



### Women's Retreat:

March 28

The theme for 2020 is "For Such a Time As This." This theme is based on the book of Esther. Join together with your sisters in Christ for this one day retreat at Round Lake Christian Camp! The main retreat and programming will take place on Saturday, March 28.

If you prefer to spend the night, you do have the option of arriving on Friday afternoon (you may arrive as early as 4:00 pm) if this option better fits your needs and travel schedule. There is no meal nor programming available on Friday. If you would like to spend the night on Friday, please select that option on your registration and \$10 will be added to your registration fee. This can provide a great opportunity to plan an evening of fun and fellowship with the ladies from your church prior to the retreat on Saturday.

### Men's Dinner

May 1

Enjoy an evening of fellowship at Round Lake! The Men's Dinner is a Friday evening event featuring a steak dinner along with compelling teaching. Dinner will be served on Friday, May 1st from 4:30-6:30 pm, and the cost is \$25. The first session will begin at 6:30 pm. The main event will run until about 9:00 pm, at which time participants are welcome to stay after for additional snacks, desserts and fellowship in the Dining Hall following the conclusion of the program.

## Retreats and Summer Camps

### Spring Keenager's Retreat:

April 21

This year's speaker is Bill Meaige, Senior Adults Minister at North Terrace Church of Christ with music by Chris Mulpas. Enjoy a day of fellowship, learning and food with your friends at Round Lake Christian Camp. Open to ages 55+, This years retreat will be on Tuesday, April 21st and will cost \$26.

### Spring Family Camp:

May 20-25

Family Camp is a long-standing tradition at Round Lake, occurring twice each year during the Memorial and Labor Day Holiday Weekends. This is a fun-filled weekend at the camp for the entire family. It is a great opportunity to join together with our brothers and sisters in Christ to relax, have fun and worship God together. Bring your own tent or RV to camp out on the grounds for the weekend. Guests provide all their own camping supplies and food. Firewood and ice are available to purchase at the event, or you may bring your own. Picnic tables and fire pits are available to borrow on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will be in-person at the event in the Camp Store (Snack Shack) located at the top of the hill just outside the Dining Hall.

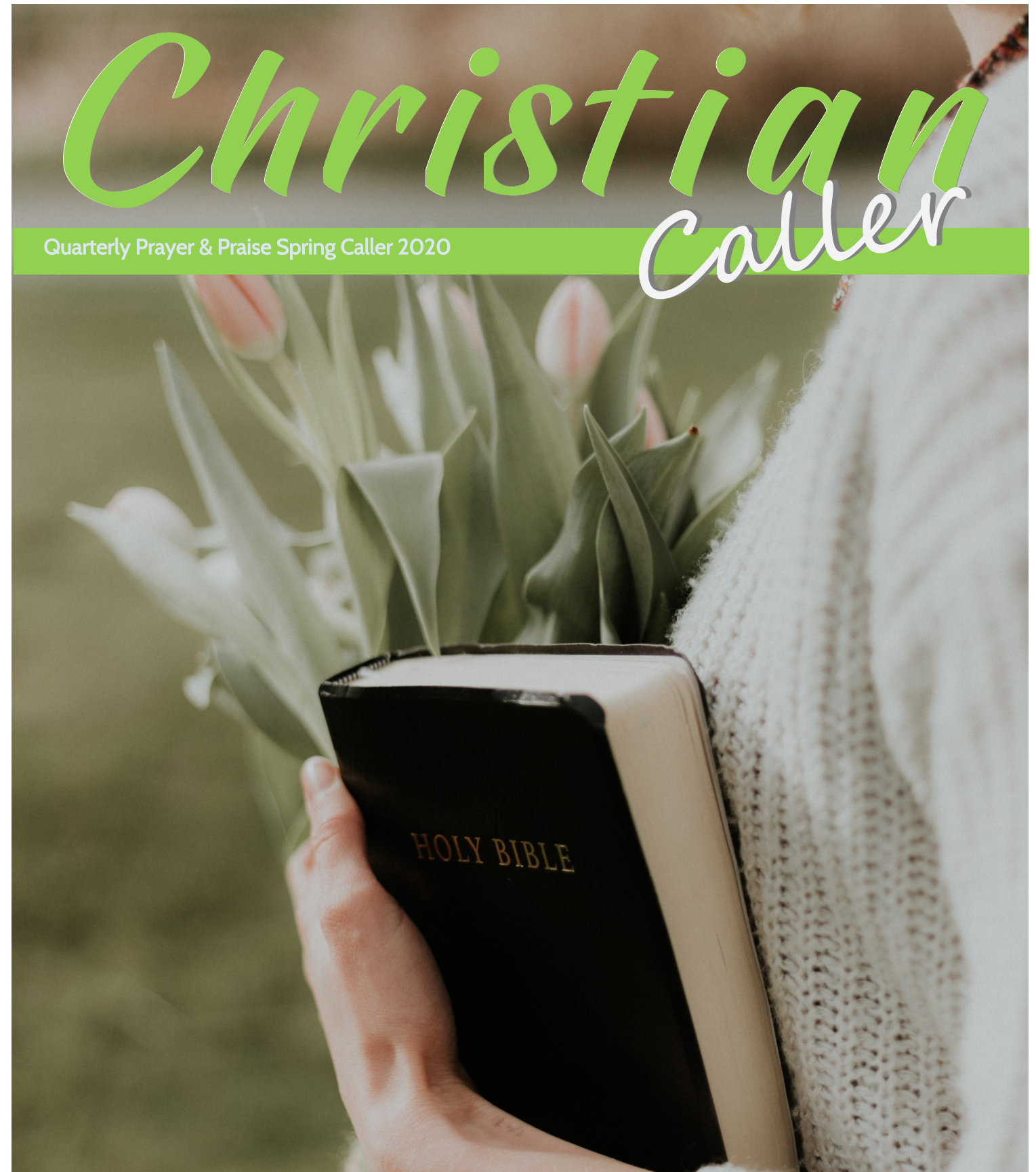
### Summer Camps



Registration for Summer Camp is now available. We have camp booklets in the foyer. Please see Andrew to receive your 50% discount code for your child and a friend.

# Christian Caller

Quarterly Prayer & Praise Spring Caller 2020



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"The Dover First Christian Church exists to glorify God by teaching His word in love and truth to all people, binding us together as one family in Christ."  
(all verses printed are taken from Holman Christian Standard Version)





**SPRING 2020**



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We have spent a lot of time during our Quarterly Prayer & Praise Meetings discussing and dreaming together. Through these discussions and meetings we have developed a three-fold mission statement. As a church, we exist first and foremost to love. We are to love God, and love one another with the same self-sacrificing, unconditional love he gives to us. Secondly, we exist to shine light in the darkness of our world. We want to serve the broken, feed the hungry, and care for the brokenhearted: to take God's kingdom into the world. Finally, we want to be a place that grows disciples. We long to teach God's word, but we need to do more than just teach the Bible, we must help people follow Jesus on a daily basis as fully devoted disciples. That's who we want to be as a church. We want to *love, shine, and grow.*

We have started to implement some of these ideas into our regular programming. In the past six months, we've been working on incorporating Right Now Media, launching small groups, and planning activities in the Dover community and schools. You are going to see even more of an effort and focus in these areas as we move forward as a church.

We are at the point where we need to start dreaming and planning practical ways to apply these three mission statements to our church life, and our everyday life. We believe God has been working in the hearts and lives of different people over the past several months, and helping to heal some old wounds as well as ignite new passions. We cannot wait to see where he leads us in 2020 and beyond, and we want to begin discussing what we want our church to look like in the future. What are our dreams for three years, five years, or ten years? What practical things we can do to start moving that direction?

Before we do that, however, we'd like to spend an extended time in prayer. If you join us for our March 7, quarterly Prayer and Praise meeting, we will cover some of the normal business things we need to address, and we will begin the process of putting together some 'dream statements.' A lot of our time, however, will be spent in prayer together. We desire to earnestly praise God for what we have already seen take place, and we desperately want to seek his guidance as we take our next steps. If you plan to attend this meeting, please come with some dreams and questions, but most importantly, come with a humble heart ready to seek God in prayer together. We can't wait to see on March 7.

# *Business & Finance*

Each one must give as he had decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.  
2 Corinthians 9:7 HCSB

## Income & Expense

Offerings	\$ 46,388.20
Expenses	\$ 41,311.99
Net Income	\$ 5,076.21

## *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Weekly Goal: \$ 3,200.00

Weekly Average: \$ 3,568.32

Dover First Christian Church has been blessed both spiritually and financially in 2020. Monthly payables and expenses have been paid and are current. The current financial statement is available on the bulletin board in the hallway.

But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into Him who is the head—Christ. From Him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building up itself in love by the proper working of each individual part. Ephesians 4:15-16

# *Building & Grounds*

Men's Group will be on March 14th at 9 am.



May 17th 4–7:30pm We are planning a workday in May. This will give us an opportunity to clean up outside. We plan to trim bushes, weed and plant flowers in the flower beds, along with many other items that will need done this Spring. This will also kick-off Youth Group for the Summer.







# Shepherd's Notes

The past several months have been grief-filled seasons for our church. We have said goodbye to so many of our close friends and family members most recently Chuck Creamer, Kay McClelland, and Marion Spragg. This is in addition to the large number of family members and friends from outside our church family that have passed away, and the constant health battles of several of our church members.

It is easy to focus on our struggles, but in the midst of a difficult season, we still believe God is working among us. We want to say thank you to Chris Snyder and her team for all the work they have done providing meals, balloons, and other forms of comfort for people during this time.

We've also had some great ministry happen during these months. We packed 143 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas

Child. We had 32 different people participate in our "Gifts Fit for a King" program. People were blessed with cookies, special cards, acts of service, and presents. We were able to truly Shine in our community through these ministry opportunities. Thank you to everyone who participated.

We've also had a lot of fun together in the past quarter. We had a Christmas concert featuring Mark Black and his family and a wonderfully meaningful Christmas Eve Service (over 170 in attendance) during the Christmas season. Andrew took several students to two overnight youth events, and we had 35 people join us for ice skating in January. There certainly have been a lot of great moments of joy and fellowship for our church during this season.

We are continuing to move forward with our key values this spring. We want to continue to be

light in our community, and one way we are doing that is through our Parent Chat program Josh is leading at Dover Middle School. These chats are geared to helping parents of teenagers navigate some difficult situations. The first chat was on February 27, but more will be coming this spring. Another way you can shine is to help our mission team pack food bags (TUFF Bags) on Saturday, March 28. This food helps feed local students during spring break; See Shirley Beal to sign up. Easter invitation cards will also be available soon.

We also want to continue our focus on growing disciples. We have our Easter Bible reading program, we will be launching another small group study in April, and we are working on some more ideas to help you and others grow as followers of Christ.

Thank you for the privilege of leading you and serving with you. This has been a challenging season for many of us, but we anticipate God's continued provision as we move forward together.

*Bob, Ray, Andrew,  
Rich & Josh*



Ice Skating



Christmas Banquet

Other Information	
Average Attendance	
December - 98	
January - 100	
February - 96	
Sermon Series	
Gifts for a King (Dec)	
Better (Dec-Jan)	
Stories (Jan-Feb)	
Soul Food	
Joshua	
Sunday School	
Key Biblical Themes	



Dover First Christian Church

*Join us for Easter*

<u>Good Friday Service</u> April 10 * 6:30PM	<u>Easter Sunday - April 12</u> Sonrise Service - 7:30AM Breakfast - 8:30AM Sunday School - 9:30AM Celebration - 10:30AM
<u>Easter Egg Hunt</u> April 11 * 2:00PM	

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## Flowering Cross

We are going to decorate the Flowering Cross this year on Saturday, April 11th starting at 9:30am. We will need flower donations dropped off at the church by that morning, or if you would like to donate money for us to purchase flowers, please give it to Diane Aydt or Kelli Tomblin by Friday, April 19th. If you have any questions or would like to help this year, please see Diane or Kelli.



## Birthdays

Noah Mark	Mar 4
Janette Murphy	Mar 5
Candice Robinson	Mar 7
Bentley Lunau	Mar 7
Dee Ray	Mar 10
Bob Haas	Mar 19
Marilyn Graybill	Mar 20
Gwen Eichel	Mar 21
Colin Eichel	Mar 25
Greg Murphy	Mar 26
David Schwarm	Mar 27
Gerri Newell	Apr 8
Dravin Robinson	Apr 11
Tom Swinderman	Apr 11

Susan Haas	Apr 14
Betty Leeper	Apr 15
Judy Anders	Apr 16
Lindsay Mark	Apr 30
Carlene Swinderman	May 1
Zach McClelland	May 3
Wayne Thomas	May 3
Layla Bitikofer	May 6
Ray Burkhart	May 7
Herb Neidig	May 15
Kelli Tomblin	May 16
Robin Hill	May 16
Bev Deyo	May 16
Josh Robinson	May 17
Ounalee Goins	May 17

Loren Rufener	May 18
Steve Brown	May 19
Richard Halchuck	May 20
Kathy Eichel	May 20
Kevin Mark	May 29
Vicki Walker	May 30
Kathy Eichel	May 20
Kevin Mark	May 29
Vicki Walker	May 30

## Anniversaries

Don & Gail McCreery	Mar 5
Eric & Kelli Tomblin	Mar 30





# Missions Ministry

This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:3-4

## Flower Sale

Flowers will be delivered on May 7th. You can pick up your orders between 4-7pm

## Lasagna Dinner Update

Thank you to everyone who joined us for dinner on February 8th. We raised \$739.65 for future mission endeavors.

## Camp Tuition

The Mission Committee has decided to help with the tuition for any children that would like to attend Round Lake Church Camp this summer. If anyone is aware of a child that is unable to pay the other half of the tuition that the church provides, please contact one of our members on the Mission Committee.

## Yard Sale

We have decided not to have our annual yard sale this year. We plan to have one in June 2021.

### Missions

Carry Over Balance:	\$ 8,101.48
Amount Rec'd For Missions	\$ 4,273.00
Designated Funds:	\$ 563.35
Amount Available:	\$ 8,101.48
Amount Disbursed:	
Missions	\$ 4,718.35
Balance	\$ 3,383.13
Short Term:	
Short Term Travel Fund	\$ 6,198.16
Mission Trip Fund	\$ 4,611.42

## Mission Projects

**Tuff Bags Service Project** We are meeting at 205 Deeds Dr, Dover Ohio on March 28, 2020 at 8am. We will be assisting the Tuscarawas County Health Department fill backpacks for the Tuff Program. This program is coordinated by United Way of Tuscarawas County and is a program to keep children fed outside of the school day. This will feed approximately 564 children in the Dover, Newcomerstown and Claymont School districts. We are also donating \$500.00 to the United Way of Tuscarawas County to help pay for a week's worth of meals. We will need volunteers to join in with "at risk youths" in the juvenile system to help pack the bags. There is a possibility we will also help in future weeks packaging.

**Future Projects** If anyone in the congregation is aware of a special need for someone or would like to plan a trip, please contact any member of our Missions Committee

**Mission Emphasis** Every month we focus on a specific mission. We ask that you join us in praying each month for these missions. We also now have a bulletin board in the hallway that will have each mission we are highlighting for the month. Thanks to Bonnie Smith for making this happen.



### Mission Meeting Dates

March 17th  
April 28th  
May 26th



# Youth Ministry

Teach a youth about the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

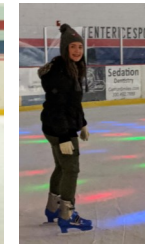
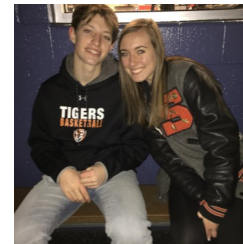
## What We've Been Doing...



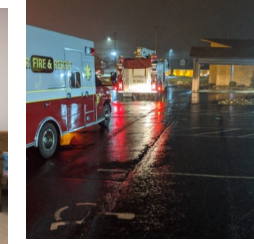
## Winter All-Nighter



## Ice Skating



## Fire Fighter Night



## Kids4Truth

## Coming Up This Spring...

## Youth Group

**End-Of-The-Year Banquet** We will be having and April 8th at 6pm. We will not have Soul Food that evening but everyone is invited to attend

## Easter Egg Hunt

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt on April 11th from 2-3:30pm. All children are encouraged to attend.

## Summer Kick-Off

Youth group will resume for the Summer on May 17th. We are planning a work day that will begin at 4pm plus some fun things later in the evening.



We are starting to plan for VBS and we need lots of volunteers. Please sign-up in the foyer to help out this July 12-17th for Mystery Island VBS where the kids will be Tracking Down the One True God





	Date	Shepherd On Call	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Meditation	Shut In	Nursery
April	5th	Bob Anders	Ray & Shirley Beal	None	None	Hubert Granger	Dorrisa Bitikofer
	12th	Rich Halchuck	Layla & Aiyana Bitikofer	Wayne Thomas	Jon Baker	Jon Baker	Alice Butcher
	19th	Ray Beal	Carole Brown Diane Ayd	Micah Robinson	Colin Eichel	Rich Halchuck	Shirley Beal
	26th	Bob Anders	Karen Granger Linda Oszust	Jo Anne McKinney	Brenda Halchuck	Ray Beal	Judy Meanor Aiyana Bitikofer
May	3rd	Rich Halchuck	Bob & Susan Haas	Andrew George	Ray Beal	Bob Anders	Robin Hill
	10th	Ray Beal	Greg & Janette Murphy	Jon Baker	Layla Bitikofer	Hubert Granger	Linda Oszust
	17th	Bob Anders	Wayne & Judy Thomas	Ray Ulrich	Carole Brown	Jon Baker	Allie Sugalski
	24th	Rich Halchuck	Ray & Jade Ulrich	Robin Hill	Tracy Hill	Rich Halchuck	Rita Stephens
	31st	Ray Beal	Youth	Youth	Youth	Ray Beal	Dorrisa Bitikofer
June	7th	Bob Anders	Jo Anne McKinney Annette Jones	Allie Sugalski	Wayne Thomas	Bob Anders	Shirley Beal
	14th	Rich Halchuck	Alice Butcher Judy Meanor	Ray Beal	Ray McClelland	Hubert Granger	Alice Butcher Layla Bitikofer
	21st	Ray Beal	S Kay Tomblin Eric D Tomblin	Karleen James	Micah Robinson	Jon Baker	Judy Meanor
	28th	Bob Anders	Chris Snyder Allie Sugalski	Layla Bitikofer	Ray Ulrich	Rich Halchuck	Allie Sugalski

## Thank You

Thank you so much for the garden plaque you sent in memory of Joe. I appreciate all the kindness you have shown our family during this difficult time. We praise God Joe is no longer confined to his earthly body but is spending his days at the feet of Jesus.

Kim, Nicole & Rob, Josh & Candice

To our friends, Candice and I want to say thank you to everyone for your support over the past month. We have been overwhelmed by cards, calls, visits, hugs, and prayers. It is a profound blessing to know how many of you care for our family.

Thank you so much,  
Josh & Candice

Praise Team	Sound Board	Projector	Communion Preparation	Clothing Shed	Hall Monitor	New Dawn
Candice Robinson	Wayne Thomas	Layla Bitikofer	Rita Stephens	Judy Thomas	Tracy Hill	
Wayne & Judy Thomas Dorrisa Bitikofer	David Schwarm	Micah Robinson	Rita Stephens	Ray Ulrich	Scott James	
Colin Eichel, Karleen James Carlene Swinderman	Steve Brown	Katey Long	Rita Stephens	Aaron Bitikofer	Eric Tomblin	
Rich & Brenda Halchuck Chris Snyder	Wayne Thomas	Layla Bitikofer	Rita Stephens	Wayne Thomas	David Schwarm	Hubert Granger
Ray Beal, Candice Robinson Vicki Walker	David Schwarm	Micah Robinson	Carole Brown	David Schwarm	Barry Walker	
Colin Eichel, Karlene James Trista Bitikofer	Steve Brown	Katey Long	Carole Brown	Richard Halchuck	Aaron Bitikofer	
Carole Brown, Chris Snyder Bev Deyo	Wayne Thomas	Layla Bitikofer	Carole Brown	Judy Thomas	Ray McClelland	
Rich & Brenda Halchuck Dorrisa Bitikofer	David Schwarm	Micah Robinson	Carole Brown	Ray Ulrich	Bob Haas	Josh Shirley H
Youth	Steve Brown	Katey Long	Carole Brown	Aaron Bitikofer	Aaron Bitikofer	
Wayne & Judy Thomas Vicki Walker	David Schwarm	Layla Bitikofer	Karen Granger	Wayne Thomas	Steve Brown	
Ray Beal, Candice Robinson Carlene Swinderman	Wayne Thomas	Micah Robinson	Karen Granger	David Schwarm	Ray Ulrich	
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## Ladies LUNCHEON

March 18th – El Pueblitos

April 15th – Walnut Creek Cheese House

May 20th – Uncle Primos

RSVP: Carlene 330-343-0954

or Bev 330-878-5903

