MANASSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

MCOB Summer is Here!

We are delighted to welcome you to Summer at MCOB! Beginning June 7, Sunday School will pause for the summer, and worship will begin at **10:30 a.m.**

Our June worship begins with Children's Sunday on June 7. This special service we have invited David Radcliff, of New Community Project to guest preach. The day will include a Doughnut Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. David Radcliff will give an update on the ministries of New Community Project during Doughnut Breakfast for all who want to hear. Children's Sunday will celebrate the gifts of our children as they help lead us in worship. Following the service, we will head to Uptown Alley for our annual Bowl-A-Thon benefiting NVFS/SERVE (see page 3).

We are also excited to announce that registration is now open for Vacation Bible School! This year's VBS will take place June 22–26 from 6:15–8:45 p.m. at Nokesville COB, in partnership with Nokesville & Midland COB. Learn more and register on page 4.

Throughout June, we will continue enjoying fellowship groups and activities including Forgetful Friends Chorus, Cards & Games Club, House of Mercy Workday, Retirees' Luncheon, Lovina Conner Circle Lunch, and Young Adult Lunch. On June 6, the Adventure Club will travel to Gunston Hall for a guided tour. See page 5 for details.

We will also host a summer series of open conversations, "Coffee and Conversation," with Bonnie & Melvin Cheshire. Gatherings will take place Thursday mornings from 9:00–11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, beginning June 11 and continuing through August 20. Learn more on page 7.

A special Congregational Council Meeting regarding the property proposal will be held on June 14 immediately following worship (see page 7 for additional information).

We also encourage you to sign up to serve during our worship services. Volunteer opportunities can be found on page 9.

Save the date for a first time event, an older adult retreat at Shepherd's Spring. More information can be found on page 4.

We look forward to sharing a joyful and faith-filled summer with you!

May 2026 Stewardship by the Numbers

Average Attendance
In-Person: **85**
YouTube: **39**

Total Average Weekly Offering:
$10, 968.25

From the Pastor's Study

There's a lot going on in our world today that can make all things feel overwhelming: current events, new medical diagnoses, tensions in trusted relationships, and the overall stress of being a human being trying to juggle it all. Even in the life of our church, we have some big decisions before us and our future as a congregation as we continue to discern our next steps with the Property Proposal that we have been exploring for a year now. As I have been sitting here, thinking about what to say about all the things, I'm distracted. In the room next to me, I can hear the giggles of a toddler playing. This regularly happens when I am in my office, too. The sounds of the preschool children come through the vents while I work. The toddler music class down the hall on Fridays brings the sounds of children singing. This current sweet toddler's laughter is reminding me to find the joy, find time to play, find time to be present and soak in the moment.

As summer begins with our children leading worship on Children's Sunday, and as we offer Vacation Bible School later this month, consider taking a step away from the worries of this life, and allow yourself to play and enjoy the wonder of children. Worship with us on June 7! Be a crew leader at VBS June 22-26! Volunteer in the nursery or spend some time in Children's Church! Consider it joy when we get to play and laugh with our littlest disciples and share the love of Christ with them!

Photo of the sweet, distracting toddler for reference :)

~ Pastor Mandy

Worship Themes

June 7: Children's Sunday
John 6:1-13
Preacher: David Radcliff
Worship Leaders: Children

June 14: Communion Sunday
Psalm 100
Preacher: Mandy North
Worship Leader: TBD

June 21: In Newness of Life
Romans 6:1-11
Preacher: Mandy North
Worship Leader: TBD

June 28: VBS Sunday
Philippians 4:13
Preacher: Pastor Mark
Worship Leader: TBD

We would love to have you as a Worship Leader! Contact Pastor Mandy to learn more!

June Events

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY JUNE 7TH

9:00AM - DONUT BREAKFAST
10:30AM - WORSHIP

Guest Preacher David Radcliff of New Community Project

David Radcliff, founder of New Community Project (NCP), will be joining us on Children's Sunday June 7th as guest preacher. NCP is a small nonprofit organization. It was founded in 2003 by David, who was formerly with the Church of the Brethren in their World Programs Office in Elgin, Illinois. NCP works for social justice and ecological healing as a way of building a more peaceful and nonviolent world. So there are a lot of issues that tie into that, where social justice and the environment intersect. He will also share a presentation during Doughnut Breakfast, on June 7th, giving an update on NCP's work.

ADVENTURE GROUP

GUNSTON HALL TOUR
JUNE 6TH - MEET AT CHURCH AT 9:30AM

OUR NEXT ADVENTURE IS A GUIDED TOUR AT GUNSTON HALL ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6 AT 11:00 A.M. COST IS $8 FOR THE HOUSE TOUR OR $12 FOR THE HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR. MEET IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AT 9:30 A.M. FOR THE 45-MINUTE DRIVE. LUNCH OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE NEARBY AFTERWARD.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RSVP, CONTACT CHRISTA HARRELL AT 571-242-3446.

Bowl-a-Thon

Children's Sunday Fundraiser for NVFS/SERVE

UPTOWN ALLEY

Bowl-A-Thon to support the NVFS – SERVE campus!

Sunday, June 7th at 12:30 – 2:30 at Uptown Alley at the Manassas Mall.

Contact Kim K. with any questions! We have 4 lanes, with 6 people per team!

Please join our team and come out for some fun and fellowship! The only cost is for shoes ($4 pair) and food.

Scan the QR to Donate!
You can also write a church with "Bowl-a-thon" in the subject line.

Older Adult Retreat

First Time Ever...

OLDER ADULT Retreat

in the Mid-Atlantic District

Ages: 50+

At the Mid-Atlantic District Older Adult Retreat at Shepherd's Spring, with a theme of "Creating Peace", the retreat will explore creating peace with our neighbors, creation, and ourselves. Each day will offer a presentation along with many activities from which to choose.

- Fellowship & Worship
- Learn & Serve
- Relax & Rejuvinate

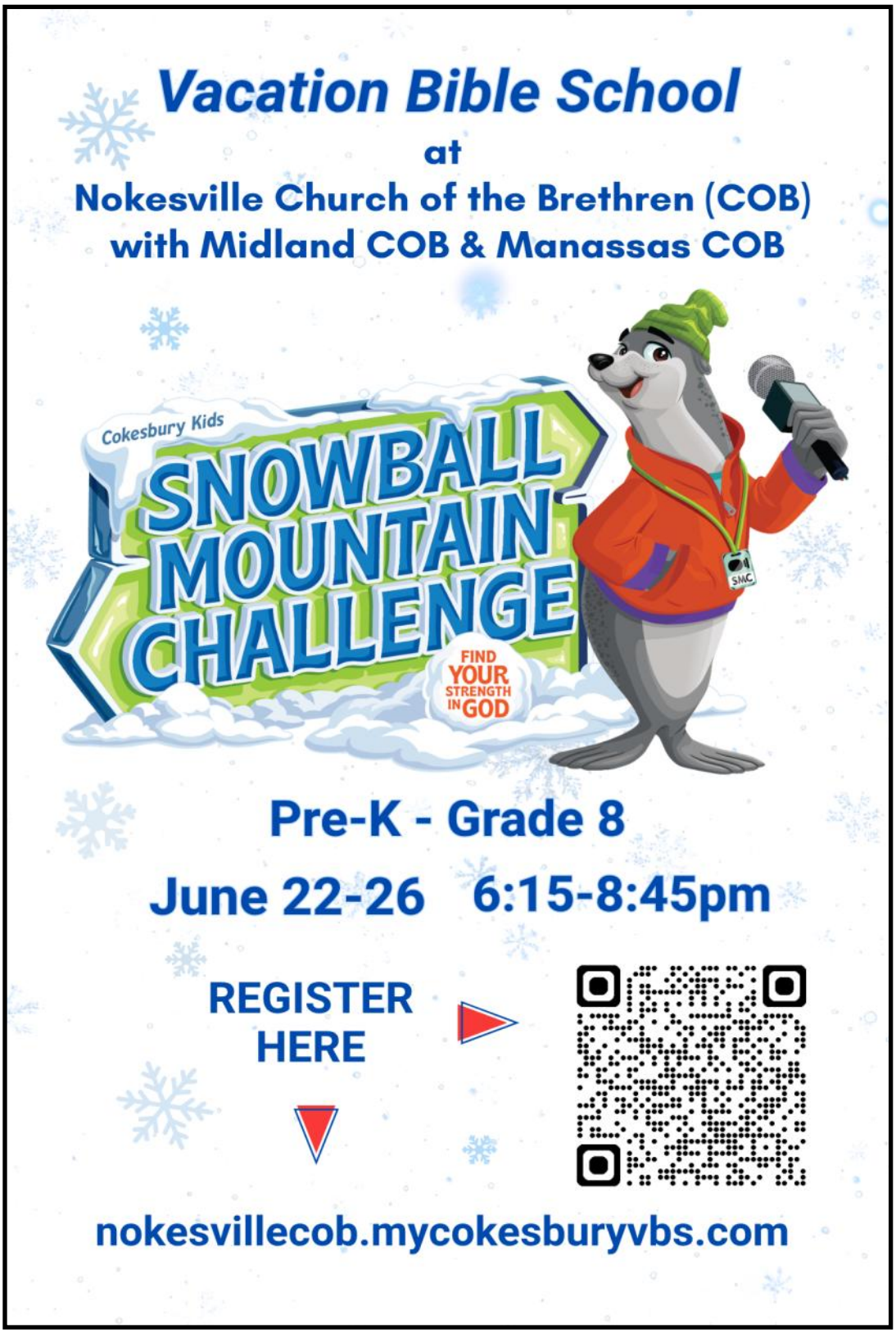
SEPTEMBER 14-18

SHEPHERD'S SPRING
16869 Taylors Landing Rd.
Sharpsburg, MD 21782

Registration
https://shepherdsspring.campbrainregistration.com/

Click Here to learn more or register: [Login | Shepherd's Spring]

Vacation Bible School



Click Here to Register: [At Nokesville Church of the Brethren with Midland COB and Manassas COB · My Cokesbury VBS]

Volunteer

Dear Volunteers,

We have an exciting opportunity this summer and fall for House of Mercy. They will have a table at the Manassas Farmer's Market to showcase the Thrift Store and to promote House of Mercy. They are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to share the mission and engage with the community.

The market takes place across the street from Baldwin Elementary School in Manassas at 9024 Prince William St, Manassas, VA 20110.

Coverage is needed for the following Saturdays:

- June 27
- August 29
- October 10

2 people are required at the table. To make this manageable, the day is broken down into several flexible shifts. You can sign up for one or multiple roles:

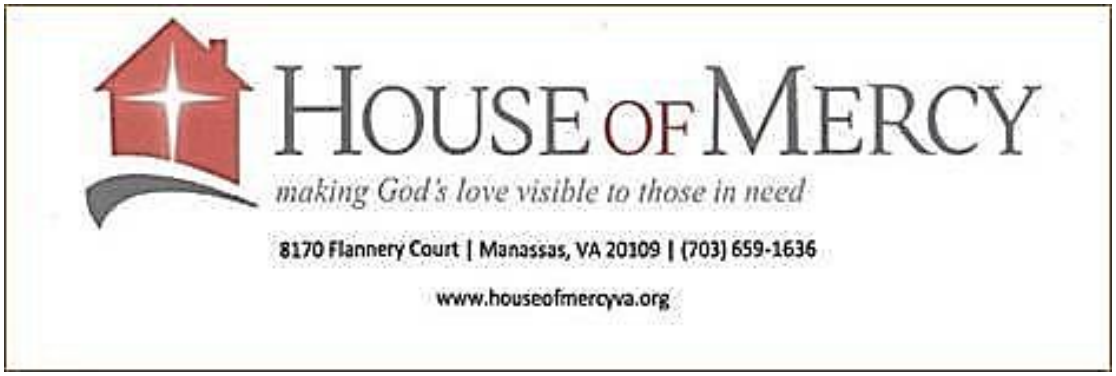
- Set Up: 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM
- Full Day Table Shift: 7:45 AM - 1:30 PM
- Half-Day Table Shift: 7:45 AM - 10:45 AM or 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
- Take Down: 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Perk for dedicated helpers: If you can commit to two or more shifts in a single day, breakfast or lunch is provided!

Whether you can help us set up early in the morning, chat with marketgoers during the day, or help us pack up at the end, your time makes a huge difference.

If you are interested in helping on any of these dates, please **contact Tina Fisher at facilities@manassasbrethren.org**

Thank you for your continued support of House of Mercy!



More June Events

HOUSE OF MERCY
making God's love visible to those in need
8170 Flannery Court | Manassas, VA 20109 | (703) 659-1636
www.houseofmercyva.org

Workday at House of Mercy

Join us for a workday at House of Mercy on June 11th 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Please meet at the food pantry entrance at 1:00pm and contact the office with any questions.

Retirees' Luncheon

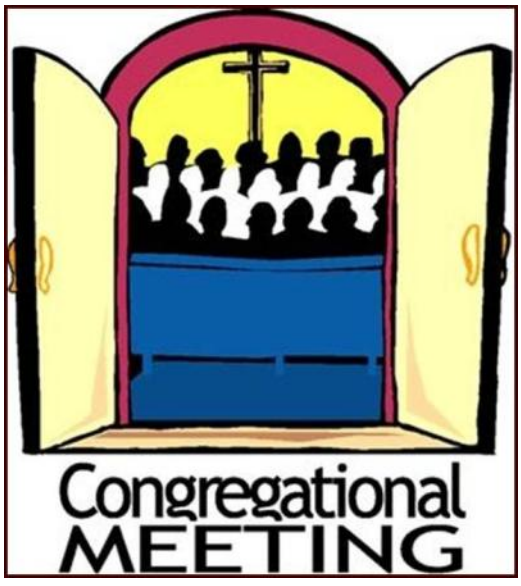
Thursday June 18th

1:00pm

Great American Buffet at
8365 Sudley Road.
Please join us! All are welcome!!

More Events

The Deacons announce a 10-week program to be held on Thursday mornings, 9:00-11:00, "Coffee and Conversation". It will begin on June 11th and run through August 20th, hosted by Bonnie (deacon chair) and Melvin (moderator) Cheshire. We will be in the Fellowship Hall. If you need a cup of coffee or if you prefer tea, if you have something to say or you have a listening ear, then please join us. Let's see what we can "stir up" together.



Special Property Proposal Congregational Council Meeting

June 14th
12:00pm

We will hold this special Congregational Council Meeting immediately following worship in the Sanctuary.

Snacks will be provided

Shepherd's Spring Family & Grand Camp

The Family & Grand Camp retreat, one of Shepherd's Spring's newest weekend adventures, is filled with faith-based fun for all ages. This camp, from Friday at 3pm, July 31, through Sunday at 3pm, Aug. 2, offers strong Scriptural teaching with plenty of family-building activities -- from making your family's own t-shirts, to swimming and hiking together, gathering at campfires and much more -- while staying amid 220 acres of God's forested beauty, bordering the C&O Canal and the Potomac River!! All this, while staying in Shepherd's Spring's very own lodge, its Poplar Village cabins, or setting up your own tent and, enjoying breakfast, lunch and dinner in the lodge's beautiful dining room. It's all here – intergenerational, even! Yes, BRING Grandma and Grandpa!! Build the meaning of having Christian FAMILY!!! And, there's no charge for bringing your littles, ages 5 and under!!

Click Here to learn more: Family/Grand Camp | Shepherd's Spring

June Softball Schedule

Week 7				
Fri 6/5	8:40 PM	GUMC	Brethern	VV3
Fri 6/5	9:40 PM	Brethern	GUMC	VV3
Week 8				
Fri 6/12	6:30 PM	Brethern	Greenwich	VV1
Fri 6/12	7:30 PM	Greenwich	Brethern	VV1
Week 9				
Fri 6/19	8:40 PM	Love Church 3 (White)	Brethern	VV2
Fri 6/19	9:40 PM	Brethern	Love Church 3 (White)	VV2
Week 10				
Fri 6/26	6:30 PM	All-Saints	Brethern	VV1
Fri 6/26	7:30 PM	Brethern	All-Saints	VV1

Sign-Ups!

Please consider the ways that you can share your time with us during Worship! Click below if you are able to serve one Sunday! We'd love to have you! If you need more information about any of these opportunities, please contact the church office.

Acolytes ***Manassas Church of the Brethren: Acolytes***
Worship Leaders ***Manassas Church of the Brethren: Worship Leaders***
Sound Board ***Manassas Church of the Brethren: Sound Board***
Ushers ***Manassas Church of the Brethren: Ushers***
Children's Church ***Manassas Church of the Brethren: Children's Church***
Nursery ***Manassas Church of the Brethren: Nursery***

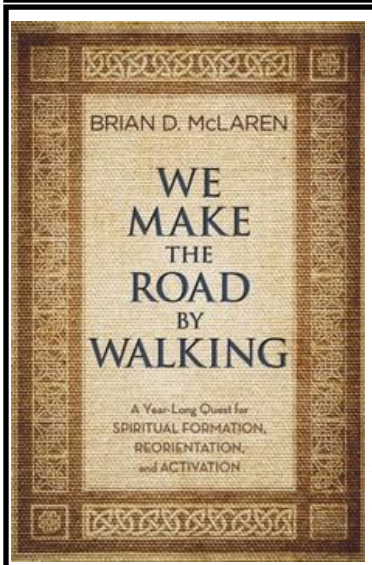
Congratulations Grads!

Jorge Gonzalez— Jorge (Samantha Nouri-Gonzalez' husband) graduated on May 9th from Emory University in Atlanta GA with his PhD in Epidemiology. Jorge plans to pursue a Postdoctoral Program to continue his research training in Diabetes. Jorge worked at the CDC during his PhD program with the Diabetes Translation team.

Addison Raible—Addison graduated from Fauquier High School. She graduated as a Laurel Ridge Governor's Scholar with 36 college credits and was awarded 3 local merit scholarships. She is headed to James Madison University in the fall where she plans to study to become a teacher!

Julia Martin—Julia (Gina Wine Martin's daughter) graduated from James Madison University with a degree in nursing. She will begin working at INOVA Fairfax in the ICU in August.

Library Corner



We make the Road by Walking:
A Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation and Activation
By Brian D McLaren

People often talk about their Faith Journey. That generally means their Faith is not standing still. As we read and study scripture, we continue to look for answers, hoping to understand God better, and exploring ways to strengthening our faith. *We Make The Road by Walking* is a year-long study. To quote the author, "If you're a long-term Christian whose current form of Christianity has stopped working for you, here you will find a reorientation from a fresh and healthy perspective." It is a work of Christian theology that explores fresh ideas that may be applied to our daily lives. The book is divided into 4 sections following the church calendar. Each chapter begins with 3 scriptures from the Old and New Testament followed by a discussion that may present a different understanding of the scriptures. Each chapter ends with discussion questions. After you have read a few chapters, you might want to discuss some of the ideas presented in the book with others. The author, Brian McLaren, is an author, activist, theologian, and a faculty member at the Center for Action and Contemplation. He was a leading figure in the emerging church movement. He teaches ways to reconnect with the message Jesus lived and died for – unconditional love.

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
	1 7:00pm— Reading Group ***Liturgies for Resisting Empire***	**2** 12:00pm— Lunch Bunch @ Arby's 3:30pm— Forgetful Friends Choir	**3**	**4** 9:00am—Coffee & Conversation 1:00pm—Cards & Games	**5** 8:40pm— Softball @ VV#3	**6** 9:30am— Gunston Hall Tour
7 9:00am— Donut B'fast 10:30am Worship 12:30— Bowling	**8** 5:30 pm— Manassas City Council Meeting on Cannon Branch Development	**9** 12:00pm— Lunch Bunch @ Arby's	**10**	**11** 9:00am—Coffee & Conversation 1:00pm _ House of Mercy Workday	**12** 6:30pm— Softball @ VV#1	**13**
14 10:30am Worship 12:00pm– Council Mtg 1:00pm— Kline Reunion	**15** 6:15pm— Executive Committee Mtg 7:30pm— Church Board	**16** 12:00pm— Lunch Bunch @ Arby's 3:30pm— Forgetful	**17**	**18** 9:00am—Coffee & Conversation 1:00pm— Retirees' Luncheon	**19** 8:40pm— Softball @ VV#2	**20**
21 10:30am Worship	**22** 6:15pm—VBS @ NCOB	**23** 12:00pm— Lunch Bunch @ Arby's 6:15pm—VBS @ NCOB	**24** 6:15pm—VBS @ NCOB	**25** 9:00am—Coffee & Conversation 11:30am— Lovina Conner Circle Lunch 1:00pm—Cards & Games 6:15pm—VBS @ NCOB	**26** 6:30pm — Softball @ VV#1 6:15pm—VBS @ NCOB	**27**
28 10:30am Worship	**29**	**30** 12:00pm— Lunch Bunch @ Arby's				

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10047 NOKESVILLE ROAD
MANASSAS VIRGINIA 20110

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

2-Ashton Saunders
2-Jimmy Hess-Dunafin
2–David Larison
3-Jean Riemenschneider
3-Annie Riemenschneider
4-Jessica Kronzer
4-Christie Krouse
6-James Mersiovsky
6-Mary Geisler
7-Teresa Wine
8-Steve Gillespie
8-Larissa Miller
8-Nicholas Raimondi
8-Bridget Rice
10-Lauren Kronzer
12-Leah Eberly—Patterson
14-Karen Fries
15-Rob Dommer
15-Jullian Kline
17 –Hu Cheshire
18-Kayla Smith
19-Ken Bolt
19-Mark Bowman
21-Judy Frankart
21–Ian Croushorn
22-Steve Hollinger
22-Yvonne Rankin
23-Jo Ann Cubbage
24-Irma King
24-Maralee Pumphrey
25-Kevin Rhoads
26-Rick Allen
26-Brett Baisden
27-Wayne Kline
27-Gay Zigler
28-Madison Geisler
28-Jeanette Shonk
30-Carol Rusaw
30–Teddy Apel

3-Abdullah and Lisa Nouri
5-Kevin and Jenn Flora
7-Fred and Nancy Swartz
13-Jennifer & Adnan Hoque
14-Edward and Lisa Kline
15-Rianna Naylor-Barrett & Chris Schatz
19-Victor and Karen Villegas
20-Melvin and Bonnie Cheshire
22-Mike and Heather Byrne
24 - Joe & Gina Peters
25—Matt & Amanda Riemenschneider
27-Rick Barrett and Illana Naylor
30-Steve and Linda Hollinger
30-Todd and Janet Robbins

If you have a birthday or anniversary this month, please let us know! We want to celebrate with you!