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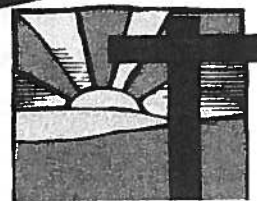
## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### May

2<sup>nd</sup>- Gerry Houtz  
2<sup>nd</sup>-Bill and Connie Hix  
4<sup>th</sup>- Coralee Bowley  
6<sup>th</sup>- Ron & Diane Win-  
kler  
7<sup>th</sup>- Brandon Davis  
11<sup>th</sup>-Connie Andorfer  
11<sup>th</sup>-Erick Kahn  
16<sup>th</sup>-Leslie Crockett  
19<sup>th</sup>- Kent & Mindi Her-  
stad  
22<sup>nd</sup>-Elda Mae Weaver  
23<sup>rd</sup>-Bill Hix  
24<sup>th</sup>-Jennifer Cook-  
Shuman  
29<sup>th</sup>-Ryan and Suzanne  
Kellam

### June

2<sup>nd</sup>-Brent & Paula  
McAfee  
4<sup>th</sup>- Madison Herstad  
5<sup>th</sup>-Janet Garwick  
6<sup>th</sup>-Keeghan Shuman  
7<sup>th</sup>- Larry & Elaine  
McAfee  
9<sup>th</sup>-Abigail Swineford  
16<sup>th</sup>-Connie Hix  
17<sup>th</sup>- Bryan & Natalie  
Swineford  
18<sup>th</sup>- Larry McAfee  
19<sup>th</sup>- Kent Herstad  
21<sup>st</sup>-Kamdyn Shuman  
29<sup>th</sup>- Helen Trout  
30<sup>th</sup>- Cory Elzey



## The Pastor's Son

Every Sunday afternoon, after the morning service at the church, the Pastor and his eleven year old son would go out into their town and hand out Gospel Tracts. This particular Sunday afternoon, as it came time for the Pastor and his son to go to the streets with their tracts, it was very cold outside, as well as pouring rain. The boy bundled up in his warmest and driest clothes and said, 'OK, dad, I'm ready.'

His Pastor dad asked, 'Ready for what?'  
'Dad, it's time we gather our tracts together and go out.'  
Dad responds, 'Son, it's very cold outside and it's pouring rain.'

The boy gives his dad a surprised look, asking, 'But Dad, aren't people still going to Hell, even though it's raining?'  
Dad answers, 'Son, I am not going out in this weather.'  
Despondently, the boy asks, 'Dad, can I go? Please?'  
His father hesitated for a moment then said, 'Son, you can go. Here are the tracts, be careful son... Thanks Dad!'

And with that, he was off and out into the rain.. This eleven year old boy walked the streets of the town going door to door and handing everybody he met in the street a Gospel Tract . After two hours of walking in the rain, he was soaking, bone-chilled wet and down to his VERY LAST TRACT. He stopped on a corner and looked for someone to hand a tract to, but the streets were totally deserted.  
Then he turned toward the first home he saw and started up the sidewalk to the front door and rang the doorbell. He rang the bell, but nobody answered.  
He rang it again and again, but still no one answered. He waited but still no answer. Finally, this eleven year old trooper turned to leave, but something stopped him.  
Again, he turned to the door and rang the bell and knocked loudly on the door with his fist. He waited, something holding him there on the front porch!  
He rang again and this time the door slowly opened.

Standing in the doorway was a very sad-looking elderly lady. She softly asked, 'What can I do for you, son?' With radiant eyes and a smile that lit up her world, this little boy said, 'Ma'am, I'm sorry if I disturbed you, but I just want to tell you that \* JESUS REALLY DOES LOVE YOU \* and I came to give you my very last Gospel Tract which will tell you all about JESUS and His great LOVE.'

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## July birthdays!!

1<sup>st</sup>- Gary Cook  
5<sup>th</sup>-Harper Kahn  
6<sup>th</sup>- Sue Chaney  
6<sup>th</sup>-Barry Jamison  
9<sup>th</sup>-Margaret Hassler  
10<sup>th</sup>-Shane Fromm  
11<sup>th</sup>- Laura Elzey  
12<sup>th</sup>- Sharon Espich  
17<sup>th</sup>- Scott & Deanna Elzey  
20<sup>th</sup>-Hudson Kahn  
29<sup>th</sup>-Cindy McAfee  
30<sup>th</sup> Mary Etta Blessing  
30<sup>th</sup>- Betty Cary

## May is National Foster Care Month... You Can Change a Lifetime

Each May, National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to shine a light on the experiences of the more than 400,000 children and youth in the foster care system. The campaign raises awareness about the urgent needs of these young people and encourages citizens from every walk of life to get involved – as foster or adoptive parents, volunteers, mentors, employers or in other ways. With the help of dedicated people, many formerly abused or neglected children and teens will either reunite safely with their parents, be cared for by relatives or be adopted by loving families. Many children would not have to enter foster care at all if more states provided support and services to help families cope with crises early on.

Thanks to the many advocates, child welfare professionals, elected officials and support groups around the country, the total number of children in foster care has decreased over recent years. But more help is needed.

Every year, approximately 30,000 young people leave the foster care system without lifelong families – most at age 18. On their own, these young adults must navigate a weakened economy offering fewer jobs and less support for vital services such as housing. They need – and deserve – caring adults who love and support them.

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

## A note from the parsonage...

Dear church family,

*Where God's love is, there is no fear, Because God's perfect love drives out fear. It is punishment that makes a person fear. So love is not made perfect in the person who fears. 1 John 4:18*

Fear can strike at any time. You might be driving down a highway when a truck suddenly veers into your path. Only a quick reaction and a swerve can save you from destruction. Just a few seconds made a difference. Still, other fears can seem bigger, more threatening, and there is no end to them: fear that someone you care about will die, maybe cancer might come back, or lost a job or health. You needn't live a life of fear. Bad things will always happen in this world. No one can control bad things, and your problem may not be fixed immediately. But fear- sitting in a room and worrying, fretting over what might happen, living with deep anxiety- can be dealt with. The Bible tells us that love drives fear away, and knowing you are loved perfectly means you needn't be afraid of anyone or anything. The God who knows you also rules over everyone else. God has the power to deal with whatever causes you fear, and you can place your confidence in Him.

*When you know you are loved, and when you respond to others with love, fear disappears. When you know you are loved, God's grace, power and presence embrace you. You know you are always in God's hands of love.*

In God's love, Pastor Troy and Mindy

# May 2012

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Greeters: Tim & _____ Sound board: Ernie Jr. Church: Elaine & Mindy Acolytes: Herstad's	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day/Baptisms Greeters: Tim & _____ Sound board: Ernie Jr. Church: Claudia & Mindy Acolytes: Devin & Aubrey	14	15	16 Faith Circle At the church At 6:00pm	17	18	19
20 Breakfast: Houtz's Greeters: Tim & _____ Sound board: Bill Jr. Church: Claudia & Elaine Acolytes: Jesse & Kolson	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Heroes of the Faith Sunday Greeters: Tim & _____ Sound board: Ernie Jr. Church: Mindi & Tonia Acolytes: Devin & Kolson Children "change" the world	28	29	30 Vision Mtg At church At 6:30pm	31		

# June 2012

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Uniondale Garage Sale 8 - 4pm	2 Uniondale Garage Sale 8 to 2 pm Come support..... Nursery School and Faith Circle
3 Communion Greeters: Tim & _____ Sound board: Bill Jr. Church: Elaine & Deanna Acolytes: Jesse & Kolson	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Greeters: Tim & _____ Sound board: Ernie Jr. Church: Claudia & Tonia Acolytes: Devin &	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Father's Day Breakfast: Jeanette Gilbert Greeters: Tim & _____ Sound board: Bill Jr. Church: Claudia & Elaine Acolytes: Jesse &	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Board Meeting at 11:00am Greeters: Tim & _____ Sound board: Ernie Jr. Church: Mindi & Tonia Acolytes: Devin & Kolson Children "change" the world	25	26	27	28	29	30

# July 2012

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Patriotic Sunday- Special Music</b> Greeters: Tim & Jeanette Sound board: Bill Jr. Church: Elaine & Deanna Acolytes: Jesse & Kolson	2	3	4 Celebrate The 4th	5	6	7
8 <b>Communion</b> Greeters: Tim & Jeanette Sound board: Bill Jr. Church: Elaine & Tonia Acolytes: Devin & Kolson	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 <b>Fellowship Breakfast</b> Greeters: Tim & Jeanette Sound board: Bill Jr. Church: Claudia & Tonia Acolytes: Jesse &	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Breakfast: _____ Greeters: Tim & Jeanette Sound board: Bill Jr. Church: Claudia & Elaine Acolytes: Devin & _____	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <b>Church at the Pond (Elzey's)</b> Worship at 10:00 <b>Cook-out carry-in</b> Children "change" the world	30					



# Confessions of a Single Girl, living in a small town

It's been a little over a month since coming back to work from my medical leave and I'm just now feeling like I never left, although I do have my days!! I knew that it would be rough and very stressful because it's usually that way after coming back after a week's vacation. I attempted to prepare myself, but I'm not sure I knew just how bad it would be. It was so good to see my co-workers/friends and to get back into a routine. But every night I came home from work, I felt mentally and emotionally drained. On my first day back, I was informed that I would be tutoring three children in foster care, but in a foster home through another agency. It was enough that I had to readjust to the responsibilities of my job itself, but to add another huge responsibility was almost more than I could handle. It was a new service that White's was offering to counties and I was basically paving the way i.e. coming up with my own assessments and curriculum. I wasn't exactly thrilled to be doing this especially since no one really knew what to do since it was a new program. However, everyone I talked to said the same thing, "you're education degree will come in handy!!" I wanted to say, "I'VE BEEN A SOCIAL WORKER FOR 5 YEARS!" I had a bit of a bad attitude about the whole thing and dreaded it. You know, sometimes God has ways of changing our tune when it comes to things we do not want to do. And He'll do it without us really even knowing He's doing it. Granted, I had a bad attitude about tutoring these kids; however, I've had so much fun working up a curriculum and these kids have been a blast to work with. Just another example of how God is always right there with us when going through even minor things :) praying for a fabulous summer for you & your family!

*Ananda*

April Budget Summary	April	April	April	Year to date	Year to date	Year to date
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
TOTAL INCOME	2,955.64	4,012.58	(1,056.94)	16,110.10	16,050.32	59.78
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	4,134.63	3,876.75	(257.88)	17,789.24	15,667.66	(2,121.58)
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	(1,178.99)	135.83		(1,679.14)	382.66	

## Let's Not Forget...

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With that, he handed her his last tract and turned to leave. She called to him as he departed. 'Thank you, son! And God Bless You!'

Well, the following Sunday morning in church Pastor Dad was in the pulpit. As the service began, he asked, 'Does anybody have testimony or want to say anything?'

Slowly, in the back row of the church, an elderly lady stood to her feet.

As she began to speak, a look of glorious radiance came from her face, 'No one in this church knows me. I've never been here before. You see, before last Sunday I was not a Christian. My husband passed on some time ago, leaving me totally alone in this world. Last Sunday, being a particularly cold and rainy day, it was even more so in my heart that I came to the end of the line where I no longer had any hope or will to live.

So I took a rope and a chair and ascended the stairway into the attic of my home. I fastened the rope securely to a rafter in the roof, then stood on the chair and fastened the other end of the rope around my neck. Standing on that chair, so lonely and broken-hearted I was about to leap off, when suddenly the loud ringing of my doorbell downstairs startled me. I thought, 'I'll wait a minute, and whoever it is will go away.'

I waited and waited, but the ringing doorbell seemed to get louder and more insistent, and then the person ringing also started knocking loudly...

I thought to myself again, 'Who on earth could this be? Nobody ever rings my bell or comes to see me.' I loosened the rope from my neck and started for the front door, all the while the bell rang louder and louder.

When I opened the door and looked I could hardly believe my eyes, for there on my front porch was the most radiant and angelic little boy I had ever seen in my life. His SMILE, oh, I could never describe it to you!

The words that came from his mouth caused my heart that had long been dead, TO LEAP TO LIFE as he exclaimed with a cherub-like voice, 'Ma'am, I just came to tell you that JESUS REALLY DOES LOVE YOU.' Then he gave me this Gospel Tract that I now hold in my hand..

As the little angel disappeared back out into the cold and rain, I closed my door and read slowly every word of this Gospel Tract. Then I went up to my attic to get my rope and chair. I wouldn't be needing them anymore.

You see-- -I am now a Happy Child of the KING. Since the address of your church was on the back of this Gospel Tract, I have come here to personally say THANK YOU to God's little angel who came just in the nick of time and by so doing, spared my soul from an eternity in hell..'

There was not a dry eye in the church. And as shouts of praise and honor to THE KING resounded off the very rafters of the building, Pastor Dad descended from the pulpit to the front pew where the little angel was seated....

He took his son in his arms and sobbed uncontrollably.

Probably no church has had a more glorious moment, and probably this universe has never seen a Papa that was more filled with love & honor for his son.... Except for One.



## Historical Trivia

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October) Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig..' Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

## **ITTY BITTY EINSTIENS PRESCHOOL**

We are winding down our year, with May 18th, being our last day. WE MADE IT....WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR FIRST YEAR. With that being said and many happy tears shed we would like to thank everyone for their love, support and prayers. We would like to invite everyone to our graduation on Thursday, May 17th at 6:30pm at the church. We are now registering for the 2012-2013 school year so please spread the word. Again we would like to thank everyone for an awesome year. Don't forget the bake/garage sale during the Uniondale town wide garage sale the first weekend in June to help with the Preschool and Faith Circle. Any donations please contact me or Jessica. Thank you!

Much love,

Jennifer and Jessica

And the IBEP students:

Ryan, Mason C., Ridley, Ava,

Bridget, Emma, Mason J., Dominick, Harper, Alexis, Matthew, and Sawyer

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***Upcoming Events and Opportunities!!***

- May 13 Mother's Day – children will share during worship
- May 16 Faith Circle at 6:00pm
- May 20 Fellowship Breakfast
- May 27 Memorial Day Weekend – Heroes of the Faith Sunday  
Children “change”ing the world (bring your change)
- May 30 Vision committee meeting at 6:30pm
- June 1 & 2 Garage Sale – sponsored by Nursery School and Faith Circle in Parsonage  
Garage
- June 3 Communion
- June 17 Fellowship Breakfast, Father's Day – children will share in worship
- June 24 Children “change”ing the world (bring your change)  
Board Meeting from 11:00 to 12:00
- July 1 Patriotic Sunday with special music
- July 8 Communion
- July 15 Fellowship Breakfast
- July 29 “Church at the Pond” at Elzey's Cook-out, fun, and fellowship.  
Children “change”ing the world (bring your change)