



Paradise Life August 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*Join us FOR VBS on the 10th, 11th, AND 12th from 6:30 TO 8 PM. Check-In begins at 6:15 each night. Please return registration forms by the 7th to guarantee they receive a camp t shirt. Registration forms are available in the vestibule. * If you would like to reserve the use of the church basement please see a member of the Consistory. * The 150th Celebration is September 13th!						1
2	3 Charlotte Sprague	4 <i>Feeding His Flock Meeting 7</i>	5 <i>Bible Study 6</i>	6 Nancy Keller *Floyd & Diane Askey	7 Craig Limrick *Harold & Nancy London	8 *Bob & Denise Smith
9 Kenlee Smith	10 <i>VBS 6:30-8:00</i>	11 <i>VBS 6:30-8:00</i>	12 Tiffany Hand <i>VBS 6:30-8:00</i>	13 Holli Polito *Barry & Rosanne Fillman *Kevin & Melanie Shepler <i>Consistory 7</i>	14 *Heath & Sunni Reddinger	15 Josie Reed
16 <i>Corn & Doggie Roast 6</i>	17	18	19 Bill Becker Chuck Pifer *Dean & Sandra Reed <i>Bible Study 6</i> <i>Women's Service Group 7</i>	20 <i>Men's Group 7</i>	21 Jason Polito	22 Donna Trithart <i>Feeding His Flock Meal 4:45-6</i>
23 *Bob & Annette Roy <i>Softball Game</i>	24	25 *Kyle & Adrienne Barr *Rod & Penny Pifer	26 <i>Bible Study 6</i>	27	28 Elaine Filhart	29 Melissa Shepler
30 Heath Reddinger <i>Baptisms</i>	31	ONE-ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL As Sunday School classes take a break in August, there will be a gathering of all ages in the basement to continue studying the Word together. We will be studying the book of James and hope you'll join us to learn more about living a life like Jesus!				

Paradise Community Church

July 9, 2026

President Dean Reed opened the meeting with prayer. Those in attendance were Bob Roy, Pastor Vince, Dean Reed, Matt Smith, Wendy Perry, Bobbi Becker and Brooke Limrick.

The secretary report was approved as read (Bob/Wendy), and the treasurer report was reviewed and approved (Bob/Wendy).

First on the agenda was revisiting Wendy's suggestion to modify the new membership committee. This committee will now be the visitation committee. An announcement will be made to try to get more members. We currently have 2 members and many folks who would enjoy a visit with a church roll of 126 members plus additional shut ins throughout the neighborhood. Anyone interested should see Wendy Perry for more details.

Dean gave an update on the closet storage project. The property committee received three estimates from Lezzers, CRW, and 814 Hardware. Upon review and after a lengthy discussion, the consistory has voted to go with the CRW \$1605.03 estimate. The library will move to the adjoining Sunday school room.

We would like to order the pew Bibles soon. Brooke will order a sample NKJV Bible.

A need was brought to the consistory. Bob made a motion and Bobbi seconded sending Seth Kelichner \$500.

A reminder will be put in the bulletin that if you want to use the church for an event you need to check with a consistory member.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 13 at 7pm.

Bobbi made a motion and Bob seconded adjourning the meeting.



At the Homecoming Service, Penny Pifer presented a Citation to the Consistory from the State of Pennsylvania recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the Paradise Community Church.

WOMEN'S SERVICE GROUP PREPARING FOR ANNUAL "WE CARE" COLLECTION

It's that time of year again when we will be collecting baby items for the We Care Pregnancy Center. They are a non-profit group located in Punxsutawney that receives no funding from the government. Their organization provides counseling and support to pregnant women. They are able to perform ultrasounds, and continue to educate and support women throughout their pregnancy, and after their baby is born. Participants in their program earn the ability to receive free clothes, diapers, and other new or gently used items that have been donated.

We have two boxes in the vestibule: one where we are accepting donated yarn, and one for finished items. Anyone who knits or crochets is welcome to use the donated yarn to create handmade items by the September 27th collection date. The cradle will again be returning to the altar for all other donations.



Four members of Women's Service Group traveled to the DuBois Nursing Home on Monday June 29th to host a birthday party for the residents. Joining us in our celebration were approximately 20 residents, along with several guests and staff members. For entertainment, Bobbi, Patty, Linda B and Linda P presented various Christian poems and readings. Several guests joined with us singing a few songs prior to everyone enjoying a sweet treat of cookies, ice cream and lemonade. At the conclusion of our party, all in attendance received a gift of two small pocket Jesus statues. A special thank you to Bobbi for handling all the arrangements for another successful birthday party.



I've been "church shopping" as a guest these last few months while on sabbatical, and I've noticed something that concerns me deeply about the future of the church.

It's not robes or no robes. Screens or no screens. Bulletins or no bulletins. Music styles. Coffee quality. It's this: We are often so glad to see the people we already love that we miss the new person sitting right next to us — the person Jesus may be asking us to love.

The future of the church will not be secured by a pastor, a program, a screen, a robe, or a style.

It will be shaped by ordinary people who trust the nudging of the Holy Spirit. Reluctant disciples like you and me who decide that the person sitting next to us is worth the risk of one awkward hello.

"Hi, my name is _____. I don't think we've met yet. What brought you here today?"

That little moment may feel uncomfortable to you. But it may feel like grace to them.

So here's the Sunday challenge: Don't leave worship with only a complaint about what has changed. Leave with a name. Learn the name of someone you don't know yet. Invite them to coffee and donuts. Ask their story. Make room.

You never know who came to church wondering if anyone would notice. ~ Mike Killeen

JOY UNLIMITED REUNION



Front Row: Lisa Shepler Triponey, Tracy Knarr Kuhar, Laurie Reed, Colleen Haag Russell, Lisa Reed Shields, Melanie Reed Shepler, Valerie Reed Solnosky, Vickie Reed Rafferty

Second Row: Eloise Pifer Rice Kosko, Penny Muth Pifer, Nancy London Bittner, Janet Villella Douthit, Barbara Perry Allen, Wanda Perry Laughman, Linda Gaul Carrithers, Diane Reed Carlson

We all thought having Joy Unlimited here for our 150th year would be a great idea, and the response was overwhelming! Originally we had exactly 5 ladies on each part, but as life happens, we had to do a bit of adjusting that Saturday due to sickness, etc. We enjoyed lunch together before about an hour of practice, and wow – it seemed like we'd been singing together this whole time! The "Ladies from the 80's" sounded great, and it was a privilege to be able to sing for Homecoming. Thanks so much to Eloise Kosko for taking time away from her church to come and direct us once more. The time and sacrifice she has invested in all of us can never be measured! We also appreciate the time Diane Carlson spent compiling addresses and information on each member. We treasure that directory! Thanks to Sarah Perry for donating the many pictures she's taken of Joy Unlimited over the years for us to enjoy. Special thank yous go out to Barbara (FL), Tracy (TN), and Linda (VA) for crossing hundreds of miles to be with us. Friends are friends forever, if the Lord's the Lord of them!



HOMECOMING 2026

By Lisa Triponey

As one of the “older” members of the congregation, I’ve had the privilege of enjoying many Homecomings. No one wanted to leave after a day of being together, but the cows were calling! As part of the planning committee, our goal was to keep people here after the meal for fun and fellowship, and I believe that was accomplished!

We kicked off with worship outside on a gorgeous day with approximately 120 people in attendance as Joy Unlimited led us in song. “Sing Ye Joyfully” set the tone as Annette Roy welcomed us, Brooke Limrick provided boats for the kids to brave a storm, and Pastor Vince Davis gave us a moving sermon to set our hearts in the right direction. Joy Unlimited also sang “Mansion Builder,” “Friends,” and “Closing Prayer.”

The guests in attendance came out of the schoolhouse commenting that they’d never seen so much FOOD! Thanks to all who provided a delicious meal for us! Following lunch, there were many cars and tractors on display for everyone to enjoy while the pie judges were hard at work. Jim and Bri Triponey, Craig Limrick, and Adrienne Barr (in an outfit made specifically for this event) were the judges with the difficult task of tasting 13 pies and having to choose JUST one as the winner. Haylee Neal’s apple pie rose to the occasion! Thank you, judges, as it was a HOT yet yummy job!

Lori Yohe got the kids busy with some games like Frog Launching and Pool Noodle Jousting. When the latter game appeared, it seemed everyone on the schoolhouse grounds was suddenly involved in the battle! Bob Roy had the adults engaged in putting rubberbands on a watermelon. It’s amazing how many it takes until the melon finally explodes! Laurel Lee (of the Triponey clan) was the lucky (er, sticky) one to land the final blow. The final band count was 383!!

While this chaos was happening, Annette got the karaoke machine started. Originally only 2 people signed up to sing, but once it got going with “Country Roads” being adjusted to accommodate “Paradise Valley,” we were blessed with some beautiful renditions of amazing songs...and some not so beautiful songs, but fun nonetheless! Thanks to all who put aside stage fright to add some laughter to our afternoon. We ended the day with a ballgame in Troutville. Thanks to ALL who made this day so special!

HOMECOMING SOFTBALL EXHIBITION GAME

By Annette Roy

After an exhausting, but FUN day at the Paradise Homecoming celebration, this community turned out for the ball game in droves with a record number of players & spectators. As all kinds of lawn chairs, blankets and benches lined the peanut heaven seating section, the players took the field in all their regalia of sunglasses, dew rags, ball caps and even a pleated skirt! Samuel kicked it off as pitcher to Mark who cracked the ball for a single. Lori was next with a single grounder to left field picked up by Garrett Rowan who effortlessly tossed it to Lane who tried hard to get Pinch Runner Bretley out at first. Lane bobbled the ball & did a backward spin all while Bretley saw the opportunity, snuck into first base and was called SAFE!!!! Brandon Douthit was able to join the evening and swing hard for a double bringing Bretley home for the first score of the night. Now we're at the top of the 2nd Inning (because of spectator visiting and general shenanigans by this reporter and others) Hahahaha!!! Anyhoo, Craig was up to bat and crushed it with Ty catching and rifling the ball to first baseman, Glenn, thus serving Craig with an OUT. Lefty, Charlie cracked the ball with a grunt & a swing to the pitcher who tossed it to first for another OUT. Bottom of the 2nd – PV (Pastor Vince) was in as pitcher. Briar cranked it to PV who tried his blessed-best to hold onto the ball, but bobbled it nonetheless allowing Briar a successful stop at 1st. Kutcher batted and advanced Briar to 3rd. Next, Glenn hit one TOOOOO.....THE.....FENNNNNNCE for a double bringing in Briar for a score. Ty showed his prowess with a double advancing Glenn to third. Jack was up next with a base hit making the bases loaded. Garrett brought in Kutcher and Ty with Ty getting the laundry dirty at Home. Jimmy crushed one for a double advancing Garrett. Lane hit a fly dropping it in the Dead Zone between Charlie and Brandon and making it to first base. Briar, once again, crushed it to center field bringing in Charlie & Garrett, but Lane was out at 2nd. 3rd Inning began with Garrett at pitcher and Lane as catcher. Kudos to anyone volunteering for THOSE positions! With Dean at bat, he smashed it for a double. Bretley's first hit was a double....the ball somehow hit the bat twice (once on the forward swing and once on the back of the bat). Great coaching, Adrienne & Kyle! Mark then kept the momentum rolling and popped one up with Ty making the OUT. Lori hit the ball to left field with Dean doing a back bend (we'll give him a gymnastics score of "10") to avoid being hit by the ball. James Becker crushed one to center field...WAAAAAY OUT...advancing Bretley to third. Next was Brandon's HOOOOOOMMMME RUUUNNNN with bases loaded adding 4 points to their score. PV made an infield hit, but didn't make it to first base before the outfielders beat him to it... OUT! Next was out pleated skirt player, Adrienne, who crushed it to the pitcher and....Wait a Minute!!!, it grounded right between his feet!!! Without skipping a beat, out showman James, picked up the grounder and tossed it behind his back with a leap to second baseman Dave Yohe, just missing Kutcher who landed safely on base. Adrienne came in with a cartwheel showing even more athleticism! Ty cranked the ball to

center field, awarding him second base. Jack brought Glenn home and advanced Ty to third with his amazing hit!!! Bottom of the 3rd (we think): with Kutcher as pitcher and Lane as catcher. Patty crushed a ball to left field which sent Pinch Runner Bretley to first base. The overthrow to Joey at first allowed Bretley to take off to 2nd base. Charlie hit one to right field bringing in Bretley for a SCORE!! Dean hit a high, air-borne ball straight to Glenn who picked it out of the air for an OUT!!! Next, Bretley got a great hit, but this time was called out as she tried to race to 1st base, but this allowed her to pinch run for Mark. Mark's hit got Bretley safely to first base and Charlie to second. To add to the excitement, Charlie poured it on for a STEAL TO THIRD!!! Fourth Inning: Garrett started the inning with a pop fly off of PV's pitch straight to Brandon who made the OUT. Lane got a piece of the ball on his first swing and crushed it to Dean in the outfield, sadly, for an OUT. Brian added batting gloves for a baseline hit to Craig on first base and out running Craig for a safe stop at first base. FINAL SCORE 36-36 Bretley Barr was voted MVP for tonight's game. She did all the pinch running for the oldies, but goodies. Cheeks pink and huffing & puffing, this athlete never quit! She reached every base with a GREAT BIG GRIN...just ask the players guarding those bases. After the regular game, "The Littles" took the field with Adrienne, Kyle & Bri assisting. Grady, Nola, Briar, Bretley & Jack all showed their talents while learning from "The Bigs". The future is bright for Paradise Softball!!!!



BAPTISM SUNDAY



On a gorgeous Sunday, July 19th, we gathered at the home of Paul and Lisa Triponey to celebrate as eight of our friends dedicated themselves to the Lord. Pastor Vince opened with a heartfelt prayer before performing



the full-immersion baptisms of Dean Reed, Bob Roy, Annette Roy, Craig Limrick, Patty Burkett, Karen Villella, Adrienne Barr, and Judy Thomas.



The day continued with delicious food, warm fellowship, and even some "crocodile hunting" in the pool. For those who would like to be baptized, the next opportunity will be on August 30th after the church service— please see Pastor Vince for details.



I HAVE
DECIDED
TO FOLLOW
JESUS



YOU ARE INVITED!

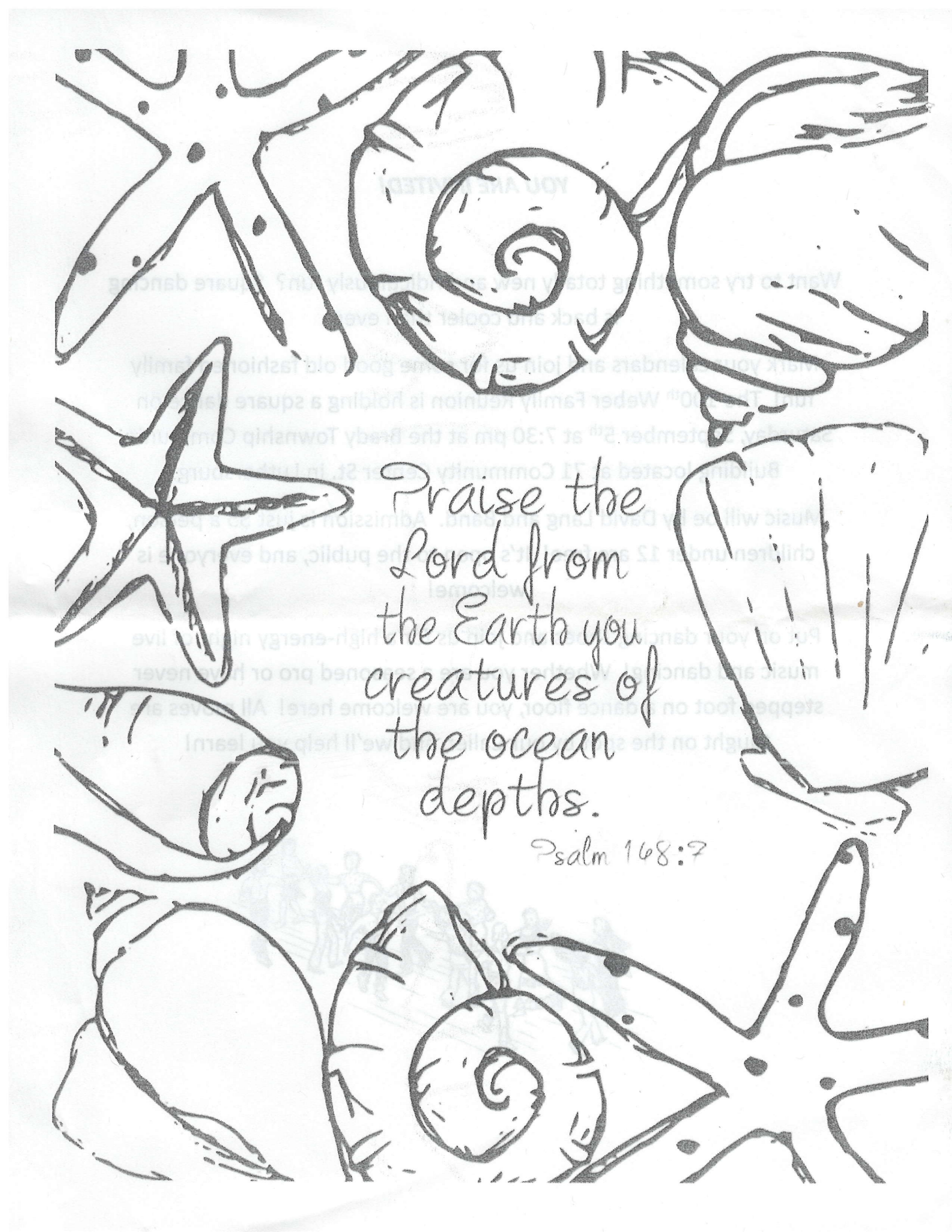
Want to try something totally new and ridiculously fun? Square dancing is back and cooler than ever.

Mark your calendars and join us for some good old fashioned family fun! The 100th Weber Family Reunion is holding a square dance on Saturday, September 5th at 7:30 pm at the Brady Township Community Building located at 71 Community Center St. in Luthersburg.

Music will be by David Lang and Band. Admission is just \$5 a person, children under 12 are free! It's open to the public, and everyone is welcome!

Put on your dancing shoes and join us for a high-energy night of live music and dancing! Whether you are a seasoned pro or have never stepped foot on a dance floor, you are welcome here! All moves are taught on the spot by our Caller, and we'll help you learn!





Praise the
Lord from
the Earth you
creatures of
the ocean
depths.

Psalm 148:7