

Daily Blog

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Thursday December 31, 2015

I met David at Exit 99 on I-79 this morning at 10:30 am. Brianna and Megan came back to Clarion with me. We picked up Hannah and Brody when we got back and then went to the County Seat for lunch. After lunch, they played all afternoon. Lue picked up the pizza on her way in at 6 pm. As usual I had a roaster full of pork, sauerkraut, kielbasa, and hot dogs. At midnight the kids were still going strong. They put on their party hats, got their horns and pots and pans and went out on the deck and exactly at midnight they made a lot of noise. David and Janna faced-timed into the midnight celebration. Here at the party were Frank, Lue, Danny, Hannah, Brody, Megan, Brianna, Jared, Fran, Ron, BeeDee, Dude, Linda, Alisha, Craig, Dan, Megan, Gary, Karen, and me (20).

Wednesday December 30, 2015

I talked to David this morning. We agreed to meet at Exit 99 on I-79 Thursday morning at 10:30 am. Brianna and Megan are coming back to stay here for the New Year's Eve party. I will take them back Friday afternoon.

Tuesday December 29, 2015

I learned today that Tim Neverett, one of the Pittsburgh Pirates announcers has resigned his position to take the radio announcer job for the Boston Red Sox. That is his home area. He was with the Bucs for seven years. He will only do radio for Boston. Most MLB team announcers do not do both TV and radio as they do in Pittsburgh.

Monday December 28, 2015

Archie called again this evening. He said Carol's tests on her lungs showed they were fine. However, the team of doctors are still debating whether or not to do the open-heart surgery. If they do it, they are considering sending her home for a couple of weeks before they do the

surgery. Why? I'm not sure; I guess for her to get stronger.

Sunday December 27, 2015

After church, I drove to Butler to see Carol Smith. She has been in Butler since last Thursday when the Clarion Hospital found a leaky valve in her heart. Butler would like to do open-heart surgery to replace or repair the valve but they need to do more tests to see if she can have the surgery. I got home in time to see the Steelers lose and along with it almost all of their hopes of making the playoffs.

Saturday December 26, 2015

David, Janna, Brianna, and Megan got here shortly after noon. We had gift opening in the afternoon then Jared, Missy, and the kids came for more. Twila came up and Frank, Lue, and Danny came in. I had cooked a brisket all day for dinner. Later, Dude, Linda, Alisha, Craig, Dan, and Dan's girlfriend Megan came. Dude and his family are heading for NY City in the morning for a 2-3 day vacation. David and family headed back home around 10:30 pm.

Friday December 25, 2015

Twila and I were called around 7 am to go over to see Hannah and Brody open their gifts. We had a nice morning. We had breakfast around 10 am, soon after Rick, Barb, Brad, Lauren, and Bryce came. After breakfast, Twila and I left. Later she would go to Dude and Linda's for dinner. Rick, Laura, Drew, and Betsy came up too. I went to Lue's for dinner (ham and shells) as did BeeDee. I got home in time to see Rick, Laura, Drew, and Betsy before they headed back home.

Thursday December 24, 2015

Twila and I went to Jared and Missy's for dinner. They had crab legs. The dinner was good. Afterwards, we went to the Christmas Eve service at church. After that, I went to Frank and Lue's. I gave Danny his gifts and then we played a game that was one of the gifts I got Danny (*American Trivia Board Game*).

Wednesday December 23, 2015

BeeDee, Fran, Ron, Frank, Lue, Danny, and I went to the Roadhouse for dinner to celebrate BeeDee's birthday.

Tuesday December 22, 2015

I had asked Brody if he wanted to go to the C-L, Clarion basketball game

tonight. Both teams came into this game undefeated. Jared and Hannah decided they wanted to go too. I wanted to see Callen play but he is out for at least a couple of weeks with a concussion. Hannah was ready to go back home after being there 10 minutes. At half-time, Jared and Hannah went home. Brody and I saw a real nail-biter. The game was tied most of the 2nd half. Clarion took a 6 point lead on a slam dunk by their big kid. Somehow, C-L rallied and won it with the game undecided in the final few seconds of the game. The gym was packed and the crowd was deafening. Brody was very interested in it all. He couldn't wait to get to school on Wednesday to tell his teacher that he was at the game and that C-L had won a close one.

Monday December 21, 2015

David said he will get a week off over Christmas. Missy's foot is still not good, not healing.

Sunday December 20, 2015

We had a business meeting after church today. We are asking the church if they believe God wants us to send Jason to Uganda this summer for 3 weeks. We will come back and vote on it in a couple of weeks.

Danny wanted to come in to watch the Steelers game. Lue dropped him off on her way to bingo and Frank picked him near the end of the game.

Saturday December 19, 2015

Today was Hannah's dance recital. There were a limited number of seats available. Brody decided before it was time to get ready that he didn't want to go. I went to the Y and then swung around and picked him up. He watched the movie Jack Frost while I did some laundry and got a shower and then the two of us went to see the movie *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. It was ok. I am glad I saw it but I realized more than ever that I am a Star Trek fan and not a fan of Star Wars. Nonetheless, I was glad we went. There was a lot of action and shooting so I am sure Brody really like it. Dianne Jaeger reported on Facebook that her son Alex did some art concept work on this movie.

It wasn't that cold today, in fact, it was around the normal temperature for this date, but because we have been having such warm weather, it seemed bitterly cold at times.

Friday December 18, 2015

I spent most of the afternoon wrapping presents. Hannah had her rehearsal for her Saturday morning dance recital. I picked up Brody. We first went to Deb's for supper and then back to my house. We bought the original Star Wars movie and watched it. Lue said that Frank and Danny went to see the Moby Dick movie. Just before Jared came to get Brody, snow squall warnings were issued for our area. When Jared arrived, he said he couldn't see a thing coming down the road; it was snowing that hard. The ground was covered.

Thursday December 17, 2015

I ordered the brisket for the dinner the day after Christmas.

Wednesday December 16, 2015

Missy is still having a lot of trouble with her foot. In afternoon, I picked up Twila, then Jared and Missy and we went to the Kindergarten Christmas program at C-L high school. Like last year, it was a nice program. Tim & Becky reported their 3rd grandson is on the way.

Tuesday December 15, 2015

David went to the kids' school Christmas program. He said there is a lot of sickness going around their school. They are planning on coming here on the 26th. In the evening Craig, Alisha, and I met at the church to begin their pre-wedding counseling sessions. Their wedding is less than six months away.

Monday December 14, 2015

Less than two weeks before Christmas and it continues to be short-sleeve shirt weather. I went to the doctor this morning. My high blood pressure is now too low and my glucose readings are way too low. So, I have to quit taking some of my medicine and switch out another.

Sunday December 13, 2015

I put out laser Christmas lights. It took 2 minutes. Bucco came over and brought Izzy (and the rest of the family). She did a lot of exploring around the house.

Saturday December 12, 2015

Izzy arrived to join the Beggs family. We had the church Christmas party in the evening. It was nice. After I got home, I called Lue. She said there was an explosion in Strattanville but she didn't know what it was. It shook homes.

Friday December 11, 2015

Jared and Missy said they are getting their new dog on Saturday. It looks like the name may be Izzy.

Thursday December 10, 2015

Karen got home but she is still in a lot of pain. I had to get blood work today prior to a doctor appointment I have Monday. While there, I ran into Clyde Conti there. We had a few minutes to have a good talk.

Wednesday December 9, 2015

Karen remains in the hospital and in pain and discomfort.

I was not surprised but I was disappointed at the Neil Walker trade. I know he was going to cost the Pirates a lot of money and that we need another starting pitcher, but I had hopes that he would be back for at least one more season. They must figure Harrison at second base this year and prospect Hanson is on the way in another year.

Tuesday December 8, 2015

I learned today that Karen went to the ER at UPMC at Seneca Monday and has been admitted with pancreatitis. Gary thought she would at least be in for a few more days. As of yet, they have not discovered the cause and she is still in a lot of pain. I went to the Wilson's and the Begg's after dark to take some pictures of their lights. Missy said their new dog should be ready for pickup on Saturday. Tinker was guaranteed with another dog or their money back.

Monday December 7, 2015

I was surprised as I drove to the church today to see a crew demolishing Bob Ganoe's gas station, in fact, the entire block looks like it's being torn down. It seems strange in the afternoons. I had gotten used to spending almost every day out in the yard mowing and then doing leaves. Furthermore, I am all caught up with the TV shows I watch. One of the new shows I really like *Code Black*. It's about an Emergency Room; maybe because it seems like home to me when I watch it.

Sunday December 6, 2015

Gary, Karen, and I went to the Allegheny Grille in Foxburg. A couple of weeks ago, they started serving all-you-can-eat crab legs on Sundays. They were ok but the service was terrible. They didn't know how to cook them in large quantities. As a result, we would get one cluster of legs and

then have to wait several minutes for another to come. When I got back, I picked up Danny and Slick. We took Slick home and then Danny came to my place until Lue got him around 10 pm. Lue had put up outside lights on Saturday. They looked really nice.

Saturday December 5, 2015

I went and bought more lights and then finished decorating the Christmas tree today. I also bought a lense cover for a drop ceiling light in the closet in the downstairs bedroom. I started replaying the 1942 baseball season.

Friday December 4, 2015

Jared, Missy, the kids, and Bucco picked up fish from the Tavern and came over for supper. Afterwards, they helped me do some decorating. Jared put some lights on the tree (I didn't have enough) and Missy put some decorations around the house. Earlier in the day, I went down to Walmart to buy a light projector for outside but they were sold out until next week.

Thursday December 3, 2015

I picked Brody up off the bus. We went to the house and browsed online Christmas catalogs. Jared and Hannah picked him up after their dentist appointments. I put up the Christmas tree today. Now, if it would just decorate itself.

Wednesday December 2, 2015

It started snowing tonight and the ground should be covered by Thursday morning. The Pirates parted ways with Pedro Alvarez. They tried to trade him but couldn't find any team that was interested so they let him go. Alvarez is now a free agent and most likely will end up in the American League where he can be a designated hitter.

Tuesday December 1, 2015

Janna began her new job today. She had a good first day.

Monday November 30, 2015

Gary called saying he and Karen are back from the south. He said they had a good Thanksgiving. November came to an end. It was a very warm month compared to a normal November. We totaled 144° more than an average November which converts to 4.8° per day. It was one of the warmest Novembers ever. Hannah came over while her dad went to the store and we made a Christmas list. Later, after she left, I placed my first order for Christmas gifts.

Sunday November 29, 2015

After I picked up two sweet rolls from County Seat, I drove down to Cranberry Township and went to church at Grace Community Church with Rick, Laura, Twila, and Betsy. Afterwards, we went to the North Park Lounge for brunch. Twila had stayed with Rick and Laura since Thursday night. We got back to Clarion by 2 pm. Frank, Lue, and Danny headed out to Atlantic City in the morning. Brody went to the ER. He has been sick. It turns out he has strep throat.

Saturday November 28, 2015

David and I went up to the County Seat for breakfast then He, Janna, and the girls left around noon to head back home. Frank and Lue came back in for supper and the final day of Thanksgiving food. After three days of lots of activity, I was back to being alone in a quiet house. I realized that I am very content in whatever situation I'm in. I like it when there are lots of people around and kids are noisy and playing; and, I like the quiet time too. I think someone is blessed who is not always wishing for something other than what they have at the moment. I know of people who seem to never be content. That must make for a lot of misery.

Friday November 27, 2015

I slept in a little this morning and then realized I had Thanksgiving jet lag; so in the afternoon, I disappeared for an hour or two. Ashley and Kinley came over to visit for a couple of hours in the afternoon. Brian came over later on. Frank, Lue, Danny, Jared, Hannah, and Brody came over for supper. Janna did a lot of cleaning and putting things back where they belong today.

Thursday November 26, 2015

I got up at 3 am and had both turkeys stuffed and cooking before 4 am. Ron did his usual carving, both turkeys and the ham. Everyone seemed to have a good time. It was a beautiful day, with highs in the 60s, so the kids played outside a lot, wiffle ball and football. Becky Brooks came over for a while in the afternoon. Everyone was glad to see her. Those here for dinner were: Frank, Lue, Danny, Ron, Fran, Dood, BeeDee, Don, Andy, Twila, Dude, Linda, Dan, Rick, Laura, Jared, Missy, Hannah, Brody, David, Janna, Brianna, Megan, and me (24). In the evening, Craig and Alisha stopped in as did Babe and Tracy.

Wednesday November 25, 2015

David, Janna, and the kids got here in the early afternoon. I made the stuffing and then we went to the Pizza Pub for supper where we caught up with Jared, Missy, Hannah, and Brody. My camera arrived while we were at the Pub.

Tuesday November 24, 2015

Jared had to pick up Hannah from school. She was running a temperature. He took her to the doctor. She has an ear infection. She had to miss her first grade Thanksgiving Dinner. I spent some time cleaning and then went to the store for some things needed for Thanksgiving Day.

Monday November 23, 2015

Janna called and said she got a job. It is with the Washington County Redevelopment Authority. She will start December 1.

I talked to Jared's dad for a little bit today about cameras. Rick is a pretty good photographer. By the end of day I ordered the one he recommended and it should be here in one day.

Sunday November 22, 2015

Today was Hannah's 7th birthday. My ordination service was today. Several members of the family came for it. Afterwards, Twila took everyone to lunch at the Carriage Inn in Knoxville. They were having stuffed pork chops and stuffed chicken breast. We put tables together to make one big table. There was Frank, Lue, Twila, Rick, Laura, Jared, Hannah, Brody, Danny, Craig, Alisha, Dan, Megan, Dude, Linda, Ron, Fran, BeeDee, and me (19). Missy was at the service but couldn't make lunch due to her foot surgery. I thought it was a great meal. At 3 pm, I went to Hannah's party.

Saturday November 21, 2015

Don Dininny and I did Paul Byers funeral including a graveside committal service. After it was over, the two of us went to Phyllis' place for lunch which our church provided. As soon as I left there, I headed out to Danny's 10th birthday party at the church in Strattanville.

Friday November 20, 2015

I left the Y a few minutes early so I could be with Hannah and Brody by 5:45 am while Jared took Missy for surgery on her foot. I got the kids on the bus a little before 8:30 am and headed back home to prepare for my Sunday School lesson, the funeral, and some remarks during the worship service.

Thursday November 19, 2015

I taught the Thursday morning Bible study and then came home and worked on the yard all afternoon. That is it for the year. I will clean up the mower and blower and put them both away for the winter. Gary, Karen, and I went to DuBois to the Red Lobster for dinner.

Wednesday November 18, 2015

Don D. and I visited Phyllis Byers to plan the funeral for Saturday.

Tuesday November 17, 2015

I spent the large part of the day at Pittsburgh in the Magee Hospital. Elaine Custer has having a double mastectomy. I got there in time to pray with her before she went into surgery. I then sat with Don for a couple more hours until the surgeon came out and said everything went well. I left while Elaine was beginning a 3-hour reconstructive surgery by the plastic surgeon. Don called around 9 pm to say she was in her room and still doing well. It is possible, though I can hardly believe it, that she may come home as early as tomorrow (Wednesday).

Monday November 16, 2015

I did Twila's yard all afternoon. I am finished with it for the year. I need to go over mine once more before I put my mower and blower away until spring. BeeDee got her phone, tv, and internet hooked up. Rick Goble called and told me that Paul Byers died today. Phyllis wants Don Dininny and me to do the funeral on Saturday.

Sunday November 15, 2015

Lue put up BeeDee's curtains today and then I guess BeeDee moved in.

Saturday November 14, 2015

I spent a large part of the day at BeeDee's; the place she is moving from and then where she is moving to. A couple of young men were hired along with a U-Haul. They did all the heavy lifting. Frank, Ron, Lue, and me helped with lighter things like cleaning, hooking up the washer and dryer, etc. BeeDee's apartment will be where mom last lived. She will not stay there until Sunday or Monday. She gets the phone and TV hooked up on Monday. Twila had Dude and me over for supper. Dude wanted swiss steak so that is what she made.

Friday November 13, 2015

At noon, we had the seniors fall luncheon at the Roseville Grange. It was a

good meal. Martha and Becky organize this event each year. In the evening, Dude took his mother, Alisha, and me to Knox for dinner. It was snowing during the evening and into the night. Of course, the big news of the day was that terrorists (most likely ISIS) killed at least 128 people in coordinated attacks in Paris, France.

Thursday November 12, 2015

Normally at the conclusion of each baseball season, I am glad to get a month or so without baseball before I start getting anxious for the next season to begin. I think I am ready for the 2016 season to start now.

Wednesday November 11, 2015

C-L elementary is having teacher-parent conferences today, Thursday, and Friday. The kids get home around 1 pm each of these days.

Tuesday November 10, 2015

Starling Marte won a gold glove today. It was his first.

Monday November 9, 2015

I got Hannah and Brody off the bus this afternoon because Missy had a doctor appointment. I left there and went to Hulse's to see if they need any help with the move but they had the U-Haul loaded in 20 minutes and were finished by the time I got there.

Sunday November 8, 2015

We had a baptism ceremony at church and we also recognized Don Hulse. This was Don's last day. He is going to live with his daughter in Ohio. He is 91 and has been a member of our church for 31 years.

Saturday November 7, 2015

Rick was up for an eye appointment. Afterwards, he, Twila, and I went to lunch at the Korner Restaurant in Rimersburg. It was the first I ate there since they moved from Sligo after their fire. After lunch I picked up Hannah, Brody, and Danny and we went to see the movie *Peanuts The Movie*. We all liked the movie and after it was done, we went to Pizza Hut for supper.

Friday November 6, 2015

Missy called very early this morning saying their new puppy, Tinker, was still not eating and seemed sick. I suggested they get her to the vet this morning. I had a bad feeling. Around 7:30 am, Jared was taking her to the Vet and Tinker died on his lap on the way. The kids are so upset. I am not

sure if they will be able to go to school this morning.

The kids did go to school today. Jared went in and told their teachers about their puppy dying and that if they needed to call Missy to come to get them, that would be fine. They stayed the day but they (all 4) were having a hard time with it by the end of the day.

Thursday November 5, 2015

It is hard to believe but I was way too warm while mowing up leaves today. It was the third straight day we had highs in the 70s. I went back and looked at the weather data for Clarion and discovered we have never had three straight November days in the 70s during my lifetime (1953). In November 1956, we had five days that reached 70° or higher but no more than 2 days were consecutive. In fact, it is rare to have one day in November hit 70°. Frank got over 99% of the vote to win another six years as Clarion Township Supervisor.

Wednesday November 4, 2015

Hannah called and said she got her report card and that she is on the principal's list. We had a high temperature in the 70s for the second straight day. We haven't had back to back days with highs in the 70s since November 3rd and 4th of 2003.

Tuesday November 3, 2015

I picked (voted for) one winner and one loser in the race for the County Commissions. Incumbent Brosius won. So did Heasley and Tharan. Incumbent Faller took 4th and is out.

The deer hanging out in the front and back yard is getting ridiculous. It's almost like a game reserve here.

Monday November 2, 2015

I get back from the Y each morning around 6 am. This morning there was an army of three barricading the entrance to my garage. The three deer, none with horns and one younger than the other two, just stopped there wondering what I was doing, determined that I wouldn't get into the garage. They wouldn't move. After I gave them the high beams a few times, they finally decided to move on and let me in. I was glad they didn't enter the garage.

Sunday November 1, 2015

After church, I stopped over to see the new dog, Tinker. The name was going to be Tinker Bell but it has since been officially shortened to Tinker

with Tink being the nickname. I was happy that Jeff Gordon won the race today. That means he will be in the final four race on November 22. He is in his last year before retiring and I am rooting that he wins it all. It was a late night of baseball. It is unbelievable that the Mets controlled almost all of this game (again) but the Royals rallied to win the World Series 4 games to 1. I can now get back to going to bed before 9 pm each night.

Saturday October 31, 2015

We had a 4-hour Elders workshop here at the house this morning. There were 8 of us. When it was finished, I provided lunch - ribs, soup, and a baked potato. Hannah, Brody, and Danny came trick-or-treating between 8 and 8:30. Frank, Lue, and Danny stayed until the game was over. The Royals won to take a 3 games to 1 lead in the World Series.

Friday October 30, 2015

Since I have an all-morning elder meeting on Saturday, I worked hard this morning to make certain my Sunday School lesson was ready. In the afternoon, I got Twila's front yard and mine in pretty good shape after the wind and rain of this week brought down tons of leaves. Missy said that Hannah and Brody were so excited about their new dog that they wished they didn't have to go to school today. Andrew McCutchen won the Roberto Clemente, the first Pirate player to do so since Willie Stargell.

Thursday October 29, 2015

No baseball today. I went to Eat-n-Park with Gary and Karen for supper and then to bed early. Hannah and Brody got their new dog, Tinker Bell.

Wednesday October 28, 2015

No yard work today because it rained all day and evening. We got just over 1½" of rain. I had the yard in pretty good shape prior to today but a zillion more leaves fell throughout the day. I got home from church in time to see the ballgame and I was able to stay away for all of it. Of course, it didn't go 14 innings like it did last night. The Royals take a 2-0 lead as the series shifts to New York.

Tuesday October 27, 2015

Most of us have got a call or email telling us the good news. We have won \$1 million. All we have to do is to send the caller a fee to process the winnings and soon after we will receive our big check. You wonder why they bother. Would anyone ever fall for this? I learned yesterday, the answer to that question is yes. An elderly member of our church went to

the bank and wired these evil people \$2800 and was about to wire out that amount again the next day but the bank became suspicious and started asking questions, then called the person's daughter. Remember, whoever is emailing or calling you is not who they say they are. If Microsoft is calling you about your computer, it is not them. Give nobody your SS# or any other info.

Monday October 26, 2015

Brianna and Megan face-timed me tonight. Brianna is working on her multiplication tables at school. Megan said she was going to be Maleficent for Halloween. I really laughed when Brianna told me about her costume. She said she will be a dead prom queen (zombie).

Sunday October 25, 2015

BeeDee said she is planning on moving on November 15 and 16. She is moving into the place where mom last lived, the house where Gary grew up. I think she will be glad to get out of the country and into town.

Saturday October 24, 2015

Joe sent me a message saying that Heather had her baby yesterday (Friday at 3:41 am). Her name is Ella Lynne. The new baby is Joe and Lynne's great granddaughter.

Friday October 23, 2015

I called Luton's in the morning about the garbage disposal. They said they would put it on their task list. I figured maybe they would come next week if I was lucky. To my surprise, Dick called about 4 hours later and said he had a guy coming into the shop who was finished with his job for the day. He sent him over and it was replaced within a hour.

I was hoping Kansas City would get back to the World Series and they did. The Mets and Royals should make for a good World Series.

Thursday October 22, 2015

I am pretty sure my garbage disposal bit the dust. I turned on the switch, it ran for a second or two before it suddenly stopped, and then I smelled that bad burned motor scent. I am not sure how old it is nor do I remember who installed it.

Wednesday October 21, 2015

I was wondering if Gary and Karen made it back yet. On the way back home from work, I went around by their house and there was Gary out

mowing the lawn. He said that he has a tentative date for his surgery (Jan. 7). He also told me that Kris Clark's mother died. I think she lived in Pittsburgh but that may not be right.

Tuesday October 20, 2015

Jason, Debbie, and I went to Crickets for lunch. It was good. The lunch was in appreciation for the good work Debbie does as office manager and her care and love for the people of our congregation. I was sad to hear later in the day that there is a possibility that one of our families may be leaving the church. Most likely the Cubs are done. In the entire history of ML Baseball, only once has a team come back from being down 3 games to none.

Monday October 19, 2015

Around midday, I took Missy to Magee Hospital for an appointment with her Crohn's doctor. On the way back, we stopped at the Grove City Outlets. I needed to get some clothes. We ate at Hoss's and got home around 7 pm. Twink had the kids because Jared had to work until 8 pm. He has been working long hours as they in the process of completing the sell of his company and the new owners are preparing to take over. Gary and Karen have been down south for two or three weeks. I wonder if today is the day they are traveling home, or is it next week?

Sunday October 18, 2015

Today would have been Sherri's 60th birthday. I had the sermon today as Jason was away at a conference.

Saturday October 17, 2015

Frank had brought in a small turkey a few weeks ago and put it in the freezer. I cooked it today. Frank, Lue, Hannah, and Brody came for supper. Danny was at a birthday party for David Callender. Holly brought Danny in after dinner. Hannah and Brody went home with Frank and Lue to spend the night. Jared and Missy were at the hockey game tonight. We had the first snow of the season today.

Friday October 16, 2015

Missy and Jared left around mid-day for a weekend in Pittsburgh. Tonight, they have a dinner and then Jared has a meeting. Jared is on the Clarion Hospital Board of Directors. The meeting is for the Clarion Hospital, Punxsutawney, and Indiana who are all going together (not merging) to have larger hospital negotiating power with insurance companies and other

services. On Saturday night, Jared and Missy will go to the Penguins game with some friends and stay another night. Hannah and Brody are with Jared's parents tonight and then they will stay with Frank and Lue Saturday night.

Thursday October 15, 2015

What's new? Nothing. What's old? Leaves and baseball. I got lots of leaves off the yards but the trees look just as full to me as they did ten days ago. I was glad the Mets sent the Dodgers packing. I think the Cubs/Mets series will be fun to watch. I will pull for the winner of that series to beat the winner of the KC/Toronto series.

Wednesday October 14, 2015

The two Texas teams, the Astros and the Rangers, were both eliminated as the Royals and Blue Jays will play each other for the right to go to the World Series. After the way the Blue Jays fans and players acted today, I will most certainly be rooting for the Royals.

Tuesday October 13, 2015

Jason and I took Martha to Pinecrest in Brookville for lunch. We are so grateful for all the hours she gives to the church as treasurer, teacher, and everything else. When we got back, Clarion was in a blackout. The entire town had no power for about an hour. All the traffic lights were off.

Monday October 12, 2015

The Cubs hit the most home runs ever in a postseason game (6). This was a long day. It started at 4 am and I didn't get to bed until after 11 pm. We had a long meeting at church. I got to do some leaves in the afternoon.

Sunday October 11, 2015

I watched a little of the race in the afternoon and then baseball all evening. Frank and Danny came in for an hour or so in the evening and watched some of the Texas-Kansas City game. I am now hoping for an all Texas American League Championship Series and hoping the Cubs will win the NL.

Saturday October 10, 2015

The kids were up earlier than what I would have guessed. Danny said he didn't sleep at all. They played all morning while I worked on my lesson. The kids got McDonalds for lunch. Jared picked up Hannah and Brody after lunch was over and the three of them went searching for apples. I

made spaghetti for supper. Jared, Missy and the kids came back over. Missy baked her first apple pie and it was really good. Danny was sleeping by 7 pm and I suspect he was still sleeping when his parents picked him up which was supposed to be around midnight.

Friday October 9, 2015

I watched a lot of baseball today. Of course now that I want the Cubs to win, they didn't. Dude and I went over to the Carriage Inn at Knox for supper. The meal was very good. Frank and Lue are going on a bus trip to Salamanca Saturday morning so Danny stayed overnight with me. So did Hannah and Brody. I went to bed at 9 and left the kids in charge of themselves and the house. I hope they're all still here in the morning.

Thursday October 8, 2015

It looks like Dood is in Yellowstone. Of any place I would like to visit, this would be my top choice. I am not sure if Dood is there on business or just a vacation. Maybe she is trying to capture some wildlife (buffalo, wolves, etc.) to put in Frick Park in Pittsburgh.

Wednesday October 7, 2015

I went to New Bethlehem today to visit Thad Miles and then up to Brookville to see Paul Ion and Louise Isaacs.

As most of us feared, the Cubs beat the Pirates (4-0), ending Pittsburgh's season. Arrieta remains unbeatable. I will now root for the Cubs to win it all.

Tuesday October 6, 2015

The 2015 baseball postseason began with the Astros knocking out the Yankees. I liked that. Now for the big game tonight. Jared called and said he will be at the game tonight. So will Rick.

Notice was in the paper that Keith Martin died Monday. He was 84. I still have the savings bond that he and his wife, Virginia, gave Sherri and I for a wedding gift.

Monday October 5, 2015

No baseball today. The season ended yesterday and the playoffs begin on Tuesday. I am wondering how I can stay up to watch the games and still get up at 4 am. I guess I will have to sleep from 6 to 7 each evening.

Laura got a promotion and began her new job today.

Drew got most of his things moved to his new apartment where he will live while going to school at the Pittsburgh Technical Institute. I think he starts

within a few days. The school is out by the Pittsburgh Airport. Missy went to the doctor today. She has a lump on the back of her neck the size of an egg. They were not sure what it was are are going to scan it if the insurance will pay for the test.

Sunday October 4, 2015

David, Janna, and the girls left while I was at church. Frank came later in the day with a cinnamon roll from uptown. We watched the Pirates win their last game of the year, a game they needed to secure the home field for the NL Wildcard game on Wednesday against the Cubs.

Saturday October 3, 2015

Rainy & very cool. That describes the better part of the day. As a result, none of the family went to the parade. Lots of people spent the afternoon and evening at the house eating soup, sloppy joes, and other snacks. David and Janna visited Brian and Ashley and also stopped over to Dude and Linda's party. They brought me back an apple dumpling from uptown. In the evening, some of us watched the Pirates lose while others played games upstairs. It was a very good day.

Friday October 2, 2015

I made my soup and had it cook all day. Rick was up to visit for a while. Around 3 pm, David, Jana, and the girls arrived. After they visited for a while they went up town to ride some of the rides and to get some carnival food. It was cold so they didn't stay for a long.

Thursday October 1, 2015

David called and said they were coming on Friday and that they would be here around 3 pm. I went over and helped Missy set up their new printer. They also got a Surface Pro 3 computer - that is tablet and laptop combined.

Danny lost tooth #19; one to go. Today would have been Mom's 80th birthday.

Wednesday September 30, 2015

Today the Pirates were eliminated from any chance of winning the Central Division. They still must win a game or two to secure the home game against the Cubs next Wednesday night. I spent the day cleaning and watching baseball. When I came home from church around 8:30 pm, I thought I spotted Danny Wilson living it up at the ALF carnival.

Tuesday September 29, 2015

David called and said he saw the forecast for Saturday. He wasn't sure if they would come or not since it is supposed to rain all day Saturday. They will wait and see if that forecast holds for another day or so before deciding.

I need to take some time off at the church so I decided I will stay home for the next two days.

Monday September 28, 2015

I saw on the news that Alcoa was splitting into two companies. Later in the evening, Dude called saying he was on his way to Cleveland. Everyone in the company was getting called in for two days of meetings to learn how this will impact them.

The Pirates lost to the Cardinals which makes it all but impossible for them to win their division.

Sunday September 27, 2015

I walked uptown in the middle of the afternoon and looked at the cars and got a hot sausage sandwich. I figured I would see lots of people I know but I didn't see more than a few. However, it was a nice day and there were lots of people there.

Saturday September 26, 2015

Before the Pirates' game began at 1 pm, I walked out to the Dodge garage and back. The stands were up and running up town and there were lots of people. Frank, Lue, Danny came in to watch the ballgame and then we went to Debs for turkey after the Bucs got their 8th straight win (all on the road).

Friday September 25, 2015

David had a near-serious accident at work about one week ago. His head was caught between equipment that helped to hold up the long wall of coal. He had to be helped out of this situation and he has been having some headaches ever since. It could have been much worse. He went for a scan of his head today and they found nothing wrong. He said that they are considering coming up ALF Friday in the mid to late afternoon.

Thursday September 24, 2015

Hannah and Brody stayed with me a little bit while their parents ran up to the funeral home for Jim Staab's wife's viewing. We watched more of the

mermaid's series called *H2O: Just Add Water*. The ALF stands are starting to pull into town. I would think they will start setting up on Friday.

Wednesday September 23, 2015

Twila said she talked to Rick. He and Laura are on vacation in New Orleans. He said it is so hot and humid that as soon as you step outside, you are soaked with sweat.

With their win tonight, the Bucs clinched a playoff spot for the third straight year.

Tuesday September 22, 2015

I was only about 10 years old when he finished playing. But there wasn't a kid or fan anywhere that didn't know of Yogi. His appearances and records in those many world series gets harder as time goes by to comprehend. As a player, coach, or manager, Berra appeared in 21 World Series and won 13 of them. He is famous for saying, "It ain't over 'til it's over." Well Yogi, it's over.

Monday September 21, 2015

Missy called early in the morning to say that Jim Staab's wife, Sally, died suddenly in the middle of the night of a heart attack. Rick and Barb live beside Jim and Sally. Jim had recently lost his mother. I guess Sally had just retired.

We had our annual meeting at church with a meal before the meeting. I took pork and sauerkraut. At the meeting, the congregation affirmed my ordination.

Sunday September 20, 2015

I watched some of the Steelers' game, some of the race, and all of the Pirates' game. Needless to say, I didn't do anything else.

Saturday September 19, 2015

I got the soil samples back from Penn State. The pH was 6.5, right in the middle of the range it should be. Once again, they indicate that I do not need any lime on my yard for the next three years. The \$10 test probably saved me \$50 a year for 3 years.

Friday September 18, 2015

The church's picnic for seniors was today at Martha Haggerty's home. It

was well attended and the food was good. Becky Brooks and Martha put it together each year.

Danny got his results from last April's PSSA test. He was advanced in all areas.

Thursday September 17, 2015

After watching the Pirates lose their third straight game then losing Kang for the season with a broken leg, I picked up Brody and Bucco and went for a short walk down below the Strattanville school. I hardly recognized my old stomping grounds. Brody found some feathers and took them home.

Wednesday September 16, 2015

Lue told me Kurtis Bell was able to take a few steps with support and that this is very encouraging.

Ashley Luton went into labor this evening. She would have her baby Thursday morning around 3:30 am. That means mother and daughter will share the same birthday.

Tuesday September 15, 2015

Alisha's birthday was Monday and Twila had a lasagna dinner for her and Craig tonight. I was invited down too. Alisha is doing her internship this semester in Butler and then next semester she will be at the Kittanning hospital.

Monday September 14, 2015

Rita Kahle stopped by today for a few minutes while she was in town. When I saw her play at the Sawmill, I told her to stop by sometime. She told me that she and her husband had just bought an RV and some day they plan to take off for 2-3 months at a time.

Sunday September 13, 2015

For the first time in a long time, the house was cool. I thought if Sherri were here, I would have the furnace going. I knew, however, that the temperatures are heading back to the 80s this week.

Friday September 12, 2015

I picked up Gary and Karen around 11:30 am and we went to the Strattanville Fire Hall for their chicken barbecue. It was good.

The Pirates got within 2 games (in the loss column) of the Cardinals. Let's Go Bucs!

According to my sources, each kid has 20 baby teeth that will one day be replaced by permanent teeth. Danny lost tooth #18 meaning just two more to go and the tooth fairy can concentrate on other kids.

Friday September 11, 2015



I picked up Twila at 7:15 pm and we went to Frank and Lue's to watch the Strattanville fireworks. They were good. Frank and Lue had a fire that we sat around until the fireworks began.

Thursday September 10, 2015

I was too tired from the trip to Pittsburgh yesterday and from getting to bed so late that I skipped getting up and going to the Y and going to work in the morning. Instead, I walked up to the church in the afternoon, worked for a couple of hours, and then walked back. Again, the Pirates cannot beat Milwaukee.

Wednesday September 9, 2015

Missy has been in a lot of pain, sick at the stomach, and running a low-fever. When she talked to her Crohn's doctor about it, she told Missy to come to the ER at Presby. I took her down around 12:30 pm. They did blood work and a CT scan. It showed everything is normal. There is a slight chance she has a kidney stone. They said the problem with the medicine that she is on is that it may mask her problem, hiding the signs of infection and other concerns. They wrestled with keeping her or sending her home. They sent her home telling her to come back if her problems continued or got worse. We got home around 11 pm.

Tuesday September 8, 2015

Brody was eating corn on-the-cob for dinner when he noticed his tooth was loose. He went downstairs and got a pair of pliers and the result was he lost his first tooth. I offered him 50¢ for it but he wouldn't deal.

Monday September 7, 2015

It is really frustrating that the Pirates cannot beat the two weak teams in their division. If they would have a winning record against the Brewers and the Reds, they would be in first place. I paid \$25 today for MLBtv so that I can get any game on my Smart TV downstairs or any computer or iPad for the last four weeks of the season.

Sunday September 6, 2015

Today was the Walters' reunion at Dude and Linda's camp. It was good to see everyone. There were about 20 of us there.

Saturday September 5, 2015

I went to dinner with Gary and Karen. They told me about the trip they had taken last week. They went to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Michigan and then to Mackinac Island. On the way back home they visited Put-in-Bay near Sandusky. They said they had a good time.

Friday September 4, 2015

I took Danny, Hannah, and Brody to the Stoneboro Fair. They seemed to have a great time. They got to ride several rides before the storm arrived. When it started to rain, we headed to the grandstands and watched the demolition derby. The kids had never seen one before and they thought it was awesome. Stoneboro really puts on a good show. After that, we went through several of the barns. The kids were fascinated seeing the cows, the miniature horses and the several mother pigs who had their newborns crowded all around them. On the way out they each got a 'stuff your own animal' and a costume of their choice to dress it in. We got back home at 11 pm.

Thursday September 3, 2015

I visited Myrtle Steele in the morning at Golden Living. She was hoping to get home today but Dr. Tim told her he wants her to wait until the middle of next week.

David told me that Janna is working. Her work is related to the gas industry where she processes the leases, involving researching deeds at the courthouse. If the job continues, she will be working out of her house.

I had bought two tickets for the play at the Sawmill entitled "What is Susan's Secret?" Rita Kahle, whom I had worked with for years, and her husband, were in the play. Rita played the lead role. I had planned on

taking Missy to the Trails End for dinner and then with me to the play. Her Crohn's was really bad yesterday, so I took Twila instead. We had a good meal and really enjoyed the play.

Wednesday September 2, 2015

We had a prayer meeting tonight to pray for our schools, students, teachers, staff, etc.

I heard Kurtis Bell had another surgery but I am not 100% sure if that is for certain nor how he is doing.

Tuesday September 1, 2015

I went up to the Penn State Extension to get soil sampling kits for my yard and for Twila's. I want to see how much lime we need on the yard this year (if any).

Monday August 31, 2015

Jason and I had a real good talk with Alissa Cooper regarding ministry ideas. I am getting ready to begin a new Sunday School series this Sunday. It will be a 3-year chronological study of the Bible with each lesson tied directly to the Gospel.

Fran and Ron brought in more tomatoes.

Sunday August 30, 2015

Alissa Cooper Sande is home from Uganda. She will be here in the States for about six months. She had our Sunday School class today as well as a ten minute presentation in church. I am amazed at how far that ministry has come in a few years. Apparently, God is at work in this mission. In honor of Alissa, we had a covered dish luncheon following the worship service.

Frank had to fill in at bingo tonight so Danny stayed with me in the evening. We played Playstation baseball. I got crushed.

Saturday August 29, 2015

I took a walk in the mid-morning and then stopped at Gary's to see if he wanted to play some basketball. He and Karen were working in the yard planting grass. Gary was willing to stop working and play some hoops for a while. Afterwards, I drove down the Clarion River Valley, below the dam, to Parker. I took some pictures and just looked around.

Friday August 28, 2015

I got a new computer at the church. Though I usually don't work on Fridays, I worked several hours today so I could get the computer set up while I worked.

Thursday August 27, 2015

Bob Sawyer's crew came in to excavate Twila's island inside her driveway. She is having all the shrubs, which have become overgrown, taken out and mostly put to grass. Today was Brianna and Megan's first day of school.

Wednesday August 26, 2015

I picked Missy up at 7:45 am to head to Magee Hospital in Pittsburgh. It was the first day of school for Hannah and Brody. They were ready to go when Missy and I left. Missy's Crohn's doctor did her scope. She said that Missy has no major problems but she is really inflamed and that is the reason for her pain. She is to take her Humera every week instead of every two weeks.

Lue told me that Kurtis Bell was in an accident at the beach - some kind of surf board. He did major damage to his spine and is still paralyzed on one side of his body. I guess he is in a hospital in Wilmington, Delaware.

Myrna Weisel will be starting chemo Monday, August 31 in Pittsburgh. She will have 4 to 6 treatments, one every 3 weeks.

Tuesday August 25, 2015

It felt really cool today with temps in the mid 60s in the mid-afternoon, a reminder of what is coming in just a few weeks. I enjoyed it. I had a routine doctor's appointment. My blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, and the rest were all very good.

Monday August 24, 2015

The garage door buckled coming down this morning. It just had new springs put on it Friday. I had to call Shirey's Overhead Door back for another repair. I called Brody in the evening to see if he liked his room and teacher. It was find your room day at C-L. He liked both. Billy Lees visited Twila. She prepared lunch for him and his family.

Sunday August 23, 2015

David, Janna, and the girls left sometime shortly after I left for church. It was a very nice weekend. Frank, Lue, and Danny came in for lunch, to help eat ham that was left over. Danny stayed for a few hours in the

afternoon while his parents went to Brookville to see Sherry Beveridge.

Saturday August 22, 2015

It was a really nice day. I put a ham on to cook around 9:30 am and then Janna and I went over to the County Park to see Hannah and Brody's soccer games. Hannah's team wound up winning the championship. Janna and I then went to the Knox bakery. I forgot it was their Horse Thieves Day so the town was congested. David cleaned out the gutters in the afternoon. After dinner, Brian and Ashley came over for a couple of hours. Ashley is due in the middle of September. The kids caught a miniature frog in the back yard and promptly named it Frederick. They kept him for a few hours but released him before they went to bed. We sang happy birthday to Megan and she opened some presents.

Friday August 21, 2015

David and I went to the County Seat for breakfast. Megan and I went shopping for her birthday gifts and then in the afternoon I went over to O'Neil's to pick up a ham for Saturday. Frank, Lue, and Danny are down in Pittsburgh for the weekend. They are planning on going to the Pirates' game both Friday and Saturday. They took the train into town and Lue sent a text saying the game is just about sold out. There are no seats available for less than \$50 and hardly any left of those. Frank got a standing room only for \$24 tonight and \$28 tomorrow. They are typically \$15.

Thursday August 20, 2015

David and Janna decided to come a day earlier than they had planned and got here at supper time. Jared was at the Pirates' game and Missy was exhausted and her blood work came back very concerning. Hannah and Brody were with Grandma Twink all day and came up here around 3:30 and stayed to play with Brianna and Megan until I took them home around 8:30. Of course we had the Pub bring dinner. I asked Brody if he was ready to get started with kindergarten and he said, "no, I hate school." It sounds like he is getting nervous about it.

Wednesday August 19, 2015

The Y was closed so I walked up town this morning from 5-6 am. It will be closed for the rest of the week for their annual cleaning and maintenance. I ate one of the Chambersburg peaches and it was incredible.

Tuesday August 18, 2015

Twila called in the morning saying that she had about 10 turkeys in her

backyard near her bird-feeder. I went to Eat-n-Park with Gary and Karen for supper. They said this group of turkeys came up beside their house the other day.

June Phillips fell and fractured her hip. She had surgery this morning. Myrtle Steele also fell. I visited both of them this afternoon.

Monday August 17, 2015

This morning, Don Dininny and I worked on a letter to send out to the congregation in regard to the youth program.

Fran and Ron brought in tomatoes and peaches. They had recently been down to Babe and Tracy's at Chambersburg. I hadn't seen them for a while.

Sunday August 16, 2015

Since Pastor Jason is away on vacation today, I had the sermon today. The sermon I preached was entitled 'Born Again'. It was on John 3:1-16. I bought an app for \$4.99 called Day One. I also downloaded a commentary for the Gospel of Mark which is the next book that I will do for my personal study. I was glad that the Pirates beat the Mets today to complete a sweep of their 3-game weekend series in New York City.

Saturday August 15, 2015

Jared, Missy, Hannah, and Brody got back from the Outer Banks around 5 pm. Rick was here today and he came up to see them. Bucco's week of vacation came to an end and he went home with his family. Rick, Dan, Alisha, and me ate supper at Twila's. I got some calls and cards from people remembering the first anniversary of Sherri being in heaven.

Friday August 14, 2015

In one sense, it seems like yesterday that David, Rick, and I were at Allegheny General with Sherri when she took her last breath. However, at the same time, it seems like years ago. I still really miss her but I force myself to remember how sick she was and how much pain she experienced.

Tonight is Bucco's last night. The Beggs' got a family picture taken at the beach.

Thursday August 13, 2015

I got a grip on the sermon for this week. Bucco and I took an afternoon walk behind the cemetery. I was glad the Bucs finally got a win at St. Louis.

Wednesday August 12, 2015

Missy spent the day at the Emergency Room at the Outer Banks. Her Crohn's was acting up, so she called her doctor in Pittsburgh who told her to go to the ER to make sure she didn't have an obstruction or some other serious problem. They sent her back home determining that it was just a bad flare-up of her Crohn's

Lue came in again during the evening to let Bucco out. She told me that Danny lost his new Angel's cap at Walmart but a day later they found it.

Tuesday August 11, 2015

Lue and Danny came in the evening to let Bucco out since I was at another meeting at the church. It was an ordination council that met to interview me and decide whether or not to recommend me to the congregation for ordination. The council consisted of men and women from both our church and from elsewhere including a denomination representative and Pastor Kirkland, the pastor of Zion. Their vote after the conclusion of the meeting was in the affirmative. The final step of the process is for the congregation to vote (at least 75%) at our annual meeting in September. If that vote is favorable, I will be licensed to marry couples. Alisha is hoping I will be able to marry her and Craig next June.

Monday August 10, 2015

Frank and Danny came in the evening to let Bucco out since I was at a long meeting at the church. Twila called around 9 pm and said she had a bat in her bedroom. I called Dude and he went over and killed it. When I got home from my meeting, a skunk was blocking my way into the garage. I stayed parked in the car until he decided to wander up to the woods. I was glad that he didn't enter the garage.

Sunday August 9, 2015

The pastors and elders stayed after church today so we could pray for Myrna Weisel. She was in Passavant Hospital last week to get fluid taken off of her lungs. Test showed cancer cells in the fluid. She will go back down for tests on two different days this week, then on Friday, she will have a consultation to see where she stands and what options are available to her.

Gary, Karen, and I went to the Courthouse in Brookville for Stromboli.

Saturday August 8, 2015

Our Church Picnic was today at the County Park. In the afternoon. Later in the day, Bucco and I walked out back and there were two chickens in the backyard, one white and the other brown. I am not sure whose they are but I would guess Sarvey's that live on the top of the hill. Tomorrow we will look to see if we have any fresh eggs for breakfast

Friday August 7, 2015

Jared, Missy, and the kids left for the Outer Banks and Bucco came here. Frank, Lue, and Danny came in. They brought supper and a new computer they had just got for me to help them set up. Then we watched the Pirate game.

Thursday August 6, 2015

It was a really nice day. I love it when the humidity is low. In the evening, I took an hour walk around town.

Rick has been having a lot of pain in his neck/shoulder area and has been doctoring for it for some time. He had some kind of nerve block this week. I hope that fixes him up.

Wednesday August 5, 2015

It was one year ago today that Sherri spent her last full day here at the house. It is hard to believe how quickly time goes by.

Tuesday August 4, 2015

I wondered if anyone had their car dented in from the large size hail we had gotten the evening before. The first thing I did after daylight today was to look at the roof for holes in the shingles. I didn't see any.

Monday August 3, 2015

After a meeting at the church in the evening, I stopped over to Missy's. When I was leaving I saw lightning. I went back and got the kids to come out on their porch. Never in my life had I seen a display of bolts of lightning like that. It didn't quit, rather just kept going and going. A stray cat delivered kittens in their backyard, underneath their shed. Missy and the kids spent the day rounding them up. Fortunately, they found someone to take them.

Sunday August 2, 2015

It was good to get back to church and it was good to get an afternoon nap. I did very little today except buy groceries.

Saturday August 1, 2015

Twila, Danny and I drove home from Dewey Beach. We stopped at Cracker Barrel for lunch.

Friday July 31, 2015

I took Danny up to the boardwalk at Rehoboth Beach to the arcade room.

Thursday July 30, 2015

Craig played some wiffle ball with Danny around mid-day. Dude, Dan, and Craig went golfing again. Twila, Danny, and I met David's family at the Embers for dinner. It is a seafood buffet restaurant at the southern end of Ocean City. Twila went back with David while Danny and I stopped off to play miniature golf on the way back to the house. We played games in the evening. Some played Sequence while others got in about three games of Empire Monopoly. The week is coming to an end. On Friday afternoon, we will pack up so we can head home Saturday morning. Hannah found out today that she has Mrs. Runyan for a teacher and Brody has Missy Hollabaugh.

Wednesday July 29, 2015

After I walked on the beach, Danny and I went down to Ocean City for a while. We had lunch there and then we went to a store called brandhats.com. Danny got an LA Angels baseball cap. David and Janna went out to eat while the girls stayed with Danny and me. Dude, Dan, and Craig went golfing again today but weren't able to finish the final 5 holes due to a heavy rainstorm. There was night fishing again but it didn't last too long. Something big came and took the hook, line, and sinker.

Tuesday July 28, 2015

Around 8 am Danny and I took an hour walk on the beach. It was much warmer today. Later, we went to K-Mart and bought a monopoly game and Danny got a twin-pack of wrestlers. We got groceries and then traveled way out in the country and found a great Fruit & Vegetable stand where we got 3 dozen ears of corn. I made sloppy joes for supper and we had corn on the cob. Rick roasted over a dozen on the grill. After dinner, Alisha showed me her picture from her mission trip to Saint Lucia. Jared, Missy, Hannah and

Brody headed back to Clarion. Jared has an important meeting on Wednesday, so they had to get back. Drew and his friend got their fishing license and went fishing for sharks at the beach. Danny went with them. Rick, David, Danny, and I played a game of Monopoly Empire. It has similarities to regular Monopoly, yet much different. Rick won.

Monday July 27, 2015

Today was a rain-day, but there were periods of the day with no rain. I cooked spaghetti for the beach crowd today. After dinner we had a wiffle ball game on the beach.

Sunday July 26, 2015

I took an early walk on Dewey Beach for an hour. It was very enjoyable. Most everyone spent the day at the beach. I cooked a ham, scallop potatoes, and baked beans for supper. In the evening, I shuttled several people to the boardwalk. Danny went with Drew and his friend David. They spent a lot of time at the arcade.

Saturday July 25, 2015

Twila and I left home at 5:45 am and then picked up Danny to start the drive to Rehoboth Beach (actually Dewey Beach which is 2 miles south of Rehoboth). We took a route that took us across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. We had a good trip but the last 8 miles took an hour and half because of all the traffic converging on this area.

We have two houses. In the house on Houston Street are Rick, Laura, Betsy, Dude, Linda, Twila, Dan, Alisha, Craig, and Megan (Dan's girlfriend). Two streets over, at the house on West Street is David, Janna, Brianna, Megan, Jared, Missy, Hannah, Brody, Drew, David (Drew's friend), Danny Wilson, and me. In the evening, everyone gathered at our house for pizza for dinner. Around 9 pm, Dude, Linda, and Craig drove 2 hours to the Philly airport to pick up Alisha who was flying in from Saint Lucia, where she was on a mission. They should have got back here at the beach around sun up Sunday.

Friday July 24, 2015

I packed for the beach, did Wilma's funeral, and then went to supper with Gary. Jared, Missy, and the kids left for the beach around 4 pm. They were going to drive most of the way there and then get a room.

Thursday July 23, 2015

I spent a portion of the day getting ready for Wilma's memorial service on Friday. Frank, Lue, and Danny came in the evening. We went over the details of the week at the beach. Missy celebrated her 37th birthday.

Wednesday July 22, 2015

I wanted to get most of the mowing down today so I can finish it on Thursday. Friday, I will need to do the funeral and pack for the beach.

Tuesday July 21, 2015

Martha Henry, Wilma Widenor's daughter, called in the late afternoon to tell me that Wilma had passed away. Wilma was a member of our church. At one time, her husband was the pastor at the CMA church. Martha called back later to ask if they could use the church for the funeral and then if I would do the service.

Monday July 20, 2015

I had Servicemaster fix a weak spot in the floor and replace the kitchen faucet.

Sunday July 19, 2015

Twila and I went over to Jared and Missy's for supper. Jared grilled burgers and dogs as we had a little celebration for Missy's birthday which is Thursday. Jared's parents are in Europe on a river cruise. There is some problems with their trip. There is a drought in Europe and the rivers are too low. The tourists are taken off the boat and bused for a few hours to get back to a place where the river is deep enough.

Saturday July 18, 2015

Today was Drew's graduation party at Rick and Laura's. It was a very nice party. For the most part, we had to stay inside because it was so hot and humid outside. Drew is working this summer and then he will attend the Pittsburgh Technical Institute in the fall. This was the hottest day in Clarion in two years.

Friday July 17, 2015

Dude, Linda, and Twila went to Alisha's white coat ceremony. I had never heard of this kind of ceremony before. According to Wikipedia, the white coat ceremony (WCC) is a relatively new ritual in some medical (both MD

and DO), optometry, audiology, dental, chiropractic, occupational therapy, physical therapy, podiatric, pharmacy, physician assistant, clinical psychology, nursing, and veterinary medical schools that marks the student's transition from the study of preclinical to clinical health sciences.

Thursday July 16, 2015

I was looking forward to a break from baseball during the all-star break this week. Well, this has been long enough. Let's get back to baseball. I am ready for the Pirates to resume this fun, exciting season. Let's go Bucs!

Wednesday July 15, 2015

Ashley, Missy, Hannah, and Brody spent the day at the Pittsburgh zoo.

Tuesday July 14, 2015

Megan is riding her bike without training wheels.

Monday July 13, 2015

Lue said something was going on in the morning across the road from her house. It turned out that Bob Beichner had died. According to Explore Clarion, the state police are investigating his death.

Sunday July 12, 2015

We started back home around 11 am. Zach Norrod met us in Sharon where we ate lunch. He followed us back and he is going to stay with Frank and Lue for a week. I got a nap and then got back up to watch another exciting come-from-behind win by the Pirates over the Cardinals.

Saturday July 11, 2015

It was a really good day. Frank, Lue, Danny, and I drove into Cleveland during the late morning. We parked beside the ballpark and then walked around the downtown area for the rest of the day and evening. We began by going up to the 42nd floor of the Terminal Tower to the observation deck. From there, you can see for miles in all directions, across the city and out onto Lake Erie. It was a perfectly clear day and the view was great. Next, we walked down to the Lake, to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. It was interesting. We spent 2-3 hours there and then walked to the ballpark, stopping at a pizza shop on the way. Our seats were good, the evening was great, though the Indians lost. After the game, we were treated to a very good fireworks display, one of the better ones. We were all glad we decided

to do this day.

Friday July 10, 2015

Frank, Lue, Danny, and I drove to Cleveland in the afternoon. We are staying out by the airport. On Saturday, we will spend the day in the city. In the evening, we sat out on the patio of the hotel, watching planes take off while listening to the Pirates' game.

Thursday July 9, 2015

Twila and I were invited to Don and Esther Dininny's for dinner. Esther had a really good meal, chicken breast wrapped in dried beef and bacon (I think).

Wednesday July 8, 2015

Jared and Dude were at Pirate's game tonight AND Frank, Lue, Danny were there also.

Missy decided to cancel her interview with Clarion Area, deciding that she was not ready for the stress of teaching. Plus, she was enjoying being home with the kids.

Tuesday July 7, 2015

Tari is home. Her heart and lungs are both alright. She was given medicine to keep her from having a similar episode.

Monday July 6, 2015

Mike called Lue and said that Tari is down at Butler. The heart cath. checked out ok but they said there is something going on with her heart. She may have blood clots in her lungs. It sounded to me as if she may be staying at Butler for at least another day.

Sunday July 5, 2015

Danny came during the evening while Frank and Lue worked bingo. We played online Monopoly on my smart TV.

Tari is still in the hospital. Her enzymes are still indicating something wrong with her heart. They will transport her to Butler on Monday morning for a heart catheterization.

Saturday July 4, 2015

Janna and I were talking in the morning about what everyone was going to

do. I suggested that maybe we should go up along the river at Cook Forest. The kids could play at the playground and we could eat at one of those tables beside the river. She thought that sounded good and so did Jared and Missy. So Jared, Missy, Hannah, Brody, Janna, Brianna, Megan, Twila and I went up. We grilled burgers. Janna went back home around 4 pm.

Friday July 3, 2015

I spent the day working on my outback fireplace and mowing. Janna and the girls went with Missy and her kids to the County Park. I built a fire and we had a hotdog roast for supper. At dark, we went up town to main street and watched the fireworks. Tari was taken to the hospital because she didn't feel well. I called Mike in the evening and he said that they are keeping her under a 24-hr observation. Her enzymes were high indicating a possible heart attack.

Thursday July 2, 2015

Janna and the girls got here around 6:30 pm. They shopped over to see Ashley Luton. Hannah and Brody had their last T-ball game of the year. After the game, everyone came here for an hour or so and the kids got to play some.

Wednesday July 1, 2015

At prayer meeting tonight, I led a discussion on what should be the church response to the Supreme Court ruling on same sex marriages. I had read an online article that I pretty much agree with.

Tuesday June 30, 2015

Today, I began a project (hobby) that I have been meaning to do for years. I would suspect it will take the rest of my life to complete. I have complained for a decade or two that there are very few good movies anymore. For me, there is too much action and too little story and good acting. Since there are literally hundreds of movies that I have never seen or that I have watched and forgotten, I have decided to start watching the older movies. I am starting with the 1971 academy awards which considered the films of 1970. I plan on working both directions from 1970, hitting 1971 and 1969 next. I will watch the movie of the year and the other movies nominated for that award plus the movies that had the actor of the year and actress of the year. Today, I started by watching Patton and then Airport. The next movie on my list is Love Story.

Monday June 29, 2015

Rain for June is going to come to an end. Not because it's going to quit raining, but rather because June is ending. I wonder if Hannah and Brody will get in their last two T-ball games this week.

Sunday June 28, 2015

Danny, Brianna, Megan, and Frank swam in the morning before we checked out and headed back home. It was a good weekend. Janna and the girls may be up Thursday through Saturday. I wonder if we'll get some decent weather for the Fourth of July.

Saturday June 27, 2015

Janna came over to the hotel around 8 am to help the girls get their hair done. Frank, Lue, Danny, Janna, Brianna, Megan, and I drove up to South Village and took the train to Station Square.

We walked over to the Duquesne Incline and took it up to Mt. Washington and back down. Next, we rode the Good Ship Lollipop. I really enjoyed that one-hour tour. It was very informative and the view of the city from the river was incredible. Next, we caught the T over to the north side and went to the Carnegie Science Center. It was OK but my least favorite thing we did today. We took the train back to South Village and got back in time for the kids to swim for an hour before bedtime.



Friday June 26, 2015

Around 2 pm I headed to Washington, PA, to the Country Inn & Suites. Frank, Lue, and Danny also got a room. Janna brought the girls over. Brianna and Megan stayed the night with me. David and Janna went out for dinner. We went to the Red Robin and then came back to swim for a couple of hours. Frank and Lue went over to the casino as the three kids and I had a little party (snacks and games).

Another sad day as 5 supreme court justices did what they are not supposed to do - make law.

Thursday June 25, 2015

Frank picked me up at 7:15 am and took me to the hospital where I had a colonoscopy and a scope down my throat into my stomach. The latter test showed all was normal. A couple of polyps were removed in the other. I will get the results in ten days. I got back home shortly after 10 am and was very glad to get some coffee which I hadn't had for two days..

Wednesday June 24, 2015

Today I had to go the entire day without any solid food, preparing for a test tomorrow. The worst part was not having any coffee all day.

Tuesday June 23, 2015

Jared, Missy, Hannah, and Brody took Twila and me over to the Wayside Inn after the T-ball game for a late Father's Day dinner. It was good. They said they were all going to Erie on Wednesday because Brody has an eye appointment.

Monday June 22, 2015

We had a joint session meeting at church. People were nominated to stand for election for elders and deacons at our annual meeting in September.

Sunday June 21, 2015

In the afternoon, I went over to Dude and Linda's for a cookout. It was a good time. I got a card in the mail from David and Janna and another from Brianna and Megan. I took Bucco back home around 8:30 in the evening where he should have waited for a couple of hours until his family got back home from their weekend in Virginia.

Saturday June 20, 2015

Jared, Missy, and the kids got to see Bryce Beggs for the first time. Meanwhile, Bucco and I hung out all day. We took a walk up at the cemetery and then came back to watch Matt Scherzer toss a no-hitter against the Pirates, missing a perfect game by hitting the 27th hitter.

Friday June 19, 2015

Jared, Missy, and the kids went to Brad and Lauren's to see the new baby. After I went out to eat with Gary and Karen, I picked up Bucco and brought him here.

Thursday June 18, 2015

Hannah made me a very nice card for Father's Day. Since they are going to northern Virginia this weekend to see Brad and Lauren's new baby, Jared, Missy, and the kids gave me a Father's Day gift a couple days early, a painting of the front of PNC Park that includes the Honus Wagner statue.

Wednesday June 17, 2015

Lue took BeeDee in to Slick's at Liberty Towers to see what it is like there. I stopped over too. I was impressed and thought it was nice there.

Tuesday June 16, 2015

I planted some grass seed after spending the morning working on next week's sermon. I made plans to spend a day at Pittsburgh one week from Saturday.

Monday June 15, 2015

Since it rained, I decided to finish the second Star Trek movie, *Star Trek Into Darkness*. Last week I had watched the first in this new series. It had been made in 2009. I did not think I would like them but I really did and I look forward to the release of the third movie in the summer of 2016. With all the rain, mowing may become a challenge this week.

Sunday June 14, 2015

I preached the sermon today ("Is Grace Amazing?") and will have it again next week. Pastor Jason is on vacation.

Danny came in for an hour or so in the evening while his parents went to work bingo. Jared, Hannah, and Brody picked him up at 6:30. They were all going to Danny's to watch WWE wrestling.

Saturday June 13, 2015

Twila had a luncheon for the family. Rick, Laura, Drew came up. Dude and Linda came over as did Jared and the kids. Twila bought 10 barbecued-chicken dinners from the Strattanville fire department who was hosting a dinner from noon to 2 pm. Rick and I picked up the dinners and we had a few hours at Twila's. Frank and Lue had a dinner at the VFW in the evening. Danny came in and hung out with me. We watched the Pirates' game and played monopoly on my smart TV.

Friday June 12, 2015

Jared and Missy went to the Pirate game. They were in a luxury box. Also, Charlotte, Frank, and Danny went to the game. It was delayed 86 minutes due to a thunderstorm and then went 13 innings, ending exactly 6 hours after it was supposed to start (1:05 am). I haven't heard if both groups stayed for the walk-off win by the Pirates. I had gone over to let Bucco out when the storm hit. I laid down on their couch and fell asleep for an hour or so.

Thursday June 11, 2015

Denise was on the road, heading home to Kentucky by 8 am. I spent the morning studying the hymn Amazing Grace. I mowed in the afternoon and watched the T-ball game in the evening.

Wednesday June 10, 2015

Scott's funeral was in the morning and then we went to the Strattanville church for a luncheon. It was good to see a lot of people including Ginny, Mark, Melissa, and their kids. I mowed in the afternoon and it seemed very hot. After my meeting at the church, Frank and Lue stopped in and Denise returned from BeeDee's and we all got to talk for a while.

Tuesday June 9, 2015

Frank, Lue, and Danny went to the Pirate game. I think Charlotte and Sammy went too. Anyway, they lost. Denise came in last night but her trip was much longer than she thought so she got here after I had gone to bed at 9 pm. I am not sure when she did arrive.

Monday June 8, 2015

Scott's funeral is set for Wednesday morning. Denise called and said she will stay here for a couple of nights (Tue and Wed night).

Sunday June 7, 2015

Gary called in the afternoon and wanted to know if I wanted to go with Karen and him to Plylers. I did.



On the way back I got a call from Fran saying that Scott had passed away. I was very surprised, yet on the other hand, I knew how bad he was Saturday evening. It was just a little under 3 months ago that we celebrated his 80th birthday here at the house. He seemed so good then.

Two or three weeks later, he would be diagnosed with terminal cancer and he would survive only another 6 or 7 weeks. The good news is I know what Scott believed and where he is now.

Saturday June 6, 2015

I took a three mile walk around town, planted the roses and other shrubs, and then went to Frank and Lue's for supper for hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill. On the way to Strattanville, I stopped to see Scott. I could tell right away that he wasn't up for visiting. He said he had just fallen but Lue thought it might have been the night before.

Friday June 5, 2015

I went back to C&A Trees and bought some rose bushes and some other shrubs. Now, the next goal is to plant them.

Dude took his mother with him to Pittsburgh where he got an award from the Eagles.



According to Facebook, Brad and Lauren Beggs's son was born. His name is Bryce Beggs. Lauren had been in labor for several hours.

Thursday June 4, 2015

Bob Hoover was a mechanic for Seidles in New Bethlehem. He had worked for them at Clarion for several years. For five years he was a fellow teacher of mine. He taught our automotive technology program. I had heard a few years ago that he had cancer. I was sad to learn that Bob died yesterday at the age of 64.

Wednesday June 3, 2015

Gary and Karen are back after a 2-3 week stint in the south. We went out to dinner to get caught up. They both seem to be doing well but they said they are heading back down in less than three weeks.

Tuesday June 2, 2015

Today was the last day of school for Hannah, Brody, and Danny and the rest of the C-L students. Hannah was upset because she had to stay home with strep throat. She also had to miss her T-Ball game.

Scott is still at Golden Living. Don and BeeDee have mixed feelings as to whether to let him stay there or move him somewhere else. Andy was here for a day or so but I missed him.

Monday June 1, 2015

Along with many others, I went to Brody's pre-K graduation program. Brody did well but was so serious. Taylor Coull and Ashlyn Clark were two of his classmates who also graduated from Kindergarten.

Sunday May 31, 2015

I spent some of the evening planning a weekend in July to Cleveland to see the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and an Indians' game.

Saturday May 30, 2015

Drew graduated from high school this weekend. I texted him asking when his party was and he said those plans haven't yet been made.

I stopped over at Jared and Missy's. It looks like they have been busy with landscaping and putting in a garden. Hannah was impressive on her bike without training wheels. She and Brody would go flying down the street on their bikes and running right with them was Bucco. Of course, he wasn't on a bike.

Friday May 29, 2015

Don told me that Scott will stay at Golden Living for the time being. He is at risk for falling and will be safer there. Apparently he is low on oxygen and that makes him have some confusion. I plan on seeing him this weekend.

Frank and I went to C-L elementary to watch the 3rd grade poetry reading. Danny was one of four masters of ceremonies. He did well at that and at his readings. Zach Norrod is in for the weekend.

Tomorrow is the book club. They are discussing The Great Gatsby.

Thursday May 28, 2015

Frank and I left Salamanca around 10 am and followed the Allegheny River towards home. We saw some great scenery, looking over the Allegheny Reservoir. We saw a newly born deer and a porcupine. We stopped and spent some time at the Kinzua Dam. This is the 50th anniversary of the opening of the dam. It is one of the largest dams on this side of the Mississippi River. I

got home in time to mow and to make it to Hannah and Brody's T-Ball game.

Wednesday May 27, 2015

Frank and I took a self-guided walking tour of Jamestown. Jamestown's claim to fame is that it is the birthplace of Lucille Ball. There are reminders of Lucy everywhere, murals, a theater and a museum.

Next we drove around part of Chautauqua Lake. We toured the Chautauqua Institution. People were busy getting it ready for this summer. It is a community on the shores of Chautauqua Lake in southwestern New York state that comes alive each summer with a unique mix of fine and performing arts, lectures, interfaith worship and programs, and recreational activities. Over the course of nine weeks, more than 100,000 visitors will stay at Chautauqua and participate in programs, classes and community events for all ages—all within the beautiful setting of a historic lakeside village.

Finally, we spent a large part of the afternoon exploring the backroads of Western New York. We ran into a rather large section of Amish. We ended up at Ellicottville, making a short pass through the town.

Tuesday May 26, 2015

I took BeeDee to a meeting at Golden Living. Scott will most likely stay there through this week while he, BeeDee and Don decide on whether he should return home or not. Frank and I left for Salamanca around 4 pm.

Monday May 25, 2015

Scott was having trouble breathing in the middle of the night. BeeDee called hospice. A nurse came out and then sent him off in an ambulance. BeeDee thought he went to the Clarion Hospital but it turns out they sent him to Golden Living. BeeDee has a meeting on Tuesday to determine Scott's needs.

Sunday May 24, 2015

David left around 9 am. He had to work this afternoon. After church, Hannah and Brody came over to play with Brianna and Megan for an hour or so. Janna and the girls left around 3 pm. Dianne Jaeger was in Sunday School and Church today. It was good to see her. She is visiting here for a week or so.

Saturday May 23, 2015

We had a great day for Clear Creek. It was a little chilly in the shade but what a perfectly clear, sunny day. We had lots of good food and the young people played non stop for hours. Of course we missed Scott, BeeDee, and Missy.

Friday May 22, 2015

When David and Megan got up they went up to the County Seat for breakfast. Afterwards, David put on new faucets in both of the upstairs bathrooms and he fixed another faucet and a toilet. It is nice to have a son that has plumbing skills. And to top it off, he is really good at it. Janna and Brianna got here around 5 pm. Jared, Missy, and the kids came over. We had dinner and the kids played out in the yard all evening.

Thursday May 21, 2015

David and Megan arrived by late afternoon. We went to Cozumel's for Mexican food, one of David's favorite places when he comes back home. Brianna has school on Friday, so she and Janna will come up Friday evening.

Wednesday May 20, 2015

Danny Walters moved in with Rick and Laura for the summer. He will be working for an attorney down at Southpointe, which is near Cannonsburg. He works 11 am to 5 pm each day or something like that. He is looking for an unwanted dresser for his apartment that he will move into in August. If anyone wants rid of one, you know who to call.

Tuesday May 19, 2015

Denise left for home just before 8:30 am. Gary and I went down to see Scott for an hour or so in the early afternoon. Scott was doing well. Hannah finished 4th in the elementary track meet. I voted in the afternoon. Frank and Danny came in to watch some of the Pirates' game but they were way behind soon after the game started. Alvarez hit a homer into a boat that was tied to the shore of the Allegheny River.

Monday May 18, 2015

Denise got back in town from Philly. She said she had a great weekend with her boys. She, Don, and I went to Sweet Basil's for dinner. Denise got to spend a lot of time down at BeeDee and Scott's.

Hannah went on a field trip today to see an animal park. I think it is down by New Castle but I'm not sure. I talked to Janna. It is looking like David and Megan may come up Thursday night then Janna and Brianna will come on Friday evening.

Sunday May 17, 2015

I went to Eat n Park with Jared, Missy, and family. Brody got the buffet and made several trips and it was free for him because he is 5 or less. Jared and Missy's meal was free because they forgot to put their order in and they waited over 45 minutes. When I got back to the house, I got a call from Dude. He and Twila were on their way to the house. Twila knew my wheelbarrow was worn out so she had Dude take her to Tractor Supply and she bought me a new one. The old one originally belonged to Bill Mauthe. He and I bought it in 1978 to wheel cement.

Saturday May 16, 2015

I did the annual cleaning of the garage today. Afterwards, I took an hour walk uptown and then stopped at Gary's and shot some basketball. I slept through the Pirates' game in the afternoon. I sent a text message to Denise asking if she would send some pictures of her family from the graduation at Philadelphia. She did.

Friday May 15, 2015

I went to Pam Rankin's funeral at the Rehoboth Church. I had always really liked Reverend Dietrich's messages at funerals and the way he would officiate the entire service. Today was no exception. In fact, I thought he was remarkable, better than I had ever heard. Everyone not only heard the gospel message once, but several times, very clearly and succinctly.

In the evening, I took my old window A/C out to the township and then played 2 games of basketball (long & short) with Danny. I never believe in letting anyone win. With that said, Danny took me to the cleaners in two straight games.

Megan graduated from preschool.

Thursday May 14, 2015

Denise and Matthew went on to Philadelphia for Andy's graduation.

David called yesterday to say that there is a big slow-down coming at his work and he may go from 70 hours per week to 40. Some weeks he may only have to work 4 days. They are planning on coming up next weekend.

Wednesday May 13, 2015

Denise and Matthew went to see Scott today. Don drove up from NC and got to spend some time with them. In the evening, Fran, Ron Lue, and Danny came in to visit Denise and Matthew.

Nick Fradiani won American Idol.

Tuesday May 12, 2015

Denise and Matthew Walters are on their way to Philadelphia (Villanova) for Andy's graduations. They stopped here for a couple of days to see Scott. Matthew is working on his PhD in Austin, Texas. Denise picked him up in Akron where he came in on a flight. I have lots of room so I told them they could stay here and then go to see Scott as they wanted.

Monday May 11, 2015

While I was at a meeting at the church in the evening, Twila called and said that Pam Rankin had died. She and Sherri were good friends dating back to when they were kids. They celebrated their birthdays on the same day. Pam was born on October 18, 1954 and Sherri on the same day in 1955 and now they have both died within a year of one another. Pam was in our wedding.

Sunday May 10, 2015

Another warm one. It was mother's day. I was going to celebrate it for a third straight day but Missy got so sunburned the day before that she couldn't go anywhere. I was glad to stay home and get a day's rest.

Saturday May 9, 2015

It was another very hot day for the early part of May. I took an hour walk around noon and I was very warm by the time I finished. Twila and I left here around 3:30 pm and drove to Hermitage to meet Rick, Laura, and Drew at the Combine Brothers restaurant. Their meals are huge. Drew told us he had just purchased a new sports car.

Friday May 8, 2015

Dude, Linda, Craig, Alisha, Twila, and I went to the Wayside Inn for dinner. It was a mother's day celebration. The menu has really expanded with all kinds of 'fine dining' choices. I got stuffed cod with hollandaise sauce. It was very good. Though it was good, I miss the 'old days' of stuffed pork chops, stuffed chicken breasts, and old fashioned pies.

Thursday May 7, 2015

Today was the National Day of Prayer. There was a gathering at the Gazebo in the park across from the courthouse. Dude made an opening proclamation and then pastors and others prayed for our country and community.

Don Walters came up for a short visit.

Wednesday May 6, 2015

When I went out to Deb's for lunch, I saw that they were demolishing the remainder of the bowling alley and they were beginning to haul it away. Randy Neill came in and sat with me. We spent a half hour talking about working at Riverside in our college days among other things. When I got back home, Twila and I went to see Pam Rankin (McGinley). She was not well and was confined to her bed. JR is there with her. Twila gave her a blanket that the church had made.

Tuesday May 5, 2015

I took Missy to her surgical follow-up appointment at Magee Hospital in the morning. There was an earlier wreck near the Highland Park Bridge so traffic delayed us by about 45 minutes as we were going about an inch per minute near Harmarville. Missy got a good report and she can start to resume a more regular routine. Jared took his final in the evening.

Monday May 4, 2015

I went to C&A trees, did some mulching, and cooked roasted vegetables for the first time. I really liked the vegetables.

Sunday May 3, 2015

I am starting to get bored with the Pirates inability to score runs. That was disappointing that they couldn't get at least one win in St. Louis.

Saturday May 2, 2015

We left at 2 pm for Chaz's wedding. It was at Aliquippa at a place called the

Fez. It was a nice wedding and a good reception. We got back home around 9:30. Drew was in the wedding.

Brian and Ashley learned they are having a girl in September.

Friday May 1, 2015

I could hardly see to get the Y this morning because of the fog. In the evening, Dude, Linda, Twila, and I went to the Pinecrest Country Club in Brookville for dinner. We all got the crab cakes. They were really good.

Thursday April 30, 2015

In the afternoon, I picked up a prescription for Scott. I got to visit with BeeDee and Scott for a while. Scott seemed to be feeling better today. He was able to have a good talk.

Wednesday April 29, 2015

For me, the mowing season began today.

Tuesday April 28, 2015

The riots in Baltimore are something. I remember the turmoil of the 1960s and didn't think we would see that again. The Orioles' game was canceled on Tuesday, and on Wednesday, they will play in an empty park. No fans are allowed in.

Monday April 27, 2015

I got half of my load of mulch done today. Several came to a prayer session at church where we prayed for the Supreme Court who will be hearing arguments regarding same sex marriages beginning Tuesday.

Sunday April 26, 2015

Janna sent me a copy of Brianna's third nine weeks report card. Her lowest grade was 97%.

Saturday April 25, 2015

Frank and Lue had a turkey here in the freezer. I thawed it all week and cooked it today. Frank, Lue, and Danny got back from Salamanca and came in for supper. Gary and Karen also came up.

Friday April 24, 2015

Jared, Missy, and family headed to D.C. for a baby shower for Lauren. Frank, Lue, and Danny headed to Salamanca.

Thursday April 23, 2015

I taught the Thursday morning Bible study. Afterwards, I came home and watched the Pirates' game while it snowed the entire time outside my office window. I had a short talk with Kim Smith who said that Pam is now home and settled.

Wednesday April 22, 2015

After the warm weather last week, it is hard to believe that it snowed a lot today. This is not a rare thing, to get snow this late into the spring. Three years ago today, it snowed quite a bit, though it didn't lay on the ground. However, they did get accumulations north and east of here.

Tuesday April 21, 2015

I got a load of mulch hauled in and dumped in the driveway. Dude told me that yesterday morning a big tree came down in his yard. I heard today that Pam (Rankin) McGinley is coming back home to stay. She is really sick.

Monday April 20, 2015

I started working on some short trips for this summer. One that I am fairly sure I will make is to Kelley's Island/Put-in-Bay in Lake Erie out by Sandusky, Ohio.

Sunday April 19, 2015

Jared said both of the kids are doing real well riding their bikes. Brody had got a new bike at Easter. Gary said he and Dan caught a lot of fish on Saturday. Jeff Barlett told me he caught a 20-inch trout.

Saturday April 18, 2015

In the afternoon, I took a 2 or 3 mile walk around town. I was surprised to see how much taller the grass is uptown than down here. Frank, Lue, Danny, Jess, Lexi, and Taylor went to the zoo today. They had a good day for it. I got another closet done today. I ended up taking 6 huge bags of stuff to Goodwill.

Today was the first day of trout season.

Friday April 17, 2015

A group of physical therapy students, that includes Alisha, were having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Slippery Rock. Dude, Linda, and Twila, and I went to it. They are raising money for a medical mission trip this summer to Saint Lucia.

Thursday April 16, 2015

It took 28 seconds for the Pittsburgh Penguins to fall behind in their first playoff game. The Rangers won 2-1. I saw Mike Coull in Debs today. I hadn't seen him for a long time, perhaps Christmas Day. He said he is really busy.

Wednesday April 15, 2015

I am trying to figure out how to get rid of an old window air conditioner. The county told me I can take it over to their recycling day in May if I remove the freon, which I am not sure if I know how to do.

Tuesday April 14, 2015

Brody was still home today but he is starting to feel better. I am still going to the Y every weekday. I am getting there earlier than before, now arriving there at 5 minutes to 5. I had originally planned to go for the six months in the winter, stopping for the summer on May 1, but I am now reconsidering and may keep going all summer.

Monday April 13, 2015

I got to watch the entire game as the Pirates won their home-opener and handed Detroit their first loss of the year. Brody was home sick and throwing up today. When the Wilsons got back from Florida they discovered they had locked both sets of keys in their minivan. To top it off, their phone wasn't working.

Sunday April 12, 2015

Janna and the girls left to go home soon after I left for church. Frank, Lue, and Danny made it home around 7 pm.

Saturday April 11, 2015

Janna, Brianna, and Megan got here around 3 pm. I took Brianna shopping for her birthday gifts. At 5 pm Jared, Missy, and kids came over for supper in the evening as did Twila. I made vegetable soup today and pulled pork so

that is what we had for dinner. Twila made a birthday cake for Bri. The kids played outside a lot and had a blast. The adults played a game of Quirkle which Janna won.

Friday April 10, 2015

In the evening, I went with Gary and Karen to check out the trout stream in Brookville and then to eat. When I got home, I listened to the Pirates win their first game of the year.

Thursday April 9, 2015

The nights have been staying warmer than normal for this time of the year. As a result, the grass is starting to turn green quickly.

Wednesday April 8, 2015

Brody took and passed his kindergarten entrance exam this afternoon. Babe won the Tracy Madness pool this year. Instead of cash for his winnings, I am considering sending him one of my 'Red-Headed' woodpeckers.

Tuesday April 7, 2015

Missy had a hysterectomy at Passavant. The surgery began at 9 am and she was back home at Clarion by early evening. I think she should have stayed for a couple of days.

Monday April 6, 2015

I picked up some sticks in the yard and then came in and watched the Pirates lose their first game of the season.

Missy got a call saying she would need to be to Passavant Hospital by 7 am on Tuesday for her hysterectomy.

Sunday April 5, 2015

It was a nice Easter. I put a ham on at 6 am. Dude, Linda, Dan, Alisha, Craig, Jared, Missy, Hannah, Brody, Rick, Laura, Twila and I were here. Twila had an egg hunt for Hannah and Brody.

Saturday April 4, 2015

I spent most of the day getting ready for Easter - my lesson, the house, and shopping. I was tired and couldn't make it through the second half of the

Kentucky-Wisconsin game. I was surprised to later discover that Kentucky had lost. So it is Duke and Wisconsin in the championship game Monday night. I assume that Frank, Lue, and Danny made it to Florida today.

Friday April 3, 2015

I made it to the cross-walk about Clarion from noon to 3 pm. It was a good service and it was good to be with people from a variety of denominations coming together to remember the crucifixion. Fortunately, we only dealt with a light rain.

Frank and Lue made it to the middle of South Carolina. Danny got car sick near the end of the day and threw up several times but he was ok after they stopped.

Dude, Linda, Twila, Dan, Alisha, and I ate at the Family Tradition Restaurant in Harrisville for dinner. The food was really good. It was really busy and took us some time to get in.

Thursday April 2, 2015

Tonight was our Tenebrae service. Tenebrae means darkness. We remembered that dark night that Jesus was unfairly arrested, tried, and sentenced to death on a cross. During the program, while the choir sang and I read scripture in between their songs, Jason did a sketching of Jesus on the cross.

Wednesday April 1, 2015

Woody is back. Woody is a fairly large woodpecker, a red headed bird that likes to dine on the stump just off my deck. He is fun to watch. He gets going and wood is soon flying into the air. I figure in another year, the stump will be removed.

Tuesday March 31, 2015

We had a good snow shower in the morning on this last day of March. In the evening I went up to the church for rehearsal for Tenebrae.

Monday March 30, 2015

I talked to Brianna on the phone yesterday. She sounded so old and we were able to have a good conversation. It is hard to believe how fast the kids grow up.

Today begins the last full week before baseball season starts.
I am reading a good book on prayer by Ole Hallesby entitled 'Prayer.'

Sunday March 29, 2015

We're almost through the first month of spring but it hasn't seemed like it yet. Today was Palm Sunday, marking the beginning of Passion Week (Holy Week). Janna went back to Harrisburg this weekend. Her friend's (Sharon) dad died.

Saturday March 28, 2015

After working on my lesson for Sunday, I took a walk up the hill, around the cemetery, and down through Applewood Valley. It was way colder than I thought it would be. The wind made it seem like the middle of winter. In the evening, I watched Kentucky narrowly beat Notre Dame. Did you think Kentucky was going to lose this one?

Friday March 27, 2015

Scott came up and helped me work on the dining room table and chairs. They were in need of repair. Time will tell if they were fixable or not. Gary, Karen, and I went to Dirty Ehrma's for crab legs.

Thursday March 26, 2015

Lue told me that she learned today that Carl Pettigrew died. Carl was in my class, starting with first grade at the Strattanville school. I will never forget the time when he did the Houdini act only to find out years later that my mother tricked us all.

Wednesday March 25, 2015

I visited Harlan Samuelson and Louise Isaacs at Laurelbrooke Landing today.

Tuesday March 24, 2015

I thought I would record the debut of James Corden as the host of CBS's the Late, Late, show. I was curious because I never heard of him before. I was surprised at how good he was. He had a really entertaining show and he himself was funny and talented as an actor and he even sang.

I am praying for Pam (Rankin) McGinley. She and Sherri were good friends. She has been battling cancer and is in pain.

Monday March 23, 2015

Becky called in the morning saying she and Tim were on their way to Georgia to see Ben, Devon, and the family.

In the evening, Stewart Weinisch, a Jew for Jesus, presented at the church. He lives and ministers in New York City.

Scott turned 80 today.

Sunday March 22, 2015

Janna and the girls left while I was at church. It was a good weekend. Today was much quieter and I did little most of the day except for watching some of the NCAA tournament.

Saturday March 21, 2015

Today was a fun and busy day. I cooked breakfast around 10 am. Jared, Missy and the kids came over to eat with Janna and the girls. Becky Brooks came over to see everyone. In the evening, we ordered dinner from the pub. The adults played Mexican Train until late into the evening. Janna was the big winner.

Friday March 20, 2015

Dude, Linda, Twila, and I went to the Allegheny Grille at Foxburg for dinner. When we got back, Janna and the girls were at the house. Missy and Hannah came over. Jared and Brody were at a friend of Jared's house watching NCAA basketball.

Thursday March 19, 2015

Dan, who will graduate from college this May, has just been accepted to the Pitt Law School. It is very hard to get in and he and the family are very thrilled about it.

Wednesday March 18, 2015

Jason and I went to Dubois for a 3 hour seminar on the new child abuse laws. The new laws will impact churches significantly. Employees and volunteers will have to submit background checks and be fingerprinted.

Janna called and said that she and the girls are planning on coming up this

weekend.

Tuesday March 17, 2015

I completed my brackets for the 2015 NCAA basketball tournament. I wanted to pick Arizona to win it all but I just couldn't. I had to go with Kentucky. If you like watching basketball, then stay home Thursday and Friday; 16 games will be on TV each day. That ought to be my fix to get me through until the Pirates open in less than three weeks.

Monday March 16, 2015

Somebody finally bought the Bi-Lo building out on East Main. Whoever it was, is supposed to be renovating it to lease out office spaces. The other strong rumor is that CVS is buying Corel-Ben Auto Parts along with KFC and the lot in between to build a big, new store.

Sunday March 15, 2015

Sunday is supposed to be a day of rest. I stuck pretty close to that plan.

Saturday March 14, 2015

I spent the day cleaning and cooking ribs and spaghetti and I made ice cream. We celebrated Scott's 80th birthday in the evening. His birthday is not for another week but Don was able to come this weekend. Babe and Tracy drove up just for the dinner. BeeDee was sick and was not able to come. Attending: Scott, Don, Fran, Ron, Babe, Tracy, Tari, Jared, Missy, Hannah, Brody, Frank, Lue, Danny, and me. Babe and Tracy left around 9 pm to make the 3 hour drive back to Chambersburg.

Friday March 13, 2015

C-L's school-best season came to an end as they lost at Tiffin to Farrell in the quarterfinals.

Dude, Linda, Twila, and I went to the Carriage Inn over in Knoxville for supper. They had good fish there. and a good salad bar.

Thursday March 12, 2015

I was looking at enrollment numbers for the schools in the PIAA playoffs. I was surprised to see that C-L is the largest class A school in the state and Redbank is the smallest AA school. (In terms of boys basketball.)

Wednesday March 11, 2015

The Redbank Valley boys are also still alive in the state playoffs. They won tonight, and like C-L, they advanced to the quarterfinals. They are in the AA class.

C-L will play at the Tippin Gym Friday against Farrell.

Tuesday March 10, 2015

Walking alongside the church on the sidewalk this morning, I wasn't paying attention and did not notice that the wet spot was actually a frozen patch. I fell and bent my leg way back under me. I thought I hurt my knee badly but I guess I didn't. I think I will just be stiff and sore for a day or two.

The C-L boys won down at Sharon and are in the quarterfinals.

Monday March 9, 2015

Brian and Ashley Luton put on their Facebook page that they are expecting their first child in September. I think they will be very good parents.

Sunday March 8, 2015

Gary and Karen stopped by in the early evening to see the new kitchen and dining room floor. They are the ones who picked out the color for it. Alisha left for Ireland and Jared flew to the Big Apple.

Saturday March 7, 2015

This was the last day of standard time until the first Sunday in November. I got a text message today, when I looked down to see who it was from, I was surprised. It was from Brianna.

Friday March 6, 2015

Alisha's flight was canceled so she didn't get to Ireland. She is back home waiting for another flight on Sunday.

The C-L boys won by 15 points over CW North Catholic to advance to the second round of the PIAA State Playoffs. They are in the sweet 16, meaning they would need 4 more wins to be state champs.

Thursday March 5, 2015

Alisha is flying to Ireland today for an overseas study.

I learned today that Dan got accepted to the Duquesne Law School for next

fall.

Wednesday March 4, 2015

This seemed like a long day. I had prayer meeting in the morning, another meeting and some prep time the rest of the morning. At noon, I preached at the Lenten service at the Presbyterian church. In the afternoon, I had a meeting with a couple from our church. The kids summer got a little shorter today as the schools were canceled once again.

Tuesday March 3, 2015

After work, I went to Deb's for a very late lunch. The sign on the door read they were closing due to the coming bad weather. I went to the County Seat. I was the only one there and they locked the door while I was eating. When I went home, I found the sidewalks a sheet of ice. I went home and did my taxes and e-filed them.

Monday March 2, 2015

Missy went to Columbus, Ohio to stay 3 days with her friend Jamie Rupert. Not long after she left, Jared got a call saying that Brody was sick, throwing up, and that he needed to come to get him.

Sunday March 1, 2015

Jared had celebrated his birthday today. His mother had dinner for him. March came in like a lion so we can expect it to go out like a lamb.

Friday February 27, 2015

I found out that Missy and Jared got home from the ER at 11 pm last night. The doctors were baffled and told her to see her regular doctor next week.

I was surprised that Leonard Nimoy (Spock) died. I didn't know he was that ill. I am certain that I've seen each episode of the original Star Trek series at least 50 times if not a lot more than that. I still record it every Saturday night.

Thursday February 26, 2015

Twila said she was better today. Laura's daughter, Betsy, had hip surgery today. I haven't heard yet how it went.

Missy started having terrible pain and cramping. She called her doctor who

said this could be complications from when she had her appendix removed and that she should go the ER up at Seneca. They would have all her records. I picked up the kids at 4 pm and brought them to the house. We watched the movie 'Cheaper by the Dozen 2' with Steve Martin. I thought it was kind of funny. Late in the evening, Jared had his dad come over to get the kids to stay the night with them. He thought it would be close to midnight before they were done running tests. I didn't hear back from him.

Wednesday February 25, 2015

Twila seemed really sick and weak to me today. I wanted her to go to the ER to make sure she wasn't getting dehydrated, but she didn't.

I went to the Lenten Service. Our church will plan next week's service.

In the evening I followed the C-L game against Elk County Catholic. C-L won in overtime and will play Cameron County for the district title. Cameron County hasn't won a district championship since 1974 and for C-L, it's been since 1961.

Tuesday February 24, 2015

Twila was up all night sick.

When I returned from the church in the afternoon, the smoke alarm in my bedroom was beeping like crazy. Ever since our fire in 1996, I kind of panic when the smoke alarms go off. I quickly checked the house and didn't see or smell any smoke. I wave a paper in front of the alarm and it went off. However, within an hour it went off again. I took the vacuum cleaner and cleaned it and then put in a new battery. It worked. Always before, if a battery was dead, the alarm would chirp but I never had one go off like it was getting smoke.

Monday February 23, 2015

I resumed going to the Y at 5:30 am. It was cold but Tuesday morning should be way colder. I was thinking of going to the Clarion Mall today but I wasn't clear if it was one of the malls on the terrorists list, so I stayed away.

Sunday February 22, 2015

After church, I watched the Daytona 500. I wanted Jeff Gordon to win and he led for a long time but Joey Lagano won it. I think I slept through a lot of

it.

Saturday February 21, 2015

Hannah was up all night with an earache. Jared took her to urgent care, but there was not that much wrong with her. The doctor gave her some drops. I never left the house today except to snow blow the driveway. I called Janna to see if David was back to work. He was and she was outside shoveling the driveway.

Friday February 20, 2015

Dude is back from Nashville. Earlier in the week, it had taken him 14 hours to get there because of the weather. While there, he got the flu and then passed out while making a presentation. All the flights were delayed coming back, so he and Charlie rented a car and drove back to Pittsburgh. Tonight, he took Linda, Alisha, Twila, and me to the Cooks Forest Country Inn. He had never been there before and I was only there once, back in 1986. They had one of the biggest pieces of fish you will ever see.

Thursday February 19, 2015

Schools were canceled today and will be Friday as well. Our church's Thursday morning Bible study resumed today after a break for winter.

David got a piece of metal in hand and it swelled up and he had to go to the doctor to get it removed. He has been off work for the past 2 or 3 days.

Wednesday February 18, 2015

It started snowing around mid-morning, making the roads rather slippery. Ralph and I went to visit Paul Ion after prayer meeting. I went over to the Presbyterian Church at noon for the Lenten Service. Schools are beginning to delay/cancel for Thursday due to very cold weather returning.

Tuesday February 17, 2015

The weather continues to be the big news of the day. The pictures on TV of the ice in Kentucky and Tennessee were something. Nashville was a mess with ice. That is where Dude is this week (at a conference). After setting a record low Monday morning, we may have another record in sight tomorrow.

Drew turned 18 years old today and is a little over three months away from

graduation.

Monday February 16, 2015

It was -13° when I went up to the church at 9 am. The cold weather is to continue for at least another week. In the afternoon, I made a visit to a church member at Laurelbrook.

Sunday February 15, 2015

Hannah and Brody slept downstairs in the bed that pulls out from within the couch. I was surprised that they stayed downstairs by themselves all night. We went to the County Seat for breakfast. They both got french toast. Brody said it was really good but MiMi puts white powder on her french toast and it is better. For most of the breakfast we were the only ones in the restaurant since it was so cold. I took the kids home before going on to church. We had canceled Sunday School and suspended worship service and instead had a time of prayer and devotion. About 11 of us showed up.

Saturday February 14, 2015

We decided to cancel Sunday School tomorrow and suspend church. The pastors will be there tomorrow but we will not have regular worship service. Instead, if anyone shows up, we will have a time of prayer and devotion. The wind chills are forecast to be -33° at the time church would begin.

Frank and Lue went to the Olive Garden at the Pittsburgh Mills and Danny stayed with me. We picked up Hannah and Brody at 3 pm because Jared and Missy went to Franklin for Valentine's Day dinner. Hannah and Brody stayed all night.

Friday February 13, 2015

Missy went out for dinner with some of her friends from work so Jared and the kids came over here for a couple of hours at supper time. The kids had lots of stuff they got at school for Valentine's Day. In my day, we got a card from each of the other students. I guess now you get a treat from each student. I spent the morning preparing this week's Sunday School lesson on the sheep and the goats. I thought about doing my taxes today but then I decided that I didn't think I could handle that kind of excitement today; instead I watched a couple of sermons on the internet from Rick & Laura's church. Today was Friday the 13th. March will also have one.

Thursday February 12, 2015

The temperature dropped throughout the day. Cold weather is here to stay, more or less, for at least another week as wind chills are going to be dangerously low.

Yesterday, I went to the County Seat for breakfast. When I got up to pay, a young guy asked me if he could pay my bill. He said he was a representative from Golden Living in Shippenville and the only catch would be for me to accept a brochure of their facility. I accepted. I stayed a while and was doing some reading on my Ipad. I noticed that he was buying breakfast for everyone in the restaurant.

Wednesday February 11, 2015

The carpet layers came today and put the laminate flooring down in the kitchen and dining room. I went to dinner at the Roadhouse with Jared, Missy, Hannah, Brody, and Twila for a birthday celebration.

Tuesday February 10, 2015

The sun beat down on the driveway and began to melt some of the 2-3 inches of ice that had built up. The ice was not good news for the old Ragley's bowling alley. It collapsed.

I went to dinner with Gary and Karen. They will be gone for 2-3 weeks beginning in the early morning.

Sunday February 9, 2015

Jared took Missy to a surgery follow-up appointment at Magee. Everything was fine.

David called and said that Janna had to get Brianna from school. She had thrown up and was continuing to do so at home all afternoon.

I got lots of birthday wishes as I turned 62. I spent most of the day and evening at the church.

Sunday February 8, 2015

Janna and the girls went home shortly after I left for church.

Brody turned 5 years old today.

Saturday February 7, 2015

Janna, Brianna, and Megan got here around noon. In the afternoon, we all went over to Brody's birthday party. In the evening, Frank, Lue, Danny, Jared, Hannah, Brody, Janna, Brianna, and Megan were here at the house. The kids played downstairs while the adults played Mexican Train. Since the kids were all together, I gave them their valentines before I went to bed. I am not sure how long the adults kept playing but I had to go to sleep at 10 pm.

Friday February 6, 2015

Frank and I drove up and back to Salamanca, NY. I hadn't been out of town for so long and it felt good to get away for a day. The drive there is nice. As we were leaving to head back, we took a short tour of the town. The main street was rather run down with lots of buildings abandoned. None of the people own their land or buildings for most of the town lies within the reservation. The Seneca Indians lease everything to them. However, the people who live there and lease must still pay property tax.

Thursday February 5, 2015

I learned today that Cud McNaughton died. He was the barber for years in Strattanville and cut my hair for years.

Janna said that Brianna got all A's on her report card for the second nine weeks.

Wednesday February 4, 2015

I made a stuffed meatloaf and had Jared, Missy, and the kids over for supper. For some reason, Hannah was obsessed with doing hard subtraction problems. She worked one after another.

Tuesday February 3, 2015

Most people are starting to sense that winter is moving along real slow and they are ready for it to end. I am too, but for a different reason. There are still 61 days until the Pirates start their 2015 season. There is not much going on in sports between the super bowl and the start of baseball season. Well, maybe that's not true. The Daytona 500 will be this month and then next month is March Madness.

Monday February 2, 2015

We had a flash freeze meaning that the slushy streets quickly turned to all ice. A garbage truck got upset over on 4th avenue. Phil saw his shadow this morning indicating six more weeks of winter.

Sunday February 1, 2015

Today was Super Bowl Sunday. Dude and Linda had Twila, Jared, Missy, Hannah, Brody, and myself over to their place for the big event. They got a barbecued brisket from Smoky B's (I think that's the name) and we all took party food. We had a good time and the ending to the game was wild. We got lots of snow but not as much as was forecast.

Saturday January 31, 2015

After I got my lesson for Sunday finished, I shopped for Brody's birthday present. Next, I headed out to Frank and Lue's for lasagna. Fran and Ron came too. When we finished eating we played Mexican Train. The others crushed me as I had a solid hold on last place.

Friday January 30, 2015

Today, I spent a lot of time today studying the Bible in regards to prayer. It seems one of the many reasons that people don't pray as often as we should or with the confidence that is required is that they think God is holding things against them. They think that because of things they've done in the past, God is not going to listen to them. However, there is One who sits beside God who is always going to bat for you. Jesus loves each person on earth more than anyone else loves them. There is nothing a person can do, for God to love them anymore or any less than He does at this moment. That is the way we should be with everyone in our world. There should be nothing they can do that would make us love them less.

Thursday January 29, 2015

It was predicted that the roads would get messy in the afternoon and they did. Schools were delayed this evening for Friday morning. Frank, Lue and Danny came in during the evening.

I learned that Frank Magagnotti, a man I worked with for my entire 28 years at the Career Center, lost his daughter-in-law this evening. Lacy Magagnotti was only 29. When she delivered her and young Frankie's first child 2 years ago, they discovered cancer in her liver. She has been battling it since.

Wednesday January 28, 2015

I spent some time in the afternoon trying to organize all my photos. I went with Gary and Karen to the Courthouse in Brookville for supper. Jared, Missy, and the kids came over in the evening to check out the flooring downstairs. Brody and I discussed his birthday present.

Tuesday January 27, 2015

I worked at home today since the carpet installers came at 7:30 am and finished at 5 pm. They did a really good job and the downstairs looks really nice. I ended up working more than I would have if I had gone to the church. In the evening, I watched a little TV downstairs for the first time since New Year's Day.

Monday January 26, 2015

We got a few inches of snow and schools were delayed, but we got nothing like the blizzard in the east. Servicemaster came and removed the rest of the carpet downstairs. The carpet installers are scheduled for Tuesday.

Sunday January 25, 2015

I went out to help Frank and Lue with their iPad, computer, and printer. Actually, I didn't help very much.

Saturday January 24, 2015

I painted the trim in two bathrooms today. They are coming Tuesday to put the flooring down, so I wanted to paint the baseboard before they got here. Frank, Lue, and Danny came in the evening. Danny showed me his report card and all his certificates for making the principal's list and for perfect attendance.

Friday January 23, 2015

Dude took Twila, Linda, Alisha, and me to the Bucktails in Marienville. I had not been there for years. That was where Sherri and I went on our first date back in 1983. There weren't very many people there, however, the food was good and the atmosphere was very nice. During our meal, Alisha asked me if I would officiate her and Craig's wedding.

Ernie Banks died!

Thursday January 22, 2015

For the second day in a row we learned of someone we know having cancer - Lue's friend, Sherry Beveridge (stage 4 lymphoma), and Dood's mother-in-law, Rachel Himes (breast cancer).

Now that I look back on Sunday morning at the County Seat, I thought something was wrong with Ken Wilson's New England Patriot mascot. I now believe I know the problem. It was under-inflated.

Wednesday January 21, 2015

I got to try out the new snow blower today. It worked really well. Compared to using the old one, this machine made clearing the driveway much more enjoyable. It was not real cold out today and I enjoyed being outside for a while.

Tuesday January 20, 2015

Someone will have to tell me all the important things I missed last night by not watching the State of the Union address. This may be the first one I missed in decades but I can't take it anymore. Nothing ever changes. It doesn't seem that Washington is ever going to get fixed where they work to get things done that are good for the country.

Monday January 19, 2015

Tom Sales delivered the new snow blower today. I sent my mower back with them to get tuned up and checked over so it's ready for spring. I went to Oil City to the dentist today.

Jared should be busier than ever. He enrolled into the MBA program at CUP. He should be able to take a lot of his courses online. I think he said his first course will be stats. It begins Tuesday.

Sunday January 18, 2015

On my way to church, I stopped at the County Seat for breakfast. Ken Wilson was there. He had some kind of stuffed animal sitting on his table. It was a New England Patriot mascot. Ken was wearing a Tom Brady football jersey. He should have been happy at the end of the day. New England will play Seattle in the Super Bowl in two weeks. The Seattle comeback was unbelievable.

Saturday January 17, 2015

I spent most of the day at the church. In the morning, I led the Sunday School Teachers' Workshop that now seems to be an annual event.

Hannah went to a birthday party somewhere over here in Applewood Valley. Janna and the girls went back to the Harrisburg area to visit friends. David may or may not have gone too.

Friday January 16, 2015

I spent another few hours getting ready for our Sunday School Teachers' Workshop that I am leading at the church on Saturday. Becky and her sister Mary came over to see if they wanted any of Sherri's clothes before I take them to the SAFE or to Goodwill.

Thursday January 15, 2015

I took the 21 year old snowblower over to Tom Sales for a tuneup. It has been running very poorly lately. I came home with a new one. Since I got a new one, I figure it probably won't snow for three years.

Gary and Karen came up when Randy Bell was here in the afternoon to help me pick out the carpet and linoleum.

Wednesday January 14, 2015

Missy got discharged today and was back home by late afternoon. I think they wanted her to stay another day or two but she is like her mother. When she gets it in mind she is going home, she goes home.

Gary and Karen had me down for dinner. Karen had roast beef, mashed potatoes, and noodles. It was a very good meal.

Tuesday January 13, 2015

Missy had her appendix removed this morning. Her Crohn's and everything else looked ok. They are now thinking that her Crohn's medicine had been masking her appendix going bad. She will likely stay for another couple of days.

Jim Weisel came through his surgery as well and the last I heard he was doing good.

Monday January 12, 2015

Schools were closed again today. Dude was out at the Y early today. He said he was up plowing since 3 am. He put Alisha up at a hotel in Punxy so she didn't have to travel this morning. She is doing an internship at the hospital there for a few weeks.

Jim Wiesel came into the office this morning for prayer. He is going to have carotid artery surgery on Tuesday at Allegheny General.

Missy' doctor in Pittsburgh called and wanted her to go to the ER at Magee. She and Jared left at midday and spent the entire afternoon and evening at the ER. Missy was admitted. She has inflammation around her appendix. The problem is they cannot determine whether it is her appendix or if it is her Crohn's affecting the appendix. Jared was on his way home when I talked to him at 10 pm.

Ohio State beat Oregon 42-20 to win the college football championship.

Sunday January 11, 2015

It doesn't get any more exciting than this. I slept through two football games today. David won't be happy that the Cowboys lost and I was surprised to wake up and find that Denver lost. Was it the last game ever for Peyton Manning?

Saturday January 10, 2015

Today was Frank's 60th birthday. I made one of his favorites, stuffed pork chops, for supper. Jared, Missy, and the kids came over too. Lue baked peanut butter cake. After we ate, we played *Apples to Apples*.

Friday January 9, 2015

Schools were delayed 2 hours this morning due to very low wind chills. Most of them switched over to closed all day after we got hit with a lot of snow in the morning. When I went out to snow-blow, I was surprised to learn that we had about 6 inches of snow. Randy Bell came in around 9:30 am to discuss the work I will need done.

Thursday January 8, 2015

The insurance adjuster called and said they are waiting for the lab to analyze my carpet. The lab will determine the quality of my old carpet and then they

will let me know the replacement value that they will pay. Hopefully, they will be back to me by Tuesday.

Wednesday January 7, 2015

A fatal accident on I-80 westbound lane, just before the New Bethlehem exit caused traffic to be routed through Strattanville and Clarion for hours. The buses were delayed getting the C-L students home. Missy said that Hannah's bus was delayed over an hour. We experienced back-to-back heavy squalls and these white-outs were the cause of the accident. A woman in her 30s from Lewistown came into Lue's office crying and said she can't take anymore of this. She was terrified and stated that she couldn't drive another foot. Lue helped her get a room at the Hampton Inn and then drove her in the woman's car while Frank followed them to pick Lue up. Trucks pulled into Trader Horn and spent the night there. I have heard conflicting reports as to whether it was two or three people who were killed.

Tuesday January 6, 2015

A couple came to the church today wanting to get married immediately. Of course, in most cases, we do not marry couples without counseling. They wondered who would marry them. I called Dude and he came right up and married them. While he was there, he told me he put the deposit down on two houses at Dewey Beach for this summer (July 25-Aug 1).

Monday January 5, 2015

The day began with mild temperatures but the mercury dropped like crazy. It felt cold by midday. It should get colder later in the week.

Service Master came and tore out the carpet in the family room and in the upstairs bathroom. They also treated the wood in the weight room.

Sunday January 4, 2015

We had a lady (Deb Darr) pass out in the middle of worship service this morning. She was taken by ambulance to the hospital. I haven't heard yet what was wrong nor how she is doing at this time.

Saturday January 3, 2015

I hadn't left the house since noon on Wednesday. I thought I had better go somewhere, so I went to Sheetz to get gas and then returned home for the rest of the day. I did watch most of the Steelers' playoff game. I assume they

lost but I guess I didn't see the last 6 minutes of the game.

Friday January 2, 2015

The tree is down and the holidays are officially over.

Dude called and said he is reviving the Dewey Beach vacation and is trying to find interested family members. He is looking at July 25 to August 1.

Thursday January 1, 2015

The kids were most likely still awake until almost 2 am. I thought they might sleep all morning. They didn't! Brody was in my office by 7:30 am. I cooked the kids pancakes, bacon, eggs, and sausage. By noon, everyone was gone except Danny. Frank and Lue came for a little while and were gone by 1 pm. I did very little the rest of the day and evening.