

# ZION'S HEAVENLY

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# HAPPENINGS



## Newsletter



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*231 Years of worshipping the  
Lord with each other....*

**ZION'S STONE CHURCH OF  
WEST PENN TOWNSHIP**  
A Federated ELCA & UCC Church

45 Cemetery Rd  
New Ringgold, PA 17960

570-386-5111 (& Fax)

[www.zionstchurch.org](http://www.zionstchurch.org)

Rev. Russell Campbell, Pastor  
Cell # 610-737-2634

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***Come Worship with Us!***

***9:00am – Sunday Worship Service***

*(1st Sunday of the month Altar Communion)*

***10:15am – Sunday School***

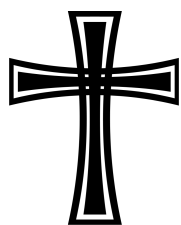
***5:00pm – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Night Worship Services***

*(1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Night of the month we will have communion)*

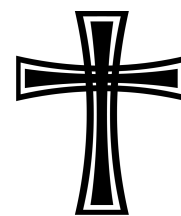
***(No Meal Until Further Notice)***

As of April 2005,

Zion's Stone Church Lutheran Congregation and Zion's Stone Church United  
Church of Christ Congregation enter into a shared ministry. Keeping both  
heritages in the Sunday Worship Service each week.



# CHURCH STAFF...



**PASTOR:** Rev. Russell Campbell

**Office Hours:**

Wednesday and Thursday 10:00am – 4:00pm

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**Pastor's Home Email:** [revarc@ptd.net](mailto:revarc@ptd.net)

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**CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR/TREASURER:**

**Charlotte Fritz Office Hours:**

**Charlotte will be returning at a later date.**



**Charlotte's Office Email:** [zscofc@ptd.net](mailto:zscofc@ptd.net)

**(Please use this email for information for Charlotte.)**

**CHURCH SECRETARY:**

**Brenda Osenbach Office Hours:**

**Brenda will be in the office from 8:00am – 12:00am Mon – Thurs.**

**Brenda's Office Email:** [zscbrenda@ptd.net](mailto:zscbrenda@ptd.net)

**(Please use this email for all bulletin information,  
newsletter and other information for Brenda.)**



**CHURCH OFFICE PHONE NUMBER:**

**570-386-5111 – When calling use  
prompt #2 for the Pastor, prompt #3  
for Brenda, & prompt #4 for Charlotte**

**Check us out on Facebook!**

Thanks to Sarah Martinez  
for being our Facebook Coordinator!

**Zion's Stone Website**

[www.zionstonechurch.org](http://www.zionstonechurch.org)

**MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST:**

Erin Zelinski – 570-205-3511

**CARD CARE  
COORDINATOR:**

L.C. Dean: 570-449-0677

**SEXTON(S):**

Fred (& Donna) Gimbi - Home # 570-386-2888

Fred's Cell #570-573-7642

# Worshipping Together

\*\*\*Masks are no longer required and are optional and the board still asks that if you are not feeling well or have concerns about attending the service in person, you're encouraged to stay home and continue to watch the service on Facebook & YouTube. The areas of the church used for worship will be cleaned and disinfected prior to the next week's service.

You may call Pastor Russ on his cell phone or the church office and leave a message or email them.

Auditorium rentals are still not available.



**Office News:** Over the next few weeks, Charlotte will be teaching Brenda how to do the Monthly Newsletters. Moving forward any information you would like to put in the newsletter must be emailed to [zscbrenda@ptd.net](mailto:zscbrenda@ptd.net). Or you can call 570-386-5111, wait for prompt #3 and leave a message or you can leave your phone # and Brenda will return your call. We also have two newsletter submittal boxes. Please remember the newsletter deadline is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Brenda is not on Facebook, Twitter, or any other social media outlet so you will have to do things the old fashioned way. Please be patient as there are a lot of moving parts to put the newsletter together for viewing.



# **WORSHIP - NOVEMBER 2021**

## **Sunday, November 7, 2021 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**9:00am - Worship Service w/Holy Communion (altar)**

**Guest Preacher: Barbara Mase**

**Sermon Title: "God's Amazing Grace"**

Numbers 21:4-9    Ephesians 2:4-10    John 3:14-21

## **Sunday, November 14, 2021 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost All Saints Sunday**

**9:00am - Worship Service**

**Sermon Title: "Some Saints or All Saints?"**

Isaiah 25:6-9    Revelation 21:1-6a    John 11:32-44

## **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – Christ the King**

**9:00am - Worship Service**

**Sermon Title: "God Our Maker Doth Provide"**

Joel 2:21-27    1 Timothy 2:1-7    Matthew 6:25-33

## **Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Advent**

**9:00am - Worship Service w/Holy Communion (altar)**

**Sermon Title: "Help Is On the Way"**

Jeremiah 33:14-16    1 Thessalonians 3:9-13    Luke 21:25-36

Bio for Barbara Mase Guest Preacher on Sunday, November 7, 2021:  
Barbara Mase grew up at Zion's Stone. She is the daughter of the late Charles and Mamie (Stahler) Mase. After graduating from high school, Barb attended Boston Conservatory of Music, the University of Hartford and Hartford Seminary where she received a Masters degree in Congregational Studies. Barb has served in leadership positions in various nonprofit organizations in CT, and retired from the Department of Public Health AIDS and Chronic Diseases in 2013. Church ministry has always been important in her life and she has served as Director of Music/ Organist with churches in MA, CT, TN, and at Zion's Stone. She worked in the Gospel music industry in Nashville and also served as part- time concert consultant with the Bill Gaither Trio. Currently she is Minister of Music at First Church in Meriden, CT.

# ZSC Board Meeting Minutes:

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

X Pastor Russell Campbell	X Nancy Meiser	X Paul Miller
X Amanda Sassaman	X Charlotte Fritz	X Blair Miller
X Gary Clemson	X Sam Schaefer	X Scot Dietrich
X Dan Metzger	X Rick Zelinsky	

X) = Board Members present

Members of the congregation – Brenda Osenbach & Daryl Fritz

Congregation Comments – Darryl Fritz presented results of water testing at the church. Members of the board will assist in acquisition of a new plumber and water testing company. Further discussions will be needed regarding Church water testing.

Pastor Russ Campbell opened meeting with prayer

**Pastor's Report** – Presented

**Secretary Report** – None presented

**Treasurer's Report** – Presented

## Committee Reports

**Worship & Music** – Nothing to report

**Property** – Discussed security system alarms are still going off. Further conversations with ADT and associated Sub-Contractors will be needed for remedy.

**Finance** – Budget 2022 presented and accepted.

Accepted by Sam Schaefer / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blair Miller.

**Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Outreach/Evangelism** – Food Pantry distribution November 13<sup>th</sup>, pierogie sales, apple butter sales, meatball sales, and Trunk or Treat.

**Fund Raising** – None to report.

**Personnel** – Nothing to report.

**Safety/Security Committee** – Nothing presented

**Other Business** – Discussed beginning “In Church Communion”.

Pastor Russ closed with the Lord's Prayer

**Next Church Board Meeting on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 @ 7 pm**

Meeting adjourned. Motion to accept by Dan Metzger / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blair Miller

Respectfully Submitted by Board Secretary, Amanda Sassaman

## NEWSLETTER SUBMITTALS...

Please help the office be efficient by having all newsletter submittals emailed to the church office (or placed in the newsletter submittal boxes) by the newsletter deadline, the third Sunday of each month.

If you would like your wedding announcement or if you have a loved one who has entered into eternal life, thank you messages, etc., please contact the office by the newsletter deadline or we may not be able to publish your information until next month. *Thank You!*

## ALTAR FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS...

If you are interest in sponsoring altar flowers or bulletins, please call the office at (570) 386-5111 before 12 pm on Wednesday. **Leave a message** with your telephone number and the exact wording you would like to see printed in the bulletins. We still have Sundays available for the months ahead. Bulletins and altar flowers are available. Please call the office every time you want to sponsor them.



***Please do not put your request in the envelopes,  
because it may not be seen until it is too late.  
YOU MUST CALL THE OFFICE.***



### COST OF SPONSORSHIP:

ALTAR FLOWERS     \$25.00

Rosebud:     \$10.00

Make checks payable to

Bulletin:     \$10.00

*Zion's Stone Church. Thank You!*

**LECTORS are needed for every Sunday.**

**Please sign your name on the calendar in Narthex**

**CHURCH/AUDITORIUM FUNCTIONS ARE CURRENTLY NOT BEING SCHEDULED**

**Please call the church office at (570) 386-5111.** If you or someone you know is planning a wedding at Zion's Stone Church, please contact Pastor Russ. You will have to adhere to CDC guidelines until further notice.

**Do you have a new Address or Telephone  
&/or Cell Phone Number?**

Please notify the office either through email ([zscofc@ptd.net](mailto:zscofc@ptd.net)) or phone (570-386-5111) with your new information. This way we can keep in touch with you and provide you with important information regarding the church. Thank you!

(All the clip Art printed in this newsletter was taken from google clip art.)



Photo taken by Gayle Mateyak

## SPECIAL THANK YOU...

*(The church receives thank you letters from other organizations that we support through Benevolence giving throughout the year.)*

**A huge thank you** to everyone helped make the pierogies for the Outreach Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who purchased pierogies. Your help and purchases were gratefully appreciated.

**Special Thanks** to Adam and Susan Zeigler for their donation of Jars and Homemade Applebutter. Funds raised are being donated to the Outreach Committee.



*Christian Sympathies go to...*

Pauline Steigerwalt and Family & Friends on the death  
of Pauline's husband Amandus C. "Junior" Steigerwalt.  
Who entered into eternal life on  
Wednesday, October 27, 2021





# 2021 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FIGURES...

September 5, 2021 - 102      October 3, 2021 - 114

September 12, 2021 - 91      October 10, 2021 - 106

September 19, 2021 - 105      October 17, 2021 - 94

September 26, 2021 - 76      October 24, 2021 -

October 31, 2021 -



## FINANCIAL REPORT



### 2021 September

Current Giving:

Total Income Budgeted for 2021-----\$ 213,228.25

Total Benevolence income for 2021 -----\$ 11,700.00

Total Income plus Benevolence -----\$ 224,928.25

Monthly  
Income & Benevolence

\$ 17,838.16

Gain/(Loss)

\$ -905.86

Monthly Budgeted  
Income & Benevolence  
(\$ 4,325.54 – per week)  
(\$ 18,744.02 – per month)

**Thank you for your continued support of  
Zion's Stone Church!**

## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

Due to Covid-19 all choirs will be  
postponed until further notice.



Thank you to Choir Director,  
Erin (Raymond) Zeliniski  
for sharing her musical  
talents with us during the  
Worship services!



## **SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES...**

w/The Rev. Russell Campbell



**November 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**  
**There will be no soup and sandwiches**  
**before the service until further notice.**

**Holy Communion offered first**  
**Saturday of each month.**

**ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021**  
**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**



# **THURSDAY MORNINGS & THURSDAY NIGHTS**

w/The Rev. Russell Campbell

November 4 Book of Revelation  
November 11 **No Bible Study**  
November 18 Book of Revelation

**No Bible Study** on Thursday,  
November 25 due to  
Thanksgiving Day Holiday!

*Morning Bible Study starting  
at 10:00am and Evening Bible Study  
will start at 6:30pm.  
(will notify to cancel if inclement weather)*

*Bring your own Bible that you can write in!*

## **Daylight-saving time ends**

- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.



Saturday, November 6

Turn your clocks back  
one hour!

# Sunday School News...

It is good to be back in Sunday school!

If you haven't already, please join us after church @ 10:15!

**Here's our Main Street Team...**

NurZOOry  
Preschool to Kindergarten

Karen Wood  
Adele Snyder  
David Snyder



Fruit of the Spirit Café'  
Grades 1-5

Audra Schlecht  
Heather Oswald

Light Your Fire Church  
Grades 6-12

Darryl & Charlotte Fritz  
Bob & Jane Miller  
Ruth Raymond

SONshine Circle  
Adults-young and old

James Coombe  
Linnea Meiser  
Kris Bellhorn  
Gayle Mateyak

Treasurer

Karissa Brothers

Audio/Technical

Kyle Snyder

Director

Eileen Coombe

*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews*

*10:25*



We are planning on getting back together with the Youth Group on Jan. 9, 2022!

Anyone in grades 6-12<sup>th</sup> are welcome to join!

Bring a friend when we start back up again!

If anyone needs to talk with us, the advisors are all available. We will continue to pray for you all and we miss you so much!



## Giving Tree

**Coming Soon**

**Watch for details.  
Outreach Committee**



## Veterans Day Facts

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

### When Is Veterans Day?

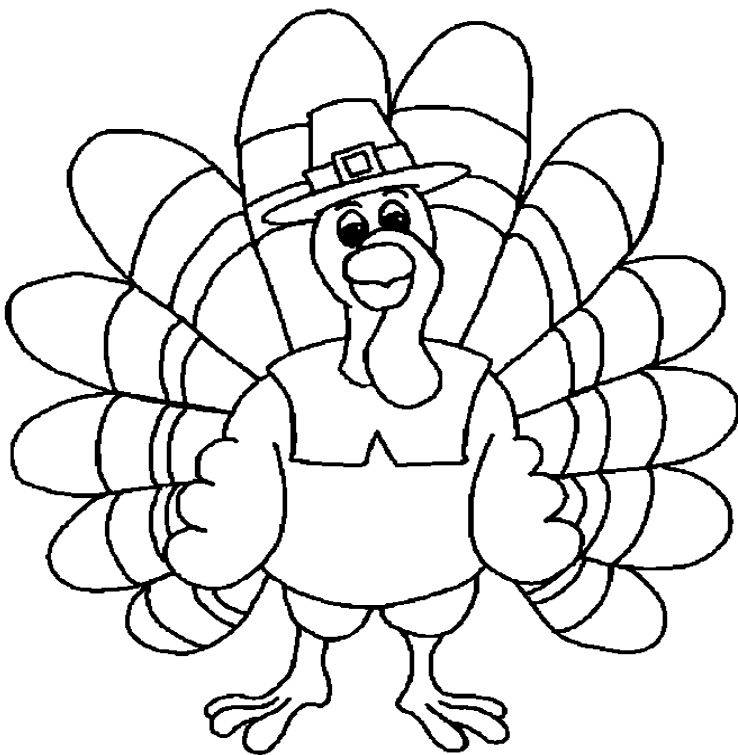
- Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States in honor of the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I, known as Armistice Day.
- In 1954, President [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#) officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to [Veterans Day](#).
- In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President [Gerald Ford](#) returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.

- Veterans Day commemorates veterans of all wars.
- Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of [World War I](#) and [World War II](#) on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November).
- In Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.
- Every Veterans Day and Memorial Day, Arlington National Cemetery holds an annual memorial service. The cemetery is home to the graves of over 400,000 people, most of whom served in the military.

## SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boxes are due back at church by Sunday, November 14, 2021. If you are unable to get here on Sunday, stop by the church M-Th, from 8am to 12pm and Brenda can buzz you in. Leave your box in the auditorium. For more information go to [samaritanspurse.org/occ](https://samaritanspurse.org/occ) or contact Karissa Brothers.

# ZION'S COLORING CORNER





# PNEC NEWS....

Penn Northeast Conference UCC, 431 Delaware Ave., Palmerton, PA 18071

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Rev. Gilberto Garcia Rodriguez [hispanicucc@rcn.com](mailto:hispanicucc@rcn.com)

Rev. Christian Creyer [christianc@pnec.org](mailto:christianc@pnec.org)

Barbara Jennings [barbaraj@pnec.org](mailto:barbaraj@pnec.org)

Patty Rehrig [patty@pnec.org](mailto:patty@pnec.org)

## Letter from Bonnie

Dear friends,

Well, it's Thursday which means it's time for another letter to the conference from the conference minister. Sometimes I wonder if you appreciate, are interested, ignore these writings, or maybe just wish I'd take a break. Yet, for me this is a moment for sharing thoughts, hopes, faith, dreams, musings, challenges, and the curiosities of life. How do you do that?

I recently had a conversation with some peers, other conference ministers in my community of practice, about leadership. Curiously we are all, the six of us, different leaders – some more collaborative, some vision setting, some consensus builders, some more adept at the changing environment, some more directive and collaborative – depending on the situation. I will let you determine for yourself where I fall in this leadership spectrum.

To a person, we all hoped we were demonstrating care in our leadership styles and actions. To a person, we all relied on our faith to guide us. To a person, we all appreciated the differences in leadership styles of members of the group and members of our conferences. I want you to know that I believe we have some of the strongest and best leaders in the United Church of Christ within our conference. Sometimes individuals are reluctant to step forward and share their skills. Sometimes people over-function. Sometimes people hide their skills and talents under a bushel basket. Many of you will remember what Jesus said about no one hiding their light under a bushel basket.

So, I want you to know that we, in the conference, want you to shine. We want you to share opinions, ideas, skills, and talents. We want you to be generous in your congregations and in the conference. We depend on you. It takes all of us inside congregations and inside the conference to become all we can be. Each of us, with our different gifts, skills, and talents, are essential to positive accomplishment of our mission to change lives by equipping, empowering, and supporting those who would spread Christ's ministry. Spend some time thinking about the gifts you might be able to share – in your congregation and in the conference.

And, by the way, leadership is expressed in many ways, and leaders express many viewpoints. The conference, the congregation, the whole of the UCC is a big tent where ideas, offered with respect, are welcome; where the different viewpoints, we have, need to be shared and nurtured so we can see all parts of goals, issues, and our community's needs and gifts.

Where am I going with this? You knew there was an ask coming, right? I am your conference minister after all. The Conference Nominating Committee will soon begin its work. You may receive a call asking you to serve – it may be in a familiar and comfortable way, or it may be in a way that stretches you. Please prayerfully consider how you can and will serve. All of us together make the conference stronger, help move us toward accomplishing our mission and goals. I am blessed to be among you. Thank you for all you do and may consider doing in the future.

Blessings, Bonnie

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# SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

NOVEMBER 2021 • ISSUE 11 • VOLUME 29



## Gaining Strength: The Tie that Binds

Bishop Christopher deForest

*And though one might prevail against another,  
two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not  
quickly broken. (Ecclesiastes 4:12)*

Autumn blessings to you all! We find ourselves in November 2021, on the cusp of change. The pandemic is still upon us, but vaccines work and masks are making a difference. Advent is almost here, but we're uncertain what the new year will bring. Where do we go from here?

In my prayers for us concerning this time, two scripture passages come to mind. The first is the one above, from the Old Testament. Many of us recall this biblical image, because

it is used often at weddings, where "a threefold cord" is actually wound together into a stronger bond, symbolizing how God and the marrying couple are bound together in fidelity, faith and love.

But look closer at the full verse. It starts not with peace and harmony, but with conflict: two are divided, fighting to "prevail against" the other. Then straight away, a different path is taken: "two will withstand one." It doesn't say, "two will team up to overcome one." This is not bullying or ganging up, in other words. It's "standing with" – united against forces that may seek to drive them apart. This is taken even further in the second line, where two-against-one transforms into three, joining forces. Could it be, that the two have not destroyed or driven away their enemy – but have instead, drawn the other into a loving embrace? So that the three become something new: an unbreakable one.

This is both the will of our God, as well as the essence of God's very being. The Holy Trinity. One in Three and Three in One. Mysterious in so many ways, our Triune God also comes "down to earth" for us, in these days when so many forces and factions try to drive us apart. Jesus, the One who came down to us, reveals to us the truth of the threefold cord – through his life, death, and resurrection, connecting our reality to his. And he spoke of this connection in very everyday terms, in this second Bible verse:



*[Jesus said:] “Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” (Matthew 18:19-20)*

This practical promise lies behind the work we are doing, as a Synod, to reach God’s three “Vital-Sign Goals”, over the next five years. “GROWING YOUNG” is the goal to bring faithful young people and “young at heart” of all ages together, as Jesus-centered community, empowered and led by the Spirit to change the world. “GOING BEYOND DEATH TO LIFE” is the goal to bring together congregations to understand and live out their God-given purpose, at all points in their congregational life cycle, from birth to death and beyond, leaving a faithful, lasting legacy.

But the Vital Sign Goal that most comes to my mind at this moment, with these two verses, is the Goal we call “GAINING STRENGTH.” Over the next year especially, we have a unique opportunity to explore and shore up the strengths we have, as individuals, and congregations, and as synod. And the best way to build up strength is to share and combine those strengths, for our common good, the good of our neighbors, and most of all, because God has made us for life together, and work together.

We are the threefold cord. We are called to gather as twos and threes, in the name of Christ, and ask God to overcome our divisions, combine our strengths, and send us out to be Christ for the sake of all: healing the hurt, loving the land, and engaging the stranger. Blest be the tie that binds / our hearts in Christian love;

*The unity of heart and mind / is like to that above. (ELW 656)*

In God’s love,

*Bishop Christopher deForest*

*Upcoming  
Events*



**NOVEMBER 6. 2021: WE LOVE**

**NOVEMBER 9- 10. 2021: BISHOP'S CONFERENCE**

**NOVEMBER 13. 2021: FAITH FORMATION SATURDAY**

# ZION'S STONE CHURCH NOVEMBER 2021 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Livia Miller Scott Sassaman	Kirk Arner Kendall Earle	Jeaninne Miller	Todd Tyson, Jr.	Wyatt Earle	Alan Steigerwalt
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Kaleigh Rabenold Kyle Rabenold Gene Schaeffer Kitty Ann Stival	Nancy Lechleitner				Phyllis Greene Manny Rosa	Jayda Moyer
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
James Aryton Ariel Frederickson Shelby Frederickson Madeline Ruch		Drake Miller	Terry Osenbach Trent Schlecht	Erin Zelinski Loretta Rudelitch	Bob Miller	Donald Mikruk, Jr.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Lillian Huegel	Kyle Patrick Tyler Schlecht		Carol Schaeffer	Sophia Aryton		Caitlyn Pilla
28	29	30				
Linda Tyson Lucinda Tuckett	Kim Aryton Linnea Meiser	Greg Sheeler Seraphina Steigerwalt Jennifer Stevens Makenna Storch				