



# Paradise Life

## April 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p><i>*Men's Retreat coming May 29-31.</i></p> <p><i>*Paradise Community Church 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration coming this fall!</i></p>			Lowell Perry Colton Hanzely Joe McDonald Izaak Trithart <b>Bible Study 6</b>	Mary Ellen Hoffman  <i>Maundy Thursday Living Last Supper 7pm</i>	Jake Ross	Kaitlyn Weber
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Amy Trithart  <b>Easter</b>		Kutcher Reed * Dan & Nancy Keller <b>VBS Meeting 6:30</b> <b>Choir 7</b> <b>FHF Meeting 7</b>	* Bill & Bobbi Becker  <b>Bible Study 6</b>	<b>Consistory 7</b>	Sarah Blinn Nancy London Alyssa Perry Lacey Stockdale Brody Ward	Vince Davis  * Don & Amy Keller
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Michael Reitz  <b>Installation of Pastor Vince Davis &amp; Luncheon following Sunday School</b>	Tammy Ragsdale	Payton Hiles Valarie Reinsel  <b>Choir 7</b>	Brett Trithart <b>Bible Study 6</b>  <b>Women's Service Group 7</b>	<b>Men's Group 7</b>	John Palm  * Gary & Sherri Reed	Max Pifer Jr.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Zoey Hanzely Robert Reed	Dayna Ward  * Charlie & Melissa Shepler	* Brandon & Alexis Rice  <b>Choir 7</b>	Jeff Ragsdale  Autumn Rheaume  <b>Bible Study 6</b>		Lindsey Hanzley Brett Pifer	Mack Schreckengost  <b>Feeding His Flock Meal 4:45-6</b>
26	27	28	29	30		
	Jenny Shick	Mei Bogardus Emily Keller Bri Triponey  <b>Choir 7</b>	Jeff Pifer  <b>Bible Study 6</b>			

\* Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a Corn Hole Tournament Event at the Youth Center starting at 7pm. Spectators, cheerleaders, and hecklers are welcome!

\* Spring Clean-up will be Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am, and Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm.

## Paradise Community Church Consistory

March 12, 2026

President Dean Reed opened the meeting with prayer. Those in attendance were Pastor Vince, Dean, Bob, Wendy, Bobbi, Brenda, Brooke, and Annette.

The secretary's report was approved as read (Wendy made the motion and Bob seconded), and the treasurer's report was reviewed with no corrections or additions (Wendy made the motion, and Bobbi seconded).

The Properties committee will meet for a Spring clean up in the next few weeks. They will also start compiling a wish list for updating Pastor Vince's office.

Wendy reported that card making had a great turnout with 15 attending.

The nursery still needs volunteers. The worship team will explore potentially doing the kids sermon downstairs.

Bobbi reported Women's Service group is looking for members, and Feeding His Flock is making pie kits to donate to the BRANCHH food pantry.

The Activities Committee is looking into renting a Parker Dam Pavilion for a summer Church service. The first softball game has been scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Vince also has a Men's retreat in the planning stages with more details to follow.

Bob looked into the potential need for an occupancy certificate. We are grandfathered in and do not need one per Henderson Township.

Annette made a presentation requesting to purchase a spotlight for Maundy Thursday. This would be helpful at Christmas and various programs as well. The cost is \$209 for a telescoping stand (up to 6'3") with an additional warranty for \$34. Brooke made the motion and Bob seconded purchasing the spotlight plus the warranty.

### Upcoming Church requests:

March 29     John Reed Easter

November 22   John Reed Thanksgiving

December 20   John Reed Christmas

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m.

## WORSHIP TEAM MEETING

Welcome Pastor Vince! We are grateful to have you with us, jumping right in to get to know everyone and share ideas with us!

We appreciated all who attended to give their valuable input: Annette Roy, Janet Douthit, Diane Carlson, Lisa Triponey, Brenda Weber, Bobbi Becker, Vince Davis, and Melissa Shepler.

Vince would like to have a praise song each week, so the choir or SS Singers will continue to introduce something. Melissa suggested we find a songbook, so the search is on! It will be impossible to please everyone's musical tastes, but thankfully the only One we have to please with our worship is the Lord, and He just wants our hearts!

We will continue to pray over our song choices and allow the Holy Spirit to move through these services. The "Response to the Message" is a new addition to worship, giving those who have been moved by the Spirit or desiring to have prayer an opportunity to come forward or pray wherever they are.

Annette is researching a spotlight to use for the Living Last Supper. We are excited for the people God will bring through our doors through this presentation!

As we try to reach all our visitors, it would be helpful to have 2 greeters each Sunday to distribute visitor cards. We've also tabled the Greeting Time for now. Please continue to welcome everyone before and after the services. Thank you!

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Pastor Vince will have office hours at the church Tuesday-Friday from 1-6 pm. He can be reached at 724-689-3521 to set up an appointment.

# PAINT 'N BRUNCH

On February 28TH, a bunch of artists and a few try-hards came together to create beautiful cards for our guests and shut-ins. We shared an amazing breakfast spread then got to work. Erica instructed us with watercolors as we attempted to copy her trees and flowers, and though none looked exactly like hers, we all were able to create something beautiful, (only by the grace of God, for some of us!). On our third card, we were set free to paint whatever scenes were in our heads or on Google, and we ended up with over 40 cards. Such a beautiful display! Thank you, Erica, for sharing your gift with us, and thanks to everyone who came to support this card ministry. Our artists were Lori Yohe, Debbie Pifer, Janet Douthit, Marissa Douthit, Holli Polito, Elaine Fillhart, Lisa Triponey, Linda Pifer, Wendy Perry, Sandy Reed, Amanda Ramsey, Adrienne Barr, Bri Triponey, Nora States and Rhyett Polito. Hope to see you next time for a wonderful morning together!



## EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH THE WOMEN'S SERVICE GROUP

In our church community, we are blessed to have a vibrant and dedicated Women's Service Group (WSG). This dynamic group plays an instrumental role in fostering fellowship, support, and outreach among our female members, empowering them to take active roles in both our church and the wider community.

The purpose of this article is to highlight the various events and responsibilities undertaken by the Women's Service Group and to encourage every woman in our congregation to get involved. The WSG serves multiple functions, each vital to nurturing the spiritual and social lives of our congregation. One primary focus is fellowship. By bringing women together in a spirit of sisterhood, we create an environment where friendships can blossom and support is readily available.

Our monthly meetings are a cornerstone of this fellowship, where women gather to share their faith, discuss pertinent issues, and plan upcoming events. Each meeting provides a space for women of all ages to engage, share experiences, and build lasting relationships. These meetings are held at 7 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. A member volunteers to host the meeting either at the church or at their home, while another member leads the evening's lesson; which could be a devotional, bible study, or lesson. This is followed by the business meeting where events are planned and future ideas are discussed. In true Paradise fashion, the meeting is followed with refreshments or a dessert.

One of the most cherished events organized by the WSG is the annual birthday party for residents at the DuBois Nursing Home held in June. We provide uplifting readings, sing songs, and provide the residents with delicious cake, ice cream and refreshments, and small gifts.

Our commitment to outreach also includes many other different tasks: We send get-well and sympathy cards to church members. (The Paradise Blessing cards are an extension of this outreach). We host our annual Fall Picnic, which provides a casual environment for church members to enjoy fellowship while welcoming newcomers. We put together Sunshine Baskets to help uplift the spirits of congregation & community members. We collect items & donate raffle baskets for various benefits. We provide Christmas gifts or monetary donations to various organizations or church members in nursing homes, & community members in need. The flowers on the altar & in the Sanctuary are provided by various volunteers from the WSG. We host Congregational dinners; including set-up & cleanup, and with other accompanying meals. We collect baby items for the We Care Pregnancy Center and deliver them each fall. Our cookbooks are always in high demand! For Bethlehem Walk years, we create over 1,000 ornaments to hand out to the visitors. We are currently organizing a Women's Saturday Retreat, and we are always open to new ideas or projects.

The Women's Service Group is not just a club; it is a ministry dedicated to empowering women to live out their faith actively. By participating, members find opportunities to grow spiritually, cultivate friendships, and impact the community positively. The satisfaction derived from serving others truly reflects the heart of our church mission.

## ...WOMEN'S SERVICE GROUP (Continued)

We invite women of ALL ages within our congregation to join us, bring their unique gifts, and be part of this vital ministry. Together, we can continue building a supportive network that encourages each member to shine in their faith journey. Remember, the strength of our church lies not only in its teachings but also in the love and support extended through groups like the Women's Service Group. Let's continue to grow, serve, and uplift each other in Christ's name!



God is Good!

Thank you to our church family for all the love, support, and prayers throughout the journey of Nala's adoption.

From the Rake family and Nala Ann-Louise Rake.

## Getting to Know God's Servants

The kids have continued to interview adults from the church. They interviewed Matt Smith. Matt is currently a deacon serving on the consistory. Matt is an only child and has lived in Horntown most of his life. He is married to Deidre (Muth) and is the father of 3 beautiful girls, Olivia, Kennedy and Karter. They have a dog, a cat and a fish. Matt comes to church to get close to God, and says that the church is a great community for him and his family. He went to school in Brockway thru 9th grade and then went to Jeff Tech for machining. He currently works at Famco, where he inspects parts. He enjoyed history and science when he was in school. When Matt was younger, he wanted to be either a pilot or a WWE wrestler. Matt's favorite color is red, his favorite holiday is Thanksgiving and his favorite foods are seafood alfredo and burgers. He likes all kinds of music especially 90's rock and Christian music. He stated that he enjoyed playing tag, football and basketball when he was younger. What Matt misses most about his childhood is being able to sleep in and not having anything to worry about. Matt stated that David is his favorite bible character because he finds his bravery inspiring. When asked what he wanted people to know about him is that he is a great listener and likes to help people. He lives his faith by daily by praying and serving others through the church. We would like to thank Matt for letting us interview him.



The kids interviewed Brooke and Craig Limrick . Brooke and Craig are married to each other and have been for 25 years; they live in Paradise. They have 1 son named Ty. Brooke grew up with 2 brothers, 1 older and 1 younger. Craig grew up with a brother and a sister both older than him. They have an angora rabbit, 2 cats and a lizard for pets. Both Craig and Brooke went to elementary school in Big Run and high school in Punxsutawney, Craig's favorite subject was science and Brooke's reading. Craig wanted to be a race car driver when he grew up and Brooke wanted to be a mom. Craig currently works at a power generation station and Brooke's job is to keep Ty and Craig in line as a stay-at-home mom.



Craig's hobby is working on cars and Brooke's is knitting. Craig's favorite color is yellow, favorite holiday is Christmas and food is pot roast. Brooke's favorite color is anything but pink, favorite holiday is Christmas and food is French fries. Both Craig and Brooke said their dream vacation in Hawaii or Ireland.

When asked why they come to church Craig said that he comes to church to say thanks and to God down the right path. Brooke said that she comes to church because she's a hot mess and needs to be here. Craig's favorite bible character is Noah and Brooke's is Esther. Craig said that living his faith makes it easier to get out of bed each day and Brooke says it helps her to stay on the right track and make good decisions. Thanks to Brooke and Craig for letting us interview you both and we look forward to learning more about others in the congregation in the next several months.

## **Paradise Community Center Basketball Game**

**March 15, 2026 by Annette Roy**

The inaugural intramural basketball game was held on Sunday afternoon with a record-breaking crowd on hand of 10 players and 6 spectators!!!!

Athletes that showed up for the day were Pastor Vince, Glenn Perry, Darcie Grenier, Samuel Shepler, Brooke Limrick, Craig Limrick, Ty Limrick, Shayla Bowser, Evan Buhite, and Ryan Buhite.

Game #1 started with team captains Pastor Vince and Samuel Shepler choosing their teams. Referee Larry Shepler became the official ball tosser for tipping the ball to start the event. The game was full of aggressive offense and defense for all players. Game #1 score was 11-7.

Game #2 began with team captains of Ryan Buhite and Evan Buhite. Again, the competition was fierce. Game #2 score was 11-6.

Game #3, with everyone nearing exhaustion, began with teams chosen by the score keeper citing the history of the first two games. Another action filled game ensued. Game #3 score was 11-8.

Post game summary of events was announced by the score keeper with added game highlights and awards.

With 60% of spectator votes, Samuel Shepler was voted as overall **Game MVP** for the day! Samuel shined both offensively and defensively, scoring an impressive number of baskets!

**Youngest Player** was awarded to Evan Buhite who also showed court excellence both in offense and defense fully challenging the seasoned players.

**Offensive MVP** (because of his nearly ceiling height arm reach) was given to Ryan Buhite.

It was noted that Pastor Vince used his hierarchal position to intimidate Craig on more than one occasion. C'mon Craig, show no mercy the next game!

## Paradise Community Center Basketball Game (Continued)...

The **Game Turtle Award** was given to Ty as he spent an inordinate amount of time down on the floor. To be fair, the court was a bit slippery for athletic shoes, but it was entertaining nonetheless.

At one point, there was a side line pow-wow between organizers Brooke and Craig Limrick who apparently were on a self-appointed break DURING game play and narrowly missed by a passed ball intended for one of them. Luckily, the ball flew between them and connected with the wall. Phew!!

Finally, after enthusiastically cheering and thoroughly enjoying the game, the basketball was handed over to Loretta Shepler for her attempt at an honorary basket awarding her the day's title of **Legend Shooter**.

Pastor Vince ended the day in prayer, thanking God for all of our talents, for the blessing of having had a safe day and for safe travels as we left company.

Kudos to the Limrick family for organizing and promoting this fun and action-packed afternoon event.



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam and Amanda (Reed) Ramsey announce the birth of their son Tanner Dean Ramsey on March 14, 2026. Tanner is the grandson of Dean and Sandy Reed, and Mike and Karen Ramsey of Emporium. His great grandfather is John Reed.



Tiffany Hand and Garrett Kerner announce the birth of their daughter Wrenlynn Rose Kerner on March 23, 2026. Wrenlynn is welcomed by her sisters Hazlynn and Natalynn. She is the granddaughter of Kim and Joe McDonald. Her great grandparents are Royce and Charlotte Sprague.

*Children are a  
gift of God*

PSALMS 127:3



# EASTER

## WORD SEARCH



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