

PARADISE LIFE

SEPTEMBER, 2025



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 Dylan Trithart Grady Triponey	2 Adam Walker James Laughman <i>Choir - 7 pm</i>	3 Isaac Pifer Cody Reinsel Elliot Reinsel	4	5 *George & Chelsea Alexander Andrew Pifer	6 *Brad & Ruth Pifer *Fred & Renee Reed Joyce London Teddy Neal Amanda Perry
7 <i>Biblical Studies Team Lunch-12 Softball 4:30</i>	8 Doug London	9 <i>Men's Choir - 6 pm FHF Meeting 7 pm Choir - 7 pm</i>	10 Alyssa Bittner <i>Consistory - 7 pm</i>	11 Wanda Laughman	12 *Larry & Carol Shields	13 Stephanie Walker
14 <i>Men's Choir Performs</i>	15 Quentin Haag	16 *Scott & Amy Trithart <i>Choir - 7 pm</i>	17 Annette Roy Briar Barr	18 *Jeff & Gail Pifer	19 Jackson Triponey	20 *John & Linda Blush *Jason & Tracy Weber Brandon Douthit Betty Dickey <i>Love Fest</i>
21	22 Bob Burkett Bob Reinsel	23 Don Keller Cody Pifer <i>Choir - 7 pm</i>	24 *Jason & Holli Polito Danielle Askey Brett Hollopeter	25	26 *Mike & Diane Carlson	27 *Kevin & Linda Muth <i>Feeding His Flock 4:45 - 6:00 pm</i>
28 *Bob & Patty Burkett Richard Dickey <i>Harvest Home</i>	29	30 *Alex & Erica States <i>Choir - 7 pm</i>				

During the month of September we will have our annual collection for the We Care Pregnancy Center. Monetary donations can be made by marking the "special funds" section of your envelope. There will be a cradle at the front of the church for all other donations.

Paradise Community Church Consistory

August 14, 2025

President Diane opened the meeting with prayer.

Holli was present to update us on the search committee's hopes to bring pastor candidate Kyle for a visit Sept 19-22. He would be preaching Sept 21 followed by a covered dish dinner. This is not finalized at this time.

Properties Committee updates

- The properties committee will have a meeting scheduled in September.
- Dean bought a new dehumidifier
- There are 10 bricks off the flu, but everything else is solid. It will be brought down to a safe level since the height is not needed for a draft.
- Byerly's furnace has been contacted and will call the next time they are in our area.
- A/C vs. ceiling fans for the back Sunday School rooms will be tabled until spring

The Men's group will meet August 21, 2025 at 7pm.

The membership registry is in the official book now and Brenda has a copy as well. We had 125 sign up to be members.

The secretary's report was approved as read with a motion from Bob and second by Wendy.

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

Bob made the motion and Dean seconded with all in favor to send \$500 to both Rod Pifer Jr and Laurie Reed for medical expenses.

Comcast business internet will be installed within the next 120 days.

Annette will work on getting shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse.

Dates

Softball game Sept 7 at 4:30pm

Men's Choir Sept 14

Love Fest Sept 20

Fall Festival October 26

The consistory will meet September 10th at 7pm

GOD'S LOVE FEST!!!

Come join us for another night of praise to our Heavenly Father!

September 20th at 6pm – bring songs, testimonies, readings, etc. to offer, or just come to praise the Lord with us. The service is informal, and bring some snacks/drinks to fellowship together afterwards!

CHOIR PICNIC

Members of the choir gathered on their break to enjoy the beautiful day God gave us to share a meal and some fun. The highlight of the food was the US states jazzy jello that Loretta is famous for – and it came intact! Most were hesitant to try Crossnet, but once everyone was drafted, the line kept increasing until it was time to swim. Then the diving competition kept us entertained! Thanks to all who came and shared their food as it was great to relax together before the season kicks off on September 2nd. We'd like to invite all who love to sing to join us as we gear up for Christmas; it's coming quickly!

CORN AND DOGGIE ROAST

Everyone always looks forward to the annual tradition of yummy fire food, and this year did not disappoint! We opened the evening with a few games of volleyball, adding people into the game as everyone arrived. One team was formed immediately when Crystal Alvetro brought a carload of players with her, and the youngsters made the oldsters look bad! The oldsters were disfunctional anyway, calling their teammates "senior citizens" then hitting the ball on the road so it would roll down the hill! Loads of laughs, and lots of fun!

Once everyone had their fill at the meal, Lori Yohe led us in some songs around the fire. Technically it was BESIDE the fire, but it was a great time sharing some praise and funny campfire tales. The volleyballers went back at it till dark, and the over 60 people in attendance agreed it was a wonderful evening! Thanks to those who provided corn and all who had a hand in planning this event!

PCC SOFTBALL, ROUND TWO!!

Bats were swinging again as we all gathered for our August game of softball in Troutville. The attendance was awesome as we had two full teams again; thanks to all who have come to play! The team playing with pitcher Kyle Barr were Dean Reed, Wyatt Reed, Darcie Grenier, Glenn Perry, Tommy Burkett, James Becker, Melissa Shepler, Charlie Shepler, Jackson Polito, Jason Polito, Jackson Triponey, Patty Burkett, and Deja Burkett. Under the leadership of Lori Yohe at pitcher, Bob Roy, Craig Limrick, Jeff Pifer, Holli Polito, Cody Pifer, Kutcher Reed, Jacob Reinhart, Bri Triponey, Ty Limrick, Joey Bowser, Adrienne Barr, Samuel Shepler, and Gail Pifer also added their talents to the game. Abbi Pifer was the pinch runner when some older legs were worn out!

Adrienne was happy to announce to her father that she was finally playing ball, and she didn't even have to move! That could be why the shortstops seemed to have a bit of a problem as Annette warned them it wasn't Wrestle Mania! Ty started off with a nice home run while James added 2 homers to the game. There were some nice stops made on the field by Deja, Patty, Glenn, Jackson P, and Bri – except she had the nerve to tag out her own son! Definitely no favoritism on the field as Adrienne was seen going after the pitcher also!

Afterwards Bri blessed everyone with some pizza, which was greatly appreciated. The spectators also had their share of fun watching the game, and being blessed with flowers freshly picked by Josie Reed, who was posing as Princess Elsa. It was a nice surprise when the albino deer came to watch also! Hope everyone can join us on September 7th at 4:30 for our final game of the season as it's loads of fun for all!

COMMUNITY BUILDING (SCHOOLHOUSE) NEWS

2025 Trash and Treasure Sale

Attention all treasure hunters and clutter enthusiasts! The annual Paradise Community Trash and Treasure Sale is happening on Saturday, October 4th at the Schoolhouse from 8 am to 2 pm.

Bring your stash of clothing, fabric, yarn, crafting supplies, household goods, tools, furniture, books, toys, collectibles, utensils, and anything you're tired of tripping over - to give them a new lease on life!

If you are interested in selling your items or have any questions regarding the sale, please see Tracy Weber.

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TRUNK SHOW

by AUTHOR, JUDY SHARER
who will have her original novels
available for purchase

~~September 19, 2025~~ Nov 8th
9:00 AM - 3 PM

(for however long you wish to stay)
Henderson Twp Community Building (School
House)
4235 Big Run - Prescomble Road,
Pahonville, PA

Join us for our quarterly All Day Sew day so
bring your projects, sewing machine & tools,
hand sewing and spend the day creating!!!

Presented by:
Paradise Piecers
Quilt Group

Bring a dish to share for our
potluck lunch

Our Paradise Angel by Tracy Weber

In Loving Memory of Michelle Pifer

She walked the earth with gentle light,
A heart that poured out endless grace,
In humble steps both day and night,
She served with gentle, steadfast faith.

She loved the children, pure and bright,
Their laughter wrapped within her care,
An angel veiled in mortal sight,
Whose spirit lingers everywhere.

We miss her voice, her warm embrace,
A mother, wife, and dearest friend-
Yet in our hearts we find her place,
Where love and faith shall never end.

We strive to walk the path she paved
With kindness as our creed.
To honor all the love she gave,
And follow where she leads.

No longer bound by earthly chains,
Or time's eternal race,
She dwells with God in endless peace-
An angel dressed in grace.

Remembering Michelle *By Lori*

We all get to know the people in our lives and although you and I may know the same people, we each experience them in different ways depending on the circumstances and situations in which we interact with them.

My friendship with Michelle grew through the years, mostly through our collaborating in Sunday School and special Sunday School events, Vacation Bible School, Feeding His Flock and our ever famous, short stint as Glitter and Bubbles in our clown ministry. Our dear Michelle was always the same to all she met. Enthusiastic, bubbling with fun and loving to all. She had a heart the size of Texas and a love for children to match. We all know this about her. These are a few particular insights I have from the time I spent with her.

Michelle did not follow directions well. She was somewhat like that proverbial duck that wonders off in a different direction from all the other ducks. Our Feeding His Flock meal menu is always planned at the beginning of the month when we meet to come to an agreement on the food choices. More times than not, Michelle would show up on the day of the meal with something that wasn't decided at the meeting. Beefy Noodle Soup would show up when we had decided on Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Soup. She would add Cheese Stuffed shells when it was decided we would be offering Chicken Stuffed and Beef Stuffed shells. She liked to add extras and expand on what we planned because that was Michelle. She was always thinking of that person that may not like or may not be able to eat what we were serving. It was never dull or boring when Michelle was around. She could even make peeling 80 pounds of potatoes a good time.

When we were clowning, we would work together to produce scripts for our clowning acts, but the performance NEVER went as planned and rehearsed. I think Michelle would adlib intentionally to see if I could get her back on track or lose my train of thought or just lose it all together. We had a lot of fun together.

I also quickly realized that money was of no consequence to Michelle. She was generous and ready to buy anything that would help with Sunday School or other events but you had to twist her arm to have her provide a receipt for reimbursement. If a check was written as repayment, you had to give it to Mark to be sure that it was cashed.

Love was the theme of her life. We once had a conversation about love. I mentioned that I thought the word "love" in the English language was way over used and we wear out and water down its meaning. We love our spouse and our children; we love pizza and ice cream; we love favorite movies or books. She strongly disagreed with me. To her love is what life is about. She said we should love everything about the life God has given us and the blessings He provides to us. A lesson learned.

I believed that she had adopted my children as her own. They were so special to her. She would have done anything for them. And right now some of you are thinking, "Yeah, that's how she is with my children." That's how she was with ALL children. They are all special and she made them feel like each one was her own very special friend and they were.

I miss Michelle greatly, but we can make her legacy continue and follow her example. Adopt her love for children and under privileged. Adopt her spirit of generosity. Be open about sharing our love for Jesus with those we meet. Carry on her uplifting and positive outlook on life. Adopt her attitude of gratitude towards all circumstances. And lastly, show some love to a chicken.

Michelle will be smiling down on us as we strive to spread the Love of Jesus as she did.

This was written by Michelle after she came home from Pittsburgh in January. She did not have the opportunity or ability to be able to read this herself, but Mark wanted it to be shared with everyone.

God is Good all the time and
all the time God is Good!

My story starts way before my latest miracle but for time
sake we will start at the present.

I am here with you all only by God's Grace and Mercy.

All the prayers that were prayed for me do help.

I still have a battle ahead but I am here at home in Para-
dise to fight with my family and friends! From being on a
ventilator for 10 days to being discharged to go home 5
days later is only something God can do.

When I went to Pittsburgh, I asked God to please help me
do 2 things.

1. Come home to Paradise, and
2. Be a light to Him no matter my condition.

I think by the reaction of all my nurses, that is what I did.
I am also standing here before all of you. So, as I say
when someone asks how I am, I say 'Grateful'.

It is not just something I say. I truly mean it. I am
grateful for everything I have but especially grateful to
God for giving me this opportunity.

Michelle

Thank You!
From Michelle

Dear Paradise Community Church,
This is my most difficult thank you to write. Not because you are all not worthy of thanking, but because where do I find the words to say all I want to say.

Everyone has gone above and beyond anything imaginable to help me and my family through this difficult time.

God says he does not give you any more than you can handle and I agree although this one has been pretty hard.

I have gotten this far into my journey because of my Faith and God and my family and friends, most of which go to this church.

I love this church and the people in it. What better place to be than Paradise! I just want all of you to know I love you more than you know and thank you from the bottom to the top of my heart! I don't have the words to say how I really feel so this will have to do.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Connecting the global military community to Jesus Christ.



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Pray for Laborers...

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." —Jesus (Matthew 9:37-38)

This July I attended the Cru25 conference where Cru missionaries from all over the United States come together for renewal and training. We had two days at the beginning to spend time with our Cru Military team (photo right).

I love this time to bond with my team, seek and hear from the Lord, and learn about new ideas for reaching the lost.

We also prayed for more missionaries. As Cru Military looks at the 56 military installations that we are at currently, we realize how much we need to grow to reach ALL the military installations! And we need even more missionaries to work with spouses, families, PTSD groups, marriage events, discipleship groups, and more! We need more missionaries!

At the Cru25 Conference, we had a recruiting booth and met with many missionaries from other ministries who had connections to the military community. Because our need is so great, we talked to some missionaries about transferring to join us—like I did a few years ago. **That is why we need your prayers now.**

We are asking God to bring us new missionaries who will help us get into every single military installation in the U.S.! There are men and women in our military services who need to hear about Jesus Christ. And we need people to tell them—full-time missionaries and volunteers, too!

That is why I LOVE the words of Jesus—telling us to pray for LABORERS in the Harvest Field. It's a command but also a promise! How wonderful! **Would you pray for us?**



Please Pray for:

- More laborers in the military harvest field
- Full and healthy teams at each of the 56 locations we are in now
- New missionaries who can open doors to new military facilities
- A missionary (or more) to move to Cape May, NJ, to start ministry at the Coast Guard station—they are ready for us!
- Full support quickly for any new missionaries

Project Update: *MonGOsia*

The container of wheelchairs is still in Pennsylvania—we have not yet found cargo space on a ship going to China. We are working on some new ideas for ministry between now and the time the mission trip can actually go. **More on those ideas next month!** But until then, please pray for:

- Ministry ideas for helping handicapped children and veterans in Mongolia while we wait for shipping
- A new ship booking to Mongolia and a fair shipping price
- Wisdom as we look at resetting the mission trip dates
- Grace and favor from the Mongolian military as we have to adjust our plans
- God's will to be done—no matter what it looks like to us!



A Marriage Restored

Cru Military® team members Bryan and Beth Runkle meet many military couples at the FamilyLife® Weekend to Remember® conferences where they hold breakout sessions for military couples. Some connections turn into more lasting relationships.

One couple at the conference—Sam and Kayla (not their real names) were struggling in their military marriage. Sam had Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) related to his ongoing service with the Army, but Kayla was hurting, too. Beth met separately with Kayla a few times after the conference, but it was clear that Kayla was holding something back.

Kayla stopped meeting with Beth for a few months, but a few months later reached out to Beth again, sharing that she really felt the need to meet. The two started meeting again every week. Finally, Kayla confessed that she was having an affair with her husband's Army comrade. Her husband was asking for a divorce. Kayla was ready to do whatever she needed to do to save her marriage.

Beth began to share with Kayla what God wanted for her life. They walked through John 1-4—looking at the basics of following Christ and the gospel. As a result, Kayla started a relationship with Christ, and she wanted to obey the Lord in all things. Her husband had still not made the decision to follow Christ, but Kayla loved him and wanted to reconnect. Beth and Kayla faithfully met each week for discipleship and began to work on where the young couple had begun to grow apart.

Beth shared about how Kayla could respect her husband and gave her practical things to do in her marriage. After a few weeks of silence, Sam noticed Kayla's efforts and recognized a real difference in their marriage. Months later, he forgave Kayla, even though he still had not yet become a Christian. Because of the difference he saw in Kayla's life, Sam agreed to start going to church with her. There, he personally started his own relationship with Christ.

Now, Kayla is rejoicing in her restored marriage to Sam. They had a baby, they committed to being faithful members of a church, and both recently returned from an overseas mission trip. Sam recently told Kayla what a great life partner he thought she was and how happy he was to have remained committed to her. All of this transformation happened because the Holy Spirit used the vehicle of one-on-one discipleship to bring about conviction and life change.

Thanks to caring Christians like you, ministry like this is happening all over the United States and around the globe through Cru Military! **Thank you for helping families in the military community!**

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