

Valley Voice

*Greater Buffalo Run Valley United Methodist Church
Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World
Pastor James Jacobs*

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July – August – September 2025*

So here we are in July halfway through 2025 so don't blink because Christmas is right around the corner.

As your pastor likes to say a busy church is a growing church and we sure have been busy.

It is hard to believe but it was just in January we had our winter carnival which was a rousing success, and it was a free event for the community. We also just finished up our strawberry festival which is always a sweet, luscious event and we had a large group of volunteers to stuff packets and make sports drinks for the athletes for the Iron Man competition – “shake and bake baby”!

These were just a few events for the first part of 2025.

Also of note, the wood for good program is in hyper mode considering if you take a look at the annex our wood racks are full, and we have a huge pile in the back forty. This along with the food pantry is a major outreach program the church has undertaken and to say the least these two programs are clearly being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

The fact is though we still have a lot of work to do.

I am in hopes with all the new folks that are attending worship and that you all will invite your friends and neighbors to activities like our woman's group and men's breakfast's, these activities give you all the chance to kick around ideas on how we can grow the church through our outreach and mission programs. It is

through your out of the box thinking that differentiates our church from others.

I believe our church has the mind set to try new and different things and we have the mindset that it takes a church and its volunteers to be successful.

So if you take anything away from this newsletter, your pastor is depending on you to come up with some new ideas to reach out to not only the folks in our church but our community and don't be afraid to volunteer, fact is we have a blast when we get together, work together and in a lot of cases there is good food involved!!!

Remember, we are the soil, we need to tend to it, we need to plant seeds, we need to nurture those seeds, and we need to watch those seeds grow.

In Christ's service with you ~ PJ



Love. Grow. Serve



Greater Buffalo Run Valley

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***MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS
CHRIST FOR THE
TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD***

Sunday Worship time is
9:45 a.m. We are meeting in person. The service is also posted to our Facebook and YouTube pages. Search for GBRVUMC.

Children's Church is available for all children and youth. A new option is our Nursery Nook which is in the social room and is available for infants and children through 3 years of age. Parents may remain with their child and watch the service on the television or certified staff will be happy to watch over them.

If you are in need of prayer or would like to have a pastoral visit please contact
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Church Office Hours

Lisa Catherman, Secretary/Treasurer
Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Celebrations

What a joy to be able to celebrate the baptism of **Kaylee and Kiya Hogue** with their family on June 19, 2025. We offer our love and support as they continue to grow as children of God.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13

We were honored to celebrate the retirement of our **District Superintendent Rev. Brenda Leigey**. She was presented with a key to the GBRVUMC, flowers, and a necklace made by



our youth. The teen class helped to serve a delicious chicken and waffles meal after the service. (See more

photos later in this issue).

What Keeps Us Busy

The Fund Raising Committee is busy with activities and making plans for more upcoming events. Here are some of the things we've been doing since the last issue. Profit from the Gardners Easter Candy sale was \$367. We continue to offer gift cards through our Raise Right (formerly Scrip) program each month. We've raised \$419 to date this year. Please see Gloria Lohr if you have any questions or are interested in purchasing them. Our annual bake sale will be at the Bald Eagle High School on November 22, 2025 from 9-3.



We are excited to announce that the **Honey Baked Ham Sandwich Sale** will continue in the fall. We will be offering ham OR turkey sandwiches the second Saturday of September,

October, and November to coincide with PSU home football games. The price will stay the same. Only \$8.00 for a freshly made sandwich, chips and condiments. Watch for upcoming information as the season gets closer. We raised \$245 from sales and donations at the Blue and White game in April! Contact Diana LaRoche if you would like to help with this event.

Also in April, we offered reduced price tickets to the Great **Grange Fair** and made a profit of \$622. Thank you to Deb Houser for taking care of this for us! See you at the Fair!!

Troy's Hoagie coupons are currently available. Please check with Jackie Hughey if you or someone you know is interested in purchasing them. They are now \$12 and continue to be used to purchase a large hoagie.

The **Ironman volunteer project** was a busy but fun fund-raiser. We had a great volunteer turnout, and we broke our past record for the time to complete the projects. We stuffed bags for the athletes and mixed electrolyte drinks. Our youngest helpers are pictured here.



The generosity you showed by supporting the **No Greater Love Boxes** was appreciated. Your generous donations of \$1203 was offered in appreciation and recognition of Christ's gift of redemptive love and will be used to show that love to others.

The 5th Annual Strawberry Festival was held on June 21, 2025. It was a good year for the strawberry crop. We had a great turnout from the community and as we thanked everyone for attending, they in turn thanked us. The yard games were a big hit this year. Thank you to Darrell Hubert and Boyd Corl for keeping the youngins busy while the adults were able to enjoy their meal and conversation. We realized a profit of \$1781.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, we would be eager to hear them. Please reach out to Gloria Lohr or Diana LaRoche to discuss opportunities to continue our successful Fund Raising. Proceeds from all these events will be used to support the outreach and ministry of our church, our missions and the community. Along with the opportunity to help others, these events provide a chance to have a conversation with so many along with an invitation to join us for worship or other events at the church. We also look forward to helping with

upcoming opportunities to support and purchase items that have been identified as needs by the trustees.

Events for Everyone **Women United for Christ**

Women United for Christ (WUFC) meets the fourth Monday of each month. We are a group of women that like to have fun, but at the same time we are there for our Church family and our community in times of need. Always looking for new ideas each month, so if you have an idea that you would like to do or try...Let us know!!
July 14 - 17, 2025 - These four days will be VBS from 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm at our Greater Buffalo Run Valley Church. This year's VBS theme is "Road Trip" - Please come and learn all the wonderful news about Jesus while having fun at the same time. Children from the ages of 4 to 12 are welcome!!

July 28, 2025 - Will be WUFC annual picnic. Please join us at the Buffalo Run Park Pavilion at 6:00 pm. Don't forget to bring a covered dish to share with all the ladies. Table setting will be supplied along with bottled water. If it is raining, we will move the picnic to the social hall at the Church. Please bring a friend or relative to join you!

August 25, 2025 - No WUFC

September 22, 2025 - We usually do our campfire night with mountain pies at the annex (back yard) - always a good time! Again, invite a friend!!

Men's Breakfast

Men of all ages are invited to share breakfast prepared by the women of the church on the last Saturday of each month starting at 9 AM in the church social room. It's an informal time to enjoy a meal and fellowship together with other men from the church and community. There will not be breakfast in August due to Grange Fair and November so that all the hunters can be out early to claim the best spot for the hunt!

Vacation Bible School

See the back cover for more information about our Road Trip adventure with Scout the dog. You can pre-register at greaterbuffalorunvalley-umc.com. We look forward to seeing you!

The Food Pantry continues to provide grocery items for individuals and families. The distribution in June served 35 families, which equates to approximately 80 individuals who will have supplemental food items for them and their families. The pantry recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Garver Fund via the Bellefonte Elks Club. These funds along with your donations of food or funds keep the food flowing. Please contact Leslie Womeldorf if you are interested in helping.

Firewood for Good (F4G) Outreach Mission

Just like the successful GBRVUMC food pantry, F4G provides a vital resource for our community at no cost to people in need. The program obtains, cuts, splits, seasons (dries) and offers pickup and delivery of firewood for use in woodstoves, wood boilers and fireplaces for heating, cooking, and hot water. This provides comfort, safety, and financial support (lower fuel costs) to recipients. The primary service period is late October through March. Gathering, preparing, and delivering firewood occurs year-round. Central Pennsylvania has cold winters, and we want to help our neighbors!

F4G began in the late summer of 2024 with a group of hearty volunteers. GBRVUMC sent the word out about F4G to local public information sources like the Centre County Gazette. Local news soon picked up the story.

By November F4G had built racks, won two grants for equipment, and found and began processing quality firewood. By March of 2025, in 4 short months with little fanfare, F4G provided 30 loads of firewood to our neighbors.

F4G hopes to expand its support for the community in 2025-2026 by increasing awareness and communication to those in need. ***To be ready, F4G is in search of firewood donations, one-time and ongoing.*** Here are some details:

- ❖ We have a safe area for drop-off at the church to a designated "log yard" area. Delivery can be dumped or dropped.
- ❖ We can also arrange pickup, depending on the distance and quality and quantity of wood. Photos

are helpful, and we may come review it before arranging pickup.

- ❖ Length of donations - from 12" minimum lengths, preferably approximately 16" (or 32" or 48") up to full trees of any length, de-limbed and with no tops.
- ❖ Diameter - anything that we can split into firewood with our volunteer workers and a 27-ton wood splitter, the smallest about 6-8" and largest about 24".
- ❖ We accept dead and green wood (not decayed/rotten wood), and hard wood only (no pine of any kind). We do not drop standing trees or pull dropped trees.
- ❖ We kindly accept already cut or split hardwood donations!
- ❖ The firewood length we provide to families is 16" and we can also use lengths that are around 12" and up to around 18" to ensure they fit most woodburning equipment
- ❖ We cut to length, split, and stack for drying on our property prior to delivery. We measure the moisture content of the wood we deliver to be sure it is ready.
- ❖ Delivery address: 112 Trinity Court Bellefonte (off 550 / Buffalo Run Road, near the State College Airport)

Please let us know if you would like to donate firewood!

Call: 814-355-2208

Email: gbrvumcsecretary@gmail.com



"If I send my prayer as a text message, will I get a faster reply?"

July Celebrations & Remembrances

Birthdays

- 1 Rachel Breon
- 5 Lois Burd
- 7 Lisa Catherman
- 7 Terry Emel
- 8 Niya Emel
- 10 Shawna Stem
- 11 Michelle Lohr
- 13 Sherry London
- 13 Winifred (Fred) Monsell
- 16 Barry Ishler
- 17 Claudia Johnstonbaugh
- 20 Deb Greene
- 22 Louise Knepper
- 24 Natalie Leathers
- 24 Peggy Snook
- 30 Connie Shay
- 31 Todd Leathers

Anniversaries

- 3 Chad & Melissa Ishler
- 9 Tammy & Mark Leathers
- 13 Nancy & Dick Poorbaugh
- 14 Jayson & Brandy Lose
- 16 Jacob & Bridget Stem
- 28 Lindsay & Wesley Fouse
- 30 Blair & Vicky Free

Remembering With You

*We offer our deepest sympathies and
continuing prayers for the families*

and friends of:

Debra Bradley

Rita Moyer

Ronald "Ronnie" King

Phyllis Walters

The LORD is close to the
brokenhearted and saves those
who are crushed in spirit.

- Psalm 34:18 -

Holidays hold different meanings for different people—but one thing is for sure: We all like to have a reason to celebrate. And July 4th is one of those reasons. As I

stood on a lakeshore one summer holiday and saw hundreds of people boating, swimming, picnicking, or simply walking together, I thought of the value of celebrating important events together with friends and loved ones. Did you ever try to celebrate something alone? A fireworks display isn't much fun if there's no one to "ooooh and aaaah" with. Picnics need people and go better with lots of friends and relatives around.

As Christians, we have much to celebrate. Let's celebrate God's love and goodness with those who share our excitement. God's outpouring of His grace, mercy, and daily provision are just a few of the many reasons to rejoice!

"God Bless America" (both versions) often highlights the themes of freedom, liberty, and the sacrifices made by those who have fought to protect the nation's values. The phrases and the songs associated with it are a way to express gratitude for the nation's blessings, including its natural beauty, its people, and its freedoms. It can also be seen as a way to encourage unity and understanding among different groups within the country.

How ever you celebrate this Fourth of July, remember all that being an American means to each of us and that our freedom isn't free. Many paid a price for it much like Jesus paid with his life for our forgiveness and being "freed" from our sins.



By Dave Brannon
Our Daily Bread

August Celebrations & Congratulations!

Birthdays

- 1 Tiffany Hogue
- 5 Nathan Snyder
- 7 James Ed Grubb
- 7 Kyle Poorbaugh
- 10 Charlotte Emel
- 10 Vernon Monsell
- 11 Doris Grove
- 11 Larry Lohr Jr.
- 11 Scott Spearly
- 12 Kacie Workman
- 16 Randy Troska
- 17 Jeff Shawver
- 20 Vicky Free
- 20 Nancy Burris
- 21 Norman Houser
- 21 Jacob Stem
- 24 Kaden Clark
- 27 Kennedy Robinson
- 27 Donovan Homan

Anniversaries

- 10 Michael & Sara Tumlin
- 12 Andy & Jenn Houser
- 13 Patrick & Dina Ishler
- 26 Barry & Bonnie Ishler

We celebrate with the following families whose loved ones have graduated from different levels of education and will be moving on to new experiences. Our prayers go with each one.



We all know and love Elizer Andino. We've watched him grow from a new born baby and here he is already graduating from pre-school!!! He is the son of Destiny Colazo and great-grandson of Dick and Jean Stauffer.

Matalyn Traxler, graduated from Red Land High School on June 6. She'll attend Harrisburg Community College in the fall to study nursing. She is the granddaughter of Kim Traxler and Don Breon.

Cameron J. Worrick graduated from Alleghany High School in Sparta, NC and will attend Wilkes Community College in Wilkesboro, NC. Cameron

plans to pursue a career in teaching. Cameron is the son of Chad and Lindsay Worrick and the grandson of Dave and Sue Whitehead.

Gavin Clark graduated with honors from Central PA Institute of Science and Technology on May 29, 2025 in Information Technology. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bellefonte on June 6, 2025. He recently left for Fort Jackson where he will be involved in the US Army Basic Training. Along with all these exciting life events he also got engaged prior to leaving for training!

Meghan Ishler graduated from Penn State with BS degrees in physics and mathematics. She will be attending the University of New Hampshire for graduate school in the fall. She is the daughter of Chad and Melissa Ishler and granddaughter of Barry and Bonnie Ishler.

Diana LaRoche has a busy family with four granddaughters attending college.

Amber Catral, Sofia and Haisley's mother, is working at Penn State while completing her prerequisites for nursing. She has been accepted into the Lewistown Geisinger Hospital for the nursing program, one of a few selected from numerous applicants. In January, she will be attending a condensed 18-month-nursing program, which will then qualify her to take the NCLEX for her RN License.

Teeona Breon Misher, Quinten's mother, has decided to continue her schooling after graduating in 2024 with an Associate's Degree in Health and Human Services. She is attending PSU to obtain her bachelor's degree while working at the Child Care Center at Hort Woods.

Grace Stem will be transferring in August to North Central College in Naperville, Illinois working towards a bachelor's in psychology. Grace will also continue her wrestling career at North Central.

Cadence Stem is currently a Penn State World Campus student pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Human Development and Family Studies. Cadence is also working at Hort Woods.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jer. 29:11

How We Got Here Testimonies Shared by Our Church Family

Darrell and Deena Hubert - Quite a few years ago, we attended church at Valley View Methodist Church. At that time our children were young, and we were looking for a church to attend. A friend of ours, Stacey Bilger, recommended Valley View church. We attended there for a short time. Unfortunately, we got away from the church when the kid's activities and other life challenges got in the way. Years later after the kids left home and started their own lives, we decided to again attend church services. We saw a new church opening along Buffalo Run Road. This was the new Greater Buffalo Run Valley United Methodist Church. We decided to try it out. Subsequently, we attended several services at GBRVUM Church. The people there were wonderful and very inviting. Pastor Jim and his services were great. It did not take us long to decide that this was the church for us. When the opportunity arrived, we jumped at the chance to join the GBRV United Methodist Church.

Karl and Barbara Peiffer

When Karl and I noticed the new church being built along Buffalo Run Road we were interested because at that time we were searching for a church to attend. We wanted a church which was small and hopefully one that we would feel comfortable in. We attended the old Buffalo Run church for the first time on Palm Sunday 2024. Immediately upon entering we were approached by Lisa Deibler with a welcome bag and a smiling "welcome to our church". Following that Debbie Houser and Gloria Lohr approached us with another friendly "welcome to our church" and helped us find seating. After the service too many people to list their names welcomed us. How wonderful that was. How could you not want to come back! We found what we had been looking for. This wonderful active church with many opportunities to serve the Lord and Pastor Jim's impactful, inspiring messages will keep us coming back.

Barry & Bonnie Ishler

I was raised in Valley View and joined the Valley View church in my teens. I met Bonnie and she joined the church the year we were married. We were active in the church helping with Sunday School and later joined the choir. I was the

treasurer and Ad Board Chair. Our sons (Patrick and Chad) were baptized and became members at Valley View. We supported the search for a suitable property to build a new church and supported the forming of the Greater Buffalo Run Valley United Methodist Church by combining the Fillmore, Valley View and Buffalo Run churches. We were both part of the new church choir. I also served as AD Board Chair and am a Trustee. We strongly supported building a new church. We continue to support the church because we worked so hard to get to where we could build a new church. The church is all on one level and handicap accessible, which is great for everyone. Everyone is friendly and easy to get along with and we love Pastor Jim.

Donna Mitchell

I grew up in the Methodist Church. My husband grew up in the Methodist church as well, however, it wasn't the same Church. We were married in the Methodist Church, but when we built our home in New Alexandria, we started going to the Presbyterian Church and eventually joined and became members there. For 35 years, we attended church services at the Presbyterian Church. When we sold our home and moved to State College, we tried to find a Presbyterian Church to our liking, but to no avail. We even tried the Methodist Church, but alas, we just didn't seem to fit in anywhere. As my husband got sicker, we gave up looking for a church home in State College. After my husband died, I longed for a place to feel at home and comforted. As many of you know, Vicky and Blair were friends of ours before I started coming to this church. Vicky encouraged me to come to church with them, so after some persuasion, I gave in. That first day I attended church, I knew this was my place for solace and worship. Everyone was kind and welcoming and I felt right at home. Thank you all for that warm welcome that I received. God is truly in this place.

"I am the **light** of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the **light** of life." Matthew 5:16

LET YOUR
=LIGHT=
shine
MATTHEW 5:16

September Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1 Curt Knepper
- 2 Sofia Catral
- 3 Quinten Misher
- 3 Izabel Stem
- 4 Phil Fenstermacher
- 7 Gloria Lohr
- 7 Tyler Lohr
- 8 Jim Decker
- 8 Millie Harper
- 10 Dwayne Dunkle
- 11 Misty Hicks
- 14 Bonnie Ishler
- 18 Todd Emel Jr.
- 18 Tara Johnstonbaugh
- 19 Brenda Johnstonbaugh
- 19 Terry Stem
- 22 Avery Stem
- 23 Judy Pfleegor
- 30 Jason Jarvis

Anniversaries

- 8 Darren & Heather Little
- 16 Jon & Meredith Houser
- 19 Todd & Charlotte Emel
- 20 Joe & Kristin Price
- 23 Ken Robinson & Susan Houser Robinson
- 23 David & Chastity Houser
- 24 Darrell & Deena Hubert



A Time for Rest

As the busy pace of life catches up with us, God calls each one to pause and rest from our work. The author of Hebrews reminds us that Sabbath rest continues for the people of God:

"So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his." Hebrews 4:9-10, ESV

This rest is not only a time to cease from our tasks, but an opportunity to reconnect and hear the still small voice of God. When you accept the invitation to rest from work, you mirror the divine pattern established by God. He rested after Creation not because He needed it, but because we do.

Picture the weight of your responsibilities as a towering mountain that stretches between you, and the peace God offers. It can at times be overwhelming. Yet God promises to take all that away. With Christ's redemptive work, every obstacle that blocks your path to God's peace is torn down. The valleys of despair are lifted, creating a straight pathway to His abiding rest. You no longer have to earn your way; you simply need to receive the gift of grace.

When you join Him on this path, your worries begin to evaporate, leaving space for a deeper relationship with the Father. In this sacred rest, your spirit finds renewal. The gifts of the Holy Spirit — love, joy, peace, and patience — blossom within you, reflecting the heart of Christ. Experience the refreshing flow of grace that rejuvenates your spirit and nourishes your soul.

God of rest, thank You for setting an example for us in the creation of the world by resting on the seventh day. Thank You for calling us to rest; for giving us this gift. Today, help me to stop trying to earn Your love or the love of those around me through my own hard work. Help me rest in Your peace and acceptance, and to meditate on Your character and Your love for me. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

From Abide Daily

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters...

Colossians 3:23

Brighten someone's day with a card...

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Bellefonte, PA 16823

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State College, PA 16803

Shirley Grove
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Pearl Hampton
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Millie Harper
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State College, PA 16801

Ralph Houser
1311 Valley View Road, Bellefonte

Dennis Johnstonbaugh
1395 Buffalo Run Rd, Bellefonte

Jane Rishel
1434 Buffalo Run Road, Bellefonte

Pam & Terry Tierney
1405 Buffalo Run Road, Bellefonte

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Bonita Springs, FL 34135 (winter)

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c/o Joe & Diana Matis
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Benton, PA 17814

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Those serving our Country

AUSTIN CLARK
SPC. AUSTIN DICK
COL. MICHAEL TUMLIN

We remember all those serving in the
military and our Veterans along with
their families.



Greater Buffalo Run Valley United Methodist Church

Worshipping to serve and praise the Lord at 9:45am, in-person in the church building. The weekly service is posted on YouTube at gbrvumc, after the church service.

July 2025

Acolyte TBD

Ushers Diana LaRoche & Eddie Grubb

Altar Flowers: In honor of all veterans given by Lisa Deibler

	6	13	20	27
Liturgist	Gloria Lohr	Glenda Houser	Emily Repka	Deb Houser
CC Teachers preschool & under	TBD TBD	Pastor Jim No C Church	TBD TBD.	No Children's Church
CC Teachers Grade K-4	TBD TBD	Pastor Jim No C Church	TBD TBD	No Children's Church
CC Teachers Grade 5 and up	TBD TBD	Pastor Jim N C Church	TBD TBD	No Children's Church
Greeters	Gale Bowman Donna Mitchell	Gale Bowman Donna Mitchell	Chris & Judy Pfleegor	Chris & Judy Pfleegor

August 2025

Acolyte TBD

Ushers Carl & Kristin Peters

Altar Flowers: given by Tammy and Mark Leathers

	3	10	17	24	31
Liturgist	Gloria Lohr	Glenda Houser	Emily Repka	Deb Houser	Linda Bathgate
CC Teachers preschool & under	No Children's Church	No Children's Church	No Children's Church	No Children's Church	No Children's Church
CC Teachers Grade K-4	No Children's Church	No Children's Church	No Children's Church	No Children's Church	No Children's Church
CC Teachers Grade 5 and up	No Children's Church	No Children's Church	No Children's Church	No Children's Church	No Children's Church
Greeters	Pete & Connie Peters	Lisa Deibler Linda Bathgate	Randy Troska Mary Jacobs	Curt & Louise Knepper	Curt & Louise Knepper

September 2025

Acolyte TBD

Ushers

Altar Flowers: in memory of Peggy Witmer and Nickel Grove given by Penny Grove

	7	14	21	28
Liturgist	Gloria Lohr	Glenda Houser	Emily Repka	Deb Houser
CC Teachers preschool & under	TBD TBD	Pastor Jim No C Church	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
CC Teachers Grade K-4	TBD TBD	Pastor Jim No C Church	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
CC Teachers Grade 5 and up	TBD TBD	Pastor Jim No C Church	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Greeters	Darrell & Deena Hubert	Darrell & Deena Hubert	Karen Bilger Connie Shay	Karen Bilger Connie Shay

God creates the world.

Genesis 1:1—2:25



God creates the world.

Genesis 1:1—2:25

In the beginning, before anything was anything, God made the heavens and the earth. He just said, “Let there be light,” and there was light! Then God made the sky and the land and the oceans. God made the plants and the sun, moon and stars. He liked what He made. It was very good!

Then God said, “Let the sky be filled with birds that fly.” And it was. He said, “Let the waters be filled with all sorts of creatures.” Then there were fish, dolphins, jellyfish, and many other creatures in the water. Next, God made every kind of animal. When God saw all the creatures that He made, He said that they were very good.

Then God did something even more special! He took some dirt and formed it into a man. Then God breathed into the man and he became alive. Next, God made a woman. They were the first people—people like you and me. They were named Adam and Eve. God loved Adam and Eve. Everything God made was very good.

And It Was Very Good

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Genesis 1:1-2:4a (NIV).



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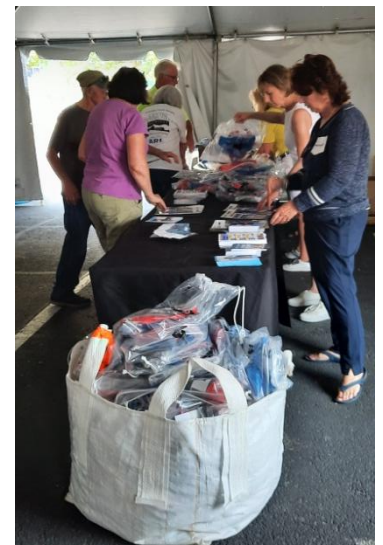
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Our Family Album

Our Easter Egg Hunt was very well attended and enjoyed by all.



The Ironman Volunteers are hard at work!



The heat didn't keep anyone away from the Strawberry Festival

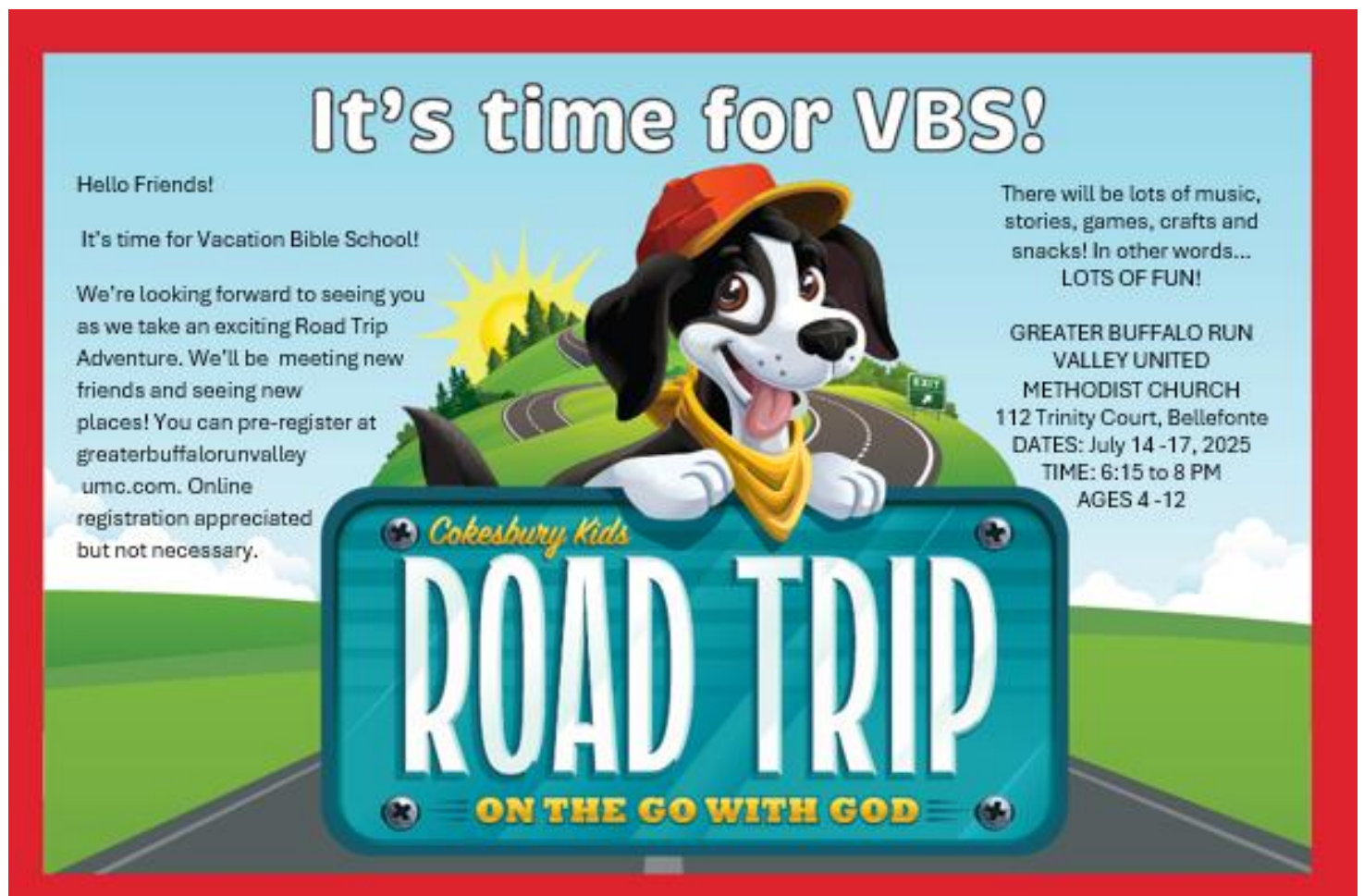


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It's time for VBS!

Hello Friends!

It's time for Vacation Bible School!

We're looking forward to seeing you as we take an exciting Road Trip Adventure. We'll be meeting new friends and seeing new places! You can pre-register at greaterbuffalorunvalleyumc.com. Online registration appreciated but not necessary.

There will be lots of music, stories, games, crafts and snacks! In other words...
LOTS OF FUN!

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TIME: 6:15 to 8 PM
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