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PASTOR'S COLUMN**REV. DR. ROBERT COOK** *Interim Pastor*

A Pentecost for Today

Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit is ever with us and available to us.

When we observe Pentecost Sunday each year, we read what happened as the Book of Acts records it, but we don't have to leave the experience back "there" as if it has no significance for us today. History doesn't record other similar experiences of people who have what appeared to be tongues of fire above their head or people speaking intelligently in languages they never had before learned. That part of Pentecost does not seem to be repeatable. Nonetheless, the Pentecost experience is available to every Christian all the time.

Pentecost began as a harvest festival, taking place 50 days after Passover. It was called the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks in Jewish tradition. It is mentioned in five places in the first Books — in Exodus 23, Exodus 24, Leviticus 16, Numbers 28, and Deuteronomy 16. It celebrated the first fruits of the harvest season when the wheat fields were harvested and the grain was plentiful.

The events we read of in Acts Chapter 2 record what took place 50 days after Jesus was crucified. From the day of His resurrection until He

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CLERK'S REPORT

JENNIFER ROBERTSON *Clerk of Session*

**GREENCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
Thursday, April 10, 2025
in the Social Room beginning at 6:38 pm.**

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the candle.

RULING ELDERS PRESENT: Anne Larew, JoAnne Lewis, David Lindecamp, Carole Malin, Dee Patton, Scott Peterson, Jenn Robertson, Ed Wine

ABSENT: Racheal Marconi Bowman

Clerk: Jenn Robertson

The **Moderator** was the Rev. Dr. Robert Cook. Ruling Elder Scott Peterson offered a devotion and prayer.

NOTE: Prior to the Session Meeting, Ruling Elders examined and welcomed into the membership of Greencastle Presbyterian Church by the Session: Steven Dodds (by reaffirmation of faith), Lu Ann Hager (by reaffirmation of faith) and Karol A. Keller (by reaffirmation of faith) for membership. Their effective date of membership is April 10, 2025. **ACTION:** Approved the membership of all. **ACTION:** Approved their introduction and reception to church during the April 27, 2025 worship service.

This portion of our meeting was closed at 7:17 pm. Ruling Elder Anne Larew escorted our new members out and locked the Educational Wing entrance.

Session Meeting reconvened at 7:20 pm.

Clerk's Report: Approved minutes of the March 13, 2025, Regular Session Meeting and the minutes of the April 6, 2025, Annual congregational Meeting. Church Roll through March 31, 2025, is 142. Worship attendance on Sunday, April 6, 2025, was 89 with Communion celebrated by 88 and 30 joining by livestream.

ACTION. Approved Clerk's Report.

Virtual Motions: ACTION. Approved on March 29, 2025, the use of the Sanctuary by the Cumber-

land Valley School of Music for recitals on Sunday, May 4, 2025, from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm, program from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. (Jim Papa will open and close the church.)

Financial Report	March 2025
Beginning Balance	\$30,714.20
Receipts	\$27,821.29
Disbursements	\$33,260.86
Ending Balance	\$25,274.63

ACTION. Approved the February 2025, Financial Report.

Per Capita giving to date is 40%.

Pastor Nominating Committee: March 20, 2025, and March 27, 2025, meeting minutes shared with Session.

Christian Education: ACTION. Approved purchasing Community Day Camp t-shirts with the purchase cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Finance: ACTION. By consensus approved salary ranges recommended by Pastor Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee: ACTION. Approved May 18, 2025, as Ordination and Installation Sunday.

Outreach and Mission: ACTION. Approved June 1, 2025, as Matthew Anderson Scholarship and Graduation Sunday.

Personnel: ACTION. Approved rescinding the motion approved in March to increase Pastor Bob's "Housing, Utility and Furnishings Allowance".

Pastor's Report: Have officiated over twenty funerals to date, with 2 more scheduled.

ACTION. Approved Confirmation Sunday for September 21, 2025 (Rally Day).

New Business: ACTION. Approved the use of the Social Room on Saturday, May 17 2025, from

12:00 pm to 4:00 pm by the Tinninis family to host a baby shower for Kati Schroyer, with about 25 individuals in attendance.

The meeting was closed in prayer with The Lord's Prayer in unison at 8:29 pm.

GREENCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPECIAL CALLED SESSION MEETING

Sunday, April 13, 2025
Matthew Anderson Room
Following Worship Service

Special Called Session Meeting, called by Pastor Bob. The meeting was opened with the prayer by Pastor Bob.

Pastor Bob served as the **Moderator** for the meeting.

RULING ELDERS PRESENT: Anne Larew, Dee Patton, Scott Peterson and Ed Wine

Absent: Racheal Marconi Bowman, JoAnne Lewis, David Lindecamp, Carole Malin, Jenn Robertson

The purpose of this Special Called Session Meeting was to examine Donna Long for membership with Greencastle Presbyterian Church.

The Ruling Elders examined Donna Long and welcomed her into the membership of Greencastle Presbyterian Church (by reaffirmation of faith). The effective date of her membership is April 13, 2025.

ACTION: Approved the membership of Donna Long.

ACTION: Approved her introduction and reception to church during the April 27, 2025 worship service.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Anne Larew.

Liturgists & Communion Servers

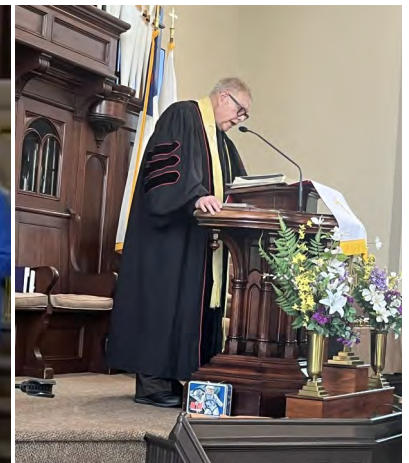
June 1	Pam Price
June 8	Polly Coulter
June 15	Kelly Kerstetter
June 22	David Rutherford
June 29	JoAnne Lewis



Communion Servers on June 1 will be
Sue Bell, Albert Miller, Debra Miller, Brian Rice



Above: Welcomed into GPC Donna Long, Steven Dodds, Karol A. Keller, and Lu Ann Hager; Left: Rev. Tom Thomas at Children's Time; Bottom left: Laying on of hands with new Elders and Deacons; Bottom right: Guest Preacher, Rev. Tom Thomas sermon on "Debts? Trespasses? Forgiveness!!"



PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE

DAVID LINDECAMP *Moderator*

Old Home Week will be here before long. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following.

Correction - Saturday, July 19th, 2025 at 9am – Summer Clean-up at the Church and at the Moss Spring Cemetery. Rain date will be the following Saturday, July 26th, 2025 at 9am. Since this year is Old Home Week, this clean-up could use the extra hands to prepare the grounds for our visitors during this event. This is an update from what we published last month due to the conflict with Greencastle Sidewalk Days.

A brief update on our activities:

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- Our plans to improve the right-of-way at Moss Spring have been completed. We had contracted Byers Excavating to tailgate some additional stone to the access off of Earl Street.
- New boxwoods have been planted to replace the ones that had died and were previously removed. Thanks to Fred Davison for completing this.
- Our RF rope hoist has been installed to open the attic access door in the west vestibule. This allows this door to be opened much more easily and from the ground level. We had earlier received approval from Jack B. Layton Son to complete the installation.

PROJECTS STARTED:

- Due to the storm damage of April 19th, a quote has been received for slate repairs and this has been approved by the Session. This work should be scheduled in the near future.
- Also, the church sign that was damaged in the April 19th storm has been quoted for replacement along with removal of the concrete plug that was used to support this. The quoted repair has been approved by the Session and the work will begin shortly. It is my

hope that the new sign will be in place prior to Old Home Week.

- We received an estimate to address the flooring issues in the basement near the elevator and outside of the Youth Room. The moisture measurements in the concrete slab near the elevator measured 98% relative humidity. The repair in this area would require removing the VCT tiles and the buildup on the concrete prior to applying a penetrating sealer. We believe the best option is to use ceramic tile as the new surface and a selection has been made. Currently, we are waiting for an updated quote based on the material selection. If the quote would exceed the motion approved by the Session for the estimated cost of the project, then the quote will be re-submitted to the Session for their review.
- We have been experiencing issues with the engine of the church push mower. Gabe Gates and Brian Rice have been leading the investigation of needed repairs.

Peace and Love in Christ!

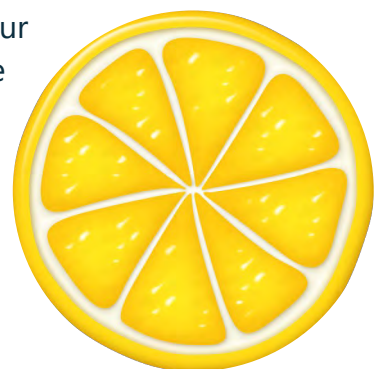
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

DEE PATTON *Moderator*

The Special Events Committee met on May 5. Lemonade On The Lawn will be June 1, July 6, and August 3. The committee will provide a meal to the Deacons and Elders on June 12th for their annual training.

Old Home Week will be held August 2 through 9. Sunday, August 3 will be a special worship service followed by lemonade and cookies on the lawn. Wednesday, August 6 will be the annual Ice Cream Social at GPC on our lawn following the picture on the square. A sign up sheet will be coming soon for help with the ice cream social.

***Come out and
enjoy the festivities!***



Although ALL non-perishable donations are always appreciated, the list below shows our current need.

Monthly more than 120 families are blessed when they visit the Food Pantry. Thank you for the generosity you show to the people who rely on the Food Pantry to help feed their families.



GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY

717-597-8333 ext. 2

gafoodpantry@gmail.com

*Call or email to schedule a time
to drop off the food donations.*

ALL MONETARY AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. CHECKS MAY BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY AT 57 W. BALTIMORE STREET, GREENCASTLE, PA 17225.



LOCATION

Greencastle Presbyterian Church
57 W. Baltimore Street (Lower Level)
Greencastle, PA 17225

HOURS OF OPERATION

First Thursday of each month

JUNE 5

6:00 to 8:00 pm

Second & Third Wednesday of each month

JUNE 11 & 18

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

TO REGISTER FOR SERVICES

Must reside in the greater Greencastle-Antrim area with verification of name and address. Provide number and amount of total income of all persons living in the household.

In the event of inclement weather, notification will be on the Food Pantry voice mail 717-597-8333 ext 2, the Facebook page, and WRGG 93.7 FM radio.

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Greencastle-Antrim-Food-Pantry-100068316596839/>



~ GPC Old Home Week Activities ~

As many of you know, Greencastle-Antrim's 42nd Triennial Old Home Week celebration will take place this August 2-9.

As in previous OHW celebrations, our congregation will be hosting multiple OHW activities. Since January a formal GPC OHW committee, co-chaired by Mary Ann Ackerman & Debbie Wine, has been meeting to create, refine and organize church activities that will be an important part of this grand community celebration.

As we approach OHW later this summer, our church website will be the primary conduit for gathering details surrounding our church activities. Go to: www.visitGPCpa.org

**Greencastle-Antrim
Old Home Week
August 2-9, 2025**

Below is an outline of what is planned at our church for Old Home Week

Worship on Sunday, August 3rd starting at 10 am:

Members, friends, family and the community are invited to attend this special OHW worship service entitled "God's Word through Our Music".

Worship will include choir, bells, instruments and more to enhance our morning worship. The service will center around the history of the music program at GPC and bring God's Word to the congregation through a service of song and instruments.

Wednesday, August 6th:

Historic Church Tours:

Starting at 11 am, GPC volunteers will lead guests through our church, touting our rich history and unique features.

Complimentary Community Ice-Cream Social on the East Lawn*:

It will be "all hands-on deck" when our church hosts about 550 community members for ice cream IMMEDIATELY AFTER the picture on the square. (Approximately 11:45 am) Volunteers are strongly encouraged to wear their new GPC shirt to this event. (See Dee Patton for more information.)

During the Ice-Cream Social, when we welcome new and old community members to the church, there will be CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES inside the social room and yard games outside for children ages 12 and under.

~ Watch for volunteer sign-up sheets for all events on August 6th. ~

Many volunteers will be needed for the day to be successful!

Ice Cream Social



Bring the whole family to Greencastle Presbyterian Church's Ice Cream Social for a fun-filled afternoon!

- Enjoy free ice cream
- Yard Games for kids 12 & under
- Children's Crafts and Story Time
- Church Tours

6 August, 2025 immediately following the town picture



**GREENCASTLE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Don't miss this chance to connect, play, and see what our church has to offer!



Greencastle Presbyterian Church



For children who
have completed
kindergarten
through
5th grade

Monday - Friday
8:30am - 3:00pm

JUNE 16-20, 2025

Daily Bible Study!
Play Games!
Sing Songs!
Crafts!
FUN!

Healthy Snacks
and beverages
provided.
Please bring a
bagged lunch.

**Scholarships
Available!**

For more information or to register:

visit GPCpa.org

717-597-8333



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

KERI PAPA *Acting Director*

RACHEAL MARCONI BOWMAN *Moderator*

Our next committee meeting is on
Tuesday, June 3rd @ 6:30 pm

THANK YOU

- We appreciate the donations to our Community Camp to help make it an amazing week for the children.
- Thank you to everyone who signed up to help in the Sunday School classroom this year!! The children are a blessing and our future.

GRADUATES of 2025

We are excited to honor Paige Widder on June 1st during our church service. Paige graduated from the Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School in May. Congratulations, Paige!

COMMUNITY CAMP 2025

Our theme this year is TRUE NORTH by Group Publishing. It will guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

- Planning is in progress for our Summer Camp 2025. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:30pm. If you are interested in being a part of this awesome week, please join us on this date! We will discuss Camp at the beginning in case you choose not to stay for the entire meeting. Please see Racheal or Keri with questions
- If you plan to volunteer and have not completed your clearances yet, please complete them as soon as possible.



- If you are unable to help in person but would like to make a donation to Camp, you can check out our [wishlist on Amazon](#), or you can make a monetary donation labeled Community Camp by placing it in the offering basket.

NURSERY

The nursery will be open each week through the summer as we are able to staff it. There is a TV there for watching the service online if anyone would like to use the room. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help teach/ assist this school year.

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT US:

- +Check out our wishlist on Amazon. Choose something to donate by going to Amazon.com. Choose Registry from the top menu bar. Search Greencastle Presbyterian Church. There you will find our list titled True North Community Camp. [You may also follow this link \(click here\).](#)
- +Make a monetary donation to help cover camp costs (you can put donations in the offering plate labeled Community Camp.)
- +Help us create decorations for the week.
- +Donate newspapers and other packing materials that you have leftover.
- +Signup to volunteer that week as a snack helper, craft helper, crew leader or assistant.

PASTOR'S COLUMN CONTINUED

ascended, Jesus prepared His disciples for the next step they were to take. Jesus taught them all they could receive about their next faithful steps and counseled them to give themselves to deep prayer together. This they did. They started out with 500 persons praying. After 10 days, the number was 120 persons.

While in prayer that 10th day, a phenomenon occurred with the symbol of flames appearing above the heads of those 120 people. They left the upper room and spilled out into the streets of Jerusalem, with the amazing ability to communicate to strangers in language unlearned. And what they were saying was about Jesus of Nazareth, lately crucified, but raised by God from the dead. This crucifixion was a well known current event. But resurrection was altogether new.

Peter, the disciple who had failed Jesus, was now full of God's Spirit and spoke boldly about Jesus, declaring him God's anointed one –the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus was unjustly condemned and executed on a cross. But God raised him from the dead. Now Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to everyone with the forgiving love of God. The people knew the story of Jesus and were cut to the heart. They said almost as with one voice: *"What must we do?"* Peter replied: ***"Turn around and believe in the Lord Jesus."*** The writer of Acts tells us that 3,000 people repented and believed in Jesus that day and the number grew daily.

The exact events of that first Pentecost may not be repeatable in our day, but Pentecost remains a permanent reality. What took place that day was not simply a manifestation of unusual phenomena; it is the revealing of who Jesus is to the world. The Holy Spirit emboldened a group of formerly scared disciples and they became powerful witnesses to the reality and presence of Jesus. For on that day, Jesus gave his Holy Spirit to the world with no limits.

The heart of Peter's message is that the alienation of human beings from God has been turned around. The path of reconciliation, forgiveness and

a total change of heart was open to everyone. No limits. Not only were we welcomed to know and experience the grace of God, we were welcomed to include every person into God's grace. In a world marked by tribalism and segregation, these separations can fall away as the Holy Spirit unites us as one people in Christ.

How might we best understand Pentecost today? Each of us can allocate more time to seek for God to help us discover the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Spirit will teach us intimately the ways and teaching of Jesus. It's all there in the Bible but we need that extra insight so as to truly grasp what Jesus has to teach. Also, there is an intimacy with Jesus that the Holy Spirit fosters in us. It shows up in ways where we experience the presence of Jesus in our everyday life. There is individual guidance as the Holy Spirit directs our steps. There is the discovery of unique and individualized spiritual gifts we can use to express the love Jesus has. And there is a constant "updating" in our spirits, helping us to leave behind habits and ways that are unworthy now as we grow in Christ.

The Holy Spirit unites people together in common life. When we pray the prayer of John the Baptist: "I must decrease that He might increase..." our ego is no longer lording our lives. Rather, the Spirit of God opens us to let Jesus be Lord in our lives and our church. Let us never forget that anything that has occurred to strengthen and grow our congregation in these recent years has come about by prayer and through those faithful in prayer for our church. It has little to do with any individual. It's about the Holy Spirit at work through all of us.

This year Pentecost Sunday will be observed on June 8th. It is a tradition that we wear something red. More significantly, we should be in prayer together for the Holy Spirit to live in us – both personally and congregationally. Without doubt, God's Spirit is at work in us and seeking to reach into our community with the grace and love of Christ.

— Pastor Robert Cook



**Good and gracious God,
we surrender all worries and concerns
to you, knowing that we are
your beloved children. Our faith compels
that we rest in your infinite mercies.**

June Marshall health concerns

Patti Sechrist health concerns *(Marcie Tinninis)*

Alan Shope health concerns

Tim Walck health concerns

Mary Lou Riddle health concerns *(Mary Ann Ackerman)*

Mindy Grosh health concerns *(Dick & Donna Grosh's daughter-in-law)*

Michael Paylor complications from leg amputation
(cousin of Weslie Johnson)

Bill & Kathy Kendall health concerns
(Weslie Johnson)

Aaron Frick *(Mary Ann Ackerman)*

Rev. Bill Beck *(Patti Divelbiss)*

Dan Patton health concerns

Bethany Yeager missionary work in South America
(Scott Peterson & Candace Rutherford)

Penny Mohler battling ovarian cancer *(Nancylee Moore)*

Cathy Thomas health concerns *(Beth Taylor's mother / submitted by Sheila Gates)*

Sue Lum, recovering from broken kneecap
(Fred Davison's sister)

Frank & Tracey Toston health concerns
(Scott Peterson)

Sally Snyder health concerns

Chelsea White diagnosed with breast cancer,
mother of young twins *(Emily Jones)*

Tim Reed health concerns

Lynne Leap recovering from a fall *(Barry Leap's mother)*

Gail Guyton diagnosed with brain tumor *(Diane Mills)*

Marvin & Nancy Rice health concerns *(Linda Thomas)*

David Myers health concerns *(Sue Myers)*

Frank Marconi health concerns *(Racheal Marconi Bowman)*

Kenny Reed cancer diagnosis

Todd Smith health concerns *(Marcie & Chuck Tinninis)*

John Stanton brain cancer *(co-worker of Scott Peterson)*

Tom Clopper health concerns *(Cindy Marconi)*

Leslie Moose *(Patsy Lee)*

Donna & Denny Bingaman health concerns
(Margery Benson)

Pete Stamakis health concerns *(Marcie & Chuck Tinninis)*

Chris Miller cancer treatment *(Sheila Gates)*

Cheryl Hill health concerns *(Cindy Marconi)*

Rosie Luzier diagnosed with lung cancer

Jason Kinzer health concerns *(Deb Shank)*

Jane Everetts knee surgery

Emmie White health concerns *(Jan Eppleman)*

Stephanie & Mike Klingensmith pregnancy
complications *(Mary Ann Ackerman)*

Joseph Hams health concerns

Mike Clotzman health concerns *(Debbie Wine)*

Stephanie Beard health concerns *(Sheila Gates)*

Ethel Fisher health concerns *(Debbie Wine)*

Terri Brust health concerns *(Deb Shank)*

Helen health concerns *(Anne Larew)*

Isabel Stewart health concerns *(Sue Bell's mother)*

Please remember in prayer the families of
Gwendelyn Marra and **Dick Starliper** who have
recently joined the Church Triumphant .

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2025

Sun June 1 Graduation Sunday

Worship 10:00am with Communion
Graduates and Matthew Anderson Scholarship Awards
Lemonade on the Lawn 1st Sunday Food Drive

Tue June 3

CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm
WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

Wed June 4

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur June 5

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 6:00pm

Sun June 8 Day of Pentecost

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

Wed June 11

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am
Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur June 12

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING 1:00pm
JOINT DEACON AND ELDER
MEAL, TRAINING, AND MEETING 5:30pm

Sun June 15 Father's Day

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship
Dementia Caregivers 2:00pm

Mon June 16

DAY 1 – COMMUNITY CAMP
OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

Tue June 17

DAY 2 – COMMUNITY CAMP

Wed June 18

DAY 3 – COMMUNITY CAMP
Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur June 19

DAY 4 – COMMUNITY CAMP

Fri June 20

SUMMER SOLSTICE – First Day of Summer
DAY 5 – COMMUNITY CAMP

Sun June 22

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

Wed June 25

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Sun June 29

Worship 10:00am
followed by Coffee Fellowship

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Mark Metz
- 3 **Tony & Diane Mills (25)**
- 4 Barbara Grane
- 7 Dan Patton
- 8 **Chris & Racheal Bowman (1)**
- 9 **Dick & Sue Bell (52)**
- 11 **Jeff & Deb Shank (48)**
- 13 **Bob & Reba Jones (72)**
- 16 Dave Durff
- 17 **Bob & Terri Brust (58)**
- 17 **Alan & Becky Sucke (53)**
- 19 Keith Marconi
- 21 Wanda Koons
- 21 Donna Long
- 21 **Tim & Lisa Walck (39)**
- 25 **Chuck & Marcie Tinninis (14)**
- 26 Ethel Quigley
- 26 Patsy Lee
- 27 Brianne Marconi

