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STEELE CREEK  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
at Pleasant Hill

15000 York Road Charlotte, NC 28278  
704-588-1290

Working together to follow Christ in joyfully serving  
our neighbors as compassionate, connected, contrib-  
uting, everyday disciples.

Your yearly Bible reading plan:

Reading the Bible in order: By next Friday finish  
2 Chronicles 12-36

Reading the Bible in chronological order:  
By next Friday finish plan - [see page 4](#).

Next week look for the following week's plan.

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# Upcoming Worship

SPEAKER: BILLY GRIER

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 15:21-28

MESSAGE: THE MOTHER OF GREAT FAITH

ELDER GREETERS	MICHAEL FAIRCLOTH, JARED MCCALL
DEACON USHERS	GENE GILLELAND, KELLY BURKHART, CLINTON CORBETT, DAN STURGE, RANDALL BRUNSON
COUNTERS	LEIGHTON BROWN, DEWITT LAUERMAN
SIGNERS	BARRY SMALL, DAVID THOMPSON

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE  
GLORY OF GOD BY CARSON PENNINGTON IN  
HONOR OF ALL THE MOMS IN HIS LIFE, LYNNE,  
KARSEN, AND DONNA.

THE FLOWERS TODAY ARE ALSO GIVEN TO THE  
GLORY OF GOD BY WALTER NEELY IN MEMORY OF  
HIS MOTHER, FRANCES NEELY'S 110 BIRTHDAY



ON MAY 10TH AND IN HONOR OF ALL THE  
MOTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION ON  
MOTHER'S DAY.

THE 2024 FLOWER SIGN-UP POSTER IS ON THE  
BULLETIN BOARD TO THE RIGHT OF THE CHURCH  
OFFICE. IT IS AS EASY AS WRITING YOUR NAME IN A  
BLANK. THE CHURCH WILL CALL YOU FOR DETAILS  
AND PAYMENT. COST IS \$50.

LAST WEEK'S MORNING WORSHIP:

INHOUSE 229	CHILDREN 23	NURSERY 5	YOUTUBE VIEWS 44	FACEBOOK VIEWS 21	TOTAL 294
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# Odds and Ends

## LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of the law enforcement officers who were killed and with those who were injured in the tragic event that happened on Monday, April 29, 2024. The music department (choir, bells, praise team, tech team) is wearing blue and/or black on Sunday to show support and solidarity for our men and women in law enforcement. You are invited to join us in wearing black/blue on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

A proclamation signed by JFK in 1962 set May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the corresponding week as Police Week. For more details:

[National Police Week](#)



Ladies, we are asking you to wear your hats on Mother's Day in honor of all moms.

Good afternoon, ladies! If you have any remaining balance due for the upcoming Women's Retreat, this is a gentle reminder to complete your payment and any forms necessary. We look forward to worshipping and fellowshiping with each other on May 17, and/or 18 & 19.

Football legend Troy Aikman was a high school champion... in typing.

## Money Management

### Tip of the Month

Hard work has multiple rewards not only for your family, but also for the church as a whole. Proverbs 3:9-10 says: Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Consider how much you are blessed with. If everyone gave their firstfruits, imagine the impact to our community and the world.



# Calendar and Events

## UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

<b>Sunday - Mother's Day - Ladies, Wear Your Hat</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
08:45 am – Children's Choir - Meet in the Choir Suite	10 am - Shut-in Meals
09:30 am – Sunday School, Donuts & Coffee	6:15 pm - Praise Team
10:30 am - Worship	7 pm - Choir Rehearsal
8 pm - AA meeting	8 pm - AA meeting
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
11 am - Intercessory Prayer Team	10 am - Beyond the Word
6:30 pm - Mission Ministry Meeting	7 pm - Handbells
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
10 am - Friendship Circle	Women's Retreat kicks-off
11:30 am - Staff meeting	<b>Sunday - Pentecost &amp; Communion</b>
6:30 pm - Finance Ministry	12 pm - BASIC Training Pool Party!

### Raptor Security System

We have a new visitor management system known as Raptor. If you have school-aged children, you are more than likely familiar with this system. Used by more than 5,300 (40%) U.S. school districts, this technology has become a quick and easy way to assist staff in recognizing who should or should not be on campus, in a building, or around children.

When coming to the campus Monday – Friday, 9 – 3:30 pm, you will use the main office doors and let the staff know you are here. If you are to enter the preschool building anytime during preschool hours, Monday – Friday, 9 – 1pm, you must have a badge issued to you by the main office or the preschool office and conspicuously wear it. If you are on the cooking team or any other group that accesses the big kitchen, you must come to the church office, check-in, and wear your printed badge. Please, do not enter any side door to bypass this check-in. If you are not entering the preschool building but on campus, please check-in at the main office; you do not have to have a printed badge.

This system does require a driver's license or state issued I.D. card. You will present your I.D. during your first check-in. Your image, name, and date of birth are collected from the scanner. A search is completed on publicly found offender databases. The Raptor system does not collect social security numbers. All data is contained in-house. This system will not be used on weekends or in the evenings.

This system is in place on our campus for everyone's safety - especially to protect the preschool's children. This visitor management system will allow the church staff, preschool staff and teachers to know if someone is on the campus, and if they should or should not be in certain areas. Thank you for your support and faith in allowing the two staffs to work together creating a safer environment for all who work here and attend school here.

Select dates for the next four weeks and beyond:

### May

13 - VBS launch date!! Register on Church Center on May 13 for VBS  
 20 - Intercessory Prayer Team - 11:00am 12:00pm  
 21 - Men's Fellowship Gathering - 6:30pm 7:30pm  
 27 - Memorial Day  
 27 - Church Office Closed  
 27 - Intercessory Prayer Team - 11:00am 12:00pm  
 28 - Session 2024: Session Meeting - 7:00pm 9:00pm

### June

03 - Intercessory Prayer Team - 11:00am  
 03 - Admin. and Personnel Meeting - 6:00pm  
 04 - Christian Growth - 6:45pm 8:15pm  
 09 - Deacon Meeting - 11:45am 12:15pm  
 10 - Intercessory Prayer Team - 11:00am 12:00pm  
 10 - Missions Ministry Team Meeting - 6:30pm 7:30pm  
 11 - Friendship Circle - 10:00am 11:00am  
 13 - Congregational Care Meeting - 6:30pm 7:30pm  
 17 - Intercessory Prayer Team - 11:00am 12:00pm  
 18 - Men's Fellowship Group Gathering - 6:30pm 7:30pm  
 24 - Intercessory Prayer Team - 11:00am 12:00pm  
 25 - Session 2024: Session Meeting - 7:00pm 9:00pm

**July 7-11 Vacation Bible School**  
**October 12 Scottish Heritage Golf Tournament**

# Vacation Bible School

## Adult VBS

We are hosting a DVD format class with follow-up discussion led by Pastor Jeff. The class is free; study materials can be purchased but are not necessary to participate. Register online via Church Center starting May 13, or call the church office to save your spot.

The hard cover book can be purchased for \$21 when you register for the adult VBS via Church Center starting May 13; purchasing the book is optional. It is not necessary for this class. You may also order the e-book online for yourself.

The adult VBS program will begin at 6:30 pm Sunday, July 7 and last about 60 to 75 minutes each evening through Thursday, July 11. A meal is available from 5:15 - 6pm with the younger VBS'ers.

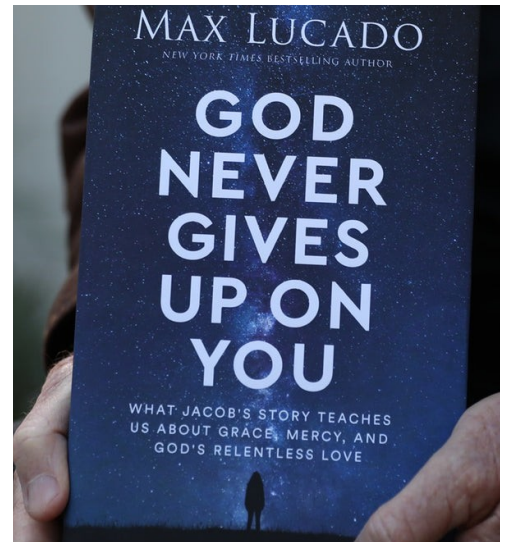
## Curriculum

### God Never Gives Up on You

**What Jacob's story teach us about Grace, Mercy, and God's Relentless Love!**

**"God's Grace Is Greater Than Your Biggest Set-back. God enacts his perfect plan through imperfect people—including you and me!"**

**In this five-session Bible study, you will see how God used Jacob—the misbehaving patriarch who was strong on savvy but weak on conscience—simply because God chose to use Jacob. His story invites us to believe in a God who sticks with the unworthy until we are safely at home."**



## Vacation Bible School sign-ups start Monday!!!

The dates this year are Sunday, July 7 through Thursday, July 11. Meals start at 5:15 and is an optional add-on. VBS starts at 6pm each evening. This program is for pre-schoolers who are fully potty trained through children who are in or have just completed 5th grade.

**Have you signed a photo release for your minor? If not, please reach out to your child's/youth's leader. All minors should have one before being on our social media accounts and/or website.**

## Your Yearly Bible Reading Plan (cont.)

May 10: 2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19; Psalm 20

May 11: Psalm 65-67, 69-70

May 12: 2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Chronicles 20

May 13: Psalm 32, 51, 86, 122

May 14: 2 Samuel 13-15

May 15: Psalm 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55

May 16: 2 Samuel 16-18

May 17: Psalm 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64





# Music Notes

♪★ Hey, SCPCPH Children's Choir members! We sing THIS SUNDAY! ♪★

Here's the schedule:



Rehearsal: **Saturday**, May 11 at 10 AM in the sanctuary



Warmup: **Sunday**, May 12 at 8:45 AM in the choir room



Performance: **Sunday**, May 12 at 10:30 AM during the service

Don't miss this heartwarming event

Questions? Contact

[kaarin@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:kaarin@steelecreekchurch.org)

**Children's Choir**  
MOTHER'S DAY 2024

**SATURDAY REHEARSAL!**  
May 11 • 10:00 AM  
in the Sanctuary

**SUNDAY PERFORMANCE!**  
May 12 • 8:45 AM Warmup  
10:30 AM Performance

Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill  
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I have a blank spot here, so, for those bird loving people such as our Music Director Kaarin, here is a little tidbit from one of my Uncle John's books.

## What is the loudest bird on Earth?

The male white bellbird of the Amazon rainforest. The mating call is deafening at 125 decibels while screaming directly into the female's face at point blank range. If he is loud enough, the mute female will choose him.

This volume at this distance is akin to standing a few inches away from a speaker at a rock concert or next to a jet during takeoff.



That famous historical moment when Jesus met the Beatles



The Children's Choir will present a joyful program



May 12 for Mother's Day under the direction of Kelly Byrum. Please come out and support their choral performance.

# Ministries

## Fellowship Opportunities

You have the opportunity to join a new fellowship group! On the first Friday of each month, starting in June, the church will sponsor a variety of activities like traveling to a restaurant for lunch, going to local area attractions, and occasionally taking a day trip, all while enjoying your church family. This opportunity is open to everyone in the church.

On June 7th at noon, we will meet at Captain Steve's Family Seafood Restaurant in Fort Mill, S.C. You can drive yourself or come to the church at 10:30 am to carpool. You will need to be at the restaurant no later than 11:15 am so you can be seated with our group.

On our second field trip, July 5th, we will visit the Billy Graham Library. Other fun trips, some out of town, are being planned, so stay tuned!

## Men's Fellowship Group

We have people in our church family and Men's Fellowship group who've honed their home maintenance skills over the years. We know from experience if you call a repairman, you'll pay a service charge around \$100 or more, then have to pay for the repairs.

Our men are ready and eager to help you avoid that expense on small maintenance and repairs by sharing their skills. Now, we're not talking about building a deck or roofing your house or repairs that require city/county permits. We are talking about things like:

- An electrical outlet that doesn't work
- A leaky faucet
- A commode that runs too much
- Changing filters in the a/c or furnace
- Changing batteries in the smoke detectors
- Installing battery operated smoke detectors
- Mounting a ceiling fan



Other maintenance that you may identify.

If you can make use of this service, please feel free to phone Barry Small (704)351-8575 or call the church office at 704-588-1290. We're ready to serve when you need us!

## Door of Hope Children's Mission:

Pastor Dexter Greene's team left on May 7 to serve with Door of Hope. Thank you to everyone for helping with this mission effort. Please be in prayer for the team.

## WEST BLVD MINISTRY FENCE STAINING DAY

Thank you to all the people who came out May 3 and helped stain West Blvd Ministry's 500 linear feet of fencing. This team was rained out on Saturday, May 4, but got all the necessary work done in one day. Awesome job!



Not pictured: Clinton Corbett and DeWitt Lauerman

## Need Prayer?

The Intercessory Prayer Team is honored and privileged to pray for your prayer requests. We want to pray for concerns close to your heart. You can submit your prayers through the Prayer Request Card located in your pew, online through Church Center or scan the QR code. You can also feel to call or text members of the Intercessory Prayer Team, Clinton Corbett, Mamie Gaver, Dexter Greene, Sandi Lauerman or Karen Rawls.

## Summer Sunday School for Adults

An adult Sunday School class will meet during the summer months. We will have our first class on June 9th and will conclude on August 25th. We will meet in the choir room. A subject of study will be announced soon.

# WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

*So many ways to serve.*

## **Drivers Needed**



The third Thursday of each month our Shut-Ins and two volun-

teer fire departments are delivered hot meals that are made on site by Bill Harraman and his crew.

This crew needs additional drivers to help deliver and visit with our shut-ins. Deliveries start at 11:30a.m.

You may have to go as far as Gastonia. If you are available one Thursday a month around lunch time, please reach out to Marion Briggs through Church Center or call the church office to sign-up.

## **Nursery Worker Needed**

The church is looking to fill one position in the nursery. This is a paid position. Your hours would be each Sunday from 9am - 12pm. You must pass a background check. If you would be interested, please contact Lindsey Lucariello through the church office.

## **FOSTERING THE FAMILY**

### **NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR INVOLVEMENT!**

Are you looking for a monthly service opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus? Do you have a heart for vulnerable children? There is an opportunity to help serve and support fostering families in our local area. Come learn more about the crisis of foster care in our local community. Join us on June 9th after service for our Foster Family Care Support Awareness Luncheon.

The Missions Ministry team is launching a new way for you to serve. Look for much more to come about our relationship with Foster the Family based in South Carolina, an affiliate non-profit of Promise 686 out of Georgia with an amazing history of service.

Our church is creating a community of about 8 people to support one family in the fostering system. As we progress, we are already looking forward to supporting several families at any given time.

Our community of care will be known at Stepping Stones Care Community.

## **Congregational Care Ministry Team**

The Congregational Care Ministry Team is updating its list of church members who are willing to provide transportation to our members. From time to time there are needs for rides to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, rides to church on Sunday or events during the week. This isn't an everyday thing, but it's something that is greatly

needed. If you are willing to help with this mission, please let the church office know. You will be included on a list of available folks who can help. Your willingness will mean a great deal to those in need and to all church members. Thanks for your consideration. Also, if you are aware of anyone who needs this kind of assistance, please let the office know as well. We can't help folks if we don't know they need us. Office phone is 704-588-1290.

# Prayer Concerns

Please be in prayer for the following that they receive peace, comfort, support, healing, strength, and the love of Christ as He knows all the needs of all people. For more details on each, please see Church Center's Prayer List.

## Condolences

- ◆ Jack Farrell, Louise Freeman's brother, passed on Monday night. Please pray for the family and friends of the family.
- ◆ Prayer for the families and friends of law enforcement officers killed in the shooting incident in Charlotte on Monday of last week.

## Surgery

- ◆ Gerry Roberts is scheduled for gall bladder surgery May 20th.
- ◆ Jeff Lemond will have knee surgery on May 16th.
- ◆ Jerry Powell, a very good friend of Bill Ferguson's is having serious abdominal surgery. Please pray for God's grace for Jerry and his family.
- ◆ Bo Lane, Clinton Corbett's neighbor, has been rescheduled for hernia surgery due to heart concern.
- ◆ Leon Daniels is scheduled for surgery May 30.

## Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- ◆ Pray for our mission team as they work in South Africa and serve with the Door of Hope.
- ◆ Prayer for our mission team leaving for Honduras on May 27th.
- ◆ Prayer for the police officers, their fellow officers' families and friends as they heal from the shooting incident in Charlotte last Monday.
- ◆ Paul Kuto will be on a mission trip in Kenya from 3/15/2024 - 7/30/2024 to work with 2 volunteer teams from Portland, Oregon. He will also work with local teams to expand a water project in his village.
- ◆ Lexie Simerly is scheduled for deployment to Korea in August.

- ◆ Pray for the country of Ukraine and its people.
- ◆ Pray for the country of Israel and its people.
- ◆ Pray for the hunger being experienced in Sudan due to war like conditions.
- ◆ For Christians who are persecuted around the world.
- ◆ Pray for the current foster parents and pray that more foster parents come forward. There is a drastic shortage and such a strong need.
- ◆ For teachers.
- ◆ Kairos Prison Ministry: For the inmates and those serving in the ministry, that they would know Jesus as their Savior.
- ◆ For youth in all circumstances who are facing bullying.

## General Health Concerns

- ◆ Kathy Cuff, John and Annette Freeman's daughter has severely impaired vision in one eye.
- ◆ Wayne Whiteside is in Asbury Aldersgate Rehab Facility as his cracked pelvis heals. His stay can last for possibly 4 to 6 weeks.
- ◆ Drew Martin is the baby of a friend of the Tuccillo Family. Baby Drew has heart defects and will need open heart surgery once he gains enough weight.
- ◆ Beth Spratt is doing well. She is able to walk gingerly but without assistance. She hopes to be able to get out of the brace and boot she's wearing this week.
- ◆ Marcia Henderson is recovering very well from knee replacement surgery.
- ◆ Dot Earp continues to deal with hip pain with her chiropractor.
- ◆ Johnny Simms, the brother of Gloria Smith is doing better. He's able to go to rehab.

- ◆ Felicia Clark Peaseley has returned home following rehab. She is still recovering from her surgery and needs prayer.

## Cancer

- ◆ Patty, Clinton Corbett's sister-in-law, is being tested for endometrial cancer. Please pray for her.
- ◆ Raquel Mercer, Ragan Haston's sister and Tom & Regina Settlemyre's daughter has been diagnosed with cancer.
- ◆ Anita, Allison Beach's friend's mother, has been diagnosed with aggressive Lymphoma. Hospice has been called in.
- ◆ Ray Wilson, Toni McCall's brother-in-law, was diagnosed with aggressive cancer. He has had surgery, and they feel they have removed the cancer.
- ◆ Ken Wilkerson, brother of Terry Gillette, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- ◆ Penni Cooke, a coworker of Kate Lemond, had good news. Her last scan showed her cancer to be in remission. She still will receive 4 more months of chemotherapy. She is feeling good.
- ◆ Carol Pridgen, sister of Betty Small, has completed her treatment at Duke. They are reassessing her condition to determine what further steps to take. This gives her time to regain some strength.
- ◆ Yvette Suarez-Navis has had surgery for cancer. She will now undergo radiation treatments. Yvette works in our church nursery.
- ◆ Allyson Spratt daughter-in-law of Mike Spratt is undergoing chemotherapy. She is doing well except for being tired all the time.
- ◆ Darryl **and** Jan Emory (Wilson Byrum's daughter and son-in-law)



both have cancer.

- ◆ Andy Griffith, neighbor of Cheryl Simerly, has had cancer return and has other medical issues.
- ◆ Ruth McGaha met with her doctor regarding her scan and nothing much has changed.
- ◆ Jim Conner, Beckie Ennis' father, has finished chemo. He is on a schedule to have a scan every three months. One cancer spot has shrunk which is a praise.
- ◆ Elaine Scarborough, friend of Becky Neely, diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer had scans. The scans have shown improvement.
- ◆ Teresa Hartman, friend & neighbor of Angie Neel, has completed chemo treatments for stage 4 neck/throat cancer.
- ◆ Fletcher Wilson, Ashley Rawls father is having surgery on his left leg May 9th. He will also be having a biopsy done on some spots that showed up on his lung CT scan.
- ◆ Johnny Bethea, cousin of Anne Moore, has been diagnosed with liver cancer in addition to pancreatic cancer. He is continuing chemo treatments.
- ◆ Larry Aaron, a friend of Kate Lemond, is feeling better and has started his chemo treatments.
- ◆ Dave Prouty, a friend of the Morgan's, had a recent cancer scan that reveals his cancer has advanced. Please pray for him, his wife and twin daughters.

### Ongoing Illness

- ◆ John Williams, Mary Beth Monroe's brother-in-law, has been put on the kidney transplant list. Please pray for this to happen timely and for a donor match to be found.
- ◆ Becky Beck, the grandmother of Spencer and Gavin Beck, is suffering from a number of different health issues and appreciates all prayers.
- ◆ Mrs. Darrell Bonapart is in a life threatening situation. They have

put in a port to start dialysis immediately. She and her husband appreciate all the prayers lifted up for them.

- ◆ Daniel Morris, friend of Bruce Doane, diagnosed with Wegener's disease is off steroids. They are continuing his infusion treatments and seeing how he progresses.
- ◆ Cooper Freeman III is home from the hospital and seems to be doing well following his procedure. He has multiple medical visits scheduled.

### Fostering the Family (FTF)

- ◆ Fostering the Family asks for prayers for all of our support churches and care communities that are wrapping around these vulnerable families.
- ◆ Please pray for the organization *Fostering the Family* and the following children that are looking to be adopted:

\* Laila: found a permanent home but with all she's been through she's trying to disrupt her adoption. The family is a good family and is willing to work through her issues with her following some training for trauma. This training is available through Fostering the Family.

\* Jenifire: still waiting for a permanent home. Jenifire has been in foster care for four years.

\* Princeton, Desiyah, Destiny: please continue to pray for these children. Desiyah is still missing. Princeton needs appropriate services to come through to help him. Destiny doesn't have a foster home and may be living in the office.

\* Brittany: case has been continued. It could be another 3 to 6 months before another hearing to have parental rights terminated.

- ◆ Todd, son of Kim who works with FTF, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Pray that it is treatable and for the support and love of his family to surround him.

- ◆ The father-in-law of Susie Boyle and his wife want continued prayers as they face his medical difficulties.
- ◆ Sammi, niece of Susan Boyle, and the triplets: the triplets are doing well and continue to gain weight.

### Students

- ◆ Clay Ferguson
- ◆ Kelly Ferguson
- ◆ Donald Horack
- ◆ Melinda Moore
- ◆ Ben Shanti
- ◆ Casey Snyder
- ◆ Regan Snyder
- ◆ Sydney Snyder
- ◆ Andrew Tanner
- ◆ Charlie Warnke

### Military

***\*\*When we have someone serving outside of the U.S., we remember them, by lighting a candle, until they return. Please be in prayer for them.***

- ◆ \*\*Brian Cox, US Air Force, Italy
- ◆ Olivia Hommes, US Air Force Academy, Colorado
- ◆ Bradley Lauerman, US Navy, Virginia
- ◆ Lexie Simerly, US Army, Washington
- ◆ Will Warsaw, US Navy, Virginia

### Homebound

Joan Brown	Sarah Middleton
Linda Clark	Margaret Niell
Joyce Carpenter	Forrest Nunnally
Dot Earp	Gerry Roberts
Katharine Freeman	Mike Spratt
Louise Freeman	Margaret Wert
Elaine Kotraba	Wayne Whiteside
Hannah Maurer	Lois Yandle
Pat McCorkle	