

## From Your Pastor

During our 8:30 a.m. worship on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the children gathered around for the children's message. Have you ever noticed that some of the most profound moments in worship come at that time? Pieces from a Nativity set were placed on the altar—Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, a lamb, a donkey. I asked the children, "Who's missing?" One child responded, "The shepherds!" Another said, "The wise men!" A third child said, "The angels!" But it was the last child's response that was totally unexpected—"The innkeeper!"

Was it Rylan Edwards? He often thinks outside the box, you know? But it got me to thinking—I've never seen an innkeeper in a Nativity. Have you? But doesn't it make sense that the innkeeper was there, offering help to Mary and Joseph, wishing there was more room in the inn for the young couple. I've always assumed that Mary and Joseph were rudely turned away by an insensitive innkeeper. Maybe it wasn't that way at all. Maybe the stable and the manger were his best effort to provide some warmth and comfort for this expectant couple. In that case, why wouldn't he (and his wife, for that matter) try to provide everything necessary for the birth of the child? Maybe his wife was a midwife! Maybe they were among those who "were amazed at what the shepherds said to them" (Luke 2: 18). So I say,

"Thanks, Rylan!"  
Thank you for a new insight. I think a new figure or two should be added to our Nativities!

New insights. I hope you have had new insights as you have contemplated the wonder of Christmas this year, and the miracle of the Incarnation—God coming to us in Jesus, the Christ, the Word made flesh, and we have

seen his glory  
(John 1:14).

As we begin a new year, I hope you will take time to consider new insights as they relate to your life, and to act on them. Do changes need to be made? Life is about choices. Are there steps you can take to make God



the center of your life? Are there broken relationships to be mended? Are you doing all you can to show those you love just how important they are to you? Will you take time to sit down and write out new priorities—new directions—for your life in 2012?

We have celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ. But the celebration is not over. God coming to us in Jesus means something. God wants to live with us, and within us. Jesus offers us a new life. The angel said to Joseph—"You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Jesus offers us salvation, a chance to turn things around. The beginning of a new year is a good time to say "yes" to God.

As we begin 2012, make use of every opportunity God gives you to worship, to grow, to be in fellowship, and to serve. This is what keeps the love of God alive in our hearts. This is what life is all about. There's nothing more important.

Don't forget that our Wednesday Night Suppers and Bible studies start again on January 11. If you are not already connected to a small group at PVUMC, this is a great way to grow and connect with your church family. Also, for those who are members of Church Council, put February 3-4 on your calendar, as we are looking forward to having Chris Harman return to lead our Church Council training on those dates.

Grace and peace in 2012,  
Pastor Randy

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## *Thank You!*

Thank you to everyone who helped with each of the three musicals during December. You are such a blessing to this church and without your help, the musicals would not have been possible. It's been a great 2011 with the two children's musicals, the youth musicals, the adult Easter, July and Christmas musicals, and the celebrations for our 50th anniversary...and the list goes on. Thanks to the hundreds of people that helped, participated in and attended each event. God bless you and here's looking forward to an equally wonderful 2012. - Karl

## *Help Needed*

The stage used for the Christmas musicals needs to be taken down. Please come January 3rd at 6:00 PM if you can help. Any assistance is helpful although most jobs involve lifting. Please bring a cordless drill with a #2 Philips bit and a 9/16 deep socket if you own either. There will be extras if you don't own these tools. Just come and lend a hand!! Call Karl in the music office with questions.

If you would like to have the newsletter e-mailed to you each month, please contact Kelly Northey in the church office, 791-0353 or [kelly@pvumc.net](mailto:kelly@pvumc.net).

Check out Reverend  
Trish's blog at:

[http://web.me.com/  
patriciaarcher](http://web.me.com/patriciaarcher)

Deadlines for PVUMC  
publications are as follows:  
Sunday bulletin– Wednesdays  
by 12:00 noon  
Monthly newsletter– 22nd of  
each month

## *A Word From Reverend Trish*

Happy Anniversary, Pine Valley UMC! January 2 begins my tenth year in appointment to PVUMC. It also begins full-time appointment. I'm very thankful for the opportunity to serve alongside Pastors Randy and Jared and the very gifted ministry staff and laity of Pine Valley.

In my appointment, I will continue to serve in the areas of mission and outreach, Celebrate Recovery and Bridge worship ministry. In addition, I will serve as the clergy contact for senior adult ministries. Pastors Randy, Jared and I will share in visitation to older adults and in visitation to the hospitals.

In the next five months I will also be in the midst of preparations for General Conference, the legislative body for the United Methodist Church. In a few weeks, Emily Innes, head of the NC delegation, and I will attend the Pre-Conference Briefing in Tampa. I ask for your prayers for our preparations. I'll keep you updated on what's happening as we read, travel and work towards General Conference April 23-May 5.

Blessings to each of you in this new year! May God richly bless our ministry together at Pine Valley UMC.

Together in Christ's ministry,  
Reverend Trish



# United Methodist Women News

UMW would like to extend an official WELCOME to the members of two new Circles that are in the process of forming – The Common Thread Circle and The Young Adult Circle. We are thrilled to see more women joining our desire to focus on mission work both in and outside of PVUMC.

**Common Threads Circle:** Ladies, here is your opportunity to be part of the United Methodist Women at PVUMC and at the same time support a local ministry, Common Threads. The ministry provides beautiful pillowcases to Hospice patients. Our newest circle will meet the **fourth Monday** of each month from **1-4 PM** in the **Agape** classroom. Following a brief devotional and business meeting we will spend the afternoons making these pillowcases that provide so much comfort to Hospice patients and their families. Our first official meeting will be on Monday, January 23 and all ladies are welcome to join us. Sewing skills are not required. In December, Common Threads made and sold over 130 dozen cinnamon buns for funds to buy the material for the pillowcases. Thanks to everyone who supported this effort. If you have any questions about this new circle, please call Jeanne Scott or Susie Lupton.



**Young Adult Circle:** This group of young women is in the process of determining both their meeting date/time and what their focus area will be. If you would be interested in joining a circle of the younger set, please contact Ashley Adams at 795-4442 to find out about the next meeting.

## Future Dates

<b>Sunday, January 15</b>	Executive Committee Meeting
<b>Sunday, January 22</b>	District Training
<b>Monday, January 30</b>	General Meeting
<b>Saturday, February 11</b>	District Spiritual Day Apart
<b>February 24-25</b>	District "39 & Under"
<b>Sunday, February 19</b>	Executive Committee Meeting

The Mildred Thoburn Circle will meet Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in Bldg. C, #16. Hostesses will be Pattie Nelson and Joan Ennis. New members welcome! For more information, call Pattie Nelson, 791-4641.

On Sunday, **January 15**, the Executive Committee will hold its first meeting of the new year. This is a very important meeting as our 2012 budget and calendar will be approved. The meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. in Room #2. We will also make a final decision on the best time for our meetings for 2012.

The following Sunday, **January 22 at 2:30 p.m.**, UMW district training will be held at Harbor UMC in Wilmington. Let's have a good representation at this meeting from Pine Valley UMC – it is a great time for all Circle Officers to learn what their role requires and how they can best support the UMW Executive Committee.

And last but not least, on **January 30** we will have our first General Meeting of the year at the Golden Corral on New Centre Drive. Emily Ennis will be installing the officers, both the Executive Committee and the Circle Chairmen. Don't miss this special evening of fellowship and bring a friend to introduce them to UMW!

For anyone not in a Circle and wondering what the Circles do – please contact any of the Circle Chairmen listed below or contact Meg Smith at 383-1764. We would love to have you visit a circle or two and decide which one best meets your needs.

PVUMC Circles– Join Us!	Contact	Phone	Monthly Meeting Schedules
Circle of Christian Friends	Beverly Cheers	395-0752	Meets 2nd Mondays 7:00 pm, Room #210
Enice Bowen Circle	Yvonne Culp	763-6134	Meets 2nd Tuesdays 9:45 am, Room #16
Mary Ellen Whitfield	Katie Hill	452-4776	Meets 2nd Mondays 7:00 pm, Room #16
Mildred Thoburn Circle	Pattie Nelson Joan Ennis	791-4641 392-7793	Meets 2nd Thursdays 9:30 am, Room #16
Ogden By The Sea Circle	Pam Craig	686-9454	Meets 3rd Thursdays 7:00 pm, members' homes
Common Threads Circle	Susie Lupton	371-1487	Meets 4th Mondays 1-4:00 p.m, Agape Room #10
Young Adult Circle	Ashley Adams	795-4442	TBA



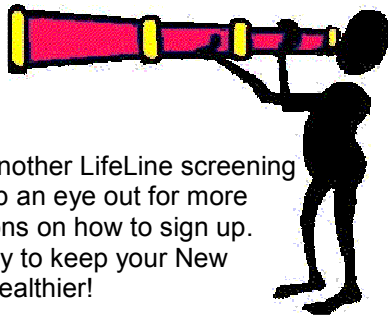
## Adult Classes

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will continue January 11 at 10:00 a.m. in Room #16, Bldg. C. We will start a new topic- the 12 Minor Prophets of the Old Testament, beginning with Hosea. Come join us for

studying God's Word, fellowship, coffee, and when we are lucky, homemade dessert!

Spread the word that PVUMC now has a ministry just for 18-25 year olds! **The Young Adult Class** meets for Sunday School at 9:45a.m. in Room #1 (aka the UMW Parlor in Building B- past Pastor Trish's office). Times of great transition call for times of deeper relationships and spiritual discernment. Be a part of creating something awesome at PVUMC! Call Jared at 233-5577 to find out more!

## BE ON THE LOOKOUT!



PVUMC will be hosting another LifeLine screening event on March 12. Keep an eye out for more information and instructions on how to sign up. This would be a great way to keep your New Year's resolution to get healthier!

## Thank You!

Thank you for once again generously donating Thanksgiving bags to Sunset Park Elementary families. Your Thanksgiving meals meant a great deal to the recipients.



This year more than 92 percent of our students are on free or reduced lunch. Just as in the world, the needs of our families have increased as the economy has worsened. Many of our parents/guardians struggle even more to support their families. We now have a food program called Nourish NC that helps to provide supplemental food to some of our students on the weekends. Imagine how helpful it was to be given a Thanksgiving meal! As you can see, your donation was timely and greatly appreciated.

I am deeply touched and honored that PVUMC Wee Care and my church family would help out my beloved school, students, and their families. When the actions of one are joined with the actions of another's, great things can be accomplished. Thanks for being God's hands and feet!

Love and Blessings,  
Claire McFall, School Social Worker

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer is a communication with our Lord and Savior, a request or a petition. In John 17, Jesus sets an example for us to pray for one another.

Now, just take a minute to visualize a gift of a Prayer Shawl, wrapped in love for the purpose of bringing comfort and blessings to the recipient. When we create these prayer shawls for those we love and care about, we are following Jesus' example. While we crochet/knit these Prayer Shawls, we petition God with each stitch, on behalf of the person who is to receive this gift, for their concerns and circumstances whether they are known specifically to us or unknown at the time.

If you find that you are too busy to attend our meetings, you still can become part of this ministry by creating a Prayer Shawl in your spare time at home and when completed, turn it in to any one of our members. Just pin your name to the shawl so we know who the contributor is.

Several times a year, these shawls are brought to the PVUMC sanctuary for a final blessing and to share the beautiful work of our members. God gives us all gifts of special talents and this may be a way to use your God-given gift to help someone in need. Imagine how warm and comforting a handmade Prayer Shawl would be during this coldest time of the year. The blessing you will receive is immeasurable indeed.

*Lord God, as I begin this shawl, clear my mind of clutter so that I may stay focused on the task at hand. I pray that this shawl will act as Your loving arms, wrapping the recipient in a warm, calming embrace and gently reminding her /him of Your daily blessings and continual love. Please send Your spirit to melt away all fears in this time of need and grant the comfort and love that only comes from You. AMEN.*



## Wee Care News



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! January- a new year and the clock moving towards the end of the school year is already ticking. This month will be full of evaluations as each child will have an age appropriate evaluation done on him/her and then sent home to parents. It is so awesome to see how much everyone has grown since the start of the school year. This month will also bring one of the school's favorite activities--PAJAMA DAY! All the children, and teachers I might add, dress up in their pajamas-some never get out of them from getting up that morning I suspect! We have breakfast food snack, play indoor games, lay around in sleeping bags, and even sneak in a video as part of our "special day." It is great fun to be had by all.

Another favorite is our yearly "Buddy Night". Any male figure in the life of the students is invited to come and have an evening experiencing preschool. They will do activities that the kids do, singing songs, building blocks, and doing an art activity.

It is a time to encourage the "buddies" to spend some time with their child with mom not being around. This has proved to be a special event for all, with many of the buddies ending the evening with a special treat.

The only other big event in the daily workings of Wee Care this month is that we will be holding our 2012-2013 school year registration. The schedule is as follows: Tuesday, January 24, incoming 1's, 2's and kindergarten, as well as in-house families with more than one child in attendance. Wednesday, January 25, in-house students that will be 3 and 4, and then at 10:45 any church members not currently enrolled, and siblings of past students. On Thursday, January 26, registration is for the community all day outside the gym. Registration packets will be available mid-January, and all questions can be answered by contacting Linda Gregson in the Wee Care office, or by calling 791-9824.

## Fly Like an Eagle

Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it. The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm.

When the storms of life come upon us - and all of us will experience them - we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief toward God.

The storms do not have to overcome us. We can allow God's power to lift us above them. God enables us to ride the winds of the storm that bring sickness, tragedy, failure, and disappointment into our lives. We can soar above the storm. Remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it is how we handle them.



*"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on the wings like eagles." (Isaiah 40:31)*

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by way of "Christian Voices"  
([www.ChristianVoicesWorldwide.net](http://www.ChristianVoicesWorldwide.net))

- submitted by Helen Hendricks

## Ongoing Prayer Concerns



Liz Bird  
Jane Bookman  
Golda Bouldin  
Helen Dowless  
David Flowers

Joan Fritz  
Wanda Gillikin  
Luise Grzegorowicz  
David Herring  
Mae High  
Nancy Gray

Doris Kesler  
Dee Miller  
Landen & Mike Ryan  
Lona Sharp  
Gene & Doris Spivey



## Senior Mission Trip 2012

**Senior Mission Trip**, Class of 2012 will be heading to New York City. We will have an information meeting with participants and parents on **January 11<sup>th</sup>** after WOW at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. It is very important that if you are planning on going on this trip that you attend this meeting. If you have any questions please call Pastor Jared at the church or Mary Stephens at 799-4720.

### Break Out Announcements:

- Youth Bowling on **New Year's Day** – Youth will meet at Cardinal Lanes on Shipyard at 6:00pm to enjoy fellowship and bowling. Our group has been given a special rate for the day. Each game of bowling for \$1.50 and Shoe rental for \$1.00. Refreshments at regular prices. Please call Mary Stephens at 799-4720 with questions.
- Ever wonder what **WOW** is all about? Well, come to Break out on Sunday, **January 8<sup>th</sup>** and see for yourself. We will have a WOW program that night. This worship will be full of music and testimonies.

### Other Youth Announcements:

- **Confirmation** Orientation on **January 5<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall at 7pm. This meeting is for the students, parents and mentors. Contact Jared with any questions.
- **IGNITE** starts back on **January 8<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00pm. Even if you have not been part of the group in the past this is a great time to jump in!
- **WOW** starts back on **January 11<sup>th</sup>**. Come join this youth led worship service at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### *Prayers for the Boys Chrysalis Flight # 22*

We have young men that will be on the team and young men that will be on the Flight. They will leave on January 14<sup>th</sup> and return on January 16<sup>th</sup>.



### Looking Ahead:

- Gals N' God will be **February 3** (sleep over)
- Girls' Chrysalis Flight in February
- Confirmation Retreat **3/15 through 3/18**
- Spiritual Retreat **4/13 through 4/15**

# Community Outreach 2011



Our Community Outreach Dinner held on Christmas Eve was a huge success! Thanks to the generosity of so many people in our church and community, **2513 people** were served a delicious Christmas dinner!

How much food did it take?

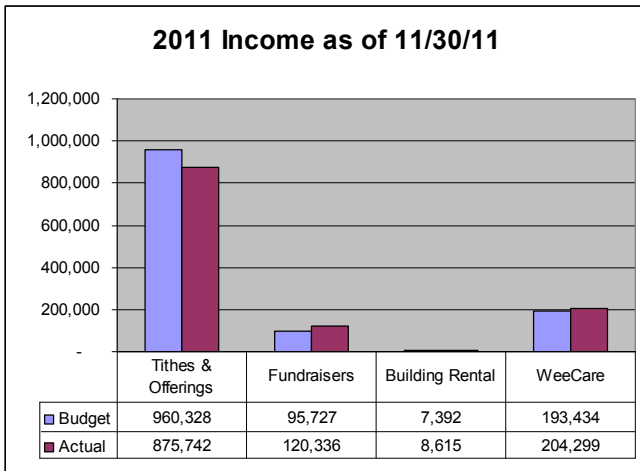
- ◆ 500 lbs. of barbeque
- ◆ 1100 lbs. of turkey
- ◆ 500 lbs. of ham
- ◆ 19 bushels of collards (and we still ran out!)
- ◆ 50 cans of green beans
  - ◆ 3000 rolls
- ◆ 2000 servings of stuffing
- ◆ 2600 servings of mashed potatoes
  - ◆ 80 lbs. of turkey bog
  - ◆ 8 gallons of gravy
  - ◆ 300 side dishes

Equals one tremendous God miracle!!

A huge **"Thank You"** to everyone who participated in this incredible opportunity to serve as the hands and feet of God!

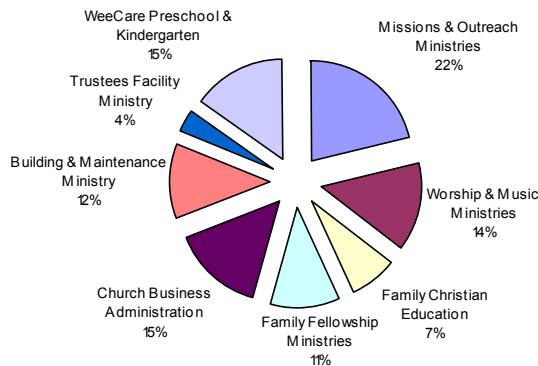


**PVUMC FINANCIALS AS OF 11/30/11**



Tithes & Offerings YTD is \$84,586 under budget. Fundraising & Program Fees are \$24,609 more than expected which is how Missions & Ministry has been successful in carrying out their programs this year.

**2011 Expenses as of 11/30/11**



EXPENSES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VAR
Missions & Outreach	265,683	280,525	-14,842
Worship & Music	179,498	167,439	12,059
Family Christian Education	92,599	101,733	-9,135
Family Fellowship	139,796	117,351	22,445
Church Business Administration	181,701	189,248	-7,547
Building & Maintenance	154,168	150,456	3,712
Trustees Facility Ministry	44,059	50,000	-5,941
<b>TOTAL PVUMC</b>	<b>1,057,504</b>	<b>1,056,753</b>	<b>751</b>
Wee Care	191,847	194,143	-2,296
<b>TOTAL COMBINED</b>	<b>1,249,351</b>	<b>1,250,896</b>	<b>-1,545</b>

Worship & Music and Family Fellowship "actual" expenses are higher than budget expenses, but fundraising income that was not budgeted covered these expenses. Missions & Outreach were not able to spend their requested budget this year due to total income for operating expense under budget by \$84,586.  
**NET INCOME: PVUMC = (\$52,810) Wee Care = \$12,452**

**Homegoings...**



Our sympathy and God's peace to...

- † **Diana Edwards** and her family on the recent death of her brother, Ronald Morris, in Leland.
- † The family of **Lorene Hurst**, longtime member of PVUMC, on her death December 16.
- † **Shawn Macpherson** and her family on the death of her grandfather, Ernest LeRoy Young, Jr. on December 16 in Wilmington.
- † **Lynn Unwin** and her family on the death of her father, Richard Fruechtenicht, on December 24 in Wilmington.

...And

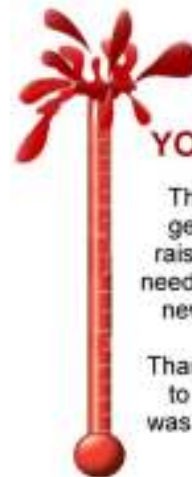
**Hallelujahs!**



For...

- ♦ The newest members of our church family: **Jason and Morgan Rabon**, who transferred from Mount Zion UMC in Central, SC, along with their children, Jacob and Brooke, on December 18. Brooke was also baptized that day. Mike and Erin Ditta joined PVUMC on December 18. Mike joined by profession of faith and Erin joined by transferring from Oceanview UMC in Oak Island. Their sons, Colton and Maxton were also baptized that day.
- ♦ The opportunity to serve over 2500 people at our Community Outreach Dinner on Christmas Eve!
- ♦ The birth of Sadie Elise Goodson on December 25. Proud parents are Chad and Caroline Goodson.

*If you know of something that you'd like to see mentioned in the "Hallelujahs" section, please send it to [kelly@pvumc.net](mailto:kelly@pvumc.net). Thank you!*



**YOU DID IT!!**

Thanks to your generosity, we raised the \$25,000 needed to pay off the new CLC Sound System! Thank you so much to everyone who was able to donate!

# January Birthdays

- 1 Brian Edwards  
Lynsey Olson
- 2 Carl Nelson  
Carol Bigwood  
Heidi Cox
- 3 Tony Dunn
- 4 Betsy Tull  
Ashley Vaccarelli  
Tristin Till
- 5 Nancy Holt  
Skylar Lozier
- 6 Dot Lewis  
Peggy Setzler  
Maria Turnley  
Teresa Doss
- 8 David Mangis  
Brian Bullers  
Sherry Peterson  
Lauren Lude  
Kodie Lashinske
- 9 Juanita Brawley  
Marie Muench  
Mike Page

- 10 Judy Pixler  
Pat Wright  
Matthew Thomas
- 11 Mary Ann Kornegay  
Kristy Boone  
Miles Butler  
Caleb Webb  
Elin Shields
- 13 Sharon Holston  
Mike Foote  
Jackson David
- 14 Allison Scott



- 15 Polly Smith  
Beverly Cheers
- 17 French Lewis  
Jerry Jones  
Clayton Ferner  
Kristen Young  
Haley Harwood  
Juliana Wackett  
Christopher Dreyer
- 19 Buck Norton  
Niki Sullivan
- 20 Debbie Jones  
Kim Adams  
Maggie Pendergrass
- 21 Ralph Kornegay  
Thomas Andrews  
Lauren Holmes  
Breanne Elrod
- 22 Bob Inman  
Terri Kesler
- 23 Luke Martin  
Billie Chase  
Claire DeLespinois  
Robert Glenn  
Brandon Ray
- 24 Barry Coppedge  
Jacqueline McFarlin

- 25 Eleanor Keeton-Weiss  
Anne Brewer  
Walt Futch
- 26 Bill Bolduc  
John Tripp  
Denver Earle
- 27 Edie Huebner  
Steve Wilkie  
Penny Scott-Owens  
Tracy Dreyer  
Ashley Pagliughi
- 28 Linda Nunalee  
Andrew Miller
- 29 George Holston  
Tori Owens
- 30 Jeff Butler  
Anna Christain  
Chase Horton
- 31 Jean Marzolf  
Sharon Edwards

*If you know of someone who should be listed in the birthdays or anniversaries and was not, please let Kelly know at [kelly@pvumc.net](mailto:kelly@pvumc.net). Thank you!*

## January Anniversaries

- 3 Don & Ruth Powell
- 8 Todd & Kendra Eberhardt  
Andrew & Sam Kemske
- 10 Charles & Deb Gibson
- 13 Bob & Wendy Inman

- 20 David & Sherry Herring
- 21 Berry & Mary Stephens
- 26 Marc & Diane Lozier
- 27 Bob & Marie Winkler
- 30 Carlos & Sharon Perez

