

DAVIDSONVILLE UMC

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Church is God's way of connecting us, not only to Himself, but also to one another. After world changing events that affected us all, it is even more important for our church to bring people together again in unprecedented ways. This fall, we plan to reignite belonging, reengage our community, and reach people with the hope of Jesus.

For those who feel worn out, we will offer encouragement. We can be a place of healing for those who feel broken. Our congregation offers connection, real community, and friendship. We support each other no matter what life brings.

Why not invite someone to visit our church, participate in one of our ministries, or try out one of our bible studies? Our fall sermon series, *Hope Is Here*, begins September 19th. Leaders are planning new ministries and studies, so be alert for future announcements.

**It is time to love again, serve again, and hope again.**



**Our Purpose:**  
Knowing,  
Loving, &  
Serving  
God and  
Others In  
Unity



## **DUMC Peach Party**

On Saturday, Aug. 14th, we celebrated a time of fellowship in our community with a *Peach Party*! Thank you to the volunteers, vendors, and visitors for making this a successful event!



## **Social Needs Report**

By: Florence Ingram and Barbara Colacicco

The outdoor pantry in the parking lot is fully stocked thanks to our congregation! Spread the word to those who may be in need that it is open and available!

Social Needs & Outreach has been busy buying and filling 20 backpacks for elementary schools in our community. Thank you to all those who donated their time and energy into this project, and to those who donated headphones. The backpacks were blessed on Sunday, August 15th during worship, and were delivered that week.

At the end of August, Edgewater ES called with an urgent request for 100 binders and pencil boxes. Thankfully, our team had the resources to answer their call!

We also assisted three individuals with various financial needs in the month of July.



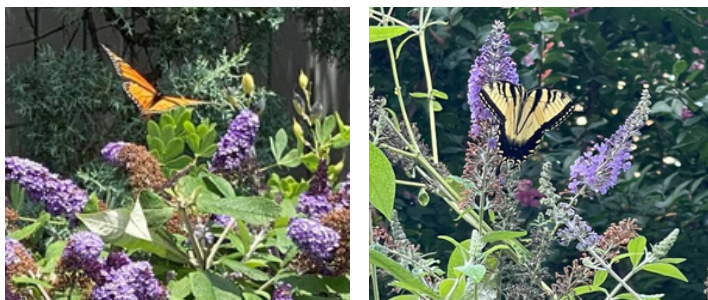
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## **Hello from the Green Cathedral,**

Our GC has been such a blessing during the COVID restrictions. It provided lovely, peaceful, and safe surroundings for social distancing for those attending in-person Sunday worship. This spring God gave us quite a show! We enjoyed pink dogwoods and the viburnum full of huge white snowball clusters. It was certainly a WOW experience.

During the summer God blessed us with daisies, lilies, an abundance of black-eyed Susans, a chase bush for the butterflies, and an arch of crepe myrtles. God continues to give us beauty to enjoy.

Now there is a different atmosphere on Sunday mornings. You can hear joyful singing and laughter during children's worship time and WE HAVE COFFEE & DONUTS!! Many Blessings, let us be thankful and pray for our country's healing.



**From our little piece of Heaven,  
Respectfully,  
The Green Cathedral Committee**



**Sunshine Report** by: Debby Wasson

On the left below is Martha Jones, who lives in Heritage Harbor. She is doing well, though staying close to home. Martha will be 90 years old on Sept. 29, so if you have a chance, do send her a card.

On the right below is Nancy and Max Covington. Max's family moved to Davidsonville when he was 7, so he is the longest living member of DUMC! You may see him crossing Route 424 to check out the family vegetable stand these days. Nancy was always involved in activities at the church in her more youthful years. She did PE with the kids at VBS for at least 30 years, which I remember well since I was in charge of VBS for 10 years.

Other updates include: Jim Fate is doing well after being in rehab for a while, and he welcomes visitors and phone calls. Barbara Whittington, who also has been a member a long time said she feels tired a lot, but really loves phone calls. Ann Simmons sounded in better spirits recently, though each day has its challenges. She too likes phone calls.



## Dear Christian Family,

We are finishing a summer of prayer. Today is the twelfth step in our personal prayer journey. Paul tells us to pray without ceasing, but how many of us (myself included) find it difficult to find the right words? Quite frankly, I often feel inadequate whether I'm alone with God or asked to pray aloud with a group.



Sometimes words refuse to come; often I can't focus; I console myself with "God knows what's in my heart." And, of course, he does. For the moment, pretend to be David. Reading the book of Psalms, you will find each of the "how to's" Pastor Wendy has had us focus on over the past 3 months! Amazing, right? In my quiet time, I have found it helpful to make a sequence of prayer thoughts. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Count your blessings, and give thanks. Acknowledge your deepest fears and give them to God, trusting that God is always there for you. Be silent and listen for His quiet whisper. Where do you want to go on your spiritual journey? Know that whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way; walk in it." (Isaiah 30: 21). Know that even in your darkest night, God is with you. You are never alone. Never fear that any concern is too small. Prayer can't be answered unless it's prayed, and God wants you to draw near to him in all things. Let love be your greatest motivation. Let your love for God and your love for family and friends inspire you to pray for others as they face personal struggle, evil and natural disaster. The Holy Spirit will move through your words into the world. Remember the empty cross. Remember that even Christ struggled with feeling abandoned when he cried out in the greatest lament, "My God, My God.....Why?" You know the answer. You will find it in John 3:16, and that's why we pray. BELIEVE.

I hope all of you will give yourselves the gift of a prayer bracelet so that you can associate your prayers with a color to find peace and comfort in the dark days, as well as hope and joy in all the others.



Peace & Love,  
Connie

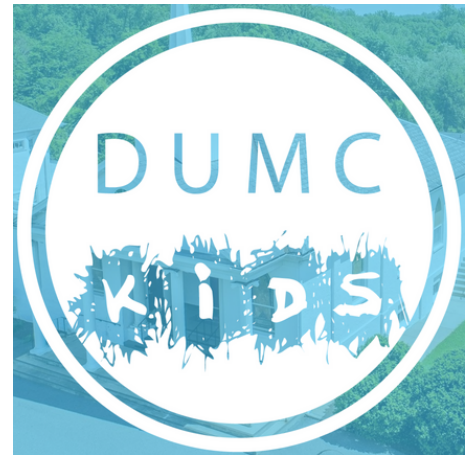


CCDC is very blessed to finally resume rental payments to DUMC. We have taken advantage of many grants to maintain financial strength and have just applied for a new grant from *American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 Child Care Stabilization Grant*.

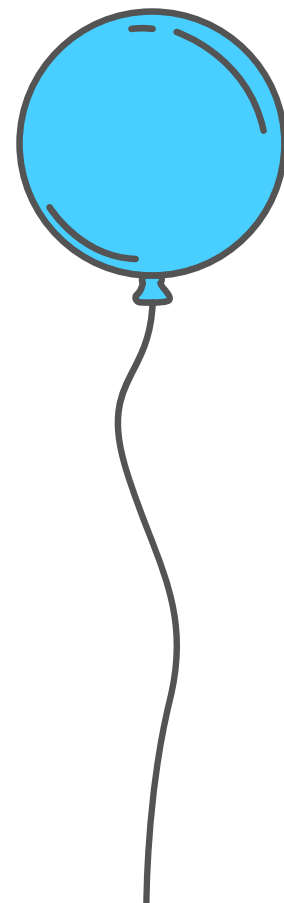
We are grateful to our new landscaping company *Scapes* for weeding the playground.

In August, we held a ZOOM Open Forum so that parents could discuss questions and concerns with the directors. Topics included; hours of operation, mask wearing, and safety of the children. As a result, disinfecting the center, wearing masks, and taking temperature upon arrival will continue. Hours of operation remain unchanged - for now. Keeping our children safe as they learn and grow in body, mind, and soul is our top priority.

Please pray for the children and staff as we begin a new school year.



DUMC seeks a nursery staffer to assist with children ages 0-9. This position will start in the fall. Candidates should be 18+ and CPR certified. Interested candidates should contact Cade Clurman at [cadeclurman@gmail.com](mailto:cadeclurman@gmail.com).





Making Cards for our Troops continues to receive cards from all across the United States. Currently, we have approximately 50,000 cards to send to our troops. We have surely been blessed. We always need volunteers to help process cards and prepare boxes for shipping. Contact Pat at [pbrodsky123@gmail.com](mailto:pbrodsky123@gmail.com) or call 410-507-5518.

And some more exciting news is that we are holding a fundraiser at Killarney House on September 20th – all day. As you can see by the list below, there will be a prix fixe menu. Hope you will join us that day to help us in our efforts to raise funds to ship out 150+ boxes of Christmas cards. Please let your friends know about this event.

### **Fundraiser on September 20, 2021**

*Killarney House - 584 W. Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD*

Help us raise money to support our efforts to send handmade greeting cards to our troops so they can send their greetings to loved ones. 100% of the proceeds received from this fundraiser goes to shipping cards overseas from Annapolis, MD.

#### **Menu for this Event:**

##### Starter Selection

- Side salad with house dressing
- Potato and leek soup

##### Entrée Selection

- Fish & Chips (Using Cod, this white fish is dipped in our homemade beer batter and deep fried to a golden brown, served with tartar sauce and Irish chips)
- Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad (A tender breast of chicken, lightly seasoned, charbroiled, sliced and served over our classic Caesar salad)
- Medieval Beef Stew (A braised Beef Stew with celery, carrots, and onion, topped with traditional champ potatoes)
- Shepherd's Pie (Ground sirloin, onions, peas and carrots baked in rich casserole and topped with mashed potatoes)

##### Dessert

- Irish Bread Pudding

Menu price is \$25 per person, plus tax and gratuity.

\$10 from each menu chosen will be donated to CHARITY.

Available all day and order online at [www.Killarneyhousepub.com](http://www.Killarneyhousepub.com)

(Look for this menu in Fundraiser menu online)

410-798-8700

- **Wednesday, Sept 8 at 9:30 AM** : UMW Book Study begins "God of Creation"
- **Sunday, Sept 19** : HOPE IS HERE! (Transition Sunday: watch for more details...)
- **Sunday, Sept 19 at 5 PM** : Church Conference in the Sanctuary
- **Tuesday, Sept 28 at 7 PM** for Laity : Bishop Latrell Easterling will be on the Southern Region District at Westphalia UMC
- **Wednesday, Sept 29 at 7 PM** : New Book Study begins "The Simple Faith of Mr. Rogers"
- **Saturday, Oct 2 at 10 AM** : Drive Through Pet Blessing
- **Sunday, Oct 3 at 3 PM** : All are welcome at Rev Schieckert's official installation at Severna Park UMC (731 Benfield Road, Severna Park)
- **Saturday, Oct 23 at sunset** : Halloween Outdoor Family Movie Night
- **Saturday, Oct 30 at 10 AM** : Red Cross Blood Drive
- **Saturday, Nov 13 & Sunday, Nov 14** : UMW Alternative Christmas Market
- **Saturday, Dec 4 at 5 PM** : Live Nativity



**Baltimore-Washington Conference**  
The United Methodist Church

**Church Conference**  
**Sept. 19, 2021, 5 PM**

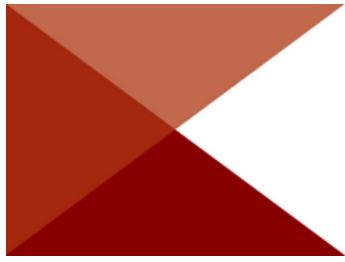
Again this year we will be holding a *Church Conference* instead of a *Charge Conference* on **Sunday, September 19th, at 5 PM, in the sanctuary**. All members and constituents of Davidsonville UMC are encouraged to attend. It will be a time of information, fellowship, and celebration, led by our District Superintendent Rev. Sarah Schlieckert.

But what is a *Charge Conference* or *Church Conference* anyway?

The *Charge Conference* is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. Once a year a meeting must be held to review and evaluate the mission and ministry of the church, set the for the pastor's compensation, elect members of the church council, and recommend candidates for ordained ministry. A *Church Conference* invites broader participation of the members of the congregation beyond just the church council, allowing all all **members** of Davidsonville UMC to attend and have a voice and vote.

Plan to attend to show your support for the work of our church!





***Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?  
I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.  
- Isaiah 43:19 -***

A few weeks ago as we prepared for our annual Church Conference, we remembered with joy and pride all of the innovative ways that we have overcome the restrictions of COVID-19 to engage the community around us and help people grow in their faith. In addition to worship in the sanctuary, we have offered outdoor worship, drive-in worship and online worship. We held Sunday School on the playground. The accessibility of online classes allowed more people to participate in bible studies. Children were baptized, adults professed their faith, and new people became members of DUMC. Hurray!

And then we grieved our losses. Attendance at the sanctuary service thinned. We missed seeing our friends every week. Hybrid meetings were cumbersome. We didn't get back to "normal." The future is still unsure. While these circumstances are sad, they are not failures. They are part of the ever-changing world around us. If we focus on these circumstances, we will lose our bigger vision of making disciples for Jesus for the transformation of the world. Or as we say here in Davidsonville UMC, our mission is to help people come to know, love and serve God and others in unity.

The Catalyst team has been hard at work, learning how to connect effectively with the surrounding community, discovering people's needs and concerns, and then discerning how best to apply what was learned. The team is seeking a Spirit-led vision that doesn't just respond to circumstances, but ignites faith into action and invigorates people to pursue God's call for our lives and community.

The Holy Spirit inspired the Catalyst team to pray that our congregation and community would come to a deeper understanding of baptism, and people came to us for it! So far this year, six people have been baptized. This summer, the team felt a call to explore many different forms of prayer, and now folks are seeking prayer with us in all areas of their life; birth, death, personal challenges and events that rock the worlds of their families and friends.

**Please continue to pray for the Catalyst team and our church!**

Please pray that the team has stamina to tackle the next learning sprint and all day retreat. Please pray for the courage for all of us to experiment and go down new paths.

**Please pray for the Catalyst team and our church to see the new things that God is planting in our midst.**

*Rev. Sarah Schlieckert*

**District Superintendent of  
the Annapolis District**

**Meet the DS!**



As a fourth-generation pastor, faith and leadership run deep in Rev. Sarah Schlieckert's blood. Yet she was appointed by the Bishop to be our district superintendent because of her own unique gifts and leadership abilities. "The uncertainty of the times ahead requires leaders who are certain of their commitment and grounding. Rev. Schlieckert has demonstrated her profound love of God and God's people through her own deep discipleship, her ability to lead across differences, and by welcoming all without reservation," Bishop Easterling said. (Melissa Lauber, BWCUMC News, Feb. 2021)

She is known for her sense of commitment to her work. "Being strategic, proactive, and having a plan are hallmarks of her leadership. She is also dedicated to helping the local church, district, and denomination preserve what is best, divest from ineffective bureaucracies when they get in the way of ministry, and promote health and wholeness for clergy, laity, and churches." (Ibid)

Her husband, Chris, is the Conference Director of Retreat and Camping Ministries. Together they are raising daughters Anna, who is 10 years old and Mary, who is 7 years old.

Rev. Schlieckert noted, "the church is a place where you will see brokenness—it's not immune from that. But it is also a place where we get to live into and live out God's grace, love and mercy together."

Rev. Schieckert began serving as District Superintendent on July 1. All are welcome at her official installation, **October 3, at Severna Park UMC (731 Benfield Road, Severna Park) at 3:00pm- 5:00pm.**

**WELCOME**

## What's Up With The UMC in 2022?

Aug. 29 - Sept. 6, 2022, our denomination's top lawmaking assembly, the General Conference, is scheduled to meet. Every 4 years, delegates from around the globe gather to set official policy. They were originally scheduled to meet in 2020, but the meeting has been postponed twice due to the limiting factors of Covid-19.

They have considered meeting online, but have not found a way to overcome technological challenges, such as the 16-hour difference between the delegates who live in the Philippines and on the US West coast, the inequality of internet availability, and the difficulties in safeguarding voting.

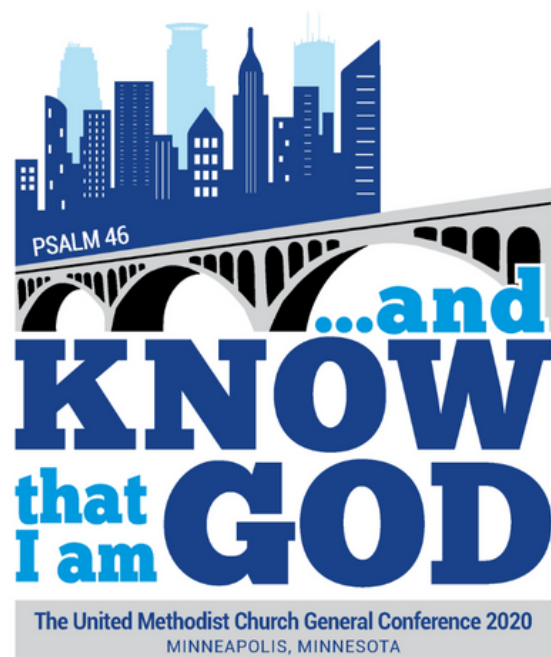
While many resolutions will be considered, the decisions that have been making the news lately revolve around the full participation of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, and Queer, (LGBTQ) persons in the life of the Church. The special session in 2019 did not resolve our differences, leaving the United Methodist Church at an impasse. Individual members as well as the Church at large have been injured, and the Church's witness and mission are being impeded.

The United Methodist Church has a deep desire to fulfill our long-stated mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The United Methodist Church is committed to recognizing, respecting, and protecting the rights and personal dignity of every person, including people of all races, sexual orientations, genders, national origins, ages, and social classes.

A protocol has been suggested which would open the door for new denominations to break away with property and church funds. A traditionalist coalition and a liberationist group already have plans to depart.

If the General Conference is able to meet in 2022, and if they put forth a protocol of separation, then the Baltimore-Washington Conference and other annual conferences will then meet and decide which new denomination they will align with. Local churches, like Davidsonville UMC, would then vote only if they disagreed with the alignment chosen by their annual conference. Time will be allowed for making decisions and the process will be planned carefully with grace.

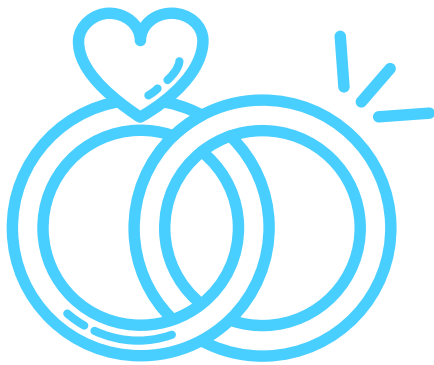
Right now our congregation's goals are to stay informed and to stay in ministry with our community. You can learn more by connecting to the 2020 General Conference Resource page on the Baltimore-Washington conference website (<https://www.bwcumc.org/resources/gc2020/>)



# Wedding.

Katie Holloman and Dustin Jacobs are looking forward to their wedding on September 4th, 2021.

Katie grew up in the DUMC congregation, and she and Dustin look forward to providing the same experience for their son, Torin. They are very committed to their marriage and creating a loving faithful family.



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## Celebrations of Life



### **George Brode, 1934-2021**

Dr. George Lewis Brode II, 86, passed away peacefully at his home on January 2, 2021. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Lois Patricia Brode; his son, Lew (Gabiella) Brode III of Sandy Spring, MD; and two daughters, Karen (Ed) Longo of Davidsonville, MD and Lynda (Ed) Hall of Harwood, MD. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Kacie and Kelly Longo, Arielle, Dane and Noah Hall, and Tyler, Carter, Natalie and Brayden Brode. A celebration of life was held on what would have been his 87th birthday at DUMC.



### **Arthur Smith, 1938-2020**

Arthur H. Smith Jr. (Artie), 81, passed away on March 26th. Artie is survived by Eileen Smith, whom he was married to for many years, his daughters Susan and Sally, grandchildren David, Andrew, Kelly and Jeffrey, and great-granddaughter Katherine. A celebration of life was held for him on June 28th, 2021 at DUMC.

# In Memoriam:

## ***Roger Vales, 1939-2021***



Roger Melvin Vales, 82, of Annapolis, MD passed away on June 10, 2021. Roger was born on May 2, 1939 in Rochester, Minnesota. After graduating from the ROTC program at South Dakota State University, Roger joined the Air Force in 1961. He retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Roger continued to serve his country for another 15 years, even post-retirement. He served in many leadership positions at DUMC, overseeing the addition of the Fellowship Hall and CCDC. Roger enjoyed boating, golf, fishing, especially with his grandkids, and traveling.

## ***David Stevenson 1931-2021***

David Gordon Stevenson passed on July 10, 2021 peacefully at his home in Crofton, MD, with his loved ones near. David was born in NC on March 24, 1931. After a short stint in the U.S. Army Reserves, David moved to DC at 18 years old and acquired a job in the US Capitol mailroom through Congressman Kerr of NC. He attended Strayer College and continued working for the Architect of the Capitol where he worked his way up from the mailroom, until he retired as Superintendent of the U.S. Senate in April 1986, over 37 years later. An active member of the Crofton Country Club for over 50 years, where he loved the golf game, David also loved to travel with his wife Pat, especially cruises.



## ***Robert Ford, 1922-2021***



Robert Emerson "Bob" Ford, Sr. passed away peacefully on August 25, 2021. He was born and raised in Edgewater, MD. Bob enjoyed many hobbies including, hunting, maintaining a bountiful vegetable garden and repairing small engines. During his retirement he and his wife, Jean, enjoyed traveling throughout the United States. Bob was a dedicated family man. His quiet strength will be missed by every member of his family. Bob was the beloved husband for 75 years of the late Wilma Jean Ford; father of 2, including Pamela Matousek grandfather of 7, and great-grandfather of 13.



# Baptisms:



## **Arthur O'Neill**

Arthur O'Neill was born on April 29, 2021 to Elizabeth Kurban & Joseph O'Neill, who recently moved their family to Edgewater after living in DC for the last 10 years. They have two young children: Evelyn and Arthur. They are looking forward to settling into their new home and community, and they are grateful to be so warmly welcomed by DUMC.



## **Bob Ingram**

Florence has been part of this church since Pastor Lisa was here - about 12 years. Bob was baptized because the new life he is experiencing after beginning to worship regularly is changing him. He wants to keep moving in that direction, to a closer relationship with God. Ultimately, he wanted to express faith in God by being baptized.



## **Lyla Bisci**

Lyla Hazel Bisci was born on December 10, 2019 to Katie and Kris, originally from Easton, PA. They love living in Davidsonville. They have two children, Emery and Lyla, and are currently pregnant with their 3rd, due in November. They look forward to meeting and getting to know more people as we worship in-person.



## **Christian Stanek**

Christian Alexander Stanek was born to Andrew & Elisa on November 10, 2020. He loves barbeque, peaches, and stinky cheeses. He started crawling at six months, likely to keep up with his three older siblings, big brother Will (7), big sister Claire (5), and big sister Emma (3).



## **Jacob Burgess**

Jacob Burgess was born to Kaitlyn and Adam on June 30, 2019. Kaitlyn and Adam are both originally from the Annapolis area, and have been living in Davidsonville for the past 5 years. On Aug. 29th, we welcomed Jacob, age 2, into the family of Christ through baptism. This family is grateful to be included in the DUMC community.

Submit a joy or concern online: [dumc.net/prayer](http://dumc.net/prayer)

## 3 WAYS TO GIVE



### Giving Envelopes

Give by cash or check with in worship Sunday mornings



### Online Giving

Give a one time gift or set recurring donations on our website: DUMC.net



### Text Giving

Text \$(desired amount) to 410-324-6399 to give via text message

## August

- 1 - Patricia Cain
- 5 - Diana Burgess
- 9 - Betty Beatty
- 11 - Ryan Hardesty
- 11 - Rachel Tartaglia
- 14 - Susan Attenberger
- 19 - Foster Baur
- 19 - Benjamin Egbert
- 20 - Tara Taylor
- 21 - Jim Fate
- 21 - Jenny Hester
- 22 - David Chevalier
- 23 - Kim Morrissey
- 25 - Arielle Hall
- 27 - Kelly Arslanian
- 30 - Payton Towles
- 31 - Janet Long
- 31 - Maynard Wratchford



## September

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3 - Katie Potts           | 17 - John Campbell        |
| 5 - Allison Arslanian     | 17 - Dot Wood             |
| 5 - Kristin Varner-Maslar | 18 - Everett Wasson       |
| 6 - Leanne Sparks         | 19 - Cyndy Doney          |
| 7 - Greg Scruggs          | 19 - Sharon Loss          |
| 8 - Pat Brodsky           | 20 - Amanda Nicole Sparks |
| 8 - Brenda Klein          | 23 - Barbara O'Donnell    |
| 9 - Delma Miller          | 27 - Chip Hardesty        |
| 11 - Kevin Doney          | 29 - Luke Borchelt        |
| 13 - Steve Alexander      | 29 - Martha Jones         |
| 13 - Lynda Hall           | 29 - Pam Matousek         |
| 16 - Lauren King Fiesler  | 30 - Lena Fiesler         |
| 16 - Vicki Kontson        |                           |

- 8/8 - Joe & Barbara Emert
- 8/10 - Chuck & Tricia Moeslein
- 8/16 - Davis & Esther Peck
- 8/19 - Tim & Susan Hopkins
- 8/26 - Maynard & Cynthia Wratchford
- 8/27 - Bill & Delma Miller
  
- 9/2 - Damon & Rhonda
- 9/3 - Dusty & Gracie Egbert

*~HAPPY~  
Anniversary*

- 9/6 - William & Marie Simpson
- 9/10 - Scott & Beverley Swaim-Staley
- 9/19 - Ray & Rebecca Robertson

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