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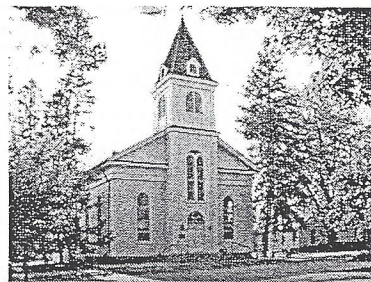
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"More Than One Hat"

We all wear more than one hat. By that, I mean that we all fulfil many different roles in our lives, some at the same time. Think of all the different things that you do, different roles you fill, different things that you are to different people. Husband, wife, child, parent, student, teacher, employee, colleague, friend, Christian, leader, follower, sister, brother. We are a lot of different things to a lot of different people at various times in our lives. But which are the most important? Are there hats that we never take off?

Like you, I wear many hats and it sometimes causes interesting or difficult situations. When I sit with the staff of our church in our weekly meeting: am I their pastor, am I their friend, am I their supervisor, am I their colleague? Yes, I am all of those things, but there are times when I have to be consciously wearing the hat of the supervisor first in order to have a smoothly functioning church staff. I'm thinking about these things because, as I'm sure all of you know by now, our daughter Annie is getting married on October 15th. As a pastor who has officiated at about 300 weddings, I worried about what hat I would be wearing on that day. Fortunately, Annie solved that problem for me by asking me to be the Father of the Bride and have her friend conduct the service (whew!). I was relieved because one of the hats I can never take off is the "dad" hat. I got my dad hat in 1987 when our first child was born. I may not always be a pastor or a leader or a teacher or an employee. But no matter what happens in my life or in theirs, for better or worse, I'll always be a dad. The hats we always wear are our most important hats.

And no matter what happens, no matter where I go, what I do, I'll always be a child of God. There's no way that relationship can

ever change. The fellowship between me and my creator may wax and wane, but the relationship never will. And it never will for you either, for we are all God's children.

What hats do you always have on? Which are the most important hats to you? Many of you have been members of this church for a lot of years and so church member may be one of the hats you wear. I hope it's an important one, but I also hope you only wear it because Christian, or child of God, or disciple of Christ, is a hat that you have on all the time. Your faithful church membership is an expression of that other hat you wear all the time. That you volunteer at church, that you faithfully give, that you bring your presence, your prayers, and your voice to worship, are all ways that you show you're wearing that important hat.

When Erin and I walk Annie up the aisle as she marries Stacy, I'll be proudly wearing my Father of the Bride hat, but at the end of the day, I'll take it off. Thank God I'll never take my Dad hat off.

Grace and Peace,

Mark

October Volunteer Assignments

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>	<u>Nursery Help</u>	<u>Teacher/Crafter</u>
2	Hooks	Carlson Gauthier 2 VOLUNTEER	Greve 1 VOLUNTEER	Gauthier	Fiordalis Simon/ Gauthier
9	Clawson	Larson Leiter Petersen	Deater Bryant	VanDyke	Webb Hart/ J Gibson
16	Langshaw	3 Carahaly's J Croasdale	Coverly Cazers	Smith	Putt A Alspach/ Ruser
23	McConnell	D & M Fisher Mack J Stafford	Webb E & M Davis	Steele	Jennings
30	Field	C & J Gibson D Odar Simon	Wieber Stafford	Deater	Stafford G Rothenberg Osborne



Serving Communion

Please remember that only ordained elders and deacons should serve communion.

October 2

Judy Croasdale
Dave Deater
Shannan Deater
Joyce Dishon
Wendy Field
Larry Langshaw
Ruth Mason
Christie Sutherland
Steve Sutherland

November 6

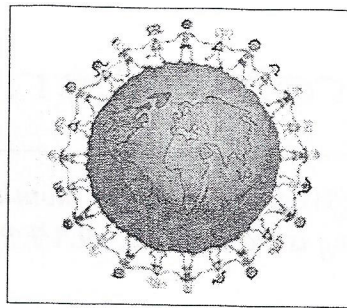
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Zip Fiordalis
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Joyce Gibson
Sandra Gobble
Anna Gross
Rod Gross
Byron Hodgson
BJ Hooks

December 4

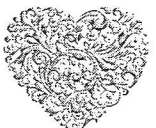
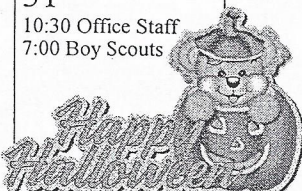
Joyce Hubbard
Kalli Inman
Karen Kendall
Tom Kendall
Kristen Kern-Beaver
Pete Knibloe
Jean Kubiak
Barb Langshaw
Larry Langshaw

We rely on many members and friends to help Sundays run smoothly and be a good worship experience for those attending our church. If for some reason you are not able to help on the day originally selected, please find a replacement or someone to trade with, and let the church office know. The yearly list of volunteers can be found at www.fpcrich.com, under "Living the Faith", then "volunteer schedule". Or call Julie for a list of names. Thank you!

October



2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11:00 Carmen's Burial
2 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Worship - Communion 11:00 Sunday School 2:00 Choir for Tom 3:00 Tom Ryan's Salute 5:00 Youth at Pine Is.	3 9:00 Care Team 10:30 Office Staff 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 8:00-4:00 Ryan Teachers Workshop 9:15 Prayer Moms 10:00 Connected Threads	5 1:00 PW Meeting 6:00 SESSION	6 9:00 Bible Study 12:00 Older Bunch for Lunch at Yorkville	7 5:00 Williams/Brindley Rehearsal Gull Lake Homecoming - Crazy busy in front of the church from 3:30-5:30	8 4:00 Williams/Brindley Wedding
9 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Worship - 2 cents-a-meal 11:00 Sunday School 5:00 Youth Group Here	10 7:00 Boy Scouts	11 9:15 Prayer Moms 10-5 & 6-8 Rummage Set up 10:00 Connected Threads	12 10-5 & 6-8 Rummage Set up 1:00 Women's Book Club at Diane's	13 9:00 Bible Study 10-5 & 6-8 Rummage Set up 6:00 Deacons	14 9-3 & 5-7 RUMMAGE SALE	15 9-11 RUMMAGE SALE
16 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 5:00 Youth Group at 1st Kz.	17 7:00 Boy Scouts	18 9:15 Prayer Moms 10:00 Connected Threads	19 1-7ish BLOOD DRIVE HERE 7:00 Committee's Meet 7:00 Scout Leaders	20 9:00 Bible Study	21 5:30 Larson/Striffler Rehearsal	22 4:00 Larson/Striffler Wedding 
23 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 5:00 Youth Group Here	24 9:00 Care Team 10:30 Office Staff 7:00 Boy Scouts	25 9:15 Prayer Moms 10:00 Connected Threads	26 9:30 Flower Group in White Room	27 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Pack Meeting	28	29
30 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 5:00 Youth Group at Westminster	31 10:30 Office Staff 7:00 Boy Scouts 					



Presbyterian Women

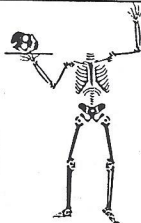
*PW meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the church,
The next meeting is October 5th. EVERY WOMAN is welcome.*

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

The Fall sale is scheduled for October 14 and 15. We'll begin collecting your donated treasures on Tuesday, October 11th. I'm sorry we cannot accept televisions, old computer monitors, or baby/child carseats.

Please set aside some time that week to help with sorting and working the days of the sale. Having many hands makes the load lighter for all - Plus, we have a lot of FUN!

Paper grocery bags with handles are needed and appreciated.



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The next book club will be held at Diane Meitz home,
155 S. Lake Doster, Plainwell
on **OCTOBER 12** at 1:00.
The book of discussion is,

"The Chaperone"
by Laura Moriarty

The ladies welcome anyone who might have an interest and would like to join them!



Volunteer Appreciation Day!

VOLUNTEERS
don't necessarily
have the time;
they just have
the heart!



Please join us for worship on

Sunday, October 23rd

as we celebrate YOU –
all the amazing volunteers that
make our church
so wonderful!



**THERE'S NOTHING
STRONGER THAN
THE HEART OF
A VOLUNTEER**

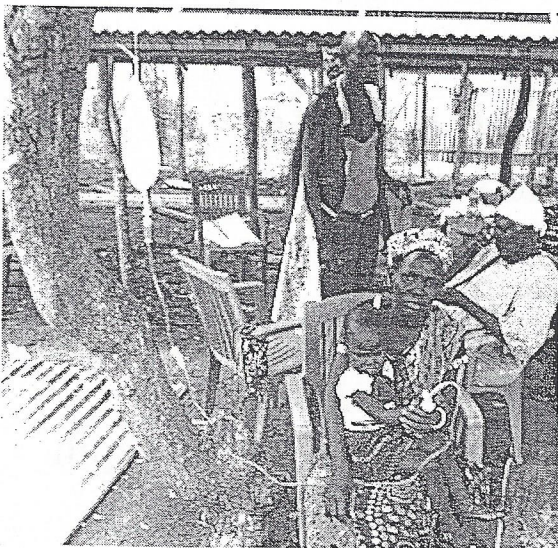
Missionary Report October 2016

On August 31, Deng's brother Abraham reported: "Deng arrived safely and he is now with the family in Kenya. He told me his trip was one of his best trips because everything went smoothly. No delays, no luggage lost, and no problems with immigration. God answered your prayers."

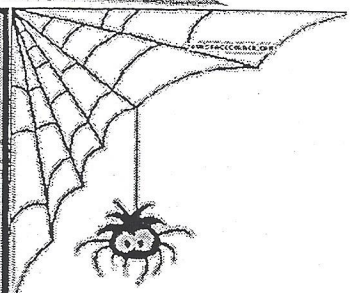
On September 11, Deng emailed: "I am travelling tonight from Bungoma, Kenya to Nairobi and then I will fly to Juba, South Sudan in the morning. My time with our mum and the siblings seemed short but I can't complain. I took mum to the top specialist in the area and the doctor did more investigation. The doctor ordered two tests, Chest X-ray and Echocardiogram to check her heart. The doctor found mild cardiomegaly (enlarged heart) on Left Ventricle (LV). I feel that was right thing to do. As you all know our mother's health has not been great and the church as a whole has been providing funds for our family. If you were not supporting my family, and me, I don't know what we would have done, especially with our mother's health. My wife Mary is doing well and she has been telling me the baby started moving around and she feels kicks in her belly any time the baby moves. Thank you for your prayers and financial commitment for my ministry in South Sudan. Thanks, Deng

On September 15 Deng arrived in South Sudan and on September 23, he was able to see Mary and sent this photo.

Notes from Partners in Compassionate Care about Memorial Christian Hospital in South Sudan:
*There is a serious malaria outbreak.
Three children were lost and the staff is struggling treating more malaria cases at MCH.
PCC photo of child receiving intravenous meds.*



Youth Group



We have kicked off our
Middle & High School Youth Group
with faith, fun, fellowship and
friends!

All are welcome and guests are encouraged to attend!

Please contact Meredith Alspach with questions: mlt0002@yahoo.com

Youth Group Schedule

October 2– Picnic, s'mores and activities at the
Pine Island property from 5-7pm

October 9 – WE host 5-7pm

October 16 – First Pres Kalamazoo hosts 5-7pm

October 23 – WE host (*time TBD*)

October 30 – Halloween Party at Westminster Pres 5-7pm

November 6 – First Pres Kalamazoo hosts 5-7pm

Youth Group



Yankee Candle Fundraiser!

In the month of October the youth will be selling Yankee Candle Products to help support Youth Mission scholarships!

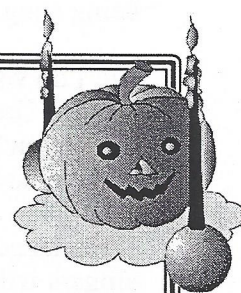
Please help our youth reach their goal!

Yankee Candle Fundraising offers two ways to shop -
in the catalog or online by going to:

www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and entering
Group Number: **990088688** in the "Start Shopping" box.

*All orders must be placed by **October 23** and will be delivered in plenty of time for Christmas!*

Save the Date!
Event: **West Virginia**
Youth Mission Trip 2017
Date: **June 17-24**



Purpose:

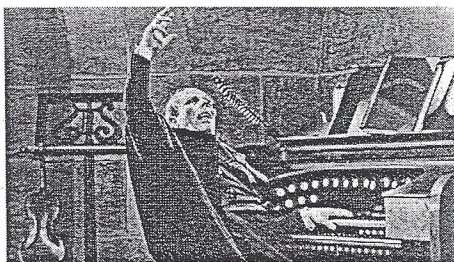
- ❖ To expose our students to people of all walks of life
- ❖ To help and serve
- ❖ To help bring God's love to all people

Who Is Served:

- ❖ Mostly elderly and less fortunate individuals living in the Colcord, WV area as chosen by the PC(USA) Disaster Relief.

"I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things."

— Mother Teresa



Musica Sacrae Larry Myland

Instead of writing a monthly column here in the Missive, I'm trying something new. I'm writing weekly MusicNotes in our Order of Worship. These relate directly to the service music of the day and are meant to enhance your understanding and appreciation of what's being sung and played.

But I do want you to know about our new Village Green Arts season that begins next month, on Sunday, November 6 at 3 p.m. here at the church.

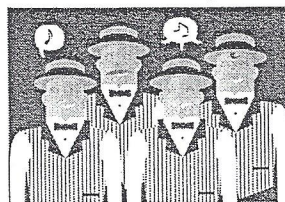
Kalamazoo's premiere Barbershop Harmony singers will present a highly enjoyable program of beautiful melodies and harmonies that sometimes reflect a bygone era, but are as fresh as a daisy. Typically, they also have a few antics to spice up their programs with laughable moments.

Looking ahead, we are fortunate to have secured a performance by the internationally acclaimed pianist, Bob Milne on Sunday, February 26, 2017. Bob is one of the busiest solo touring artists in the world. Staff. The U.S. Department of State labeled him "Musical Ambassador."

He has played for presidents, for governors and congressmen, even for the Joint Chiefs of His remarkable musical abilities are so unique that they attracted the attention of a group of neuroscientists at Penn State to study Bob's brain.

Bob has the unusual musical ability to listen in his head to, say, four different symphonies at the same time. When signaled to stop, he can describe exactly where he is in each of the four pieces, what notes are being played, which instruments are playing them, etc. Bob was interviewed about all of this in National Public Radio's "Radiolab." But Bob is no stuffed shirt. In fact, one of his specialties is ragtime. Don't miss this one!

VGA now enters its 18th consecutive season of producing outstanding programs for members of this church and of the community at large. Please come and support this worthy endeavor, and have fun doing it.



Dear Friends and Members of First Presbyterian Church - Richland,

Thank you for your love and support through our mother's illness (Linnea Saffell) and then as we grieve her death. We so appreciate you and your expressions of God's love.

*Jennifer and George Spengler
Joanna Saffell
Melissa and Nathan Winner*

THE POWER OF PRAYER

In everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

—Philippians 4:6-7

Could you or someone you know, benefit from the power of prayer? Did you know that it is as easy as picking up the phone to have your prayers multiplied by many caring members of your church family? We invite you to give prayer requests to any member of the Prayer Chain, who will pray for you or the person who needs God's help in a time of need. The person you contact will pass your request on to the next person on the list until the circle is complete. Be assured that we keep these matters in confidence.

We also invite others to join this circle of prayer.

Please note: participation is in no way restricted to women!

If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Mark or Julie at the office, 629-4944.

PRAYER CHAIN PARTICIPANTS

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Diane Meitz 685-6272

Joyce Gibson 671-5019

Joan Willemstyn 344-1203

Joyce Hubbard 372-9205

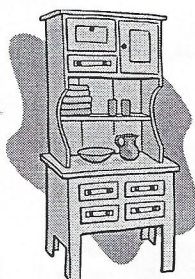
Cindi Lebiecki 344-0332

Phyllis Youse 731-4851

Caroline Gray 629-9216

PRAYER  CHAIN

FOOD
PANTRY
CORNER



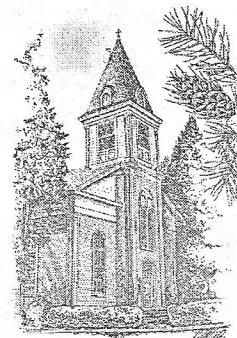
FOOD PANTRY

CANNED ~
PEACHES,
FRUIT COCKTAIL
PINNAPPLE



Carillon Hymns and Honoree's for October

<i>Date</i>	<i>Selection</i>	<i>Honoree</i>
10/1	<i>Gift of Love</i>	<i>Lillian Davis, Frieda Nikola, Julie Hargreaves, Arlene Mauch</i>
10/5	<i>Love's Devine All Love</i>	<i>Brenda & Bob's anniversary</i>
10/7	<i>Let There Be Peace</i>	
10/11	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	<i>Jay & Cindy's anniversary</i>
10/17	<i>Of the Father's Love</i>	<i>Mark Jennings's birthday</i>
10/21	<i>A Mighty Fortress</i>	<i>Larry & Mildred Pyle</i>
10/24	<i>He Lives</i>	<i>Francis Hoorn's birthday</i>
10/28	<i>Kum Ba Ya</i>	<i>Kara Hoorn Dolbee</i>
10/31	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	<i>Bob Jones birthday</i>
10/31	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	<i>Kyle Anderson</i>

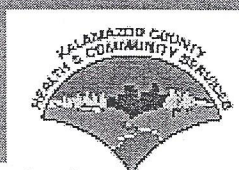




SENIOR & CAREGIVER EXPO 2016

Be Our
Guest for Our

20th
Anniversary!



Area Agency on Aging IIIA

**Tuesday, October 4
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

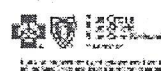
**Kalamazoo County
Expo Center & Fairground**

- ★ Featuring 100+ Exhibitors
- ★ FREE Health Services
- ★ Ask the Experts Workshops
at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
 - Flu Shots
 - Dementia Screening
 - Celebrity Greeters

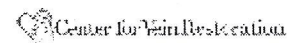
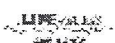
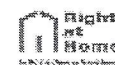
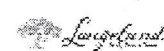
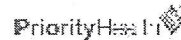
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Blood Trivia

What common chemical added to blood keeps it from clotting until it is ready to be transfused to a patient?
Salt

What common chemical added to blood greatly increases its storage time without adversely affecting the quality?
Sugar

When and how was the first administration of blood given?
The early Egyptians and Romans prescribed it orally as a life-giving tonic and to transmit youth from donor to recipient.

What was the nickname of the Queen of England and Ireland who reigned from 1553-1558 (a cocktail is also named after her)?
Bloody Mary (Mary Tudor)

Which ancient culture, believing that blood had magical powers, painted their bodies with it and bathed their kings in it as part of their tribal rituals to appease the gods?
Aztecs

In ancient times, what profession became known by the name of an animal they frequently employed in their work?

Doctors used leeches to remove blood (which supposedly removed demons which were thought to be the cause of illness). Soon their patients started referring to physicians as "leeches."

When were the four blood types identified in humans?

Blood transfusions were first attempted around 1600 by transfusing animal blood into humans -- with disastrous results. Then, in the early 1800s an English obstetrician, James Blundell, came up with the idea of human blood for human beings. The results were better, but still some patients inexplicably died. Finally, in 1900, Karl Landsteiner identified the four basic blood types, and subsequently, the success of blood transfusions was significantly increased when patients were transfused with their same type.

Which RH factor is most needed, RH+ or RH-?

Both. A greater percentage of people have RH+, so this means more RH+ blood donors are needed. Fewer people have RH- blood so there are fewer donors to provide this type when needed.

What is the origin of the red & white striped pole designating a barber shop?

In the Middle Ages, bloodletting was a popular cure for many ills, and barbers became known as professional bloodletters. Red & white barber poles symbolize the practice of hanging bloodstained bandages outside their shops.

What English aristocrat believed that bathing in blood would keep her young (which may have contributed to the beginning of the vampire legend)?

Mary Bathory

What blood type did Mr. Spock of *Star Trek* have?

His blood type was T-negative.

What nation has popularized the belief that blood type is an indicator of personality traits?

Japan

You can receive...

	O-	O+	B-	B+	A-	A+	AB-	AB+
If you have...								
AB+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
AB-	+		+		+		+	
A+	+	+			+	+		
A-	+				+			
B+	+	+	+	+				
B-	+		+					
O+	+	+						
O-	+							

What percentage of a person's body weight is blood?
7%

What percentage of Chinese people have RH+ blood?
100%

Which blood type must receive only their own specific type, even in an emergency?
O-

How many blood types do cats have?
Four

How many blood types do cows have?
Over 800

Blood Type Inheritance

Parents	O & O	O & A	O & B	A & A	A & B	B & B	AB & O	AB & A	AB & B	AB & AB
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Possible Children										
	O	A	B	AB						

OUT OF EVERY 100 PEOPLE:

1 is AB-

3 are AB+

2 are B-

9 are B+

6 are A-

34 are A+

7 are O-

38 are O+



Blood Drive HERE
October 19, 1:00~7:00

October



- 1 Matt Inman
- 1 Kathy White
- 2 Bob Simon
- 3 Richard Kjos
- 3 Tom Webb
- 5 Carol Cooper
- 6 Ryan Griffin-Stegink
- 7 Cheryl Reinhardt
- 8 Brady Howard
- 9 D.J. LaLonde
- 11 Jack Kelly
- 11 MacKenzie Kemple
- 11 Timothy Simon
- 12 Lindsey Stolt Denne
- 13 Dana Sullivan
- 14 Andrew Mattes
- 15 Bill Hubbard
- 15 Carolyn Schott
- 16 Lori Howard
- 16 Rodger Jones
- 16 Faye Luscombe
- 16 Rick Newell
- 17 Marie Mahieu

- 17 Mark Jennings
- 17 Sara Schott
- 18 Heather Ruser Putt
- 18 Judy Ruser
- 19 Joyce Hubbard
- 23 Joe Farho
- 23 Kate Farho
- 24 Brent Delf
- 24 Lorrie Syverson
- 25 Martha Strumpf
- 28 Kay Gross
- 28 Kathleen Howard
- 28 Carole Kamerman
- 28 Ron Reid
- 29 Jo Fenner
- 29 Steve Hart
- 29 John Lloyd
- 30 Christopher Brignall
- 30 Linda Gates
- 30 Rod Gross
- 31 Rhonda Hope
- 31 Bob Jones
- 31 Sarah Weigel



B i r t h d a y s



Anniversaries

- 1 Meredith & Andy Alspach ~ 11 years
- 1 John & Janet Kelly ~ 27
- 1 Leslie & Greg Keusch ~ 28
- 2 Kristi & Tom Ryan ~ 22
- 3 Carol Miller & Kris Johnson ~ 7
- 5 Brenda & Bob Jones ~ 13
- 6 Rick & Gail Venner ~ 32
- 7 Paul & Chris Gobble ~ 16
- 7 Kathleen & Kevin King ~ 21



- 11 Jay & Cindy Hoom ~ 30
- 12 Barb & Larry Langshaw ~ 43
- 13 Matt & Julie Pixley ~ 27
- 14 Jana & Larry Turpin ~ 27
- 16 Bruce and Julie Howard ~ 23
- 16 Robin and Nancy Nott ~ 34
- 19 Tina & Jon Brignall ~ 20
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- 22 Dave & Theresa Butler ~ 28
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