



# The Acorn

**Starr  
Presbyterian  
Church News  
June 2011**

Dear Starr Church Family,

As we head into our summer months, with our family gatherings and vacation season beginning, I want to make you aware that the Session has recently decided that it would not be in the best interest of Starr to renew my contract when it expires this September. The Committee on Ministry will be meeting with the Session on June 14th to address the financial concerns of the church as well as the need for new pastoral leadership after my departure. The COM liaison to Starr Presbyterian Church is a lovely woman named Donna Johnston who is an elder from Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and lives in Warren. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Donna at (586)-573-8848 or via email at [donnajay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnajay@sbcglobal.net).

Personally, this means that I will be looking for a new call and at times these searches can take as little as a few months or it may take years. I have been in conversation with a church that seems very interested in my abilities. If approved by the congregation at the end of June, I would need to conclude my ministry with Starr at the end of July in order to re-locate and begin my new position in August. Ian and I will continue to keep our Starr family in our prayers as we hope you will do for us in this time of transition.

With love and thanksgiving,

## ***Special note of thanks to***

***Norm and Margaret Rossnagel, Rick Crawford, John Mays,  
Andy Le Cureaux, Don and Mandy Reinke for their hours dedicated in service to the church during our Spring Clean-Up Work Day.***

***Also a note of thanks to***

***Michael Woodcox for his weekly service in making our church beautiful.***

### Session Highlights

*Here are the highlights from the May Session meeting:*

Reviewed actions needed for the review of minutes and rolls for the Presbytery by the Clerk of Session.

Reviewed membership roll and recommended transfers to inactive roll.

Received Susie Regula's resignation from Session.

Andy Le Cureaux agreed to host June's Family First Luncheon.

Discussed a meeting date with the Committee on Ministry for June 14th.



### Communion Servers

for June

Sandy Woodcox

Mandy Reinke

Andy Le Cureaux

Bob Babion

### Community Diner

June 26th  
from  
4-6pm.

Please see  
**Janie Castle** if

you are willing to  
**assist in the set-up,  
clean-up  
or donate desserts.**



### Ethereal Mists

**Clouds - -  
gossamer angels' wings  
gliding on the sky!**

**shimmering in the sun - -  
Reflections of . . .  
God's smile;**

**bearing messages of . . .  
God's love  
in tearlike drops of rain.**

**Marilyn Smith**



## Community Ministries

### Recovery Ministries Meeting times

**Sundays:**

Men's AA Bible Study at 8:30 a.m.  
Meeting in the Park Group at 1 p.m.

**Tuesdays:** Al-Anon meeting at  
9:30 a.m.

**Thursdays:** Primary Purpose  
Men's Group at 7 p.m.

Please support the  
following

businesses that helped support our  
Coffee House and  
Warming Shelter  
Ministries:

- Changez Salon/Merle Norman
- Cup.cake
- Douglas Rivers Photography
- Gentlemen Songsters
- Footprints - Royal Oak
- Honda Bloomfield
- Dr. Hunter, DDS
- Dr. Hosea, DDS
- Dr. Kabot DDS, MS
- Main Art Theatre
- Miner's Den
- Najah Salon
- Nordstrom Rack - Troy
- Ranger's Floral Garden
- Sprint - Maple and Crooks
- Starbucks - Troy location
- Sunoco - 13 & Crooks
- Tania's Pizza and More
- Zumba Mexican Grille
- Sheila Judd - Creative Memories
- Cheesecakes by Elizabeth
- Rachel Klaus - Boo's Bows



### Women's Association News June 2011

Women's Circles meet on  
Tuesday, June 7 at 10 a.m.

Abigail-Dorcas meets at the church.

Mary-Martha meets at  
Grace McCullough's home.

There will be no  
June Board Meeting.

The Women's Gathering is June  
21st at 11:30.

Mary Martha is the hostess.  
Abigail-Dorcas will be organizing  
the installation of officers.

## Worship and Prayer Ministries

### Serving in the Lord's House June 2011

#### Liturgists:

June 5 Joseph Smith  
 June 12 Andy Le Cureaux  
 June 19 Sandy Woodcox  
 June 26 Susie Regula

Please contact Rev. Kelly if you are interested in serving as a liturgist during our Sunday morning worship service.

#### Greeters\*:

June 5 Sandy Woodcox  
 June 12 Elaine Meyer  
 June 19 Susie Regula  
 June 26 Margaret Rossnagel

*\* See Margaret Rossnagel if you would like to be a greeter!*

#### Coffee Hour:

June 5: Family First Meal hosted by Andy Le Cureaux  
 June 12: Sandy Woodcox  
 June 19: Carol Eads  
 June 26:

*\* See Carol Eads if you are able to host coffee hour or donate goodies!*

### June Wedding Anniversaries

7 Frank and Velma Wills  
 15 Debbie and Gary Collins  
 24 Sandy and Bill Woodcox



### June Birthdays

2 Steve McCusker  
 6 Luke Doty  
 9 Edward Rodgers  
 16 Kendall Groh  
 19 Carrie Sorenson  
 26 Linda Bedker  
 27 Tarah Berschbach



**DEACON'S NEWS**



## Middle School Youth Group Mission Project

Starr Church's Middle School Youth Group will be collecting cans and bottles. They will use the bottle return redemption monies to purchase flu shots for those who can't afford them. So, start collecting and bring those cans and bottles in!

Questions? See Rev. Kelly.



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**  
June 19

**DEACON'S NEWS**

Hosts needed!

Please see Carol Eads or Margaret Rossnagel if you can host a Family First Luncheon on July 3rd  
Thank you!



***Mark Your Calendar***

*June 12th– Pentecost Sunday. Please remember to wear red to worship to mark the ushering in of the Holy Spirit*

*June 19th– Father’s Day. The children of the church will be making cookies during Sunday school to honor our fathers.*

*Jul 17 – Worship In the Park*

*Sep 8, 9 and 10 - Rummage Sale Please see Sandy Woodcox with any questions or donations.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!  
SAVE THE DATE!!**

A graphic for an ice cream social. It features a large, stylized chocolate ice cream cone with three scoops, set against a light blue circular background. The cone is positioned in the center, with its yellow waffle cone pointing downwards. The text is arranged around the cone.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
FRIDAY AUGUST 19 at  
6:30 PM on the front lawn  
(13 Mile Road)**  
*Fun, fellowship and a great  
view of cars heading to the  
Dream Cruise!*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! SAVE THE DATE!!  
We will host Vacation Bible School August 22-29!**

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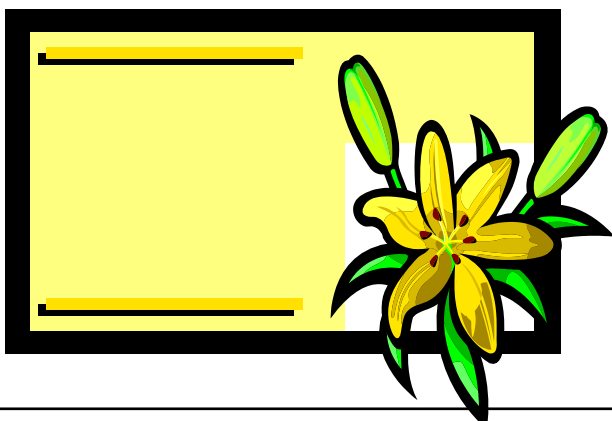
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**PRAYER PAGE**

*Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:*

**Those severely ill/injured/facing tests and surgery:** Wade Bennett, Jacob Bommarito, Sally Burton, Bob Chaney, Roger Chalmers, Janet Delaney, Jane Duff, Joe Fedderhoff, Jacky Howard, Tom Karaus, Tawni Lambroff, Joey Massameri, Fred Miller, Donald Raines, Ricky Rojas, Beverly Schell, MacKenzie Rose Stothers, Mike Tanner, Al Wease, Wally Wilmont

**Those recovering or facing long-term health challenges:**

Rick Bennett, Shirley Caughey, Lynn Chalmers, Deb Collins, Maria Gorniak, Kathy LeCureaux Cherris; Austin Durbin, Janet Edmonds, Jim Evans, Lillian Farrel, Mary Guss, Larry Hessen, Tom Johnson, Dr. Kabot, Lois Kendall, Billie Krakker, Mae Mitchum, Susan Parcell, Gabrielle Schramski, Dallas Strawn, Jim Sutherland, Anne Trampus, Marian Ventro, Alma Wetters

**For our missionaries:** Marge and Steve Doty and Lizzie Heavenrich

**For those serving our country:** President Barack Obama and all of our elected officials.  
*Our service members:* LCpl Jon Castle USMC; SrA David Cobb USAF; SPC Jeff Cobb USA; David Kennington USN, Troy McClintk, USMC; SSG James Rubert USA; SGT Laura Tate, USA (Reserve); Army Recruit Tyler Parcell

**For home-bound/health-care facility-bound members:** Darlene Burche, Lori Carson, Marie Deromedi, Anna Lee, Elvaretta Lister, Joyce Wilson, Eileen Gmeiner; Marguerite Hengel, Louise Judge, Jean McFarlin, Doris McDonald

**For those experiencing personal struggles:** Those needing comfort during transition and change; those seeking employment, the homeless and those who are losing their homes; families experiencing effects of natural disasters/bad weather.

**For those struggling with addictions** and those recovering, that they may continue to heal.

*I'd like to thank both Shelby Alston and her mother Shari for their determination in interviewing me in my resurrecting my military history, including medals that I somehow lost. Also thank you to those who recently signed my card because of a hospitalization. A special note of thanks to Kate and Ian Kelly for their visits.*

Love, Wally Wilmot

Peggy Beal's new mailing address:

3430 C  
Devon Rd.  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

and her new phone number is  
(248)-291-5638  
It's wonderful to have her

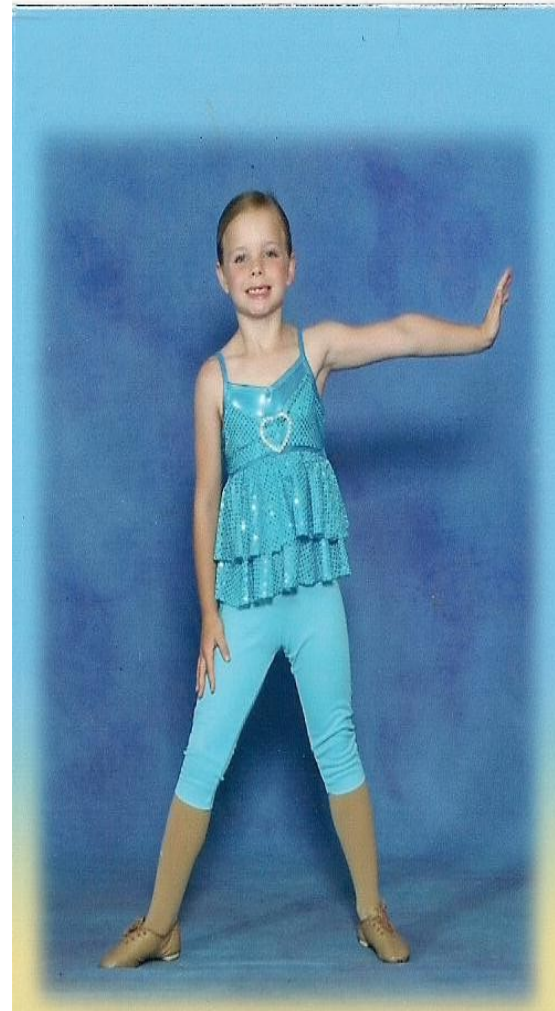
**Dear Starr Families and Friends:**  
Don and I want to thank you for all your Phone calls, cards and prayers.

Check up with all my doctors say I am on the right road to recovery. So much so that Don and I are about to take a trip to Colorado to see our grandson graduate from high school.

Thank You and God Bless,  
Edna Mae Olson

***PROUD GRANDFATHER***

Proud Grandfather, Bob Schulte, celebrates that his granddaughter Kylie took 2nd place in a state-wide gymnastics competition in Virginia last month. Kylie has been competing for many years now and Bob was thrilled to be able to spend time with his family during his most recent trip.



### ***WWII Veteran Gets Medal 66 years Later***

Royal Oak Middle School student and family help track down piece missing from 88-year-old's commendations.

When 12-year-old Shelby Alston of Royal Oak needed an interview subject, she chose a World War II veteran who attends her church. The sixth-grader from Royal Oak Middle School thought the veteran would give her enough material for a short speech. The decorated war hero's story became so much more.

Wallace "Wally" Wilmot, 88 years old and a long-time resident of Royal Oak, was a radio man on a B-17 in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served from December 1942 to October 1945 and took part in 23 combat missions.

"I wanted to interview him because I heard he was a POW," explained Shelby, who visits Wilmot regularly with her mother, Shari. "Then he told us he didn't have his medals while he was showing us a scrapbook and a chest of memorabilia."

Wilmot spent 13 months as a POW in Stalag 17-B in Austria. He and 4,200 prisoners were in a forced march from their prison camp. All he knew was that they were being marched toward American lines.

"We didn't know where we were going. We were on a hill and could see some trees that were pushed down," Wilmot said. "Only one machine could do that: a tank. And it came up the hill. The tank turret scanned us and then someone lifted the lid. He had a weapon, but we could see it was a U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel. He told us he was with Patton's 3rd Army.

"All hell broke loose," Wilmot said smiling.

"He told us to stay put, that we were surrounded by Germans. He was going to notify the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army. After a while, a group of guys in Jeeps showed up and yelled to stay put – that's an order. It was an order we were happy to follow."

Not long after, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army arrived with trucks and took the prisoners to an abandoned factory, and eventually into Reims, France. Wilmot spent several days in the hospital before starting his long journey home by ship, rail and car.

"I remember that because I was coming home from war, my dad was given the day off of work. So he picked me up and drove me home. I'll never forget the look on my mother's face ... you know, I was missing in action for a quite some time," Wilmot said quietly.

Wilmot earned several medals and commendations for his missions and being a POW. However, he was in such a hurry to get back home that he didn't pay much attention to what he was given and what he should have received.

After a few decades passed, Wilmot was going through his war memorabilia and realized he was missing several medals. He did his best to track them down by contacting military records divisions in St. Louis and San Antonio. A few medals and commendations made their way to him, but the award he wanted most – the Air Medal with three clusters representing his missions – was the medal he couldn't get. He waited months and months, only to be told that his best bet at finding a medal would be from a collector that specializes in military medals.

When the Alstons heard of Wilmot's plight, they sprung into action. Shari's brother is a retired Chief Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Contacting friends and colleagues, he was able to secure an Air Medal for Wilmot.

A few weeks ago, after attending the Sunday worship service at Starr Presbyterian Church, Wilmot was approached by Shelby Alston.

"Shelby said, 'I have something for you,' " Wilmot said. She handed him a box. He opened it and there was an Air Medal – something he should have received more than 60 years ago.

"Somehow, getting that medal made it all worth while," Wilmot said with a smile.

Written by Lynne Cobb and published in the Royal Oak Patch on May 30, 2011



# June 2011

May 2011

July 2011

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