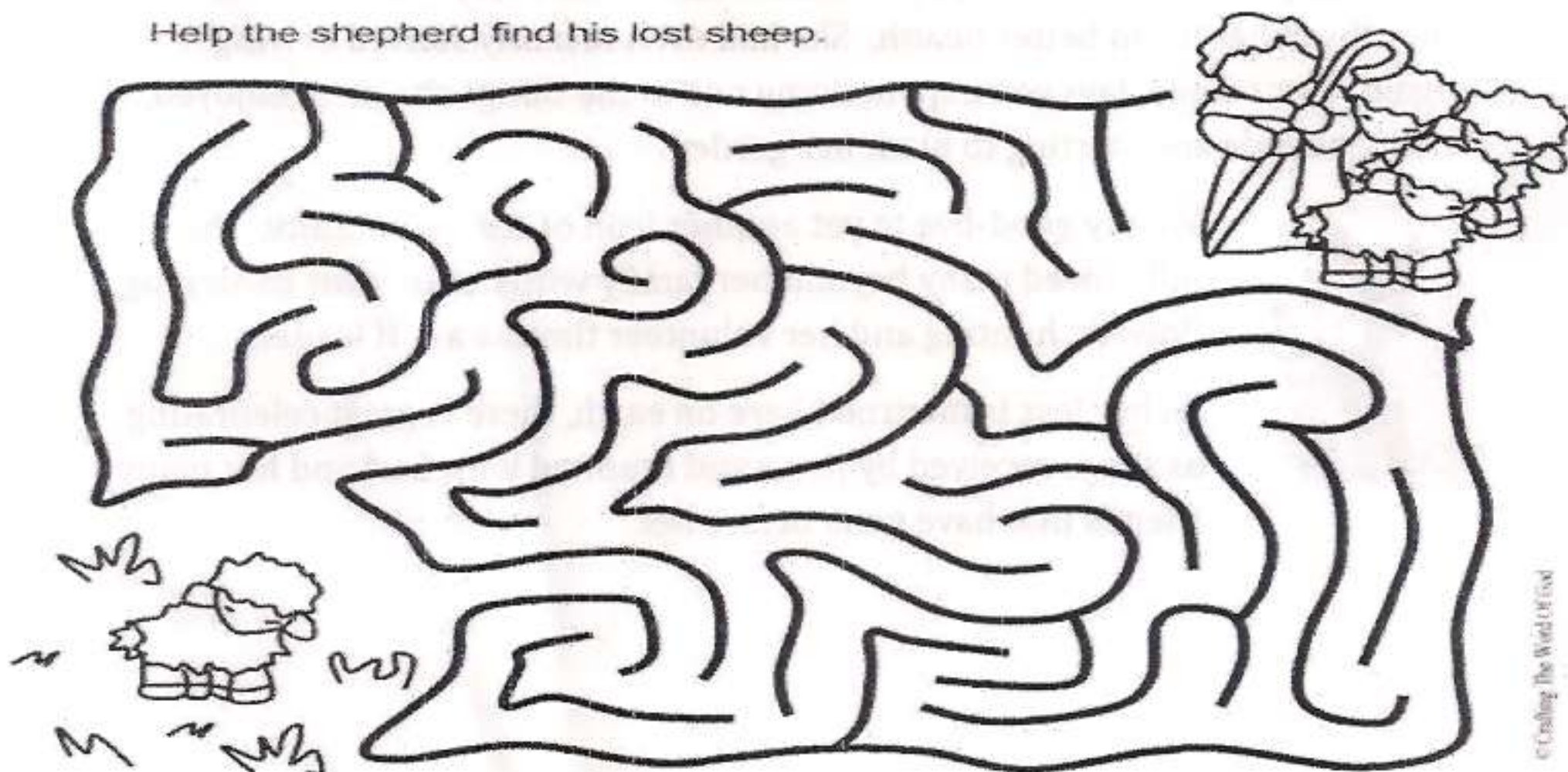
COUNSELOR

BRIDEGROOM

RESURRECTION



Help the shepherd find his lost sheep.



What do you call a dad with no body and no nose? Nobody knows.