Tying It Together...

Upon reading Hillsville Christian Church’s Newsletter this past month, I ran across this breaking news announcement:

“Terrorist Cell Groups in United States Churches”

“Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin. Their leader, Osama Bin Lucifer, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy. However, there have also been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by the name Bin Prayin is reported as the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. This group appears to be very small. Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. They have Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, and Bin Longin for their Master, Jesus Christ to return. Which cell group do you belong to?”

This should make us consider our identity. If someone was keeping a close eye on you, which cell group do you think you would be a member of?

In Christ’s Service,

Pastor Ty

P. S. Many of us at FUMC have grown to love and respect Bishop Richard Looney and his wife Carolyn. Recently those of us who traveled to Jubilation again were challenged by his Bible teaching, and enjoyed Carolyn’s company as well. Below you will find an article that I have copied from “The Call”, our Holston Conference Newspaper. You are invited to send your condolences to Bishop Looney as is noted on the last line.

In Memoriam: Carolyn Looney

Cleveland, Tennessee -- Carolyn Adele Looney, 78, died April 21 at a local health care facility. She was the wife of United Methodist Bishop Richard Looney, a native of Holston Conference.

In addition to her husband, Looney is survived by her children, Teresa Brolley and husband, John, of Erlanger, KY, and Jonathon Looney of Chattanooga, TN; grandchildren, Maria and Ian Brolley of Erlanger, KY, Logan Thrower and Joseph Looney, both of Ft. Oglethorpe, GA; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service is scheduled Friday, April 24, at 2 p.m., at Broad Street UMC in Cleveland. The family will receive friends in the church fellowship hall from noon to 2 p.m. And again following the service.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 16, at Mulberry Street UMC in Macon, GA.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Foundation for Evangelism, P. O. Box 985, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745, or to Broad Street UMC, 155 Central Avenue NW, Cleveland, TN 37364-0004.

Condolences may be sent to Bishop Looney at Garden Plaza, Box 202, 3500 Keith Street, NW, Cleveland, TN 37312 or richardclooney@aol.com.
We thank these contributors who gave to First United Methodist Church ministries in various ways since our last newsletter was published:

**IN MEMORY OF**
Louise Myers
Johnny Kidd, Alva Shepard,
   Nancy Kirby Graham, & Robert Graham
Louise Myers
Linda Copeland Catron & Andy Berry
Louise Myers
R. L. Street
Louise Myers
Leamon Lawson & Louise Myers
Eura Ray
Eura Ray
Johnny Kidd & Louise Myers
Eura Ray
Eura Ray
Phyllis Mandeville Burcham
Eura Ray
Louise Myers

**IN HONOR OF**
Bill Webb
Elsie Cochran & “The Wednesday Wonders”
Tom & Dee Lineberry’s 50th Anniversary
Greg & Lori Huff and Jeff & Terri Scott
Lois Stout’s Birthday
Richard Webb

Ruby Marshall
Doug Crosswhite

**GIFTS IN GENERAL:**

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Worth & Grace Cox
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David Cruff & Newbern Church of God Teens
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Holston Home & Open Table
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Gladesboro Lutheran Church
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Richard & Diane Webb
Mary M. Arrington
Connie Nester
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Ed & June Howard
Paul Jones
R. J. & Helen Reynolds
Fellowship Sunday School Class
“The Children” of FUMC
Hillsville Christian Church CWF
Vern & Sylvia Dawson
Fancy Gap Friends Fellowship
Oliver & Vivian McBride
St. Joseph Catholic Church
William F. Johnson
Vern & Sylvia Dawson
First Baptist Church of Hillsville
CCHS Honor Society
Open Table Committee
Fairview Presbyterian Church
Charles Pemberton
Carroll County Wellness Center
Roger & Sue Bond
Crooked Oak Baptist Church
Women’s Circle of Hillsville Presbyterian
Carl W. Feazell
United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will once again sponsor a Mother’s Day program insert which will include “Mother of the Year 2009.” Don’t forget to get your memorial and honorarium information submitted by pulling the insert from either last Sunday’s bulletin or the May 3rd bulletin and enclose your $1.00 donation for each name. You may also pick up forms in the FUMC office. Remember, the deadline to submit names is Sunday, May 3rd.

The Sunshiners will meet on Tuesday, May 12th at 2:00 p.m.

The Lamplighters’ meeting scheduled for Monday, May 18th will have to be re-scheduled due to our revival.

“Community Food Pantry”

The Food Pantry assisted 50 families in April, 2009, serving a total of 96 adults and 62 children.

Inquiries about the Community Food Pantry may be directed to Ina Horton, Coordinator, at 728-9845. Ina thanks the many who donate food each week.

Suggested items to donate to the Food Pantry are saltine crackers; peanut butter; macaroni & cheese; instant mashed potatoes; oatmeal; beef stew; Treet; Vienna sausage; canned chicken breast; spaghetti & meatballs; tomato soup; vegetable soup; chicken noodle soup; sliced peaches; applesauce; fruit cocktail; peas; whole kernel corn; green beans; pinto beans; pork n’ beans; canned salmon; tuna; dried pinto beans; rice; and disposable diapers & pull up’s (all sizes).

The Community Food Pantry Committee at First United Methodist Church

The CCHS Honor Society recently sponsored a Food Drive for the Community Pantry with great success. Pictured here are (L-R) Rebekah Wright, Justin Barr, Eric Singleton, and Honor Society Sponsor, Beth Smith, who delivered the collections to FUMC.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

The April 7 “Happy Seniors” meeting featured a very inspiring program by Therese Sapone. She shared her faith and witness of how God had used her after the death of her husband three years ago.

The delicious meal and the Easter decorated tables were enjoyed by everyone. Attendance was good and everyone seemed glad to be together.

Jubilation 2009 in Kingsport was a wonderful event for seniors. Ten of our “Happy Seniors” attended. The event just keeps getting better and better.

Upcoming Events:

May 5    Senior Meeting with Triad program
May 12   Shopping Trip to Mercer Mall
June 2    Senior Meeting with Mabus Family Violinists
July 7    Senior Meeting with Mike Dees from Galax Older Adults Ministry

at the Recreation Center

>>< Tom & Dee (276-236-5865) <<
Rev. 3:11 “Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have that no one may take your crown.” Words of our Lord Jesus Christ from NKJV.

Tracking Attendance with A Church in Progress

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A Note from the Choir
We are always looking for more choir members in the Adult Choir. If you have always been interested in joining the choir, or if you have felt a call to sing for the Lord, please contact me and I will find a place for you!

Many thanks to the wonderful people who took time out of their busy schedules to assist with Holy Week and Easter activities. On Wednesday night of Holy Week, SouledOut provided music for the VFW Community Holy Week service. On Thursday evening, numerous members of each Sunday School class contributed decorations for Sunday School rooms to make FUMC a site for a "Journey to the Cross". On Easter Sunday morning, Janie Napier provided special music for the 8:30 am worship service. At 11:00 am SouledOut combined with the Adult Choir and artists Donna Godwin and Sussie Slaugenhaupt for a thrilling celebration of Christ's resurrection! It was a very meaningful Lent and Easter season, primarily because so many people contributed to the services. Thank you all so very much!

We have so many talented people in our church and community! During the month of April, so many people contributed to music at the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services: Jim Parker, Janie Napier, Stormie Burkhart, the Sunbeam Choir, the Choir Partners, Terri and Jackie Dunevant, Mildred Palmer and Susan Cannaday. We appreciate you all so very much!

Looking to May, we will host a Spring Revival on May 17 and 18 at our church. Terry Tekyl will be the speaker. On Sunday morning the Adult Choir will provide the music at the 11:00 am service. SouledOut will provide the music at 6:30 that evening. On Monday evening May 18, Common Creed will provide music at that service which begins at 7:00 PM. Please make plans to attend each of these services!

Rhea Akers
Main Street
Hillsville, VA   24343
Anne Curless
120 Blackstone Lane
Galax, VA   24333
Elliott Ridge
1327 N. Main Street
Hillsville, VA   24333
Sylvia Bohon
Trinity Mission-Room 215
Hillsville, VA   24343
Gladys Reynolds-Room 101
Trinity Mission
Hillsville, VA   24343
Gladys Sutphin-Room 109
Trinity Mission
Hillsville, VA   24343
Beatrice Surface-Room 101
Trinity Mission
Hillsville, VA   24343
Tray Stilwell-Room A5
Golden Living Center-Blue Ridge
Galax, VA   24333
Hassie Turner-Room B4
Golden Living Center-Blue Ridge
Galax, VA   24333
Oleta Jones
Heritage Hall-Laurel Meadows
Laurel Fork, VA   24352
Hazel Nester-Room C5
Wheatland Retirement Center
Hillsville, VA   24343
Elizabeth Smythers-Room D2
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Willadean Graham-Room C3
Wheatland Retirement Center
Hillsville, VA   24343

THRIFT STORE WEEKS:
April 27-May 2, 2009
May 25-30, 2009

MEET OUR GRADUATES

It’s Graduation Time Again!
We’re planning our Graduation Meal this year for Sunday, May 17th following our 11:00 a.m. Service. If you are graduating please be sure to let our church office know your information. This year’s dinner will be “potluck”, as we have done in the past. We ask that everyone please bring two dishes. Drinks, breads, and “Graduation Cake” will be provided. Everyone, come out and support our church family graduates this year! And...

Congratulations, Graduates!
Global Outreach Leadership Seminar

On March 27-28, 2009, a Global Outreach Leadership Seminar was held at Pulaski First UMC. We were blessed to attend as representatives of FUMC Missions and Outreach Ministry. It was hosted by Wytheville UMC District and conducted by The Mission Society, addressing how churches can be on mission with God. We must say that this seminar inspired us more than any we’ve ever attended. Our seminar leaders prayed that God would use us to share this seminar material with others, and we want to share it over the next few months with all of you.

“We live in a time of unprecedented spiritual opportunity. Around the world, more people are coming to faith in Jesus Christ today than at any other time in human history. And yet, there is much more to do.” The following statistics grabbed our attention:

A Reality Check – We’ve barely kept up with Population Growth:
In 1900 – 33.4% of World Population were Christian
In 2000 – 33.3% of World Population are Christian
Growth of Christianity is outside North America, booming in Asia and Africa!

Two Crucial Questions:
(1) Is the Gospel available to everyone? (NO!)
(2) How can they know and worship God if they have not heard the Good News of Jesus Christ? (Romans 10:13-15a)

Did You Know?
… Of 6.6 billion people in the world…
2.1 billion (33%) say “Thank you, Jesus.” (1/3 of world profess Christianity)
2.7 billion (40%) say “No thank you, Jesus.” (1.3B are Muslim)
1.8 billion (27%) say “Who is Jesus?” (No Bible in their language, no church in their culture, no Christian in their life!)

Did You Know?
Majority of missionary support is going to “comfort zone” areas, not “lost” areas
Focus of missionary support is mainly on physical needs and social needs, no spiritual needs

What this is telling us is that there is an unfinished task of 4.5 billion people (2/3 of the world)! We need to impact them with the message of Christ. We need to be more effective in reaching more. Whose responsibility is it to share the Good News with the world? - The church, both the universal church and the local church. WE are the church… YOU are the church!

Missions IS the mission of the Church. Missions is not what we DO; it is who we ARE. Missions is not a PROGRAM, it is our PASSION.

We learned of six essential strategies for the local church to become on mission with God:

(1) Develop a global outreach plan (The Great Commission, Acts 1:8)
(2) Build Kingdom partnerships
(3) Involve people in short-term missions
(4) Bring the world to your church (missionary visits)
(5) Focus your giving globally (global includes local, national, & International)
(6) Ground your ministry in prayer

We will share more next month. Until then, think about what it means to be a “go to” church instead of a “come to” church. The key issue in moving from a “come to” to “go to” church is: How and where are we to encounter lost people? We must consider changing the Church’s practice of ministry from “maintenance” to “mission.”

Ed & June Howard, Co-Chairs
Missions and Outreach

Wonderful Wednesdays
Menu for May

May 6
Barbecue
Slaw
Baked Beans
Dessert

May 13
Baked Ham
Creamed Potatoes
Peas
Bread
Dessert

May 20
Tacos
French Fries
Dessert

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!
Hillsville Preschool

The Preschool children participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Association’s Hop-a-Thon. We raised $800.00 which will enable one child in southwest Virginia to attend camp this summer.

To end the school year, we have parties and “Outside Day” planned.

Our Graduation and Spring Program will be on May 21st @ 7:00 p.m. We will have refreshments after the program.

Paulette
Paulette Beasley,
Director

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Luke Tompkins | July 2nd
Stephen Allen  | July 2nd
Jon McGrady    | July 3rd
Ava Geisler    | July 4th
Natalie Harris | July 9th
Adam Webb      | July 10th
Evan Coalson   | July 22nd
Emily Alexander| July 23rd
Matthew Goad   | July 25th
Lucas Hawks    | August 30th

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FISHERS OF MEN
FISHING RETREAT

The week of May 11th has been set aside for the Fishing Retreat for all men interested. Ty and Charlie Rand will be at “the cabin” for the entire week starting Monday, May 11th through Saturday, May 15th. This will allow each person to come as their schedule permits. May was chosen because no trout will be stocked after the end of May. Also, we will be there for the week because the survey included every day of the week and this way all may enjoy this Christian experience.

Be advised that a fishing license and trout stamp is required to fish the stocked portions of the river. There are also some native trout waters nearby for your enjoyment. A copy of the regulations will be available.

Directions to the cabin:

Take interstate 81N to 64W near Lexington.
Go approximately ½ mile to the Route 11 Exit.
Turn right on Route 11.
Go approximately 100 yards and turn left onto Route 39.
Go approximately 11 miles on Route 39 to the cabin which is on your right.
The driveway will be marked by a red cloth.

Please advise Charlie (e-mail cerand@embarqmail.com) as to your expected arrival date and departure date. He will be doing the food shopping and cooking. If you have any dietary requirements, please advise with your e-mail. If you do not have e-mail, his phone # is 276-236-5379.

You do not have to be a fisherman to enjoy the quiet environment and the beauty of the setting that God has provided! Come and partake of this opportunity to relax in God’s creation!

In case of emergency, Ty’s cell phone # is 276-733-6717. Reception is not always available near the cabin. If you do not get through, try until you do.
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May, 2009
Birthdays
& Anniversaries
Join us on an encounter with God through prayer, Focus 2009! First United Methodist Church Hillsville will be enjoying a series of revival meetings:

- Sunday, May 17th at 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. (Sunday Night Live); and on
- Monday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Terry Tekyl of Renewal Ministries (http://renewalministries.com/) will be our guest speaker. You won’t want to miss a minute of these inspiring and interesting sessions so relative to today’s times.

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**Family Ministry Department**

The Family Ministry Team for the month of May, 2009, will be led by Greg & Lori Huff. Members of that team are as follows: Darrin & Christy Alley, Rick & Susan Clark, Perry & Kim Cloud, Joe & Anne Harmon, Steve & Judy Martin, Mary Shank, Mitch & Millie Mitchem, Cort & Donna Godwin, Sussie Slaugenhaupt, George & Shirley Uber, and Jackie & Teresa Dunevant.

Please pray for this team as they go about their obligations during the month, for they have a very real potential to help the church grow, not only in numbers, but also in spiritual health. This team is instrumental in nurturing current membership as well, and all aspects of their responsibilities are important. If you know of individuals that might like or need a visit, please let one of the team members know.

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**Finance Committee Report to Church Council on April 20, 2009**

The 2009 total church budget is $413,172. However, if we continue at the same pace of giving as compared to last year, we will expect total revenue for 2009 in the amount of $348,380. This means we may be facing a significant budget shortfall of $64,792.

Based on this information, the Finance Committee made the following recommendations to the Church Council on Monday, April 20, 2009. These recommendations were approved as follows:

- Foremost, we must be in prayer for God’s will in our church budget.
- As a congregation, we need to place a concentrated and consistent emphasis on stewardship. To help accomplish this, we are reviewing information about a four week Holston Conference Foundation Program on Stewardship, and will then share this program with the worship Committee (including pastoral staff) for their consideration and implementation.
- Since we may need to be prepared for a budget shortfall, we recommend the following financial actions:
  1. Since over $300,000 of our budget is generally considered non-changeable (salaries, apportionments, overhead expenses), we Recommend that the Trustees and the Long Range Planning Committee do obtain estimates for the HVAC system ($12,500), Mini Bus ($1,500), and Long Range Planning ($10,000), but that Council be very sure of funding methods before signing any contract.
  2. Additionally, we suggest that Council resolve that all Ministry Groups and Committee Chairs proceed for the rest of the year as if they will have a 25% reduction in their budget allocation.

We sincerely hope that this budget crisis passes, but we feel we would be remiss if we did not address it. We will report again after the second quarter Financial Reports become available.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Strauss
Dr. Mark Strauss, Chairman of Finance Committee
Cards & Letters from Friends...

First Baptist Church
1401 North Main Street
Hillsville, VA 24343
276-728-7801

April 16, 2009

To our Friends at FUMC,

The pastor and members of First Baptist wish to express our sincere thanks for the use of your van during our revival. Due to your generosity we were able to bring more children to our services. We had five children to accept Jesus as their Savior and join the church. Sometimes things that seem small can bring great impact into the lives of our community.

Again thanks for helping us.

First Baptist Church, Hillsville

April 15, 2009

Dear Pastor Ty and Staff,

Thank you so much for such a moving and inspirational Resurrection week. The Maundy Thursday service and Easter morning were especially meaningful for us.

We appreciate the planning and love that went into this week and know the results of this ministry will be felt by all of us in the church and beyond.

Bill & Carolyn

Would you be interested in receiving “The Messenger” electronically?

If so, let us know by emailing us at fumcoffice@embarqmail.com. Or...perhaps you’d like to just download your own version by visiting our website at fumchillsville.holston.org.

Advance electronic copies of the weekly bulletin, announcements and prayer lists are also available via email.

Excerpts from a Letter from Hiwassee College...

Dear Friends at First United Methodist Church:

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff and trustees, I offer my deep appreciation for your recent financial gift to Hiwassee College. The support of individual United Methodists and United Methodist congregations is making a difference. The financial support undergirds our mission during this time of transition. In addition, the support of gifts and prayers encourages the faculty and staff and witnesses to others that United Methodists believe in the mission of Hiwassee College:

Hiwassee College, founded in 1849 and associated with the United Methodist Church, is a liberal arts, residential institution of higher education, providing quality education for all students in an atmosphere that promotes intellectual pursuit, spiritual growth, and social and personal responsibility.

...As Bishop Swanson has said, “Hiwassee College is not a mission of the Church; it is the Church in mission.” We take that role seriously. During the entire saga, we have never wavered in our commitment to United Methodist-related higher education and the Holston Annual Conference.

Thank you.

Peace,

Jim Noseworthy
James A. Noseworthy, D. Min.

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(Please see Front Hall Bulletin Board for Letter in its entirety.)
Sunday School Superlatives!

For the next eleven months, the Education Committee will feature a Sunday school class in each newsletter. For the month of May our focus is on the Fellowship Class.

The coffee is perking and the classroom is filling up fast for Tony Oliveira’s lively adult discussion class. Tony provided a brief history of the class that he, his wife, Ruth, and several others, formed in February of 1977.

Within the first two meetings, it was agreed to use the Bible as our text and to begin our study in the Old Testament. As class membership grew (in numbers and age) over the years, it was decided that a name change was needed, and in the late 1980’s, we became the Fellowship Class. The Bible continues to be our text as we journey through the Old and New Testaments. Currently we are in the third chapter in our study of the Book of Revelation, and we invite any church member who does not have a Sunday school home to visit our class.

I asked one of the class members, Martha Stineback, why she attends this class. She said, “Tony’s knowledge of the scriptures and teaching techniques and Ruthie’s loving and kind ways make them a great team to lead our class. We have a good time learning in an atmosphere of fellowship and laughter.”

As a special ministry, this class supports the Tri-Area Pregnancy Resource Center with both financial donations and baskets prepared by class members. These baskets are filled with items needed to serve moms and their newborn babies.

Recently the class received this letter of gratitude from Courtenay Houston, Executive Director of the center:

“I came to the center because I was going through a very rough time in my life. My husband and I had separated a few days after I found out I was pregnant, and I needed some support to get through it, and a way to get the things I needed for my baby. Thank you for being there for me, praying with me and for making me feel cared for.

Actions speak louder than words, and through this one example of community service, the Fellowship Class is living out what they emphasize in their weekly study.

Whether you are single or part of a couple, new to FUMC or have been here for a while, come early to get a good seat—the welcome mat is out for you!

Carolyn Webb, Co-Superintendent of Sunday School

Reminder About “Open Table”...

Remember! Your support is always needed for Open Table. Cakes, volunteer drivers, and monetary gifts are always welcome! Open Table is held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Hillsville Presbyterian Church on Main Street (U. S. Route 52). We Methodists are responsible for Open Table on May 27th. For more information, please contact Lora Terry at 728-0686 or Betty Ridge at 728-7288.
"Called To Be And Make Disciples For Jesus Christ"

May Ushers/Greeters
3 Dana Osborne-White (Team Leader)
Greeter: Sarah Paige Smith
10 Frank Carter (Team Leader)
Greeter: Jean Kidd
17 Ernie Jackson (Team Leader)
Greeters: Nancy Russell & Elizabeth Smythers
24 S. C. Cox (Team Leader)
Greeters: Dennis & Sue Ward
31 Joe Stilwell (Team Leader)
Greeters: TBA

May Children’s Church Volunteers
3 Jason & Leigh Anne Smith
10 Greg Bolen & Whitney Perry
17 Barbara Iroler & Mandy Lineberry
24 Lora Terry & Family
31 Rita Parker & Misty Collins

May Nursery Workers
3 David, Neil, & Kallie Scott
10 Brad & Rhonda Nester
17 Josh & Sandy Davis
24 Tammy Horton & Mary Vass
31 Lora Terry & Candace Vaughn

May Flower List
3 Community Sunday
10 Mother’s Day / United Methodist Women
17 Bobbie Copeland
24 Grace Cox & Rita Parker
31 Dot Jones

May Acolytes
3 Kyle Collins
10 Elizabeth Harrison
17 Sydney Nester
24 Taylor Ward
31 TBA

May Sunday School Office Assistants
3 Nell Scott
10 Lucy King
17 Susan Clark
24 Amanda Lineberry
31 Dana Osborne-White

May Scripture Readers
3 Susan Clark
10 Sharon Alexander
17 Dennis Ward
24 TBA
31 Keith Stephenson

May Van Drivers
3 To Be Announced

May Multi-Media Teams
3 Bill Webb & Don White
10 Bill Webb, Bill Brown, & Donna Godwin
17 Don White & Jason Smith
24 Don White & Bill Webb
31 Donna Godwin, TBA

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3 Charles & Marilyn Rand
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