

THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

FOR BANCROFT AND MORRICE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES
MAY 2017

REV. TERRY EUPER, INTERIM PASTOR

NINA MORTIMORE, EDITOR

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[We] have a shared mission to serve God to the best of our ability by making him known in our church, community and world.

Morrice/Bancroft UMC May Newsletter

Pastor's Notes:

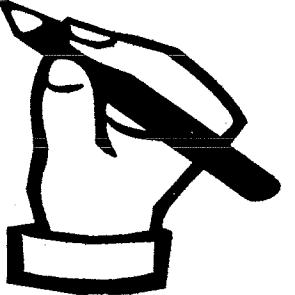
Jackie and I want to thank all of the good folks at the Bancroft and Morrice UMC's for your warm welcome to us as your Interim Pastor. It has been very special for us to be able to observe and celebrate Holy Week and Easter with you and we look forward to our next two months together.

Good Friday and Easter Sunday truly are the defining moments of our Christian Faith. We marvel at the greatness of God's Love that would cause Him to make the ultimate sacrifice of His Son on our behalf, and the wonder of the Resurrection of Christ that assures us of an eternal life in fellowship and relationship with God.

As we celebrate this season after Easter I invite and encourage all of us to come together . . . to pray for and vision our ministry and witness in our community. Let us also continue to pray for our District Superintendent and Bishop as they work with the Cabinet in determining the future leadership for Bancroft and Morrice. We have a rich heritage and a great future.

God's Blessings to you all.

Terry A. Euper, Interim Pastor

FROM THE
PASTOR 

NEW PASTOR ASSIGNED

We have been assigned a new pastor. Her name is Coleen Wilsdon. She will begin serving our charge on July 1. We will have more information in upcoming issues of our newsletter.

Rev. Terry Euper will continue to serve as our interim pastor through June 30.

SOLAR OVENS

The Morrice UMC received a thank you for donating to the Solar Oven Project. Below are some excerpts.

To the People of Morrice United Methodist Church:

Your generous January 2017 gift has been most gratefully received by Solar Oven Partners! You are investing in a ministry that touches the lives of individuals by meeting daily necessities for cooking food and pasteurizing drinking water using the free energy of the sun!
Believing in the Volunteer-In-Mission motto, "Christian Love in Action" our teams go forth to serve as Jesus would want us to do. A SOP (Solar Oven Partner) pilot team returned from Sierra Leone in March, and on July 22 a team departs to serve in the Dominican Republic. Thank you for your compassionate giving: Your partnership is a blessing – Thanks so much!

*Blessings,
Rick Jost, United Methodist Missionary*

To donate to Solar Oven Project, use Advance # 418812 on your check and/or giving envelope.

We will collect the Covenant Offering for Haiti and Liberia on May 28. This offering will go to Annual Conference.



2017 Annual Conference Offerings

There will be two giving opportunities during Annual Conference this year, as follows:

Thursday, June 1 during Opening Worship
The Opening Worship offering will be shared between our covenant partners, The Methodist Church of Haiti and The Liberia Annual Conference.

This offering will be split between the Haiti Hot Lunch program and the food program at Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village in Liberia. Ninety percent of the offering will be split between Haiti Hot Lunch program and Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village in Liberia. Ten percent of the offering will be set aside for emerging ministries identified and supported by the Haiti Task Force and the Liberia Task Force.

In lieu of providing materials to be shipped to these locations, we ask you to consider sending additional funds for immediate relief.

Please make your check payable to "Detroit Annual Conference" or "West Michigan Conference" noting "Haiti/Liberia Offering" in the memo line.

Sunday, June 4 during the Service of Commissioning and Ordination
Sunday's offering will benefit the Ministerial Education Fund which is used to develop Bold and Effective Leaders. These funds provide seminary grants to candidates, and continuing education funds for clergy. These funds will be received by each conference. Blue envelopes will be used to receive funds for the Detroit Annual Conference, and Orange envelopes for the West Michigan Annual Conference.

Please make your check payable to either "Detroit Annual Conference" or "West Michigan Conference" noting "MEF" in the memo line. Collection envelopes will be distributed by the ushers during the service.

UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief or UMCOR, lets each of us be in mission here and around the world. To donate to an Advance Project, you may write a check to your church with the Advance # on the memo line of your check and drop in the collection plate. 100% of your donation goes to the project number.

At Morrice, you **must** include the Advance # and name on your envelope.

Below are only a few examples of Advance projects. For more information, go to Links & More on our website and click on UMCOR. You may also donate online at www.umcor.org.

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Advance # 333615, provides workers and programs for those who become ensnared in the human trafficking for commercial and sexual exploitation. Look at related article for a seminar on this subject at Owosso First UMC.

NATIONAL JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Advance # 901285 helps create a welcoming community for immigrants. Legal services, education and advocacy programs are helped by funds received for this Advance.

FLINT WATER

Our neighbors in Flint are still battling the water crisis. UMCOR has provided a grant to help Mr. Gregory Timmons, to continue providing clean water for the city of Flint. Monetary donations may be made to the the Detroit Conference Treasurer's Office at 1309 N. Ballenger Hwy, Ste 1, Flint MI 48504. Make your check out to Detroit Conference with #0918 Crossroads District Water Response on the memo line. Online giving at <http://bit.ly/FlintRelief>.

KENYA CONCERT

A special concert to benefit the Maasai Orphans School in Kenya takes place at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Grand Blanc at 7:00 pm on May 6. The cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Call (810) 441-0021 for more information. Scheduled to appear are: Brother to Brother (Matt Packer and Richard Kerry); Bob Milne (ragtime and boogie-woogie pianist), and Shani Womack (singer).

MAY

- 4 National Day of Prayer; Alpha & Omega Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 5 Drive 4UR School at Morrice High
- 5-6 Spring Work Bee at Bay Shore Camp
- 6 Bridges Out of Poverty at Clarkston UMC; Kenya Concert in Grand Blanc
- 7 Communion Sunday
- 9 UMW (M) 3:30 pm (if needed)
- 11 Salad Luncheon (M) 11:00 am; Rummage Sale Set Up (B) 9:00 am - ?; Alpha & Omega Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 12-13 Father-Son Catfish Tournament at Bay Shore Camp; Bancroft Rummage Sale
- 14 **MOTHER'S DAY**; Food Collection; Hospice House offering (M); Trustees (M) after worship
- 15 Newsletter items due
- 18 Human Trafficking Seminar at Owosso
- First UMC 6:30 pm; Alpha & Omega Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 20 Taking It to the Streets
- 21 Haiti Hot Lunch (M)
- 23 Church Council (M) 7:30 pm
- 25 Alpha & Omega Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 25-26 Spiritual Growth Retreat
- 26-29 Memorial Day Family Weekend at Bay Shore Camp
- 27 UMM (B) 8:00 am
- 28 Covenant Offering for Annual Conference; Graduation Sunday
- 29 **MEMORIAL DAY**

MAY IS CHRISTIAN HOME MONTH

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men will meet on May 27 at 8:00 am at the Bancroft United Methodist Church. Men of all ages from both churches are invited to attend for breakfast, devotions and fellowship.

WEBSITE

Our churches have a website for your use. The addresses are found on the front page of this newsletter. We have announcements, photos, articles, calendar events and more. There is a page for prayer requests and another page with links to other useful sites.

We also have a Face book page. Please use these resources! ☺

We occasionally send out e-mails and if you don't already receive these, you may sign up on the home page of the website.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

*Bancroft: Worship 9:00 am
Children's Sunday School during
worship*

*Morrice: Worship 10:30 am
Youth 9:00-10:00 am*

SALAD LUNCHEON

There is a salad luncheon on May 11 at the Morrice UMC. It is sponsored by the UMW but they are asking all of us to help with advertising, set-up, working at the luncheon, providing salads, and clean-up. Contact Donna H., Karen H. or Cheryl L. for more information.

The menu consists of: salads of all types, home made biscuit with turkey gravy, dessert and beverage. Take out orders are available.

Please enter the church basement through the door at the back of the building.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

We will honor our high school and college graduates during worship service on May 28. If you know of any high school or college graduates, please let Pastor Terry know by May 7.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Shiawassee County Relay for Life is June 16-17 at the County Fairgrounds on Hibbard Road. We have a team from our charge and other friends. It is A Future & A Hope. If you would like more information, please see Nina.

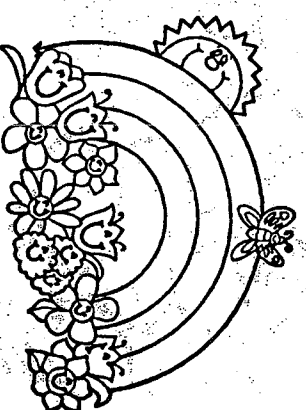
You can sign up to be a team member online at www.relayforlife.org/shiawassecountymi

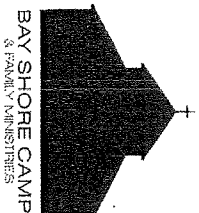
We can honor survivors or remember loved ones with luminaria. There is a beautiful ceremony at dusk where the bags are lit and line the track. Each bag costs \$10 and can be decorated with your loved ones name.

There is a Survivor's Breakfast on Saturday morning which includes caregivers. Please let us know of any who would like to attend so they know how much food to prepare.

A fantastic silent auction takes place in one of the buildings and has to be seen to be believed.

There is no cost to come out to the fairgrounds and see or take part in Relay for Life.





Greetings!

Meet YOUR camp - Bay Shore Camp & Family Ministries! We've been affiliated with the United Methodist Church since the merger of the Methodists and the EUB's in 1968. Bay Shore has been in existence since 1911 and has been serving youth and families for over 100 years! We have some exciting offerings for all generations, and we'd love to partner with your congregation in providing some really great opportunities to grow and strengthen their faith.

As a lifelong, United Methodist from the West Michigan Conference, I am pleased to be serving as the Director of Bay Shore Camp, and I would love to meet you this Spring and Summer at Bay Shore Camp! More than 1,200 children and youth attend camp here each year, and we celebrate their life-changing experiences. It is here that they will be invited to experience Jesus and be nurtured in their relationship with Him. I hope to see you and your congregations soon, as we further the kingdom together!

You can find more information at our website: BAYSHORECAMP.org. Come explore the possibilities of how we can partner with your church to develop strong Godly families and strengthen their faith!

Peace and Blessings,

Jeff Parsons

Executive Director

BAY SHORE CAMP & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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FATHER-SON CATFISH TOURNAMENT

The Annual Father-Son Catfish Tournament at Bay Shore Camp is May 12-13. The captain of the team pays \$59 and each member over age 12 pays \$39. Those under 12 are \$19. The fees include meals, housing, awards and other costs.

For more information, please contact the camp at (989) 883-2501 or use the links & more tab on our website.

MEMORIAL DAY FAMILY WEEKEND

If you would like to take the family for the weekend for camping, family time and not drive for hours, maybe Bay Shore Camp has an answer for you. Memorial Day Family Weekend is similar to traditional Family Camp but has longer periods of free time for families to spend together. Recreational activities will include all the Bay Shore favorites such as: mini-golf, laser tag, the pool, barrel train, crafts and more. There will be campfires at dusk.

Prices are as follows: Daily RV is \$35, Weekend RV is \$99 and duplex lodging is \$350.

There are individual meal costs or you can have a package deal. Look at the website for more information. We have a link on our church website or use www.bayshorecamp.org.

SPRING WORK BEE

Feel the need to get outside and work at cleaning up from the winter? Want to help our young people attend camp at a reduced cost? If you answered in the positive to either of these questions, Bay Shore Camp has a Spring Work Bee scheduled for May 5-6.

Let the camp know you are coming and they will find a job for you. The phone number is (989) 883-2501.

Adults can work 16 hours and that will reduce a camper's fees by \$120. If you can't work that much, your hours will be prorated to account for the amount of time you can donate.

BANCROFT

BANCROFT NEWS

We have completed our Bible Study as of April 11, 2017. We will have another Bible Study in the fall on "God Loves Me" by Dr. David Jeremiah. We are looking forward to studying something on the lighter side.

We all welcome Pastor Terry Euper and his wife, Jackie to our flock for the next few months. It's nice to have new faces in our church.

The Easter services on Sunday were a blessing to celebrate and the breakfast put on by the Bancroft United Methodist Women was wonderful and the conversation of all involved was enjoyable.

Margaret and the Sprague boys were greeters for the morning service. It was nice to see all their smiling faces.

The Bancroft United Methodist Women are going to hold their "Rummage Sale" on Friday, May 12th and Saturday, May 13th at the Bancroft United Methodist Church. Hope to see you all there. Below is some information on the rummage sale:

It's that time of year to clean out the old things to make room for the new. Please bring your unwanted items to the Bancroft United Methodist Church on Wednesday, May 10th (see below for times).

The rummage sale will take place on May 12 & 13th, 2017. Here is the following schedule:

Wednesday, May 10th

Drop off items for the sale at the Bancroft United Methodist Church between 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

Thursday, May 11th

Will be setting up and marking items from 9:00 am until completed.

Friday, May 12th

The doors will open at 9:00 am until 7:00 pm.

Saturday, May 13th

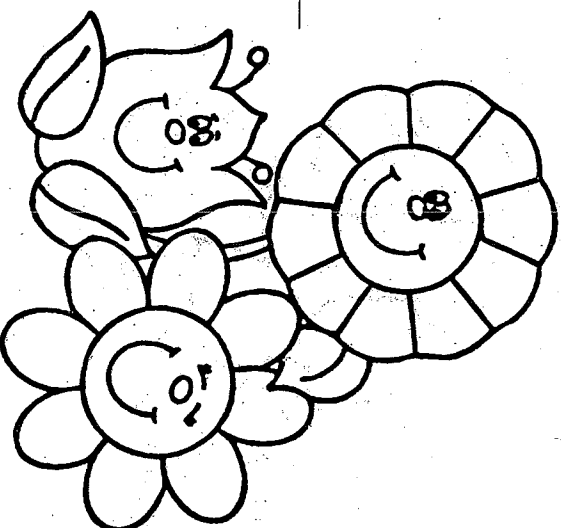
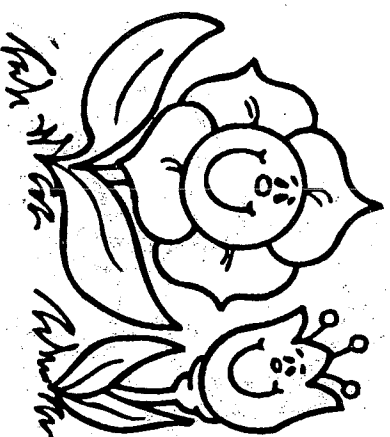
The doors will open at 9:00 am until noon. The tables and chairs will be put back to the original layout before the sale. The left over items will be boxed up to be donated.

There will be baked goods for sale and snack lunches (donations will be accepted).

We need some able bodies for setting up tables and tents on May 10th and taking them down on May 13th. Any questions you can contact Margaret Hemenway at 989-634-5778.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy and condolences go out to the family and friends of Rev. Phillip Voss who passed away on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. He was a former pastor at Bancroft UMC.



GLOBAL HEALTH

How many of us know what it is like to not be able to hear well? How many of us have the sound turned too loud and risk losing our hearing? To find out the answers to these questions, go to www.onedaywithoutsound.org and learn more about sound levels and the dangers of hearing loss.

If you want to take a challenge on May 31 to go without sound for one day, you may sign up there. You will be sent a pair of noise reduction ear plugs and information on hearing loss.

This us sponsored by Miracle Ear and not endorsed by the United Methodist Church or either of our churches.

BIBLE TRIVIA

Below are some questions from the Bible Trivia game by Cadaco. Good luck!

1. What did the Philistines take away from Samson when they cut his hair?
2. What time of day does a red sky indicate good weather the next day?
3. Which prophet had young men killed by bears because they made fun of his balding head?
4. Who served as King Saul's armor-bearer before becoming king himself?
5. To which disciple did Jesus give the keys to Heaven?
6. In Psalm 119, where does it say is the best place to keep God's word?
7. What did Jacob give to Esau in exchange for his birthright?
8. What city fell at the sound of a shout?
9. Who were the first twins recorded in the Bible?
10. What "work was Jesus accused of doing on the Sabbath"?
11. Where does the small gate and narrow path lead?
12. On which of the six days of Creation did God create the creatures of the sea and the birds?

Now for the answers:

1. Strength (Judges 16:20)
2. Evening (Matthew 16:2)
3. Elisha (2 Kings 2:24)
4. David (1 Samuel 16:27)
5. Peter (Matthew 16:18)
6. The heart (Psalm 110:11)
7. Stew (Genesis 25:29-34)
8. Jericho (Joshua 6:20)
9. Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25:21-24)
10. Healing (Matthew 12:9-14)
11. To life (Matthew 7:14)
12. Fifth (Genesis 1:20-23)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

The Halsey United Methodist Women are sponsoring a spiritual growth retreat at the Lake Huron Retreat Center May 25-26. If you would like to purchase the book, "Strong Was Her Faith", add \$10 to your registration. The fees range from \$101 for three people to a room to \$137 for single room. The price includes one night of lodging plus three meals. Deadline to register is May 11. A registration flier is available on our website.



Human Trafficking SEMINAR

Thurs. MAY 18, 2017 6:30 pm

FREE

At Owosso First United Methodist Church
1500 N. Water St. Owosso, MI 48867
989-725-2201 firstumc@michonline.net

Michigan ranks No. 2 for human trafficking sex trade behind only Nevada. (2013)

Children are especially vulnerable:

- 40 percent of human trafficking cases involve the sexual exploitation of a child.
- Between 100,000 and 300,000 children are at risk for sexual exploitation in the U.S. with an average age of 11 to 14 years old.
- It is estimated that 76 percent of transactions for sex with underage girls start on the Internet. www.michigan.gov/2017

Trooper Steve Kramer of the Michigan State Police will present a one-hour power point lesson for parents & caregivers that will teach you warning signs & help educate you on how to prevent this tragedy from happening.

Everyone welcome for this
FREE seminar (adults only).
Childcare will be provided
on-site.

Human Trafficking Task Force
of Shiawassee County



BRIDGES Out of POVERTY

Bridges Out of Poverty looks at the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty from an individual to a systemic level and provides strategies to prevent, reduce, and alleviate poverty in your community.

Workshop Objectives:

- Give examples of hidden rules among classes.
- Analyze the eight resources of a customer or employee.
- Explain how economic realities affect patterns of living.
- Explain language registers, discourse patterns, and story structure.
- Explain how mental models are effective interventions for cognitive and language barriers.
- Identify principles for improving outcomes with individuals from generational poverty.

COST: \$25

*Includes Bridges Out of Poverty book

WHERE? Clarkson United Methodist
Church 6600 Vaildon Rd. Clarkson, MI
48846

MAY 6, 2017

10AM-4PM

REGISTER ON-LINE AT WWW.CLARKSTONUMC.ORG
For more information contact Mary Gladstone-Highland at MGH@clarkstonumc.org (249) 762-1611

MORRICE UMW

The Spring Salad Luncheon is just around the corner on May 11th. It will be turkey and gravy on biscuit, salads, dessert and beverage. We need HELP to pull this off. We need set up help, salads and take down help. Please contact Karen Hatfield, Donna Hembree or Cheryl Lewis. We are also selling Rada with the order going in the last of June.

MORRICE READERS THIS MONTH

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| May 7 | Duey Russell |
| May 14 | Cheryl Lewis |
| May 21 | Karen Hatfield |
| May 28 | Amy Wibert |

MORRICE

THANK YOU

The Morrice UMC received a note recently from Society of St. Andrew. Excerpts are below. *Dear friends in Christ:*

You make all the difference! Through your \$76.50 gift, Morrice UMC will put healthy, nourishing food on the tables of individuals and families who are struggling to get by. Partnering with Society of St. Andrew, you engage volunteer gleaners in hands-on mission and service; you help send large loads of fruits and vegetables to areas where they are most needed; you support local feeding agencies in every area of the country; and you reduce food waste—all as you follow Jesus' command to feed the hungry. Thank you for this gift and for joining with Society of St. Andrew in our mission of working toward a world without hunger.

Thank you for your prayers for this ministry and for your financial support. Together we are "Gleaning America's Fields and Feeding America's Hungry."

*With you in Christ's service,
Betty Easter, Director of Church Relations.*

DRIVE 4UR SCHOOL

A Field Of Dreams & Signature Ford Community Event

FRIDAY, MAY 5TH, 2017

NOON – 6 PM

AT THE MORRICE HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT



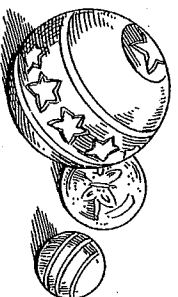
- ⇒ 15 Minutes of your time = \$ for our school!
- ⇒ Drive a Ford vehicle 1 time around the parking lot!
- ⇒ ABSOLUTELY NO PRESSURE SALES!
- ⇒ Together, Ford and Signature will donate \$20 for each driver...up to \$6000!
- ⇒ We need 300 (18 year old +) Drivers! One person per household!

All drivers will be entered into a drawing to win a prize!

FREE ⇒

Goodies (While supplies last)
Hotdogs and Drinks
Activities for kids while you drive!

Check out the event at: forddrive4ur.com
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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Morrice Church Council meets on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30 pm. All persons interested in programs and ministries of the church are invited to attend. All committee chairs should have written reports submitted prior to the meeting.

BAPTISM HELD

On April 2, Flynn Hayden was baptized at the Morrice UMC. He was blessed to be baptized by his grandfather, Rev. Tim Dibble and Rev. Terry Euper.

Flynn's parents are Alex and Rebekah Hayden. He has one older brother, Malakai.

OUR FAMILY GROWS AGAIN

Russell James Jarrad arrived on April 15. He weighed in at 9 lbs., 2 oz and was over 21 inches long. His proud mom and dad are Christine and Jimmy Jarrad. Even prouder grandparents are Katy and Jim Jarrad.
Welcome Russell!!

ALPHA & OMEGA BIBLE STUDY

The Alpha & Omega Bible Study will meet each Thursday evening at 7:00 pm at the Morrice United Methodist Church. The group is continuing to read through the New Testament, one chapter at a time. The group discusses each chapter and what the words mean to us today.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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| May 7 | Kevin & Gennie Eva | M |
| May 8 | James & Kammi Smith | M |
| May 11 | John & Bridget Mortimore | M |
| May 18 | Matt & Tina Hulbert | B |
| May 23 | Jim & Karen Weaver | B |
| May 24 | Lyle & Marge Witt | M |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| June 1-4 | Annual Conference |
| June 9-10 | Family Fun Days at Bay Shore |
| June 11 | Peace With Justice Sunday |
| June 16-17 | Relay for Life |
| June 21 | Summer begins |
| June 24 | Morrice Homecoming Festival |

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

The Crossroads District is holding its annual Taking It To the Streets Day on May 20. There are several projects to choose from in the area. Please use our website and click on the calendar or Links & More for a link to learn more about projects you may assist.



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For Morrice and Bancroft United Methodist Churches

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| May 1 | Gary Hulbert | B |
| May 2 | Chandler Iler | M |
| May 2 | Christine Jarrad | M |
| May 4 | Quinn Morris | M |
| May 5 | Averi Murno | M |
| May 5 | Tom Christensen | M |
| May 5 | Mike Butcher | M |
| May 6 | Emily Cooney | B |
| May 8 | Jake Sprague | B |
| May 8 | Dean Bower | B |
| May 8 | Alethea Harvey | M |
| May 10 | Andrew Nanasy | M |
| May 10 | Ann Pilon | B |
| May 10 | Katerina Sutherlin | B |
| May 11 | Brianna Cain | M |
| May 11 | Nathan Hart | M |
| May 12 | Alex Kingsley | B |
| May 12 | Tina Hulbert | B |
| May 12 | Rachel Benton | ☺ |
| May 12 | Ali Sidel | M |
| May 12 | Naomi Latunski | M |
| May 13 | Sarah Buchholz | M |
| May 14 | Owen Latunski | M |

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| May 15 | Diana Hulbert | B |
| May 18 | Bill Oliver | B |
| May 19 | Linda Strachan | M |
| May 19 | Lynn Reed | B |
| May 21 | Raynebow Brashaw | M |
| May 22 | Pam Tomlin | M |
| May 22 | Amy Wlbert | M |
| May 23 | Jason Eddy | B |
| May 24 | Alex Sprague | B |
| May 24 | Lucas Temple | B |
| May 24 | Colleen Schomber | B |
| May 25 | Mikayla Hill | M |
| May 26 | Lisa Strouse | B |
| May 26 | Dave Bristley | M |
| May 26 | Garnet Seger | B |
| May 28 | Jim Valentine | M |
| May 28 | Casey Hulbert | B |
| May 28 | Wilma King | B |
| May 28 | Shirley Shaw | M |
| May 28 | Braydan Grover | M |
| May 29 | Christy Wright | B |
| May 30 | Brandy Copeland | M |
| May 31 | Kasey Fiebernitz | B |
| May 31 | Hannah Bressette | M |