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Happy Summertime – Note Schedule Changes!

Summer is a happy time of year to enjoy all the benefits of God’s creation. Most church activities are suspended, and we take on a relaxed atmosphere until September when things heat up again.

Note the following:

1. There is only one service at 10:00 a.m.
2. Refreshments are outside, weather permitting.
3. 40 Minute Club leaves during the service. There is no Sunday School, choir, breakfast, etc.
4. Office hours, custodial care, etc. are reduced in July and August. Leave a message on the machine, and we will get back to you.

There is also a down side to the benefits of God’s creation. The weeds, trimming and yard work needs of the church go up. If you would like to help, come on out. We currently need a lot of yard work done.



Graduate Sunday

June 17, 2012

The Christian Education Committee and the entire congregation would like to recognize and congratulate our graduates for their accomplishments!

8th Grade -

*Kristin Flaherty
Terri Villegas
Bud Burgess
Justin Hughes
Courtney Gras*

12th Grade -

*Brandon Thomas
Brent Greenlee
Craig L. Henderson
Zachary Perry*

College -

*Michael Townley (ACCC)
Cynthia Jorgensen Halperin (U of Alabama at
Huntsville)
Katherine June Harvey (Art Institute of
California - Inland Empire)
Maggie McManus (Goucher College)*

Other -

Jessica L. Adkisson (Naval Recruiting Center)

Sunday School and Related News Summer Edition 2012

We recently enjoyed Youth Recognition, Teacher Recognition, a field day, and canoe trip. We made Mother's Day gifts and cards on Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts and cards on Father's Day. Terri Villegas and Kristin Flaherty were confirmed and received as members of the church. Graduates from

eighth grade, high school, college, and beyond were recognized as well. We had a great year growing individually and as the body of Christ. Hopefully we will all enjoy some summer relaxation and come back renewed and ready for an exciting fall. Here is the plan for summer.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ The 40 Minute Club will begin on June 24th, 2012. It is a summer program run by volunteer teachers and aides. These adults take a turn or two leading the group with a Bible lesson and craft project to follow. We will have two groups, Gr. K-3 and Gr. 4-7. Both groups will start in the sanctuary with their families. After the Jr. Sermon, both groups will head upstairs to the air conditioned rooms. K-3 will be in the craft room on the left and 4-7 will be in the Sr. Youth room on the right. The program will continue through the Labor Day weekend. A 40 Min. Club schedule will be posted in the vestibule on the bulletin board. Reminder postcards will be sent to teachers and aides as a courtesy prior to the scheduled week.
- ◆ Plans for some Pocono youth group trips to Cobb's Cabin are in the works. See the pastor for details.
- ◆ Several Sunday picnics are scheduled for youth groups and Sunday School. This information will be in the Good News and Sunday bulletins. I hope you will attend and bring your friends.
- ◆ Rally Day will take place on September 9th. This is the day all Sunday School classes meet to begin the regular Sunday School year. Updated information about the Sunday School schedule will be in the Sunday bulletins.
- ◆ We are pleased to announce that Anna Mae Werner will be giving our Sunday School a major boost this fall in two ways this fall. First she will play piano for our PreK-K class from 9:30-9:40. Then she will lead the Adult Bible Study from 9:45-10:30. Anna Mae feels called to lead in this way and we are extremely appreciative.
- ◆ Let us pray for all our teachers, teacher aides, music leaders, and sponsors. May they feel refreshed throughout the summer and return joyfully to His service this fall.
- ◆ Sunday School meetings and planning sessions will take place this summer. Last year's curriculum binders should all be turned in as quickly as possible so that we can make way for our upcoming year.

Many thanks to all who served this year with Sunday School and Youth Programming. Our body of Christ is strengthened because of you.

Love,
Priscilla

2011-2012 Sunday School Attendance Awards

<p><u>Bronze</u></p> <p>Madeleine Lewis Daisy Salaverry Jordan Hawkes Christian Hawkes Ray Lewis Grace Dischert Madeline Dischert Donovan Cruz Katie Cruz</p>	<p><u>Silver</u></p> <p>Elisa Wong Bob Hudak Sam Burgess Jeremy Wong Franklin Nale Bud Burgess Elena Achamizo Sarah Gillis Sarah Ramos Haley Gras-Pinkney Aspen Mazzatta Andrew Ramos JD Tanner Haroon Bhatti Joey Achamizo Gianna Tanner</p>
<p><u>Gold</u></p> <p>Chris Hughes Chris Gillis Nick Hughes Chris Harvey Courtney Gras Terri Villegas Justin Hughes Kassie Little Libby Little Annie McManus Jackson Harvey Jackson Little Willam Little Jacob Sabo Ayden Platt Shawn McHale Nicholas Sabo Maryiam Bhatti</p>	<p><u>Kryptonite</u></p> <p>Mike McManus Nicholas Hawkes Mikayla Houseworth Matthew Houseworth Nicole Gillis Mousa Bhatti Esther Bhatti</p>

2011-2012 Youth Evangelist Awards

Mike McManus
Nick Hughes
Justin Hughes
Terri Villegas
Annie McManus

2011-2012 Adult Evangelist Awards

Dawn Houseworth

2011-2012 Outstanding Youth Leadership Awards

Chris Gillis
Jeremy Wong
Chris Hughes
Mike McManus
Sam Burgess

Bud Burgess
Bob Hudak
Nicholas Hawkes
Courtney Gras
Terri Villegas

Kristin Flaherty
Annie McManus
Ana Higbee
Chris Harvey
Elisa Wong



Worship Committee

Pastor's Vacation Schedule and Visiting Preachers

The pastor and his family will be gone July 29, August 19, and August 26. Those Sundays will feature the following:

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| July 29 | Rev. Gerry Reedell preaching |
| August 19 | The Holland Family doing music and speaking |
| August 26 | Rev. Borden Gillis Sr. preaching (father of Bob Gillis) |

Summer services will also feature special music in July and August when the choir is not singing. The schedule will be announced.



Mission/Evangelism Update

Mission
Committee

Many thanks for your contributions to our annual Church World Service Blankets+ offering. \$851.00 was raised to help provide much needed blankets, tools, etc. to those in need around the world. Your gifts are greatly appreciated by many.

The girl that is living in our Bakely House, Jennifer, is expecting God's gift of a little bundle of joy (a boy) the middle of August. She found out about the same time she moved into our Mission House the end of January. If anyone in our congregation would like to give a gift to help her, you can contact Russ Adkisson, Carol Kleiner, Carol Thomas, or any other member of our Mission Committee. We wish her God's blessings.

July 15th to 20th Mission Trip to Schoharie, NY

Our Mission Trip is a go, and we will have approximately 20 volunteers going to Schoharie, NY to help with work needed in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene last August.

A meeting of volunteers will be held prior to the weekend of the 15th, and those making the trip will be notified of the time and place. Completed forms need to be mailed by July 1st.

We look forward to a meaningful experience while assisting families in that area to return to their homes. Since there are many dairy farms in the area, many families not only lost their homes, but also their dairy stock and therefore, their livelihood. We are hoping to have lunch provided after church on the 15th after which we will leave for the Cobleskill College, where we will be housed. If any of our congregation wishes to be a sponsor and in that way participate as a part of our mission team please contact either Alice Smith or Loretta Metz.

The cost for our lodging is \$25 per night per volunteer.

The website [“Schoharie Recovery”](#) has much information on it regarding the ongoing efforts in that area which continues to have a great need for volunteers and skilled volunteers. The “Loaves and Fishes Café” which has been providing lunch for all those helping and also for some local residents, is organized and run by the local people to welcome those coming from across the country this summer to try and get families back into their homes. Our congregation is responding to their need after a request made by Rev. Jim Cortelyou. We are responding to that call and saying “Here I am Lord, It is I Lord. If you lead me, I will go”. We are going!

Please keep our Mission Team and other teams as well in your prayers as we travel to reach out to our neighbors to the north. Thank you and have a blessed summer.

News from the Deacons - Summer 2012

It's that time of year when we can catch our breath but just for a minute. Deacons still need your help with our food pantry. We are collecting food and personal items that can be used by anyone in our church. Please see Kris Jenoriki if you have a large donation, otherwise we will have a box in the vestibule for your donations.

Have a safe and blessed summer!

The next Deacons meeting will be on October 27 at 10 am in Cobb Lounge.

In Christian service and love,
Naida Burgess, Moderator
Kris Jenoriki, Vice Moderator



Stewardship Committee Report

At the end of May our income was under budget by \$15,137.20. As bad as that may sound, last year we were under budget by \$16,879.07 or \$1741 more! The lower deficit is caused by several factors: (a) a lower budget; (b) higher giving by you (more than \$1200 higher than last year); and (c) greater investment income (more than \$1600 higher than last year). This in spite of net rental income being in the negative by almost \$4500 (compared to a lost of over \$2600 last year).

As we enter the summer schedule, I encourage you to keep up with your pledges so when I report to you in September, it will show that financially, we did at least as well as last year. Hopefully, come September, all our properties will be rented and we can return that category to a positive balance by the end of the year. Have an enjoyable and relaxing summer!

Statistical report for May

Budget for 2012	\$220,771.00
Budgetary needs through May 27, 2012	\$ 93,403.20
Our giving through 5/27/12	\$ 73,614.10
Investment Income	\$ 9,143.20
Rental Income (net)	\$ (4,491.30)
Total	\$ 78,266.00
Amount under budget	\$ 15,137.20

Average weekly giving by month

	2012	2011
January	\$3257.33	\$3665.34
February	\$3384.29	\$3126.90
March	\$3326.92	\$3391.40
April	\$3527.09	\$3545.45
May	\$3271.90	\$2760.05

Gerald W. Hoenes
Stewardship Committee Chairperson

FUNdraising Committee



On May 20th we held our first annual Golf Tournament. The whole day was a success, and I

thank Karen Muldoon and the rest of the golf committee (Gayle Ackerman, Tina Brown, Nancy Conover, Dawn Duran, Darlene Lombardos, Jim

McManus, Leo Ransone, Sandy Shinsato, and Melvin Washington) for all of their hard work. I also thank all those who volunteered to help out that day. We couldn't have done it without all of the support we received, whether you golfed, were a sponsor, donated items, helped that day, or came for the dinner and auction. The event was emceed by our own Kirk Conover who did a wonderful job and kept the crowd entertained. In all, we realized a profit of \$5,957. We were also featured in the Current. If you missed the fun this year, don't worry, the golf committee is already working on next year. Let's pray that it's an even bigger success next year.

Our next FUNdraiser will take place on Monday, October 8th, (Columbus Day). We will be traveling by bus to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA to see "Jonah", the story of the Bible's most famous runaway. We will be departing the church at 10AM and stopping at the Kitchen Kettle Village at 12 noon until about 1PM. From there we will be going to the Cupboard Family Restaurant while you

will sit and enjoy your meal. We will leave the restaurant at approximately 3PM and arrive at Sight and Sound Theatre at about 3:30PM. A live production of "Jonah" will begin at 4:15PM. After a wonderful day sight seeing, eating, and entertainment, we will depart Lancaster at about 7PM and return to the Absecon Presbyterian Church at approximately 9PM. The cost of this trip is \$100 for adults, \$80 for teens, and \$60 for children before August 1st. After August 1st the cost will be \$105 for adults, \$85 for teens, and \$65 for children and will need to be paid in full at the time of purchase. Tickets that are purchased prior to August 1st will be available on a payment plan. The plan is as follows: \$34 will be due at the time of purchase, \$33 will be due by August 1st and the remaining \$33 (final payment) will be due by Sept 1st. Please see either myself (Dawn Duran) or Scott Sabo if interesting in buying a ticket. Tickets are limited and will go fast so get yours today!

In Christian Love and Fellowship,
Dawn Duran, Chairperson



Many Thanks!!!

A ginormous thank you goes out to all who helped cook, set up and clean up at breakfast. Even though our numbers were down at times the food was excellent and the camaraderie was great.

I am looking for someone to take over clean up on the first Sunday of the month as Joe Marshall is stepping down after many years of having those shirtsleeves rolled up! Thank you so much, Joe!!

Also, a huge thank you goes out to the van drivers who faithfully pick up every Sunday and deliver our "precious cargo" of women to church weekly. The women and I truly appreciate your dedication!!

See you in September!!
Kris Jenoriki

June Thank Yous

June saw many of our church programs come to a close for the summer, so we want to thank Priscilla for a great year with our Sunday School, JoAnn Sabo, Jack & Karen, and Linda Gillis for a great year with our youth groups, Kris Jenoriki for leading Sunday Breakfast, our choir, van drivers, and all who put out an extra measure of help to make this past "school" year of programs the best ever. Enjoy your summer. It all begins again on September 9.

Special thanks also go to the following:

1. Melvin Washington for installing the new doors into Madden Hall and for putting the Knox box on the Stopfer Building entrance. (A Knox box holds an emergency key for police and fire officials to get into the building in during off hours.)
 2. Bill Davenport for coordinating a lot of the work being done around the church.
 3. Elaine & Kris for keeping the flower beds looking great.
 4. Russ Adkission for burying the three chipmunks who drowned in Elaine's watering bucket. Rest in peace.
 5. Bob Gillis for continued work and repairs on the sound and video system.
 6. Scott Sabo for doing the congratulatory honors for our graduates on June 17.
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**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

Many Winter Fundraiser Projects Coming to Fruition

Last winter over \$10,000 was raised to repair and refurbish our buildings and grounds. We are happy to give you updates on some of these projects:

1. The new doors to Madden Hall are completed and installed. Thank you, Melvin, for your work on this project.
2. The range hood suppression system has been repaired and a new suppression tank installed.
3. The parking lots are seal coated and striped. They really needed it.
4. The drainage problem out back is addressed with a sump pump.
5. The men of the church are planning to rebuild the trash area in July.
6. The tree out back was cut down two months ago.
7. We are getting bids to repair the steeple leaks.
8. The railings on the front of the sanctuary will be replaced and the front steps fixed this summer.
9. The upstairs windows on the front of the Christian Education building will be replaced with new windows. Some are broken and many have broken strings that hold the sash up.

The Property Committee met for a long time on June 18 and needs volunteer help around the church to help with weeding, trimming bushes, etc. Please call Bill Davenport if you are willing to help. There is also painting that needs to be done.



Summer is Here!

As the weather warms we spend more time outside enjoying various activities. We are currently looking into several different options for events and welcome any suggestions. As with all events, information will be provided as it is confirmed.

Our summer service schedule allows for refreshment hour to be held outside weather

permitting. I currently need help for set up and clean up of these refreshments for several different weeks. If you can help please contact me.

Have a safe and fun filled summer.

Sincerely,
Tina Brown



NEWS FLASH.....NEWS FLASH.....NEWS FLASH

An opportunity has recently come to my attention – to host a monthly lunch and activity for the seniors of our church on the 2nd or 4th Monday of the month from 10am-2pm. In order to pull this off we need the following:

- Van drivers
- Kitchen help/cooks
- Set up crew
- Clean up crew
- People to assist with activities
- Scheduling all of the above

Rev. Gerry Reedell has donated books specific to activities for seniors and Pastor Cobb has visited other local programs to see how they are run.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting new program please come to our meeting Friday, June 29, at 11:00am.

Have a blessed summer!
Karen Muldoon

Pastor's Summer Picnics



As in past summers, the pastor will offer a series of picnics during the summer. These casual “come as you are” events are divided up for various groups in the church. You do not need to sign up, but it helps.

Activities include swimming, badminton, horse shoes, or just hanging out. If you want to bring something like potato chips or a dessert, that is welcome. The picnic comes with hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas, deviled eggs, corn (in season) or baked beans.

Tentative dates are as follows:

- Sunday, July 1 – Independence Day picnic open to all
- Sunday, July 8 – Sunday School
- Sunday, July 22 – Church officers

Sunday, August 5 – Music Ministry

Sunday, August 12 – open to all

Summer Lunch Bunches & Boat Tour

Lunch Bunch trips for the summer are already planned. On July 5 (Thursday) we will meet at 11:30 to travel to Vincenzo's in Smithville.

On Wednesday, August 8, we will meet at 10am to travel to Gardner's Basin where we will take a one hour scenic boat cruise (cost is \$14 for seniors). The cruise leaves at 11:00. When we return we will travel a short distance to Gilchrist's for lunch. If you just want lunch meet us at the restaurant in Atlantic City at 12:30.

On September 5 we will travel to the Brigantine Hotel and eat overlooking the beach.

Mark your calendar for these exciting events!

Summer Cabin Trips



The pastor will offer a series of trips to the Poconos this summer on Lake Wallenpaupack. These trips will be during the week and are limited to ten people. Possible activities include boating, tubing, hiking, campfires, games, and

whatever you can afford. You can also just relax. If you can cook, that would be great. Trips are limited to ten people. Cost is \$35.00. Sorry for the increase, but gas, food, etc. has gone up. Extras, like riding go carts, are on you.

1. July 10-12 - A2J youth group only
2. July 30-August 1 – We vote on activities

Thanks for a Great Start!

Happy Fridays will return September 14th. Thank you for your support. We're looking forward to a great second season of new topics and fellowship!

Vic Abelson

Victorian Cape May Trip Offered July 9

It seems every year we have a day trip to Victorian Cape May, and this year is no different. We will meet at the church at 10:00am to go to Cape May, visit the shops, have lunch together at our favorite restaurant, and return about 3:00-3:30.

Sign up in the vestibule.



I would like to thank you for all your prayers, caring and support during my surgery and treatments.

Many blessings to you all,
Cheryl Hawkes

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Many thanks to the Deacons for all their help with the luncheon following my daughter-in-law Connie's funeral. It was very nice and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Grace Gras & Family

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Dear Sunday School Friends,

Many thanks for your pretty card and flower. It is planted where I can enjoy it.

Love,
Ruth Champion



Ocean City Tabernacle Evening Programs

A complete schedule of speakers and programs to be held at the Ocean City Tabernacle this summer is available in the vestibule and pew racks. Avail yourself of the best Christian speakers and musicians in the country!



“Cute” is Often Deceiving. Live & Learn

“There is a way that seems right unto a person, but the ends there of are the ways of death.” ~ Proverbs 14:12

I always loved Chip ‘n Dale in the comics. They had such fun with Donald Duck! The movements, markings, and quick motions of chipmunks were fascinating and “cute”. I wanted one for a pet, but my dad called them “disgusting rodents” – a real nuisance. Looks are deceiving. Stay away.

I think Dad was on to something.

In case you hadn’t noticed, we have a bumper crop of chipmunks this year. And they are not as adorable as you might think. The microphone and part of the projection system are out, and we think chipmunks chewed through the wiring. We found a hole going under the sanctuary and filled it with cement, but they found other ways to get in. Elaine Risley “baptized” three of them in a watering can, so we know they won’t be back. Few of those baptized ever do. But that barely touched the population. One was seen running across the vestibule toward the sanctuary during worship on June 17. I was hoping we could baptize him, too, but he got away.

Cutting out a minister’s communication system is a low blow. This means war!

But thus far the chipmunks are winning the battle.

At the Evergreens’ picnic the main grill had a hole in the gas line. We used the backup grill, but when I checked the gas line after the picnic it wasn’t a normal hole – something had chewed through the gas line! Score another victory for chipmunks.

Last week I was off to take my boat to a marina to have the bellows replaced – something chewed through my boat bellows in the Poconos! Score “three” for the chipmunks – Dave zero.

But in the words of John Paul Jones – “I have not yet begun to fight!” That’s because chipmunks are so playful, cute, and cuddly it’s hard to believe they would actually do something to hurt me. But now they have damaged my ability to preach, barbeque, and enjoy my boat. That’s low!

Sin is a lot like that. It seems so cute – so innocent, playful and harmless. We want to believe it wouldn’t really harm us. But in the long run we find our lives all but derailed by that attitude. We need to recognize sin for what it is and nip it in the bud. It’s not cute. It’s destructive.

So bring it on, chipmunks. If you want a fight, I’m ready. I have plans for you. I’m just sorry it took so long to recognize what they were doing to me. Live and learn.

Enjoy your summer!

- Dave



July

1 Joan Nale
8 Dawn Duran
15 Scott Sabo
22 Jerry Hoenes
29 Scott Sabo

Lay Assistants

August

5 Joan Nale
12 Russ Adkisson
19 Scott Sabo
26

Head Ushers

July

1 Vic & Rita Abelson
8 Elaine Risley, Carol Thomas
15 Shirley Smith, Denise Ott
22 Norm Johnson, Marjorie McGuigan
29

August

5 Ron & Joyce Pfeiffer
12 Carol Thomas, Elaine Risley
19 Vic & Rita Abelson
26 Norm Johnson, Marjorie McGuigan

Collection

July

1 Edith Budd, Ginny Davenport
8 Betty Lloyd, Mary Bew
15 Joanna Howell
22
29

August

5 Mary Bew, Betty Lloyd
12 Shirley Smith, Denise Ott
19 Joanna Howell
26

Deacons for the Month

July

Mary Bew

August

Jinny Wolcott

40 Minute Club

July

1 K-3 Barbara Hughes, Nick Hughes
4-7 Karen Little, Dawn Houseworth
8 K-3 Jacqueline Bhatti, Priscilla Schultheis
4-7 JoAnn Sabo, Jennifer Platt
15 K-3 Kathy Moore, Linda Adkisson
4-7 Jack Cobb, Kendal Cobb
22 K-3 JoAnn Sabo, Jacqueline Bhatti
4-7 Janna Beth Cobb, Jason Imlay
29 K-3 Rita Abelson, Vic Abelson
4-7 Dirk Williamson, Desiree Williamson

August

5 K-3 Tina Harvey, Priscilla Schultheis
4-7 Tina Brown
12 K-3 Fran Tanner, Melissa Dishert
4-7
19 K-3 Dawn Lewis, Maddie Lewis
4-7
26 K-3
4-7 Dawn Lewis

Nursery

July

1 Jennifer Platt
8 Gloria Achamizo
15 Alice Malfi
22 Fran Tanner
29 Jennifer Platt

August

5 Gloria Achamizo
12 Alice Malfi
19 Fran Tanner
26 Jennifer Platt

Van Drivers

July

1 John Channell
8 Barbara Hughes
15 John Harvey
22 Vic Abelson
29 Ed Little

August

5 John Channell
12 Barbara Hughes
19 John Harvey
26 Vic Abelson

Refreshment Hosts

July

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22
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August

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12
19
26



Anniversaries

July – Matthew & Kia Mellon, Robert & Jaime Mellon, Glenda & Joe Parker, Melvin & Ethel Washington, Carmela & Jeff Thomas, David & Naida Burgess, Dee & Jack Heil

August – Marty & Roger Milley, Jennifer & Tige Platt, Frank & Marge Loeb, Kris & Mike Jenoriki, Dave & Jan Cobb, Paul & Marjorie Hamer, David & Mae Sterling, Alice & Drew Malfi, Dick & June Waters

Birthdays

July – Chris Hawkes, Ferd Morgan, Marguerite Downer, Gay Channell, David Sterling III, Diane Kleiner, Russ Adkisson III, Dee Heil, Libby Little, Roger Milley, Ally Hodgson, Chris Keener, Bill Juhrs, Sr, Bob Wolff, Julie Bonneville, Marge Chapman, Lee Wolff, Laura May St. John, Dawn Duran, Mildred Felsberg, Irene Hunter, Robert Mellon, Layla McIntosh, Kristin Hudak, Chris Jablonski, Cameron Lease, Jack Schultz

August – Sarah Gillis, Jasmine Prescott, Irfan Bhatti, Anne Leopold, Cathy Guenther, Brent Greenlee, Annie McManus, Anna Lee, Amos Bhagwandeem, Stacey Harvey, Lori Miller, Kris Jenoriki, Kevin Kelly, Bob Gerber, Valerie Seel, Ester Bhatti, Doris Whitaker, Gayle Ackerman, Carmela Thomas, Bob Hunter, Scott Thomas, Clarence Hook, Sandy Tomasetti, Bud Burgess, Bob Gillis, Seth Putney, Bennett Muldoon, Sr, Lillian Fry, Ernie Weller, Janna Beth Cobb