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To start the Prayer Chain for someone in need of prayers call Mary Cordes at 618-465-1760 or 462-0677 ext 2835 or Marj Bryant at 618-466-5421 or 466-6005. We could use a few more people on the prayer chain, some of our callers have moved, others no longer have a telephone accessible. Mary and Marj get the request for the special prayers and they in turn call those they are to call, who in turn call their people on down the line. Then all are saying prayers for this person. Please contact either Mary or Marj if you would like to be part of the chain or have questions.

Next Elm Leaf Deadline Friday, May 21, 2010

ESPC Web Site
.http://espcalton.tripod.com
http://espc.weebly.com

LITURGISTS

March 21 - Kathy Steinmann 28 - Chance Shewmake April 4 - Cantata 11 - Mary Cordes 18 - Richard Sisk 25 - Chance Shewmake

USHERS

March - Sandy Krug & Jo Lee April - Karen Auston & Mary Cordes

Please volunteer to usher. Sign up sheet in the sanctuary.

COMMUNION SERVERS

April 4- Easter (Intinction)
Chance Shewmake - Chr., Kathy Steinmann,
Lyndal Colburn, Katy Jarman
Tanya Sisk (set up & serve)

May 2 - Sue Bryant-Chr., Marj Bryant, Dan Jarman, Sandy Krug, Terri Darr, Ann McLaughlin (set up & serve)

June 8 - Mary Cordes - Chr., Richard Sisk, John Kennedy, Norma Waggoner (set up & serve)

ATTENDANCE

1/3 - 31 1/10 - 33 1/17 - 12th St PC 1/24 - 32, 1/31 - 43, 2/7 - 52, 2/14 - 69, 2/21-31, 2/28 - 45, 3/7 - 52, 3/14 - 38

BIRTHDAYS

DIKITIDATO
March
1Jacob Gill
4JoAnn Phelps
Elisa Wallace
9Cathy Lister
12Karen Auston
13Shirley Stiegemeier
18Adam Lister
28Wilma Bobbs
29Audrey Stewart
Jessica Schultz
31William Bott
April
3Breanne Shewmake
24Sarah Paddock William
26Harry Fessler
June Justice
28Laura Schultz
May
1Zada Shewmake
6Katy Jarman
9Cherilyn Trusty
12Richard Stolze
15Brent Phelps
Joyce McCormick
18Judy Colburn
19Lynleigh Lichtsinn
20Matthew Stolze
27Jerry Wray
31Pamela Stolze
June Wide Dhelen
1Kirk Phelps
7Nellie Smithee

8	Hannah Auston
	Lyndal Colburn
12	Jordan Bryant
19	Loretta Tague
21	Terry Shewmake
22	Sue Bryant
23	Lois Mitchell
	Tom Wyatt
29	Richard Sisk
30	Jean Freer

If I have missed your birthday, I'm truly sorry. I hope it was a good one. Please, let me know Mari Bryant when it was.

THANK YOUS

Thanks to those that on November 11, 2009 helped and donated food to the Salvation Army Ann, Jamie and Lauren McLaughlin, Richard Hetge, Harry Fessler, Norma Waggoner, JoAnn Phelps and Carole Springgate

And thanks to all that helped with the Salvation Army Dinners through the year 2009.

Improvements to the parking lot was completed in the fall. Patching, sealing, and striping. Thanks to all that contributed financially and made this project possible.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Thank you very much for your most generous help with the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree this year 2009. Your gifts for the children were wonderful. Yours in Christ Charlotte Buehler and elves

A special Thanks to the Deacons for the Christmas Stocking filled with goodies. I appreciate your thoughtfulness to those of us that are pretty much home bound. I miss being able to get out and I always enjoy the visits. Thanks again, Sincerely, Dale Bailey

Thanks to the Monday Night Elm Street Al/Anon group who made an extra donation to Elm Street for our kindness in letting them use the facility at a reasonable rate.

These thank you notes from John Kennedy were received just after the last Elm Leaf came out and that is why they are belated. I would like to express my belated THANKS and APPRECIATION for the Birthday cards and Wishes that I received from my Church Family. Thanks so much!

I want to express my Thanks and Appreciation to the Deacons and the Outreach and Fellowship Committee for their sponsoring of Jane Hellrung, George Humbert and I, on our most recent Mission trip to Louisiana. They gave \$300.00 for the three of us, that money was placed in a pool (not a swimming pool) but one that the group would use for GAS and FOOD on the trip down and back.. We had a meeting about one week prior to our departure and at that time about \$1,200.00 had been raised. That was to purchase gas for three vehicles and food for 20 people, to and from Louisiana. Last year they had about the same amount of people, however they had approximately \$2,800.00 donated. It cost them about \$1,300.00 last year and the rest they donated to the PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) organization where we stayed. We each paid \$140.00 to go on this mission trip. That was for our Food and Lodging there at Olive Tree Village. Once again, I am so PROUD of ESPC for being there when it really matters. Jane, George (I hope he doesn't mind me claiming him on this trip) and I, made up 15% of the people on this trip and prior to leaving ESPC provided 25% of the funding. Actually, ESPC had offered more, but I felt the \$300.00 was more than fair. I know that I have said this before, many times, but it is so true, WE ARE SMALL, BUT MIGHTY! Even in our DIFFFERENCES, when it really matters we pull TOGETHER. In the near future, I will share more about our mission trip and what we did for a week. And perhaps George may do that at some point. He provided all who were there with a very moving devotional; service and song that last night we all shared dinner in the village. Last but certainly not least. This one is a little tougher, but I felt you all should know, I've thought about it for some time and just what and how much I should say or if I should say anything. Several of you have asked about Jane, how she is and where she has been. And because many of you met her at the same time that I did, at ESPC, you have known her as long as I. We were introduced by Laura Gill (God Rest Her Soul). She felt that Jane and I needed to meet and wouldn't give up until we did, just like she never gave up her battle with breast cancer (She fought to the end). THANKS LAURA. Jane and I have been together off and mostly on for the last 7 years. A little while back we had one of our off moments. In that time period some friends of Jane's invited her to their church ((The First United Methodist), one of the new ones on Airport Road in Godfrey. She has attended there a few times and I have even joined her once or twice. We do still see each other and do things together, however not the same as in the past. Our relationship has gone in a little different direction. I believe that you will see her from time to time at ESPC and there are times that I may join her in Godfrey. This is not something Jane has taken lightly. There are several at ESPC that Jane formed a Special Bond with and will always have a Special place in her Heart for them. The people at ESPC have left her with many fond memories, as I'm sure she has also given them. I hope that you understand why I shared this with the people of ESPC, Buck, Bill and Esther ask me on a regular basis about her and where she was, so I shared some of this earlier with them. If, you know Jane you know she likes to travel and does. So, just for the record, Yes, she was traveling and visiting children and grandchildren during this period. I say this because often when Buck or Bill would ask, she was out of town. It is not my nature to lie and at some point I would have to, if I didn't share this with you all, Jane will tell you that I am honest to the point that it hurts (that is not always a good thing). Jane is not at ESPC, not because of you, but because of me. Thanks to My ESPC family, God Bless You Always, John Kennedy

The Jeff Auston Family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, kind thoughts on the loss of Karen's mother Marjorie Johnson.

Thanks to all who helped ring bells for the Salvation Army, worked the lights at Rock Spring Park for Christmas Wonderland, helped with the Angel Tree at Christmas, helped with the Lenten Service meal, provided coffee hours and helped in any way during the year. You know who you are.

The *Worship Committee* would like to thank the 12 that stayed after the worship service and helped take down the Christmas decorations, it only took an hour, much less time than usual. Great Teamwork!

ESPC received a thank you note from *Christmas Wonderland* and a \$250.00 check.

The Camp and Conference Ministry Team and Mound Ridge Staff would again like to express our most sincere Gratitude to everyone who has helped bless us this year.

SYMPATHY

ESPC extends its sympathy to the families of *Marguerite Crowson*She died Monday, January 11, 2010 at the Eldercare Nursing Home

Marjorie Johnson

She died Thursday, January 14, 2010 at the Boyd Memorial Hospital in Carrollton

Leorene Peterson

She died Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at the St. Patrick's Residence, Naperville, IL

CONGRATULATION

To *Rich and Tanya Sisk* on the birth of their new granddaughter, **Terri Jo Farrar** born March 10, 2010 weighing 8lbs. 3oz. to their daughter Marisa McCreary and Stephen Farrar

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ADDRESS CHANGES

Willanette Ball
Eunice Smith Nursing Home Rm.1126
1251 College Avenue
Alton, IL 62002
463-7330

Al Kaltenbaeck Fountain View Manor Rm. 407 3432 Village Lane Granite City, IL 62040 618-931-3999

Dan & Florence Earnhardt Eldercare Nursing Home 3523 Wickenhauser Avenue Alton IL 62002 465-8867

CRISIS FOOD CENTER REPORT

ESPC sent over 372 items to the Crisis Food Center since reported in our last newsletter. We have received several letters from the CFC thanking us for our donations. The Session voted to give the Crisis Food Center the money collected in the Lost Coin Ministry for the months of October and November, 2009. The Outreach Committee collected 69 items on February 14, 2010 for the CFC Over 2,200 people visited the CFC in December and almost 23,000 in 2009. They provided 8,500 families a 5 day nutritionally balanced supply of food. 1,000 families visited the center for the first time.

ESPC collected \$265.13 for the Arms of Love in the Baby Bottles and \$211.00 on Blanket Sunday. In 2009 we collected \$502.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

DEACONS REPORT

The Deacons are asking you to continue using your green Deacon Fund envelope (found in with your pledge envelopes) as often as you can. their money goes fast. They are still collecting empty ink-jet cartridges with printer heads, don't forget to bring your empty ones in.

The Deacons met January 18, 2010 and named

their officers for 2010. The are
Moderator: Debbie Wallace
Vice Moderator: John Kennedy
Secretary: Ann McLaughlin
Treasurer: Norma Waggoner
Deacons collected 10 pair of mittens, 41 pair
of gloves, 13 hats and 1 coat during their

SESSION INFORMATION

The Session met many times since the last Elm Leaf. The Session approved:

1. Minutes of all previous meetings.

mitten drive in December.

- 2. Approved Stewardship fundraisers of Pizza and Dessert Sales, Rummage Sale and Salad Luncheon.
- 3. Approved the Church Statistics.
- 4. Accepted Audit of Treasurer's Books
- 5. Accepted DPNC recommendation regarding Pastor search (to be taken to the congregation at a special Congregation meeting on March 7, 2010 as approved by the Session).

The Congregation approved that the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee continue and expand their Pastor search to include, CLP's. Stated Supply, etc, with the same salary and job description guidelines at the March.7th meeting.

- 6. Approved Lyndal Colburn, Jean Bryant, treasurer and Marjory Bryant as secretary to sign for bank accounts.
- Nominated John Kennedy for our Celebration of Aging Honoree and Marjory Bryant for the Mildred Hagedorn award.
- 8. For the Session to do the Discernment lessons as suggested by Presbytery.
- 9. The officers for Class of 2012 Elders:
 Richard Sisk, Lyndal Colburn and Mary
 Cordes. Deacons: Terri Darr, Katy
 Jarman and Tanya Sisk to be installed
 and Mary Cordes ordained on Christmas
 Eve if approved by the Congregation.
- 10. Approved Jean Bryant continuing as treasurer and Marjory Bryant as Clerk of Session.
- 11. Approved hosting the Lenten Service on March 10, 2010.

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12. The request of Elizabeth, Mike and Brian Brey to become members of ESPC.

The Per Capita for 2010 is \$25.98 per member not family

UPCOMING EVENTS

LENTEN SERVICES & LUNCHEONS

March 31, 2010 - Holy Week Greater St. James Baptist Church 2016 Belle St. Alton, IL

Speaker - Rev. Vanessa Robinson

April 2, 2010 - Good Friday

12th St. Presbyterian Church 504 East 12th St. Alton, IL

Speaker - Rev. David Olson Following the half hour of devotion/worship which starts at 12 noon, there is a soup & sandwich lunch with dessert prepared by the host church. The price is \$3.00 per person. A free-will offering is taken and divided equally between Oasis Women's Center and Alton's



Crisis Food Center.

Easter Cantata "Great Is Our God"
Sunday, April 4, 2010 during worship.

Cheri would like ALL that sang in the youth choir (at one time or another, since she has been youth choir director) to meet after worship on Easter Sunday and have a group photo taken.

One Great Hour Of Sharing offering will be collected on Easter Sunday

The Stewardship Committee is planning a RUMMAGE SALE. "Don't forget us when you do your Spring Cleaning, we will be collecting items for a rummage sale to be held late this summer (date to be announced at a later time). There is a room available now in the Christian Education Building, upper level for the items. If you need something picked up let Jean Bryant or Dan Jarman know.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 21 through June 25, 2010
5:30 pm -registration
6:00-8:00 pm held at the Nature Institute
More information later



Deacons Spaghetti Supper Saturday, April 24. 2010 4:00 - 7:00 pm Adults - \$7.50 Children - 5-12 - \$4.00 Under 5 - free

Elm Street Presbyterian Church Friday, May 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm) Up to 8 players/table \$100/table For Reservations call 466-5421 Popcorn and soda provided. No alcohol Door Prizes, 50/50/ Bake Sale ESPC SALAD LUNCHEON
Friday, June 11, 2010.
Save this date and if
you can help let us know.

The Encounter Musical Group comprised of youth from many area churches have their first performances on Easter Sunday April 4, 2010 at 4:30 and 7:00 pm

Over 55 Ministry

Monday April 12, 2010 - Church Tour along the Lewis& Clark Trail of Highway 94. We will leave CAPC at 8:15 am with the first stop at Portage Des Sioux, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and two other stops before lunch on our own at the Cracker Barrel in St. Charles. Then on to tour 3 other churches. Price is \$48.00 includes admission gifts, tips, bus and 26 page history brochure. Trip consists of little to moderate walking and some entrance steps. We should return by 3:00 pm.

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 - Tour of the Daniel Boone Home and Boonsfield Village At Defiance, Mo. Lunch at the Chandler Hill refinery.

Thursday, June 15, 2010 - Opera Theatre "A Little Night Music"

<u>Thursday, July 13, 2010</u> - Missouri History Museum "Vatican Splendors Exhibit"

"The Joy Of Easter"
St. Matthew United Methodist Church
1200 Moreland Drive
Belleville, IL 62223
March 31, April 1 and April 2, 2010 - 7:30 pm

PONDER THIS IN YOUR HEART

From the January Synod Connection

- 1. Q. What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?
- 2. Q. What is the longest chapter in the Bible?
- 3. Q. Which chapter is in the center of the Bible?
- 4. O. What is the center verse of the Bible?

There are 594 chapters before Psalm 118. There are 594 chapters after Psalm 118. Add these numbers up and you get 1188.

Answers:

- 1. Psalm 117
- 2. Psalm 119
- 3. Psalm 118
- 4. Psalm 118.8

Does this verse say something significant about God's intention for our lives?

Psalm 118.8 "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in mortals."

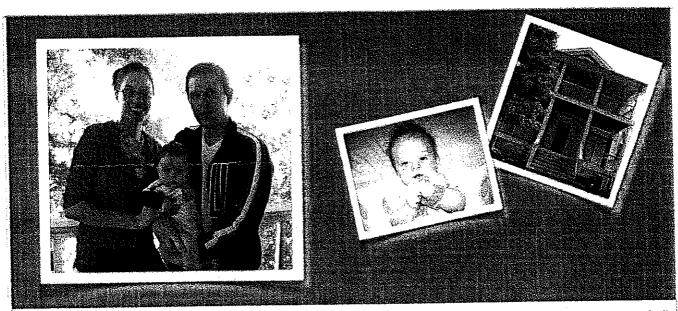
If anyone would like to write an article for the quote "Pastor's Page" please let Marj Bryant know. It could be on your committee and what they are doing. It could on what ever is in your heart.

MARCH & APRIL & MAY 2010

<u>Saturday</u> 27	3 10am - Choir practice	10 1-4pm A McLaughlin CE Bldg LL	17 Noon - D Krug CE Bidg LL	24 SPAGHETTI SUPPER
<u>Friday</u> 26	2 GOOD FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED Noon Lenten Service	,	16	23
Thursday 25 6:30 pm Girl Scout -CE Bldg 7 pm Choir practice	APRIL 1 6:30 pm Girl Scout -CE Bldg 7 pm Choir practice	8 6:30 pm Girl Scout -CE Bldg 6pm VBS mtg. ESPC 7 pm Choir practice	15 6:30 pm Girl Scout -CE Bldg 7 pm Choir practice	22 6:30 pm Girl Scout -CE Bldg 7 pm Choir practice
Wednesday 24 Noon Lenten Service 7.pm Boy Scout T-7	31 Noon Lenten Service 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	7 7 pm Boy Scout T - 7	14 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	21 7 pm Boy Scout T-7
Tuesday 23 7 pm Session	30	6 6:30 pm = Girl Scouts meet church basement		20 6pm B&P Women meet 6:30 pm = Girl Scouts meet church basement
<u>Monday</u> 22 8 pm AA/Al Anon	29 .8 pm AA/Al Anon	5 8 pm AA/Al Anon	12 AM Over 55 trip .8 pm AA/AL-Anon	19 6:30 pm -Deacons meet 7:00 Outreach Comm. meets 8 pm AA/Al Anon
Sunday 21 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship Patrick Thatcher CLP	28 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship - Communion Palm Sunday Rev George Humbert	4 EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship Cantata Communion Rev. George Humbert	11 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship Rev George Humbert	18 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship Patrick Thatcher CLP

<u>Saturday</u> May 1	∞	15 Bucket Brigade	22	29
Friday 30	7 ESPC Trivia Night & Bake Sale 7pm		21	28
Thursday 29 6:30 pm Girl Scout -CE Bldg 7 pm Choir practice	6 6:30 pm Girl Scout -CE Bldg 7 pm Choir practice	13 6:30pm Girl Scout -CE Bldg 7 pm Choir practice	20 Presbytery meeting Jerseyville 6:30pm Girl Scout -CE Bldg 7 pm Choir practice	27 6:30pm Girl Scout -CE Bldg 7 pm Choir practice
Wednesday 28 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	5 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	12 7 pm Boy Scout T - 7	19 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	26 7 pm Boy Scout T-7
Tuesday 27 7pm Session	4 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - church		18 6 :00 pm B&P Women 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - church	25 7 pm Session
Monday 26 8 pm AA/Al Anon	3 .8 pm AA/Al Anon	10 8 pm AA/Al Anon	17 6:30 pm Deacons meet 7pm Outreach comm. meets. 8 pm AA/AL-Anon	24 8pm AA/Al Anon
Sunday April 25 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship Patrick Thatcher CLP	2 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship Rev. George Humbert	9 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship	16 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship	23 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship

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But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. **Isaiah 40:31**

meditating on the idea that God can and will

show up. There is no circumstance that could

Dear Friends,

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The word "suddenly" has always meant something very specific to me over the course of my life. I have to admit that it often frightened me to imagine events or circumstances that could happen abruptly or occur "suddenly." The term was definitely not something that brought a flood of positive thoughts to mind. I think that its easy to walk down that road of fear where thoughts bombard our conscience about what might be or what could happen. Recently, the Lord has been speaking to me about that word. I was amazed to see how often the word was used throughout scripture. It seems that the situations that followed "a suddenly of God" were quite miraculous. Through this understanding and revelation, I saw that this term that often brought fear into my life, now brought excitement and joy. I now had more faith to believe that God could come to my rescue even if it seemed like failure was knocking at the door. I found hope in

Correspondence: Shaun and Naomi Wallace sjwallace l 16@hotmail.com Cell: 404.543.0901 overpower Him. In an instant He can bring salvation. So be encouraged in the truth that God is not limited by our resources or our time frame. Allow the "suddenlies" to become an everyday occurrence in your life and trust that when there seems to be no way out that God can change events suddenly for your good!! Many of you know that Naomi and I now live in the city of Atlanta. We have been here for almost 3 months and it has been quite the journey. Our goal for this expedition has been to plant a team of missionaries within Atlanta. We have been seeking God for others to come and join us and right now we are still standing in faith that in His timing we will see others come

Praver Points

and partner with us in this mission.

During these past few months we have had

victory. Just this week we made plans with 2

our struggles but we have also seen great

- · Release of much needed finances
- · Team of YWAMers to join us in the city
- · Salvation for the students and muslims we minister to

muslim men to start a holy book study with them. We are praying that this is just a start to the many muslims that will come and join us in studying the Word of God.

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

ETHAN DAVID WALLACE BORN: AUGUST 2ND, 2009 AT 1:07AM | 6LBS 90Z.

WE WILL BE HOME (TAMPA) FOR THANKSGIVING FROM WED_THE 25TH UNTIL SUN. THE 29TH, WE WILL BE GOING TO RIVER OF LIFE ON SUNDAY AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY OF YOU THERE.

Next week we will also be starting a prayer gathering at our home and have invited believers from our community. We are hoping that this time will be fruitful and that God will release vision for the other believers living in this community and that we can impart our heart for the lost to them so that they might join us in reaching this city for God.

Send Checks Payable to: YWAM ATLANTA P.O. Box 1025 Grayson, GA 30017

Elm Leaf Prayer Concerns - Spring 2010

"Members"

Esther & Bill Bott
Nellie Smithee
Evert Kingery
Lois Mitchell
Loretta Tague
The Family of Marguerite Crowson
The Family of Marjorie Johnson
The Family of Leorene Peterson

"In The Nursing Home"

Pat Gross......Willow Rose
Clarabel Park.....Royal Oak Care Ctr.
Jean Freer.....Eunice Smith Nsg Home
Willanette Ball....Eunice Smith Nsg. Home
Ruth Wilson....Robing's Manor
Al Kaltenbaeck....Fountain View Manor
Florence & Dan Earnhardt... Eldercare Nsg. Home
Sonia Hetge.....Jerseyville Manor

Relatives and Friends of ESPC

Dorothy Crabtree	Louise Norman's sister
Gene & Anna Hopkins	
Carol Jo & Don Domescik	
Margo & Robert Greenwell	
Dorothy Conner	friend of Mildred Maguire
The Reynolds family	Cherilyn Trusty's Family
Scott Bryant	Son of Cathy Bryant
Kathy Shewmake	Zada and Chance's daughter
Kim Stiebelda	ughter-in-law of Joyce Schrumpf Goethe
Winifred Orris	
Ellen Hanold	
Barb Markadonis & Ruth Roth	The Bryant Family
Rachael Catanzaro	friends of ESPC
Amanda Panyik,, Sue and Terry Heigert, Joe M	
Mary CalendarKaty Jarm	an's mother, Chance Shewmake's sister
Dennis Rucker, Carl Haworth, Sharon Held	
Tim Murphy	friends of John Kennedy
Barbara Olson and Linda Nevlin	12 th St. PC
Mary Haugh	friend of Mary Cordes
Mike Linley	Sue Bryant
The family of Helen Waggoner	Carole Springgate's aunt
Dale Bailey	Nancy Bailey's husband
The family of Lorraine Cromwell	
The family of Stanley Roberts	JoAnn Phelps
Mike Spiroff	Audrey Stewart
George Slifka	brother-in-law of Katy & Dan Jarman
Mike Linley	Sue Bryant
The Family of Jerry Cox	
Mary McConnell Haugh	Mary Cordes

If you know of anyone that can be taken off of the prayer list, please call the church office and let us know.