



# St. Jerome Journal

*Fancy Farm, Kentucky 42039*

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Since COVID surfaced St. Jerome hasn't been able to have as many activities as usual. In this issue are some of the activities / events we were able to have as restrictions were lifted. I hope you enjoy this issue!

## **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM**

St. Jerome Church had parishioners sign up to participate in the Spiritual Adoption Program in February of 2021. Each month the progress of the baby, listed below, was published in the weekly bulletin.

**Month 1:** Thank you for praying for me. I am one month old now. I have a heart pumping my blood and a backbone. I am very, very tiny and I appreciate you prayers.

**Month 2:** Keep praying for me! I am two months old now and about two inches long. Look! You can see my eyes, nose and mouth. I will use them to experience God's world after I am born.

**Month 3:** The baby can now squint, swallow and move his/her tongue. He/she sleeps and awakens. Fingernails and toenails form and he/she now has his/her own unique set of fingerprints. Sensitive to touch, he/she will tightly grasp an object placed in the palm of his/her hand. He/she breathes amniotic fluid to help develop and strengthen the respiratory system, but he/she gets the oxygen he/she needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce and is about three inches in length.

**Month 4:** The baby's brain has begun maturing—a process that will continue until he/she is about 14 years old. The eyelids are now sealed and will re-open at 7 months. The taste buds are now working. Nutrients consumed by the mother are passed on to the baby within an hour or two. 300 quarts of fluid a day are sent to the baby via the umbilical cord. Fine hair begins to grow on head, eyebrows and eyelashes. Facial expressions similar to parents of the baby can be seen at this time. This month REMS (rapid eye movements) have been recorded—a sign of dreaming. The baby is now about nine inches in length.

**Month 5:** The baby weighs over one pound now. The mother can feel the movement now. Before the baby was too small for her to feel. Although the baby swam with ease in their watery world, he/she needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent the inside wall of the uterus which has no feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. The baby is about 12 inches in length.

**Month 6:** The baby's oil and sweat glands are functioning. These both help regulate body temperatures. A white filmy layer covers the baby and protects the delicate skin from the surrounding amniotic fluid and from scratches as the baby twists and turns. This waxy substance will be quickly absorbed into the skin and soon after the baby is born. The baby can now respond to a sound. The lungs are fairly well developed, and the baby would stand a good chance of survival if born at this time. The baby's weight is approaching two pounds and measures about 14" long.

**Month 7:** Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. The eyelids open and close and the eyes look around. The baby can hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. The baby now recognizes its own mother's voice. The grip is even stronger now than it will be after its birth. The hair on the body is disappearing. During this time the baby will receive antibodies from the mother providing it immunity to a wide variety of diseases. The baby is about 15 inches in length.

**Month 8:** In the last two months the baby continues to gain weight. It is developing a layer of fat that will keep it warm after it is born. In the 9th month baby will shift to a head-down position, preparing for birth. The lungs are now fully developed and capable of making the transition to breathing air. After birth the baby will continue the human growth process for many years to come. The baby is about 18 inches in length.

**Month 9:** St. Jerome celebrated each child's spiritual birth on October 9–10, 2021, with the annual baby shower. This was "Drive-thru" with all items and donations given to the Hope Center of Mayfield.

## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### SACRAMENTAL PREP

The 2nd and 9th graders began preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist in January 2021.

A Confirmation retreat was held on February 27, 2021, at the Lodge at Emerald Waters for the 9th graders. Classes were held the months leading up to their confirmation date of April 17, 2021. The following received the

Sacrament of Confirmation: Hayden Alexander, Ryan Barnett, Allie Buckman, Carson Carrico, Joe-Kason Cash, Tommy Ellegood, Jalen Hobbs, Alec Jenkins, Kelsey Mantle, Molly Miller, Gage Munsell, Jenci Redden, Abby Smithson, Dylan Thompson, Whitney Toon and Chase Webster. Congratulations!



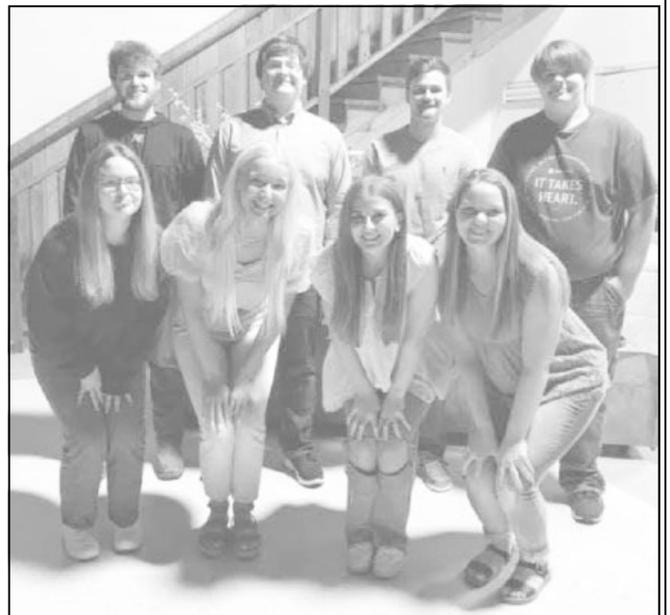
The 2nd grade students had workbooks to complete with their parents to prepare them for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 19, 2021, and First Communion on May 2, 2021. Pictured is Nolan Trevathan with his family and grandparents at First Reconciliation. Those receiving these two sacraments were: Abigail Bouland, Charlie Driscoll, Camila Elder, Brooks Hayden, Cooper Jones, Maria Puryear, Brayden Smith, Carter Smith, Truitt Terry, Brody Thompson, Nolan Trevathan and Kimber Wilson. Congratulations!



### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

The youth began activities again in 2021.

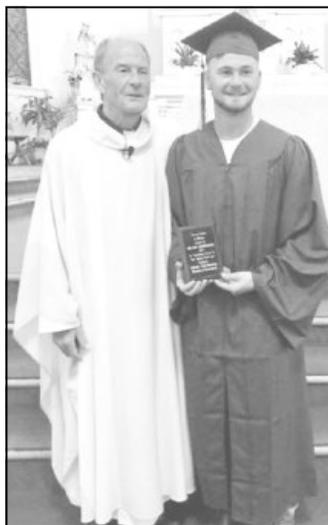
- ✠ They kicked off January with a Celebrate Life Fun Night.
- ✠ In February they had Super Bowl theme with a Souper Bowl Fun Night. As part of the Souper Bowl they collected money and food items to donate to the Needline in Mayfield.
- ✠ In March they had St. Patrick's Day and March Madness themed nights. Also during March the 12th graders were recognized with a Progressive Dinner.



St. Jerome Parish Religious Education students were asked to participate in the Easter Almsgiving for Children in Need by bringing in items to fill Easter Baskets. The Middle & High School PRE students assembled 221 Easter Baskets and they were distributed to children at New Pathways, The Lighthouse, Fancy Farm, Lowes and Carlisle County Family Resource Centers.



- ✚ In April the youth leaders started planning for Camp Connect.
- ✚ In May they held End of Year Celebrations. A Baccalaureate Mass was held on May 18, 2021, for the 12th grade seniors and any graduating college student. At this Mass, Brady Ellegood was presented the Servant Leader in Ministry (SLIM) award. Congratulations!



- ✚ On June 9–12, 2021, Camp Connect was held and celebrated 10 years. Camp was a little different this year due to COVID ... the students went home each night. They were still able to work at agencies and people's residences.
- ✚ On June 28–July 2, 2021, Gasper on the Go was held for 3rd–6th grades. Staff from Gasper River came to work "Gasper on the Go".

*"Start by doing what is necessary, then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."  
~ St. Francis of Assisi*



✠ On July 17-18, 2021, Youth 2000 was held in Owensboro. The four youth who attended WERE Ryan Barnett, Gabe Redden, Josie Redden and Jaelyn Thompson.



✠ On July 19–21, 2021, Vacation Bible School was held for incoming Kindergarten through 4th grade. The theme was “Rocky Railway: Jesus Pulls Us Through.”



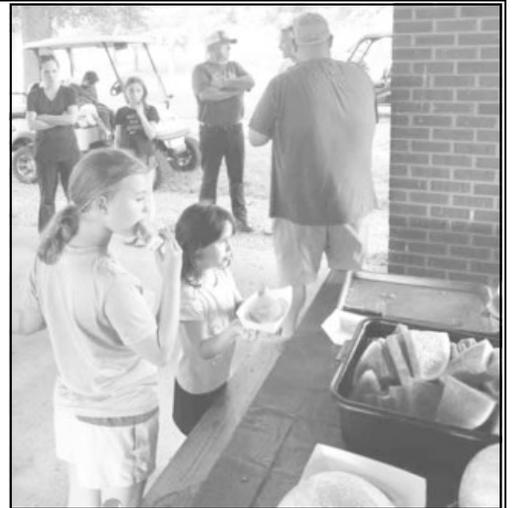
✠ September 12, 2021, PRE began for grades Kindergarten–11th for the 2021-2022 year.

✠ Thanks to the Middle and High School teens who turned out on September 22, 2021, to help assemble Buddy Poppy’s for our local VFW (Veterans of Foreign War) Auxiliary chapter. Loretta Leeper and Joyce Toon educated the teens on how the money they raise supports veterans, their families and so many more. We were super happy to help, putting together 1,540 Poppy’s.



## “DO DROP IN” EVENTS

St. Jerome tried something new with “Do Drop In” events starting in June. We served ice cream on June 17, 2021; hotdog with chips on June 24, 2021; and watermelon on July 22, 2021 (pictured). Parishioners could drive through or bring their lawn chair and stay for a bit. Volleyball, cornhole and the gaga pit were available to play.



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Congratulations to our newest Catholics that St. Jerome welcomed into the church at Easter Vigil on April 3, 2021. Pictured are candidates Lisa Adams, Grant Cherry, Nia Jaco and Mark Gibson. Thank you to their sponsors Kay Atkins, Rodney Hayden, Joe Goff and Pam Nanny.



## PARISH COUNCIL NEW MEMBERS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2021

Congratulations to Sam Englert, Theresa Thompson and Gayle Willett who will serve on the Parish Council for three years .

## FANCY FARM COMMUNITY INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

The parade was held on July 4, 2021. The theme was “A Salute to the USA!”. Concessions were sold by Fat Freddie’s and Mid-Town Drive-In. The Grand Marshalls were Jimmy and Mona Lee. Dr. Hunt brought his famous Mules. Prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The evening ended with a firework display. Thank you to Jimmy & Cynthia Elder for organizing the parade and to T. J. Munsell and team for the fireworks!



## 141st ST. JEROME FANCY FARM PICNIC

The Picnic Committee began planning for the 141st Picnic in February of 2021. Monthly meetings were held and as more COVID restrictions were lifted, we were able to plan better and safer. We were able to have a FULL picnic on Saturday, August 7, 2021. Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the picnic and make it another successful year. The winners of the raffle drawing were John Higdon, 1st place—Truck; Michael Day, 2nd place—\$500 cash; Otis Ohnemus, 3rd place—\$500 cash; and Teresa Collins, 4th place—\$500 cash. Congratulations!



~TODAY'S MENU~  
 9 tons pork & mutton  
 1900 lbs chicken  
 146 gallons corn  
 410 lbs lima beans  
 225 lbs peas  
 258 lbs green beans  
 1400 lbs potato salad  
 250 lbs coleslaw  
 Tomatoes, cucumbers, onions  
 Homemade pies & cakes  
 Thank You!



BINGO				
1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65



## BACKPACK BLESSING

St. Jerome held a Mass to bless student backpacks on August 11, 2021. After Mass an ice cream social was held outside on the Parish Center lawn. Thank you to the Family Life Committee for coordinating this event.



## GRANDPARENTS DAY

The Family Life Committee planned an activity for grandparents and grandchildren on September 12, 2021. There was a photo booth, craft and snack for them to enjoy.

## DRIVE-THRU BABY SHOWER

The Social Concerns Committee hosted a “Drive-Thru” Baby Shower the weekend of October 9–10, 2021. The baby shower celebrated each child’s spiritual birth in the Spiritual Adoption Program. All items and monetary donations were given to the Hope Center of Mayfield. The Hope Center, organized locally in 1996, offers free pregnancy tests / STD tests, limited ultrasounds, peer advising services, post-care support, basic childcare needs assistance, and other practical, emotional and spiritual help to empower women and men facing pregnancy related concerns. Thank you to everyone for their support and generosity.



## BLESSING OF PETS

Fr. Darrell blessed pets in front of the rectory on Sunday, October 10, 2021. St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day is October 4. St. Francis of Assisi (1181 - 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God,



who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

## ROSARY COAST TO COAST

St. Jerome Church participated in the Rosary Coast to Coast rally on October 10, 2021, in the grotto.



## JESUIT WHITEHOUSE RETREAT

St. Jerome Church was well represented at the Whitehouse Retreat on October 11–14, 2021, in St. Louis, Missouri. Pictured front row left to right:

Lanny Wilson, Randall Elder, Denis Wilson, John Carrico, Kent Curtsinger; second row: Wayne Wilson, Greg Higdon, Don Masterson; third row: Father Darrell Venters, Dean Thomas, Tommy Ballard, Hank Cecil; top row: Leo Pendel, Kyle Thomas, Jacob Thomas and Richard Thomas.



## AROUND THE ST. JEROME GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS FROM FR. DARRELL VENTERS

The baptismal font is completed and I believe a nice addition to the church building. The Ag Building has been torn down and after a period of time to allow for the ground to settle, the area will be paved. Most of the sidewalks were power washed to remove the dirt and grime that accumulated over time. There were two new strips of footing/foundation added to the Cremation section in the cemetery. Also, sidewalks have been added to the cemetery section east of the mausoleum, as well as a approximately 20 x 20 foot concrete pad. Other things being considered, but not decided, is erecting a pavilion over that area to provide a place to have the Rite of Burial in inclement weather. The area where the curved part of the church roof meets the roof that covers the north sacristy area continues to leak and work has been done to repair. I and the Building Committee are still discussing renovation of the former KC Hall. Due to the cost of building materials any renovation has been put on hold until at least January of 2022. The Picnic Committee made some minor improvements on the picnic stands. All of the above will continue to maintain and improve our grounds and buildings.



## A-MAIZE-ING FARMS

The high school and middle school youth went to A-Maize-ing Farms in Mayfield on October 27, 2021.



## THE MONTH OF APRIL IS ORGAN DONATION AWARENESS MONTH

On April 8, 2021, an impromptu celebration of life took place at St. Jerome Church. Although it was chilly and overcast, our heavenly Father smiled down on us and it did not rain. Everyone was bundled up to watch Fr. Darrell raise the flag stating “Donation Saves Lives”. The flag remained flying high during the month of April. We hope that people passing by and visitors of our beautiful church saw this flag and it will become an important conversation starter about organ donation.

Some facts concerning organ donation are: one donor can save up to eight lives and improve the quality of life for countless others through eye and tissue donations, and there are currently 108,000 people on the nationwide waiting list for organ transplants. Pope Francis says, “A gift to the suffering Lord who said that everything we have done for a brother or sister in need we have done for him.” People often refer to Pope Francis as the Pope of Love. He was also quoted as saying, “Faced with threats to life, which we unfortunately have to witness almost daily, society needs these concrete gestures of solidarity and generous love to make it clear that life is something sacred.”

The flag raising will become an annual event. Natalie Higdon is the coordinator of the flag raising ceremony. If you need more information regarding organ donation awareness, please contact Natalie Higdon at [beth396hig@yahoo.com](mailto:beth396hig@yahoo.com). She is a member of St. Jerome Church and is a Kentucky Organ Donor Ambassador. Natalie is a three time liver transplant recipient and will celebrate her 25 year donation anniversary on November 12, 2021. She is taking this anniversary year to express her gratitude for all the blessings that have saved her life from being cut short by a genetic disorder she was born with.



## BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS

- ✝ Kalimb and Lindsey Thompson Wilson are the proud parents of a daughter, Mila Kate, born on February 12, 2021. Big brother, Conner, welcomed her as well.
- ✝ McKenzie and Elise Ballard Elder are the proud parents of a daughter, Ruby Bee, born on March 14, 2021. She weighed 6 lbs 12 oz and was 20.5" long. Big brother, Oak, welcomed her as well.



## MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

- ✝ Preston and Taylor Schultz Bradford were married on September 5, 2020.
- ✝ Travis and Valentina Salas Tack were married on May 15, 2021.
- ✝ Dylan and Hannah Purcell Day were married on May 15, 2021.
- ✝ Preston and Lindsey Whitlock Wilferd were married on August 14, 2021.
- ✝ Devin and Callie Thomas Spillman were married on October 16, 2021.



### 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Danny and Theresa married on June 27, 1981. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 26, 2021 at the home of their son, Ben and Kayla Thompson. They renewed their vows with Fr. Darrell Venters, family and friends. Kaitlynn Thompson served as maid of honor. Daniel Thompson and Jensen Thompson were the best men. Danny and Theresa have two sons, Phillip (Amber) Thompson of Waverly, KY and Ben (Kayla) Thompson of Fancy Farm; and three grandchildren Kaitlynn, Daniel and Jensen Thompson. They enjoyed a wonderful meal hosted by their children. It was a beautiful celebration of love, life and family. Theresa is the daughter of Pat Wilson and the late Walter F. Thompson. Danny is the son of the late Joseph and Betty Thompson.



### CLASS REUNION

The Fancy Farm High School Class of 1976 held their 45th class reunion on October 9, 2021.





## CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE MASS

November 9, 2021

6:30 pm

We remembered the following for whom we celebrated the Rite of Christian Burial since last All Souls Day.

Gertrude McKinney	October 15, 2019
Eddie Pendel	April 18, 2020
Billy Gore	November 5, 2020
Mary Clava Lee	November 25, 2020
Paul Walsh	December 1, 2020
John Ed Ballard	December 29, 2020
Mary Wilma Toon	January 13, 2021
Mary Ann Willett	January 15, 2021
Irvin Cash	February 14, 2021
Harold Russelburg	March 1, 2021
Dorothy Elder	March 5, 2021
John Cash	March 18, 2021
James R. Cash	April 4, 2021
Donnie Stahr	April 8, 2021
Elizabeth Nelson	April 17, 2021
Gerald Willett	May 7, 2021
Jane Toon	May 31, 2021
Carolyn Hobbs Pozniak	July 24, 2021
Leonard Webb, Jr.	August 28, 2021
Dot Carrico	September 8, 2021
Randy Hand	October 22, 2021
Liz Wilson	October 28, 2021

A Book of Remembrance was placed in church for parishioners to write the name of their deceased loved ones. The Book was displayed for the month of November.

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

## DRIVE THRU EASTER EGG HUNT

The Knights of Columbus Council #1418 held a Drive-thru Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, 2021.



## NEW 4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Monsignor Albert Thompson Assembly #1594 at Fancy Farm is pleased to announce the exemplification of eight new Sir Knights via Zoom at the Knights of

Columbus Clemons Room. Pictured are (l-r) Sir Knight Hank Cecil, Sir Knight Tony Thomas, Sir Knight Walter Shupe, Sir Knight Keith Hayden, Sir Knight Kent C Curtsinger, Sir Knight Joe Elliott, Sir Knight Phil Elder Sr., and our Assembly Faithful Navigator Leo Pendel. Not pictured is new Sir Knight Jamie Hayden, Council #1418 Grand Knight, who was exemplified via Zoom at another location. The Assembly has 53 members and has the oldest member in the Commonwealth of Kentucky who is Sir Knight Elmer Elliott. If you see these men out and about in the community please congratulate them on receiving their 4th Degree.



## FUNDRAISER FOR AMERICAN LEGION POST 26

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus held a BBQ chicken benefit in support of the American Legion Post 26 on June 12, 2021. Post 26 serves our veterans and remembers their sacrifices. The Color Guard performs Military Honors at funerals for local veterans. The Post sponsors a Legion Baseball Team and encourage the youth through Boys State and an oratory competition. Events are hosted on Memorial and Veterans Day. They also participate in school and community service.



## FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus were able to have their annual fish fry on picnic eve, Friday, August 6, 2021. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the KC's.

## FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Congratulation to Bill and Angela Higdon on receiving Family of the Year from the Knights of Columbus.

## ST. JEROME SCHOOL & MUSEUM NEWS

The St. Jerome School and Museum has added new exhibits to the facility. Linda Pendel donated her late husband Ed Pendel's 4th Degree Regalia and we also received the chalice that belonged to the late Tommy Elliott.



The Connie and Katie Thomas family donated items from Father Rudy Carrico that included letters, his pipe, his cassock, briefcase, prayer cords, as well as items used when he was a monk in 1950. St. Jerome Church donated the baptismal font that had been used in the church since the early 1900's. Linda Willett donated a large quantity of the pictures from John Ed Ballard's estate, along with Knights of Columbus and other memorabilia he owned.



On picnic day, the St. Jerome School and Museum had many visitors. The Cash family stopped by to have their annual picture made in front of the school. Miss Kentucky for 2021, Haley Wheeler, came by see our facility. The school launched its own website picnic week. The website, StJeromes1909.com, provides information about the school, upcoming events, a photo gallery, information on rental of the school, and how to make an online donation.



After the picnic, the school and museum received a donation of \$25,000 from the William Gerald (Jerry) Willett Charitable Foundation. The second floor hallway was open during the picnic with new exhibits. One classroom has been completed on the second floor and is in the process of having exhibits installed and a second classroom is starting to be refurbished so it can be used as a potential art classroom.



The painting done by local artist Fred Biggs of the BBQ pits at picnic time called "August Tradition" and donated to our museum is now on temporary loan to an art exhibit in the State Capitol through December. The Governor's Office wanted paintings depicting Kentucky events and scenes from around the Commonwealth and our painting was selected.

## SIMPLY ST. CHARLES

By Wayne Wilson

Because of so little activity in our parish, we did not submit an article in the last printing of the journal. It's good to be back! My last article for the journal was submitted in April of 2020 and that is when I begin with this article.

When Bishop Medley allowed parishes to again resume public mass, St. Charles added a Saturday evening mass in order to prevent possible overcrowding at our mass on Sunday. This worked really well, but most of us were very happy to be able to again resume our normal Sunday mass only when most of the restrictions were lifted.

We had three seniors that graduated in May of 2020. They were Clint Draper, Davin McGee and Reese Anderson. Each of these are fine young men and they all were excellent high school athletes. Clint was also an altar server and cantor.



In July of 2020 Bishop Medley came to St.

Charles for confirmation. Seven of our youth were confirmed. They were Anna Russelburg, Malley McGee, Tori Burgess, Thomas Armstrong, Joseph Wilson, Joshua Willett and Drew Henderson.

We were not able to have a picnic last year, so we opted to have BBQ meat sales. We cooked and sold about 75% of what we would have normally cooked if we could have had a normal

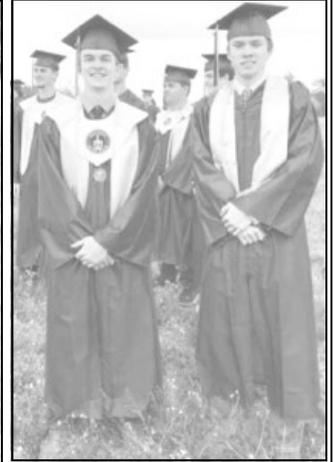
picnic. We were unable to obtain a gaming license so we couldn't have a raffle; however, Andy and Kendra Hayden were able to come and sell chances for the St. Jerome raffle.

Our liturgy committee always does a great job in keeping our church environment coordinated with the changing seasons during the liturgical year. On a positive note, during Covid we have acquired two new cantors at St. Charles and our songwriter, guitarist Clint Draper cantors and plays on a regular basis.

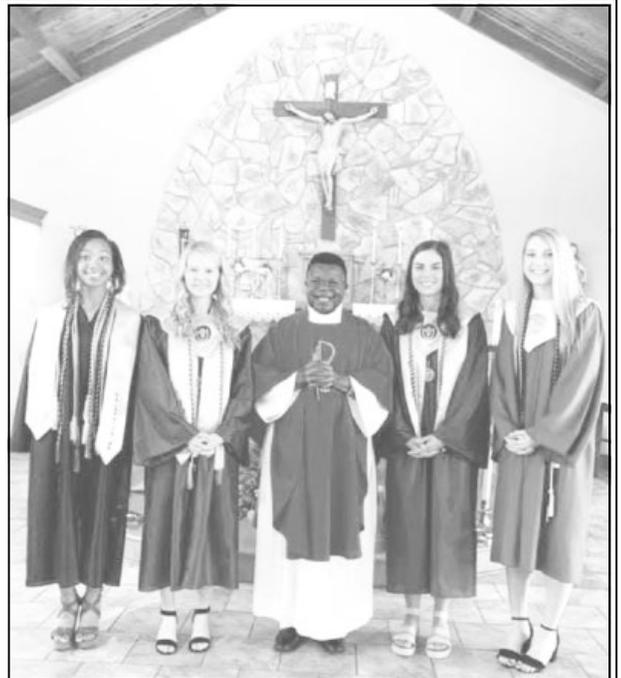


We have had two baptisms this year. They were Ellie Hayden, daughter of Shaun and Bethany Hayden, and Anna McIntyre, great granddaughter of Jim and Sue McIntyre.

We have had four deaths in our faith community. They were Barbara Nelson, Betty Hayden, Rosie Hayden and Ricky Hayden. Each had their own unique talents which they unselfishly shared with their church. They all helped to make St. Charles a wonderful faith community to belong to.



In May of 2021 St. Charles had four young ladies graduate from high school. Each of them was active in our church and will be greatly missed. Iileyah Braxton graduated from Mayfield and was a cantor and altar server. Carleigh O'Neill graduated from Carlisle County and was an altar server. Mallory Wilson graduated from Carlisle County and was a cantor and altar server. Zoe Wilson graduated from Ballard County and was an altar server.



On July 17<sup>th</sup> St. Charles held our BBQ meat sales and raffle. Our preorder sales worked extremely well for us in 2020, and the preorder meat sales again were very successful this year. Very few that came to pick up meat had to wait over 10 minutes. Our raffle was really successful also. We were able to clear about half of the income that we usually would if we could have had a normal picnic.

Fr. Chrispin returned to Kenya for six weeks in late August and September to visit his family. One of our former pastors came back to say mass while Fr. Chrispin was away. It was great to have Fr. Tony Stephenson with us again. While Fr. Tony was here, he was able to have the funeral mass for Ricky Hayden who was the head carpenter in the building of Fr. Tony Hall. Fr. Tony was also able to officiate the wedding of his goddaughter, Storm Wilson. Storm was married on September 18<sup>th</sup> to Alex Breckenridge. Storm is the daughter of Bob and Lorry Beth Wilson.

During the month of October, the rosary was prayed before Sunday mass. We also encouraged our parishioners to participate in some way to honor the month of October as "Respect for the Dignity of Life" month; dignity from the womb to the grave.

Lastly, on October 24<sup>th</sup> we had pumpkin carving, mummy wrapping, hayride, chili cook-off and "Trunk or Treat". That may seem like an awful lot to cram into just three hours but Shaun Hayden was in charge of this event and "got er done" and as he has done in the past was dressed most appropriately in his very striking pumpkin costume. Greg Gordon was chosen as the best mummy and Billy Russelburg won the chili cook-off.



## BREATH OF HEAVEN

*By John F. Hall*

Everyone has been given the precious gift of the breath of heaven. It was first received when each of us took our first breath at birth. It is the last breath we take when our brief journey on earth is finished. We know where the first breath of heaven originated. In Genesis, Chapter 2, Verse 7 are these words: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."

This story began when I was cleaning out a small metal shed to make room for three sets of corn hole boards that my son had constructed. There was a six-drawer chest that held several plastic containers that contained missing sets of sockets and rackets. I stored them with the intent to combine and make two complete sets. The chest was made of inexpensive particle board. It was damaged beyond repair due to moisture. So I had to dismantle and discard it. As I was removing two tool sets, a clear plastic CD case fell from between the two sets and hit the floor. I picked it up and read the name of the CD: Amy Grant. It had been more than 10 years since I last cleaned out the metal shed and looked into those drawers. I don't recall why the CD was even in the shed.

I wondered if the CD was still good after being exposed to extreme cold and hot temperatures for over a decade. I had to make a food run, so on the way to town, I put the CD in my Ford Escape's CD player. Since only Amy Grant's name was on the CD, I had no way of knowing what songs were on the CD. One of the songs on the 1992 Christmas CD is Breath of Heaven (Mary's song). Christopher Eaton is a British singer and song writer. He wrote the song Breath of Heaven (An Angel's Touch: Healing Inspirations). It was not a Christmas song, at that time. These are some of his lyrics: "You are harvest, You are golden sun. You are cool rain, You are all in one. And in all my deepest thoughts and in all my battles fought, You are within, You are within. You are crimson. You are midnight blue. You have called me to discover You. You have warmed my heart of stone. You have borne my pain alone. Speak to me now, speak to me now, speak to me now. Breath of heaven hold me together. Be forever near me. Breath of heaven, lighten my darkness. Pour over me Your holiness for You are holy. Breath of heaven. I am waiting in a silent prayer. I am longing to be with You there. And every fading fear there is healing in my tears. Now I belong, now I belong, now I am strong. Breath of heaven, hold me together. Be forever near me. Breath of heaven, lighten my darkness. Pour over me Your holiness for You are holy. Breath of heaven ..."

Christopher Eaton's faith in Jesus Christ can be felt in his lyrics. I wasn't the only one inspired by those lyrics. When Amy Grant first heard the song Breath of Heaven, she wanted to record the song for her Christmas album, but she wanted to rewrite most of the verses to personalize them. She said, "That song is profound, but chorus is so simple. It is authentic and perfectly written, because it uses an incredibly moving economy of words..."

Amy Grant contacted Christopher Eaton and told him that she wanted to use his song with her lyrics. She told him, "Well, you couldn't possibly have written the lyrics I'm thinking of because I'm going to write it from a woman's perspective." At that time, Amy Grant was pregnant and she wanted to try to imagine Mary's experience, as the mother of Jesus Christ. Christopher Eaton and Amy Grant had toured together and are friends, so making the Christian song into a Christmas song was very easy. They went into a recording studio. Shane Keister played the piano and the song was completed in less than two takes.

Their Christmas song contains the chorus and several lyrics from Christopher Eaton's original song. It also contains Amy Grant's lyrics that tells the nativity story from Mary's perspective. It portrays the mother of Jesus as a frightened young girl, attempting to deal with the circumstances of giving birth to the Holy Father's son, Jesus Christ. Despite her human doubts, Mary's faith in the goodness and mercy of God remain and help her deal with the unique situation she finds herself in.

These are some of the lyrics by Amy Grant and Christopher Eaton in their Christmas song, Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song): "I have traveled many moonless nights. Cold and wary with a babe inside. And I wonder what I have done. Holy Father you have come and chosen and chosen me to carry your son. I am waiting in silent prayer. I am frightened by the load I bear. In a world as cold as stone, must I walk this path alone. Be with me now. Be with me now. Breath of heaven hold me together. Be forever near me. Breath of heaven, breath of heaven. Lighten my darkness. Pour over me your holiness. For you are holy, breath of heaven. Do you wonder as you watch my face? If a wiser one should have had my place. But I offer all I am for the mercy of your plan. Help me be strong, help me be, help me...Breath of heaven..."

Everyday that we wake up it is because we have the breath of heaven which is Jesus Christ. He sustains us just as he sustains this planet and the entire universe. You can listen to Amy Grant on YouTube. Her video is five minutes and 35 seconds. Her voice, the lyrics, and the pictures in the video portray much more meaning than my inadequate words. Amy uses her experience as a mother in that song. I use my experiences to write stories. This story began when a decade old forgotten CD hit the floor. It ends with a reminder that no can live if Jesus Christ pulls away His Breath of Heaven.

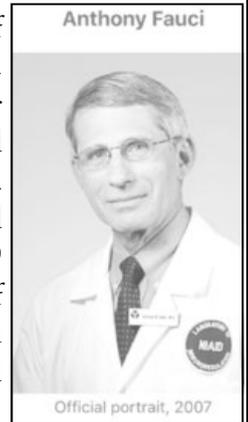
# The Healthy Journey

By Lanny Wilson

## Do Not Be Afraid

“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people’...”  
~ Luke 2: 10

We are on the verge of a new year; and as with the dawn of a new day, the first appearance of light beyond the COVID-19 pandemic is beginning to shine with the arrival of effective vaccines. One of the scientific and medical world’s lead spokespersons, Dr. Anthony Fauci, is trusted for his unwavering approach to the pandemic. As Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases since 1984, he has become the voice to calm fears about infectious diseases. He was a pioneer who made significant contributions to HIV/AIDS research and treatment; and who during the past year, has helped lead the way through another global crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic. When I listen to him speak with calmness and truth, I am reminded of the angel of the Lord who appeared to the shepherds and said “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people...” God sends us messengers when and where they are needed. Some wear white wings; some wear white coats.



The Judeo-Christian Bible begins with the book of Genesis, which is thought to have been written about 3400 years ago. Even then, fear and anxiety needed to be addressed: Genesis 15:1 reads, “After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great’.” Between Genesis and Revelation, the last book of the Bible, people are reassured not to fear more than 100 times. Revelation 1:17 says, “When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: ‘Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last’.” An ancient Arab proverb reminds folks to, “Trust in God, but tie your camel”, a practical blend of faith and science. Today we pray for a cure to COVID-19, but support the scientists and healthcare workers out there working to create vaccines and cure the disease.

Anxiety disorder, caused by intense feelings of fear and distress, is thought to be the most common mental illness in the United States, effecting approximately forty million adults – almost 1 in 5. When I asked a psychiatry professor “How does one know when treatment is needed?”, I got a straightforward answer, “Treatment is needed when the patient cannot cope.” As long as we can sleep, eat, go to work or school, and interact with others, we are probably okay; however, when the fear and anxiety prevents us from doing everyday activities, we need to seek help. One of the many benefits we gain from religion is being able to have faith and trust in a higher power. Studies have shown that as many as 80 percent of patients would like to have their religious life addressed by their healthcare team. Rather than writing a prescription, sometimes non-pharmacologic therapies such as listening, showing sincere compassion, counseling, and prayer can make a difference. The phrase “Let go. Let God.” has helped many sleep better and cope on awakening. When religion and medical sciences work well together, we can sincerely say “Do not be afraid”. There are times when medicine cannot cure, but religion can heal!



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## Gift, Gratitude, and Grace

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,  
serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” ~ 1 Peter 4:10

In many churches around the country, autumn is a time of new beginnings and creative planning for the next season of sharing time, talent, and treasures. In fact, well over half of all nonprofit organizations start planning their year-end appeal in the fall. Generosity coaches, like innovative football coaches, share inspirational messages in hopes of a winning season. Authentic stories told about the organization by its volunteers and champions are really helpful. A meaningful mission statement that is actually used as a navigational tool by the nonprofit is also powerful. Hinsdale Hospital, to which I have allegiance after over forty years of service, truly lives-by its mission: *To Extend the Healing Ministry of Jesus*. My local church, to which I owe equal loyalty, also has a powerful mission statement: *Called by Christ and led by the Spirit, we strive to grow in faith, proclaim the Gospel and share God's blessings*. Although the mission stays the same, we choose a new theme each year for our giving appeal. We hope that this year's inspiration, quoted above, will be meaningful to our parishioners. The author of 1 Peter urges us to be good stewards, and recommends that we serve one another with whatever *gift* each of us has received. Believers do this out of *gratitude* for the manifold *grace* of God. Thus, my church's theme for this year, and the title of this inspirational message – *Gift, Gratitude, and Grace*.

**GIFT** is a word that elicits delight in the young and the old. When we are young, we most likely want to be the receiver of gifts; but as time goes by, we understand how good it is to be the giver. God is the abundant giver of everything in our lives. God blesses us with all that we steward. How much of what God gives us do we need to keep, and how much will we use to serve one another? ‘We are blessed to be a blessing’. It is from our abundance of blessings that we are able to abundantly give. Those of us who are blessed to live out of abundance rather than scarcity, seek opportunities to share our gifts.

**GRATITUDE** is honorable to give and to receive. Those who go through life with an attitude of gratitude are a joy to be near. They are generous, appreciative, and grateful for the gifts they easily recognize all around them. People who show gratitude early and often feel happier and calmer. While bringing goodness into others' lives, they also allow goodness to enter theirs. One of the ways that generous people express gratitude is by donating to their favorite charity. A trustworthy nonprofit stewards our gifts well, uses them for praiseworthy causes, and shares our gifts with neighbors in need.

**GRACE**, God's divine favor and unconditional love, is amazing! Once upon a time, I thought that our relationship with God was all about what we did for God in order to win God's favor. But, during a six hour road trip from Chicago to Kentucky, my father-in-law and I had a debate about grace vs. good works to win salvation. Fortunately, for me, he won. One of the many reasons I love God - more now than before that debate - is because of the incredible gift of grace. God's love, expressed in the precious gift of grace, is not earned. It's free! Out of gratitude for God's many gifts, good stewards of the manifold grace of God serve one another with whatever gifts each of us has received.



# Heaven's Call

**WILLETT, MARY ANN** 80, January 15, 2021, Tennessee – She is survived by her husband, Thomas Elton Willett; her children, Linda Paluso of Murray, Debbie Green of Bartlett, TN, David Willett of Bartlett, TN, Kathy Cunningham of Nashville, TN, Stephen Willett of Memphis, TN, Melissa Glaser of Bartlett, TN, Angela Levin of Eads, TN, and Jessica Willett of Southaven, MS; her brother, Daniel Hayden of Bardwell, KY; three sisters, Bobbie Eads of Paducah, Patricia Mosley of Nashville, TN, and Elaine Cope of Mayfield; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Allard Hayden and Mary Aunita Hayden.

**BRUMLOW, LARRY GENE** 68, January 19, 2021, Mayfield, KY – He is survived by his wife, Mary Hobbs Brumlow; one daughter, Amy Flowers of Alaska; one son, Stephen Brumlow of Franklin, TN; four sisters, Margaret Rickman, June Smith and Fran Fristoe all of Metropolis, IL and Nettie Holland of Lone Oak; two brothers, Leon Ballard and Joe Ballard both of Mayfield; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Ann Hobbs Brumlow; one sister and one brother.

**CASH, IRVIN** 97, February 14, 2021, Paducah, KY – He is survived by his five children, Joseph Irvin Cash, Jr of Memphis, TN, Kathryn Morrison of Hodgenville, KY, Marilyn Cash Flanagan of Hodgenville, KY, Rodney Cash of Castaic, CA and Andrew Vernon Cash of Paducah, KY; one sister, Mary Vernon Goatley of Fancy Farm, KY; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna “Margaret” Cash, one daughter, one son, three brothers and his parents Joseph Vernon and Mary Jo Ballard Cash.

**CLEMONS, REV. DELMA THOMAS** 82, February 16, 2021, Owensboro, KY – He is survived by his brother, Paul Vincent Clemons; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers; nine sisters.

**RUSSELBURG, JAMES HAROLD** 76, March 1, 2021, Fancy Farm, KY – Survivors include his brother, Earl Russelburg of Hickory, KY; two sisters, Daisy Myers of Hickory, KY and Linda Whitlock of Dixon, IL; nieces, Linda Willett of Fancy Farm and Tracy Elder of Hickory, KY; a great niece, Melissa Davis of Fancy arm, KY. He was preceded in death by his wife, Janice Burgess Russelburg; daughter, Monica Russelburg; son, Harold Wayne Russelburg; and his parents, Joseph Rube and Ida Mae Ballard Russelburg.

**ELDER, DOROTHY MARIE** 79, March 5, 2021, Mayfield, KY – She is survived by her four daughters, Katrina Via and Brenda Blanton of Mayfield, Geania Viniard of Bardwell, KY and Georgia Morganti of Fancy Farm; two brothers, Charles Johnson of Miami, FL and Tom Johnson of San Diego, CA; one sister, Sister Frances Louise Johnson of Mt. Saint Joseph, KY; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Elder; one grandson; three brothers; and two sisters.

**CASH, JOHN** 83, March 18, 2021, Paducah, KY – He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Linda St. Clair Cash; a stepson Mike Standish of Atlanta, GA; one sister, Rose Carrico of Fancy Farm; four brothers, Joseph Cash of Dayton, OH, William Cash of The Villages, FL, Tony Cash of Mayfield, and David Cash of Terre Haute, IN; and many wonderful nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis Eutral and Stella Ryan Cash; a sister, a brother, a nephew and two great-nephews.

**PENDERGAST, JUDY** 80, March 21, 2021, Union City, TN – She is survived by two sons, Tommy and Jimmy Pendergast of Union City, TN; one sister, Dorothy Willett; one brother, Jimmy Thomas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom; parents, Ben and Annie Thomas; one sister; and three brothers.

**CASH, JAMES RAPHAEL** 74, April 4, 2021, Mayfield, KY.

## Heaven's Call (cont'd)

**STAHR, JOSEPH "DONNIE"** 85, April 9, 2021, Fancy Farm, KY – He is survived by his wife Alma "Pearl" Stahr; one son, David Star of Mayfield; one daughter, Debra Daniels of Fancy Farm; one sister, Frances Netzer of Cincinnati, OH; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Bernard and Edna Thompson Stahr; and three brothers.

**NELSON, ELIZABETH JEAN BAGSBY** 80, April 7, 2021, Fancy Farm, KY – She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Donnie Nelson; three daughters, Pamela Hurst of Calvert City, Lisa Feezor of Lowes, and Donna Schwede of Fancy Farm; one son, Darrell Nelson of Fancy Farm; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sue Turner and Ann Munsell; one brother, James "Bud" Bagsby; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Kendrick Zebadee and Tossie Bridget Toon Bagsby; and one brother.

**HAYDEN, ROSALYN "ROSIE"** 93, April 28, 2021, St. Charles Community – She is survived by three daughters, Jane Thomas and Ruth Elder both of Bardwell and Mary Jo McKee of Cunningham; one brother, Elmer Elliott of Mayfield; two sisters, Geneva Buckman of Portsmouth, VA and Ursula Thompson of Fancy Farm; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph "Joe" L. Hayden; four brothers; four sisters; and her parents, James Bernard & Annie Cissell Elliott.

**TOON, JANE** 91, May 31, 2021, Fancy Farm, KY – She is survived by three daughters, Janet Lee and Debbie Chapman, both of Hickory and Karen Toon of Fancy Farm; two sons Richard Toon and William Toon, both of Fancy Farm; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

**WILLETT, WILLIAM "GERALD"** 87, May 7, 2021.

**POZNIAK CAROLYN LOUISE** 68, July 24, 2021, Toledo, OH – Carolyn is survived by her husband, Raymond Pozniak; son, Eric Davis; stepson Harry Pozniak; stepdaughters Tara Gilliam and Holly Webb; and seven grandchildren; her siblings Leighann Orsulak, Brenda Shelton, Rebecca Hobbs, Mary Jean Scott and Steven Hobbs; ex-husband, Jeff Davis; grandmother, Mary Davis; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Earl and Juanita Gore Hobbs; brother, Stanley Hobbs; and nephew Craig Hobbs.

**WEBB, JR., LEONARD H.** 80, August 28, 2021, Mayfield, KY – He is survived by his wife, Barbara Mary Martin Jokerst Webb of Mayfield; three sons, James Brian Webb of Bartlett, TN, Brian Keith Webb of Mayfield, and Michael Steven (Emily Higdon) Webb of Brownsburg, IN; one brother, Stephen Webb of Cape Girardeau, MO; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Hodge; his brother, Michael Webb; and his parents, Leonard H. Webb, Sr. and Agnes Lena Schaefer Webb.

**GONG, BONNIE** 63, September 5, 2021, Paducah, KY – She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Michael Gene Gong; a daughter, Lindsey Bachuss of Paducah; a son, Kevin (Jessica Fox) Gong of Fancy Farm; six grandchildren; her mother, Mandy Williamson Grant of Corcoran, CA; two sisters, Brenda Coronado of Corcoran, CA and Janice Eastwood of Oklahoma City, OK; a brother, Larry Grant of Charleston, SC; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Harold Grant; and a grandchild.

**CARRICO, DOROTHY "DOT" M.** 86, September 8, 2021, Fancy Farm, KY – She is survived by her three daughters, Becky Foy of Mayfield, Margie Dossett of Fancy Farm, and Lorrie Courtney of Bardwell; six sons, Steve Carrico of Mayfield, Don Carrico of Paducah, Tim Carrico of Fancy Farm, Dr. Jeff Carrico of Mayfield, Mark Carrico and Russ Carrico, both of Fancy Farm; 29 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Leon" Carrico; parents, Joseph Aubrey and Mary Wilma Garnett Riley; two brothers; one sister; one son-in-law; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Heaven's Call (cont'd)

**EVANS, HELEN LOUISE**, 92, September 20, 2021, Fancy Farm, KY – She is survived by nieces Hannah Morson of Marietta, GA, Patsy Jameson of Wingo, Lisa Farris of Jackson, TN, Mona Clapp of Mayfield, KY, Marla Maurer of Grayville, IL, Tamayla Jones of Fancy Farm; nephews Michael Alexander of Mayfield, Tommy Thompson of Benton, Mark Stephenson of French Lick, IN. Her parents were Marvin S. & Mable Clark Alexander.

**HOBBS, THOMAS HOWARD** 85, September 21, 2021, Fancy Farm, KY – He is survived by his wife Joan Hobbs; his daughters Pam Garber and Robin Ramser; his brother, W. Dewey Hobbs of Fancy Farm; nine grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Everett and Iva Toon Hobbs; his former wife, Patricia Hobbs; and his daughters Sandy Yates and Janis Hobbs.

**WISE, ALVIN RAY** 75, September 29, 2021, Cunningham, KY – He is survived by his wife, Mary Wise; two children Nora Boyle and James Wise; and a grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ruth Wise; and two sisters, Melba Jenkins and Shirley Opitz.

**CARTER, CHARLES RICHARD** 88, October 17, 2021, Bardwell, KY – He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Ann Carter; his daughter, Dana Polivick of Bardwell; two sons, Denver Carter of Dallas, TX and Charles Carter of Milburn; one brother, F.A. Carter of Arlington; 10 grandchildren (Kendra Hayden); and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, G.B. Carter; his parents, General Bonnie and Alta Long Carter; and a granddaughter.

**HAND, GEORGE RANDOLPH**, 85, October 22, 2021, Paducah, KY – Surviving is his wife of 20 years, Dianna Carol Hand; one son, Rev. Kelley Hand of Chandler, AZ; two stepsons, Michael Hayden of Fancy Farm and Justin Hayden of Mayfield; one brother, John Hand of Auburn, AL; and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, George Henry Hand and Madelyn Randolph Hand.

**HARDISON, CHARLES** 91, October 24, 2021, Folsomdale Community – He is survived by his daughters, Robin Redden of Folsomdale and Debbie Simpson of Mayfield; and several grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Pat Hardison; parents, Parvin and Ruby Britain Hardison; a son, Dennis Hardison; and two brothers, William and James Hardison.

**WILSON, ELIZABETH "LIZ" D.** 93, October 28, 2021, Fancy Farm, KY – She is survived by her nine children, Wallie Wilson of Fancy Farm, Gwen Hobbs of Fancy Farm, Mary Donna Eubanks of Lowes, Cassie Hammonds of Dublin, George Wilson of Mayfield, Larry Wilson of Fancy Farm, Mark Wilson of Fancy Farm, Marie Woodrum of Fancy Farm and Tim Wilson of Fancy Farm; 23 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas "Jack Wilson; a daughter, Gayla Jane Wilson; her parents, Connie and Cassie Hayden; four grandsons; two great-granddaughter; and two son-in-laws.

**KUNKLE, JOSEPH "JOE" ALLEN** 77, October 28, 2021, St. Denis Community – Joe is survived by his five daughters, Penny Toon of Fancy Farm, Michelle Kunkle of St. Denis Community, Lori Kunkle of Rives, TN, Rose Mary Kunkle of St. Denis Community and Erica Thompson of Fancy Farm; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Ellegood Kunkle; a brother, Ray Kunkle; a sister, Donna Bagsby; a special uncle, George Burgess; great-grandchild, Paxtyn Hayden and son-in-law, Michael Pendel.



*Rest In Peace*

# Fancy Farm Elementary School News

Students in Diane Smithson's second grade science class went on a habitat hunt.

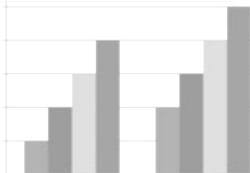
Students were experimenting with bird beaks. They were trying to pick up food with a warbler beak vs a duck beak.



Students added to our rock collection in front of school. Students had community helper day after a week of learning about why people work and how different jobs help the community.



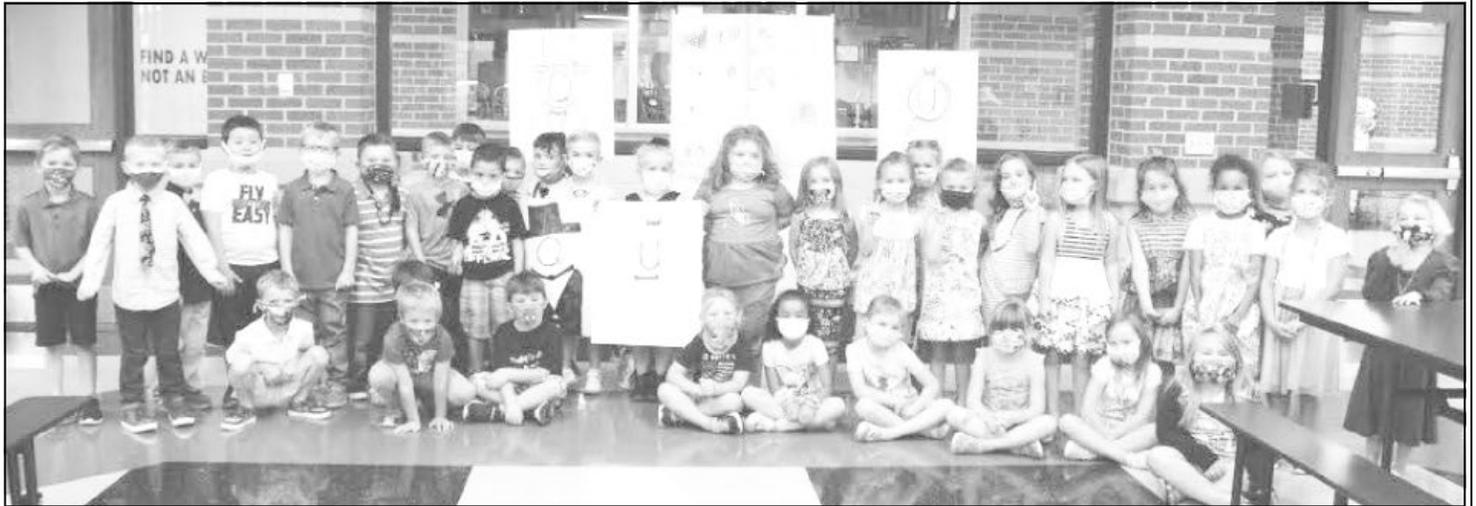
Second grade students are creating bar graphs using skittles candy.



Kindergarten students went on a leaf hunt to see the leaves changing color and falling to the ground. This was part of their fall unit.

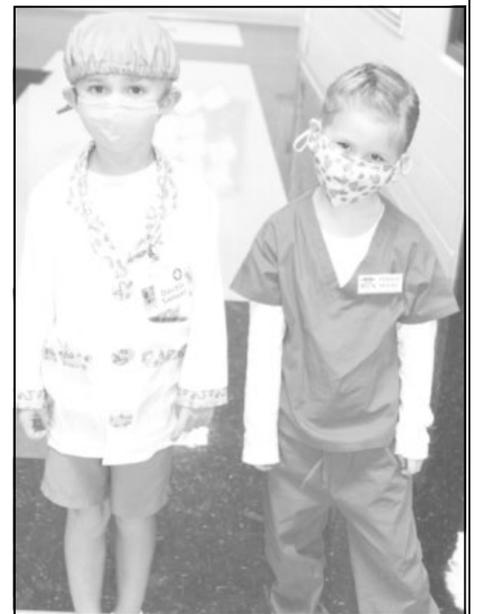
Kindergarten students celebrated the wedding of the letters q and u to help them remember that words beginning with q are followed by u.

Q & U



Students learned about community helpers in Kindergarten. They talked about how these jobs help a community and why people work. To complete the unit, students chose a community helper to dress up as. Parker and Samuel chose the medical field.

Students in Kindergarten, created habitats to understand why animals live where they do and what they need to survive. Cooper Thomas shows off his shark habitat.

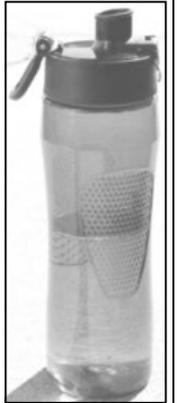


**Book tasting in Reading class:** We took a “taste” of different genres of books at each table- nonfiction, biography, chapter books, picture books, graphic novels (look like comic books), and books in series.



The 4th graders enjoyed lunch outside.

Recently, the First Community Bank employees gave the Fancy Farm 100 Mile Club water bottles to show their support for our running club and school.



Second grade students in Diane Smithson's and Shelia Ledgerwood's classes enjoyed their first field trip since Covid. They were able to participate in Cowboy Day at the Graves County High School Equine Center. Pictured is Dylan French riding a horse and Mrs. Diane and her kiddos on a hayride.



Fancy Farm Elementary students, faculty, and staff enjoy Kona Ice as a treat for awesome test scores.



The Fancy Farm Gophers are the 2021 Graves County 5th/6th grade Little League Football Champs!!



The volunteer fire department visited the school to teach children about fire safety.



We want to wish Janie Miller a well deserved retirement after 20 years at Fancy Farm Elementary .



First graders celebrating Halloween with fun and games.



Reading Buddy volunteers reading with second grade students.



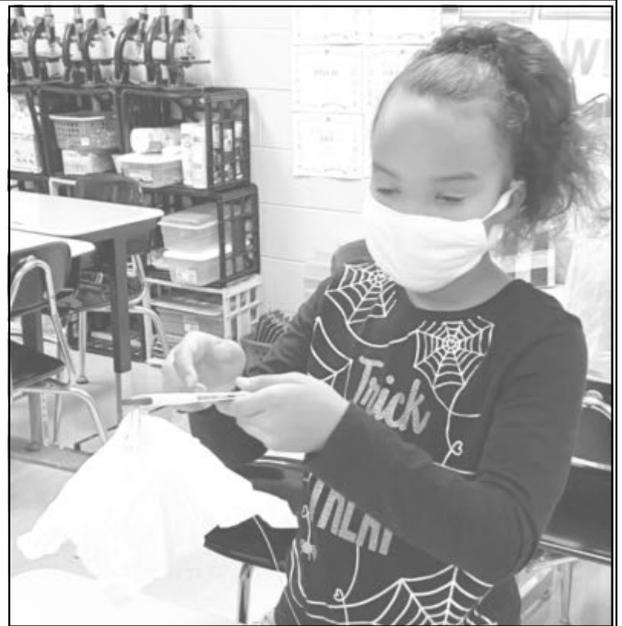
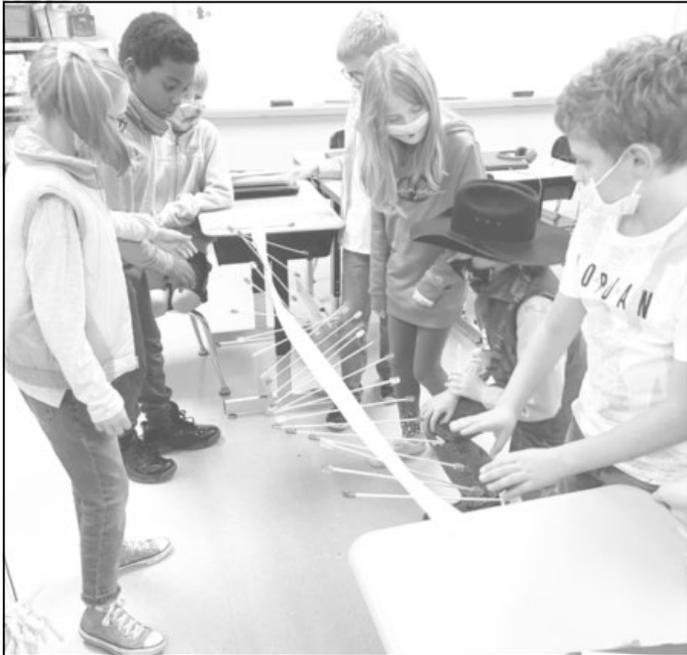
Students adopted a pet and promised to read to them and practice sight words.

Third graders learning about movement and motion, created marble mazes.



Third grade students used magnetism to make dancing ghosts.

Fourth Grade students are learning about waves. They made candy models of waves, and experimented with adding energy to their waves.



This year's Fancy Farm's 2021-22 Fitness Leadership Team are Jack Fowler, Garrett Riddle and Noah Richards. They will be responsible for promoting the importance of fitness, health and leading physical activities throughout our school. Congratulations boys!



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