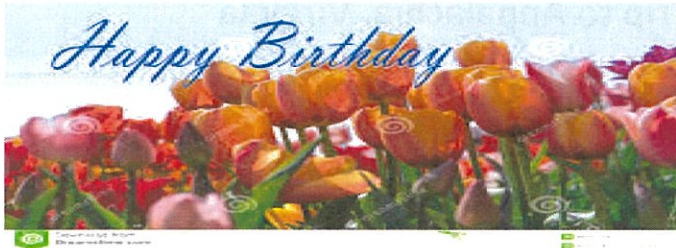


# Celebrations & Concerns August 2023



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| 4 Myla Kenney       | 22 Joan Klingel      |
| 12 Brooklyn Betti   | 23 Sara Axline       |
| 13 George Kern, Jr. | 24 Kimberly Staley   |
| 14 Justin Bacon     | 29 Betty Dietsch     |
| 16 David Haberman   | Veronica Brandyberry |
| 17 Harry Dutt, Jr.  | 30 Sue Loyer         |
| Karen Beidler       | Elijah Axline        |

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| 3  | Craig and Karie Staley     |
| 5  | Matt and Sara Axline       |
| 9  | Brian and Stephanie Dunlap |
| 11 | Bryan and Elizabeth Lee    |
| 12 | Jay and Joni Wolfinger     |
| 13 | Wayne and Jill Chitwood    |
| 15 | Thomas and Wendy Kenney    |
| 16 | Jeff and Patti Klingel     |
| 19 | John and Linda Detwiler    |
| 29 | Pastor Joel and Ang Fetter |

## OUR CONGREGATION

### Health Concerns

Ron Salyer, Maggie Smith, Jeff Klingel, Joan Klingel, Karen Mahaffey, Dan Dunlap and Virlyn Kenner

### At Home; Activities Limited

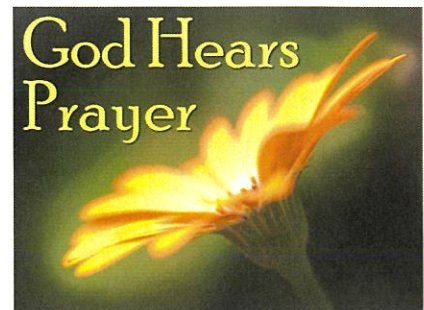
Vella Yager

### In A Health Care Home

Les Yager	Heartland of Marion	Room 609	400 Barks Rd. W.	Marion, OH 43302
Betty Larcom	Primrose Retirement	Room 104	1550 Wellness Dr.	Marion, OH 43302
Mary Loyer	Primrose Retirement	Room 131	1550 Wellness Dr.	Marion, OH 43302

## OUR GREATER CHURCH FAMILY

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| The Family of Sharon Farst | Linda Brelsford  |
| The Country of Ukraine     | Aaron Temple     |
| Our Nation                 | Eric Dunlap      |
| Elizabeth Raber            | Nancy Augenstein |
| Ray Reed                   | Justin Bacon     |
| Seth Klingel               | Taylor Bacon     |
| Josh Honaker               | Michelle Damron  |
| John Dean                  | Pam Frysinger    |
| Allen Wagner               | Linda Ward       |
| Amy Owens Gandee           | Ella Margraf     |
| Robin Miley                | RuthAnn Denton   |





# Amazing Appalachian Experience

## A Reflection on the Youth Mission Trip to Appalachia, Virginia

An average day on Monday-Friday while we served the folks of Appalachia.

7:15 a.m. Time to Wake Up

7:30 a.m. Devo(tions)

7:45 a.m. Breakfast/Pack Up for Lunch & the Day/Chores

*Each day the groups that were there were given a specific chore for the day which included things I like cleaning the restrooms, taking out the trash, doing dishes, sweeping the cafeteria and cleaning the showers.*

8:45 a.m. Leave for worksites

9 a.m.—3:30 p.m. At the Worksites

*Our group from St. Paul's and Peace was broken into 2 teams. One house was 10 minutes away and the one I was with was 45 minutes away. Our sites were quite different.. From what I understand, the other group was helping to put some finishing touches on a home. Although, they did end up doing some demolition work too. The home owners were an elderly couple and the husband had dementia. Our team headed by Haleigh was tasked with "finishing" a kitchen. We could not complete all the tasks, but we saw quite an improvement over the week. Our home owner was a delightful woman named Ms. Teresa.*

4:00 p.m. Return to the Center (showers are free-time)

6:00 p.m. Dinner



7:00 p.m. Gathering Event

*We did a variety of activities for about an hour to learn about ourselves and Appalachia. One night we went to the Appalachian Center where they played Country and Western Music and we did line dancing. The final night we gathered in a large circle and shared highlights of our week together.*

8-10:30 p.m. Free Time

*The youth were able to connect with other teens. It was a time that they looked forward to. The one group were retirees (not youth) so they looked forward to going to bed.... I might have closed my eyes sometimes for a while too.*

10:30 p.m. Lights Out

11:00 p.m. Bed time.

We were housed in a school that was built in 1911 and closed in 2011 due to costs to maintain it and dwindling enrollment. The local Parks and Recreation Department now uses it as a community center. Many of the items from the school still remain.

There were three other groups along with ours. Others were from Virginia and Maryland. One of the groups had all but one drop out after the deadline, so a calvary of former soldiers and their wives made up that group. In all fairness, they were quite the skilled bunch.