

**Manassas Church of the Brethren  
September 2023 Newsletter**

**Welcome Back!**

**September 3rd—9:30am—Donut Breakfast  
11:00am—Worship**

Welcome back to fall at MCOB! We have a lot of activities for all of you to enjoy!

Our hike this month will be at Silver Lake Park on September 2nd at 8:30am, please see page 5. We will resume our Fall Schedule on September 3rd with a Donut Breakfast at 9:30am and worship at 11:00am. Sunday, September 10th, we will resume our Sunday School classes at 9:45am. Please see page 8 for a list of Sunday School Classes. We will be holding a Youth parent meeting on September 10th following worship regarding the Jr. & Sr. High programming for the year. Please contact the office with any questions.

September 8th will be the first softball game on the season! Look for more info to come!

Carol Rusaw will be leading a Spiritual Renewal retreat here at MCOB on September 9th. Please see page 12 for more information.

Choir practice will recommence on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:30pm. Please contact Susan Dommer if you would like to join our choir! We will also have a handbell choir, which will practice during the Sunday School hour. See page 4. Our Wednesday Night Bible Study will begin on Wednesday September 20th at 6:30pm.

We invite you to be a part of our worship services. Please see page 6 on ways to serve.

This month we will volunteer at House of Mercy on Thursday September 14th at 1:00pm. We will also be holding our Crop Walk on Sunday September 24th following worship. See page 9 for more information. The Mid-Atlantic District Conference will be held here at MCOB on October 6th and 7th, please see pages 10 and 11 for more info.

Please see page 7 for our giving information!

## Pastor's Page



The Christian world is seeming to be more polarized than ever before. We put ourselves into two categories: “Conservative” or “Progressive.” But what if we aren’t meant to be one or the other? What if we don’t fit into either of these camps? Is there a third way of following Jesus? Join us as we explore what a third way of following Jesus looks like. We are starting a new sermon series exploring 12 principles and values of Anabaptism. We will be using resources shared with us through the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry. We will be studying another way to read and understand scripture, another way to be a disciple and live out our faith, and another way to be community together as a church.

~ Pastor Mandy

## Worship Themes

### **Sept 3 - A Third Way to Follow Jesus:**

#### **High View of the Bible**

**Scripture Text:** James 1:22-25,  
2 Timothy 3:16-17

**Speaker:** Rev. Mandy North

**Worship Leader:** Chris Eberly

### **Sept 10 - A Third Way to Follow Jesus:**

#### **Emphasis on the New Testament**

**Scripture Text:** Matthew 5:17-20, John  
5:39-40

**Preacher:** Rev. Mandy North

**Worship Leader:** TBD

### **Sept 17- A Third Way to Follow Jesus:**

#### **Jesus is Central to All Else**

**Scripture Text:** John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18

**Speaker:** Rev. Mandy North

**Worship Leader:** TBD

### **Sept 24 - A Third Way to Follow Jesus:**

#### **Commitment to the Way of Peace**

**Scripture Text:** Luke 6:27-36

**Preacher:** Rev. Mandy North

**Worship Leader:** TBD

## News

A Bereaved Parent of the USA NOVA Chapter support group will be starting here at the church in room 207 on Thursday, Oct 5 from 7-9pm. The group will be meeting on the first Thursday of each month.

This is a national non-profit self-help group that offers support, understanding, compassion and hope to bereaved parents, grandparents or siblings struggling to rebuild their lives after the death of their children, grandchildren or siblings.

Contact Sue Cerrone with any questions at 703-819-8604 or [suebcerrone@gmail.com](mailto:suebcerrone@gmail.com)



**Manassas**  
Church of the Brethren

### Education & Enrichment Scholarships

Our Education & Enrichment Scholarships will be available to apply by November 1st! Look for the application link in the eBlast to come!



Fall Softball begins Friday, September 8th! Contact Sean North if you are interested in playing!

### National Older Adult Conference (NOAC)



Monday, September 4th—Friday September 8th we have several friends attending NOAC in Lake Junaluska, NC. We wish Jeanette Shonk, Linda Tax, Melvin Cheshire, Bonnie Cheshire, Mary Jane Pumphrey, Leonard Pumphrey, Kim Kirkwood, Terrie Cox, and Stephanie Polzin a great time! Let's pray that they have a safe and blessed week!

**Do you want the opportunity to fellowship with our adult members?**



We have started a new adult fellowship group and we would love for you to join us! If you are familiar with the words Seekers and Koinonia, this is the group for you! If you are not familiar with those words, it's okay! This group is for you too!

Similar to our Young Adult Group, our Adult group will have an event once a month to get together and have a good time! Look for events to come!

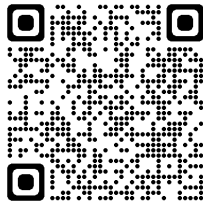
### Choir and Handbells

Our choir will resume practice on September 6th at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. We will also start handbells again on September 10th during the Sunday school hour at 9:45am. We have room for one more bell ringer. No experience needed for either choir or handbells! If you would like to sing with the choir or play handbells, please contact the church office or Susan Dommer.



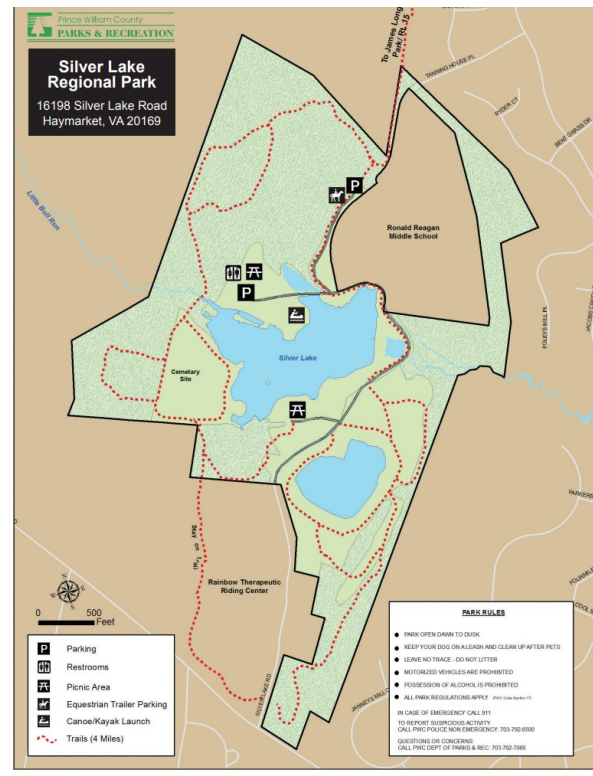
## September Hike

Hiking Group will meet at Silver Lake Park at the end of the main road.



September 2, 2023 at 8:30am.

16198 Silver Lake Road  
Haymarket, VA 20169



## Retirees' Luncheon

We are returning to Great American Buffet! Join us!

Thursday  
September 21st at 1:00pm

## HOUSE OF MERCY

*making God's love visible to those in need*

House of Mercy Workday!  
September 14th from 1:00pm-4:00pm.  
Please arrive at the House of Mercy  
thrift store at 1:00pm.  
8170 Flannery Court Manassas, VA  
20109



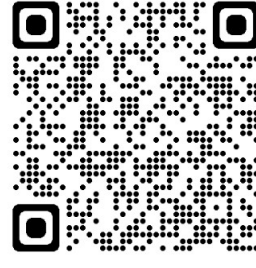
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**Ushers**



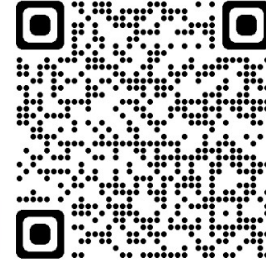
**Sound Board**



**Acolytes**



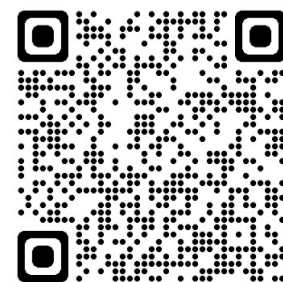
**Children's Church**



**Nursery**



**Altar Flowers**



# Giving

## Ways to Give:

- **Donate online via PayPal:**
- **Write a check and send via mail.**
- **Send a check through your bank.**
- **Put your donation in the Offering Plates**



Executive Committee and Church Board Meetings  
**Monday, September 11th**  
Executive Committee at 6:15 pm  
Church Board at 7:30 pm  
Please check your email for more information.

**Attendance and Giving  
August 2023**

**Average Weekly Views for Worship**

In-Person: **82**  
YouTube: **49**

Weekly Offering Average: **\$7570**



**Deacon's  
Meeting  
September 10th  
12:00pm**

**Deacons look for more  
information to come!**

## September—November Sunday School

Starting September 10th, at 9:45am, our Sunday school Schedule for fall is:

**Pre-K—1st Shine Curriculum** w/ Megan Anderson, Mary Jane Pumphrey, and Bonnie Cheshire in Room 309.

**2nd—5th Shine Curriculum** w/ Christy Lazer, Kim Saunders, and Sharon Haydon in Room 303.

**Jr. High Youth Shine Curriculum** w/ Briana Bass & Becky Burke in the Youth Room.

**Sr. High Youth Bible Project** in Room 207 (Leader TBD)

**Adult Sunday School:** Immigration & Refugee Resettlement Class in the Fellowship Hall, Cards & Caring Hands in Room 209, Handbells in Choir Room

DATED CURRICULUM BIBLE OUTLINES				
<b>Year 4, Quarter 1 (Fall 2023)</b>				
<b>Becoming a People of God</b>				
	Date	Session Title	Text	Faith Link
<b>Family of Abraham and Sarah</b> ( <i>stories from Genesis</i> )				
1	Sept. 3	Abram and Sarai	Genesis 12:1–9	We can respond to God's leading. <a href="#">PKK: God is with us wherever we go.</a>
2	Sept. 10	Isaac, the Promised Child	Genesis 17:1–8, 15–19; 18:1–15; 21:1–7	We can trust God's promises.
3	Sept. 17	Jacob and Esau, Feuding Brothers	Genesis 25:19–34; 27; 32:1–15, 33:1–17	We can make peace after a fight.
4	Sept. 24	Joseph, the Favored Child	Genesis 37	We all make mistakes that have consequences. <a href="#">PKK: God loves us even when we make mistakes.</a>
5	Oct. 1	Joseph's Rise to Power	Genesis 39, 41	We can use power to help others. <a href="#">PKK: We can help others.</a>
6	Oct. 8	Joseph and His Family Reconcile	Genesis 42–46	We can forgive.



Each week, our children and youth (Pre-K through 8th grade) will be learning these scripture texts and themes during their weekly Sunday School classes.



# Crop Walk



**BUILDING** *global* **RESILIENCE**

**Manassas & Nokesville Churches of the Brethren**

## **Crop Walk**

**Sunday September 24th 12:30pm**



**Jennie Dean Park**

**9501 Dean Park Lane, Manassas, VA 20110**

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/manassasva>

## Hygiene Kits

# Hygiene Kits

*Help assemble kits for Church World Service by donating*

1. Purchase supplies through the Amazon Wish list.
2. The goal is for each church to provide supplies for 10 kits.
3. All items are set to be delivered directly to us.
4. There will be a kit assembly workshop at District Conference, so you don't have to pre-pack anything!

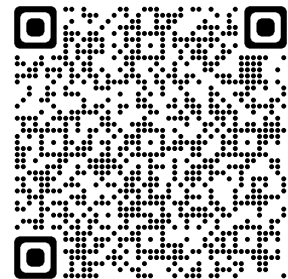


**Questions?  
Contact Anna Williams**

***Hygiene Kit purchases for District Conference at MCOB in October.***

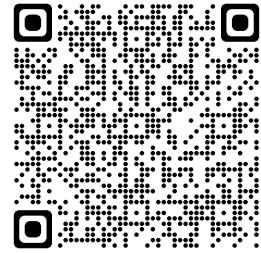
Click here: [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or scan the QR code. You can to see the wish list on Amazon. MCOB has committed to buying items for 20 hygiene kits, to be assembled during the conference. All items should be automatically set-up to deliver it to us.

***Please use this list to purchase items, as they are the correct type of item needed.***



# District Conference

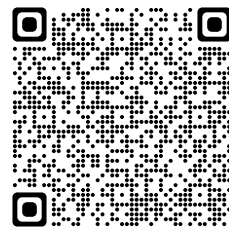
This October 6th and 7th we will be hosting the Mid Atlantic District conference at MCOB. Registration is now open and non-delegates can scan the QR Code to register:



## Some of the things to look forward to:

- There is a concert Friday evening, October 6, 7:00, with refreshments to follow.
- Saturday's workshops will include handbells, preparing hygiene kits, reading sheet music, and how to have difficult conversations with our brothers and sisters.
- This year's conference is intended for "All God's Children", regardless of age.
- There will be a hot meal Saturday; please register so that we know how many to welcome.

Jr. High Registration can be found here:



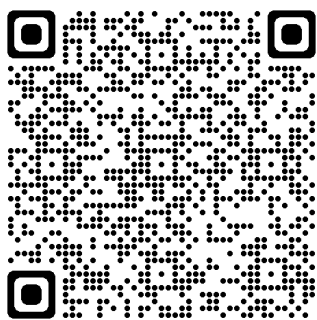
# Creation Care

Our Creation Care Team and volunteers have been working hard removing invasive species of plants from the church property. Master Gardener, Nancy Berlin, surveyed the church property and offered feedback on how to create a more environmentally friendly space for our plants. The first step is to remove all the invasive species. We successfully removed the invasive species along the fence and are currently discerning native plants to place there. The Creation Care Team is also making plans to give our pollinator garden next to the garage an upgrade with a few new plants, ensuring the garden remains friendly for native



species.





Mid-Atlantic District

# Deacon Retreat

Saturday, Sept. 16th 10:00am-3:00pm

Union Bridge Church of the Brethren

124 S Main St Union Bridge MD

*Open to any deacons seeking a better understanding of the role of a deacon.*

***You must be registered to attend.***

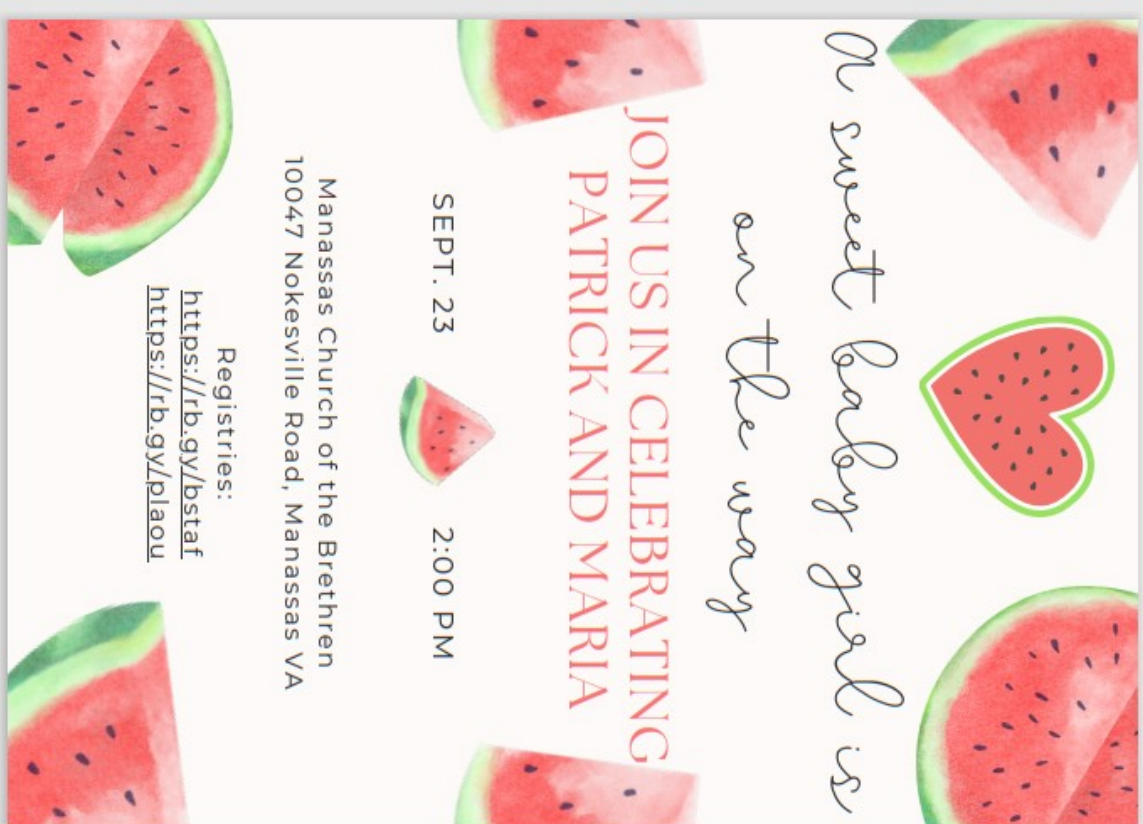
## Registration Link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3nLKhQgo-opazcoqx7FhhfQAcu2zHq0xggJTWgmwjlFD6gQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail form link>

Zoom option will be available.

Lunch will be included for those attending in person.

***There is no cost for the retreat, but donations accepted for the lunch!***



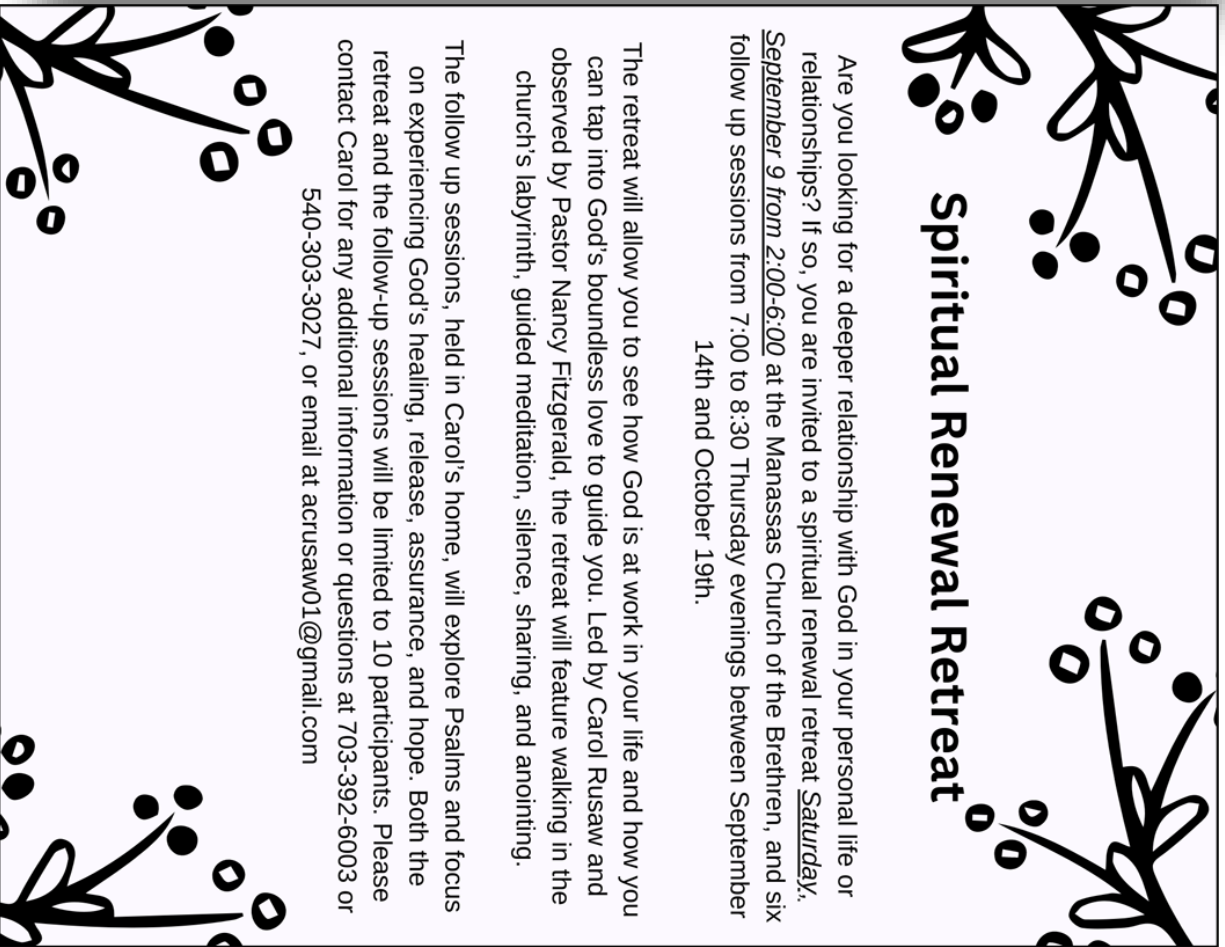
*A sweet baby girl is  
on the way*

**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING  
PATRICK AND MARIA**

SEPT. 23      2:00 PM

Manassas Church of the Brethren  
10047 Nokesville Road, Manassas VA

Registries:  
<https://rb.gy/bstaf>  
<https://rb.gy/plaou>



## Spiritual Renewal Retreat

Are you looking for a deeper relationship with God in your personal life or relationships? If so, you are invited to a spiritual renewal retreat Saturday, September 9 from 2:00-6:00 at the Manassas Church of the Brethren, and six follow up sessions from 7:00 to 8:30 Thursday evenings between September 14th and October 19th.

The retreat will allow you to see how God is at work in your life and how you can tap into God's boundless love to guide you. Led by Carol Rusaw and observed by Pastor Nancy Fitzgerald, the retreat will feature walking in the church's labyrinth, guided meditation, silence, sharing, and anointing.

The follow up sessions, held in Carol's home, will explore Psalms and focus on experiencing God's healing, release, assurance, and hope. Both the retreat and the follow-up sessions will be limited to 10 participants. Please contact Carol for any additional information or questions at 703-392-6003 or 540-303-3027, or email at [acrusaw01@gmail.com](mailto:acrusaw01@gmail.com)



# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:30am Hike
3 9:30am—Donut B'fast & SS Open House 11:00am—Worship	4 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office</b> <b>Closed</b>	5 12:00pm—Lunch Bunch @ Liberia Arby's	6 7:30pm—Choir	7	8	9 2:00pm Spiritual Renewal Retreat
10 9:45am— Sunday School 11:00am—Worship 12pm—Deacon Mtg 12:00pm—Youth Parent Mtg 12:30—YA Lunch	11 6:15— Executive Com- mittee Mtg 7:30 pm— Church Board	12 12:00pm—Lunch Bunch @ Liberia Arby's	13 7:30pm—Choir	14 1pm—Workday at House of Mercy	15	16 Mid-Atlantic District Deacon Retreat
17 9:45am—SS 9:45am—Handbells 11:00am—Worship	18	19 12:00pm—Lunch Bunch @ Liberia Arby's	20 6:30pm—Adult Bible Study 7:30pm—Choir	21 1pm Retirees' Luncheon @ Great American	22	23 2:00pm Wright Baby Shower
24 9:45am—Sunday School 11:00am—Worship 12:30pm—Crop Walk @ Jennie Dean	25	26 12:00pm—Lunch Bunch @ Liberia Arby's	27 6:30pm—Adult Bible Study 7:30pm—Choir	28	29	30

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MANASSAS VIRGINIA 20110  
www.manassasbrethren.org  
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



### ***Birthdays***

1-TODD ROBBINS	19-TRAVIS RAIMONDI
2-GILMER AKERS	20-IRVIN HEISHMAN
2-SEAN NORTH	20-JERRY PATTERSON
2-ANASTASIA PUMPHREY	20-KEVIN WEACHTER
3-LISA KLINE	23-AMANDA BAUGHMAN
5-MARC BARB	24-TRAVIS BAUGHMAN
5-MARGIE HAWTHORNE	24-OLIVIA KLINE
7-DANIEL HOUSE	25-KAREN CROUSHORN
9-COTTON JOHNSTON	25-WHITNEY RANKIN
9-ALICIA STEVENS	26-ANITA AKERS
13-CARLA BARB	27-KEVIN FLORA
14-PRESTON LAZER	28-EDWARD KLINE
15-PEGGY PENCE	28-RHONDA CRAIGHEAD
17-TRISTEN CRAIGHEAD	29-JEN RAIBLE
18-LINDSEY VILLEGAS	



### ***Anniversaries***

8-JIM AND SYLVIA BOWMAN  
12-JERRY AND DIANE PATTERSON  
16-JAY AND JEAN JACOBSEN  
19-CHUCK AND MARI RAIMONDI  
20-LOUIS AND CHRISTA HARRELL  
21-ANNA AND TRAVIS WILLIAMS  
23-STEVE AND LILLIAN GILLESPIE  
26-CHRIS AND KELLY KRONZER  
27-LARRY AND NANCY FITZGERALD  
27-DICK AND NANCY POWELL

