

# INFO



## Words From The Path. . . . .

*By Pastor Ben Murphy*

We've all heard of some of the great romances in times gone by: Ruth and Boaz; David and Bathsheba; Romeo and Juliet; Frankie and Johnny! Then, as an 80's song said, there's a 'Little ditty 'bout Jack and Diane!' (John Cougar Mellencamp.) And then, what about Gail and Randy?

Gail and Randy had been dating for quite some-time. They had many mutual interests and seemed to others to be just perfectly compatible. But Gail realized that her love for Randy had been growing increasingly stronger with each passing day, and she really believed that Randy felt the same way about her. When they were apart, she could think only of him. She was of course happiest when in the presence of Randy. She longed to someday be his wife.

One night, Randy

"popped the question!" Immediately, the excited Gail began to share her dreams with Randy of the beautiful wedding, with six bridesmaids, and two flower girls, and lots of beautiful music. She began to share with him the beautiful life that she had dreamed of with Randy as her husband. Then – as on cue – Randy fulfilled all Gail's dreams when he declared his love for her and his intent to make her his bride. But he just as quickly shattered her dreams in the next breath when he told her he hoped she would understand one thing about him. He told her that he hoped she would understand, but he expected her to allow him some freedom to see his old girlfriends at least once a month!

Now there are those who would say that his request was ridiculous and

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Kim's Crazy  
Corn Maze

We will be travelling to  
Kim's Crazy Corn Maze  
in Castlewood

Wed. Oct 14th.!

6-8p.m.

(We will meet at the  
church earlier.)

**You're invited to attend**

**The 60th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for**

**Rev. Chuck & Jean Estep**

Newsletter

Articles or information to be published in the Newsletter are due by the third Sunday of the month. Please submit to the church office.

Singers and Musicians

If you are on the monthly music schedule to sing and find you cannot do so, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Please notify the church office of such a change. Our thanks to each of you who serve.

—The Ministries & Programming Council

When There Is A Death In The Family

If there is a death in your immediate family, (Parent, Sibling, Spouse, Child,) or in the family of a church member, please notify a member of the Benevolence Committee (listed below) so the church may send flowers and for food preparation when applicable.

—The Benevolence Committee

- Mona Orr—Chair
- Phyllis Belcher
- Sue Ellen Fleming
- Diania Murphy



To the family of:  
 Laura Grasham  
 Richard (Dickie) Prater  
 Tannel Mullins

*And the Winner is...*

**The Sunday School winner for the month of August was**

**Kaitlyn Hall**

**Presented by Jane Large (R).**

**Congratulations Kaitlyn!**



**Bible Quiz**



A beautiful psalm describes God’s majesty and speaks of human dignity. Which of the following psalms describes people as having been crowned by God “with glory and honor”?

- A. Psalm 1
- B. Psalm 8
- C. Psalm 23
- D. Psalm 51

Answer: (see verse 5, NRSV)

**A Prayer for Pumpkin People**

After Liz Curtis Higgs wrote the popular children’s book *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, people began using her analogies to say a prayer while carving their Halloween pumpkins. The pumpkin prayer, a Christian alternative to Halloween traditions, reminds people of all ages what God has done for us. Use it this fall when your family makes jack-o’-lanterns.

While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray, “Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you.”

(See Proverbs 1:7.)

While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, “Remove the things in my life that don’t please you. Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others.”

(See Matthew 6:14-15.)

While making eyes, pray, “Open my eyes to see the beauty you’ve made in the world around me.”

(See Psalm 104:24.)

While making the nose, pray, “I’m sorry for the times I’ve turned up my nose at your many gifts.”

(See James 1:17.)

While making the mouth, pray, “Let everything I say please you.”

(See Psalm 19:14.)

While lighting the candle, pray, “Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do.”

(See Matthew 5:16.)

After carving your pumpkins, display them as examples of how God’s love transforms us into new creations.

(See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)

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absurd. I would agree. But how much more ridiculous and absurd is it when we claim to be Christians; committed only to Jesus; but share His time with all the other pleasures of the world. The church is not just a meeting place for some good times, but it is the house of God. In it we learn, worship, fellowship, give of ourselves freely. We give our devotion – not to some person who only whom we have made some lack luster commitment, but to the One who died for us; gave his life for us!

To whom are you committed? To Jesus, or to your “old loves” of the world? *Stay on the path with Jesus!*

### Sunday School Perfect Attendance

~Summer Quarter~

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| Renay Balthis    | Janet Mize     |
| Leora Gardner    | Kim Mullins    |
| Betty Hall       | Rod Mullins    |
| Ray Hall         | Pastor Murphy  |
| Heather Harrison | Carl Snodgrass |
| Alice Livesay    |                |



“Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God’s love. Since 1993, more than 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered across the globe. People of all ages can be involved in this simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ. “

We are collecting items each month through mid-November.

September: Socks, Underwear (all sizes, boys and girls)

October: Hygiene—Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Washcloths, Soap, Combs, Etc.

November: Small Toys and Hard Candy (No Chocolate)

A collection box is located in the Narthex.

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This Month:

Pastor Appreciation Month

6	W.C.G. Meeting	<u>Nov.</u>	
7	Ministry & Prog. Council	3	W.C.G. Meeting
11	Pastor Appreciation Day	4	Ministry & Programming
14	Finance Council Meeting	8	The Meade Family Concert
14	Corn Maze Trip	11	Finance Council Meeting
21	Christian Ed. Council Meeting	18	Christian Ed. Council
28	Trick-a-Trunk	23	"Hanging of the Greens"
30	Annual Reports Due	29	Unity Service

First Church of God

Sunday:

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

Wednesday:

Adventure Club Choir	6:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Adventure Club	7:00 p.m.
Youth Meetings	7:00 p.m.

*"Prayer is the place where burdens change shoulders."*