



NEW BUFFALO ALLIANCE CHURCH

WORSHIPING GOD IN COMMUNITY,
JOINING HIM IN MISSION

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray over Pastor Pete as he commutes back and forth. Pray for the elders as they continue to seek for a Senior Pastor.
- Pray God will open up doors to advance the building project.
- Pray for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs within the church body
- Pray for restoration of family relationships
- Pray that God continues to strengthen the marriages within New Buffalo Alliance Church and Perry County
- Pray that revival will start in our homes, church, nation and all over the world
- Pray for protection over our military and wisdom for it's leaders

Submit your prayer requests to
pray@newbuffaloalliancechurch.org

INFORMATION CORNER

Newsletter Information

Please submit your information that you would like to have in the next newsletter to the church's email address that may be found above. You may copy and paste your information in an email or attach a Microsoft word document. Please have this information to us by **August 20th.**

Congregation's Information

If you see that your birthday or anniversary is incorrect, please submit the correct date to us.

If you need to update your email address, phone number, or address, please submit the information to us.

You may call the office or email us the information by using our email address that may be found above.



We exist to make disciples who glorify God and exalt Jesus as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King! Our church is part of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Learn more at www.cmalliance.org.

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CROSSROADS

"STAND AT THE CROSSROADS AND LOOK.....
ASK WHERE THE GOOD WAY IS AND WALK IN IT..." JEREMIAH 6:16

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

BY: AMY BANKERT

I can still hear the kids chanting "Camp- Firelight", "Camp- Firelight". Their enthusiasm is contagious, their smiles and laughter a joy to see and hear, their screams deafening!!!! We averaged 70 kids throughout the week, with 78 being the highest night. We had 87 different kids come through the door for VBS. This doesn't count those freshest from God in the nursery where we had around 7 kids each night.

We decorated the lobby with a tent, sleeping bags and pillows, a fire ring with wood and rocks, camping chairs, a blue cooler, a folding red table, trees and mountains peaking up behind the tent. Flowers and butterflies covered the walls from floor to ceiling, or well from floor to as high as the kids could reach to stick them to the walls. Down by the double doors stood a tall weeping willow tree, a pond, camping chair, fishing gear, turning the corner down the stairs you saw our waterfall, the wall covered in brown packing paper, and blue shimmering tinsel dangling so that you walked through the water. In the hallways downstairs we used tablecloths and hung them from the tiled ceiling to make it look like tents. Did I mention there were flowers and butterflies everywhere???? Up in the sanctuary we had one hunting blind, a deer, multiple other animals, trees, a kayak, chairs and more camping items. To those of you who brought your camping gear in for decorations I say Thank You! Those of you who spent time and endured hand cramps to cut out all those flowers and butterflies Thank You! The decorations aren't the most important part, but they surely set the scene and make VBS more fun!

Each night of VBS had a theme, trust God to go with us, trust God to lead the way, trust God to share wisdom, trust God to give us peace, and trust God to spark joy! The kids learned about Jacob, Ruth, Jesus sharing wisdom, Jesus calming the storm, and the Good News sparks joy. They played games which were held outside behind the church, the opening and closing, singing songs, the squirrel stealing marshmallows and bible time all happened in the sanctuary. Snacks were in front of the kitchen with crafts tucked in the back of the fellowship hall. Monday night was opening night of VBS, Tuesday night we started our penny drive for Heart-beat Ministries, each side (one side of pews verses the other) competed to see whose bucket would be the heaviest by the end of the week, Wednesday night was picture night, the kids could come dressed up as park rangers, marshmallows, butterflies, a smore, insects etc., Thursday night the kids could take their pictures home from Wed. night. Friday was the closing night, the squirrel was finally caught, which brought many cheers from the kids. We ended the night with ice cream cones and glow sticks. I think I counted over 40 volunteers that wrangled all these energetic kids! Which was amazing! I usually have a few volunteers that I switch around throughout the week to fill in where needed, that really wasn't the case this week. We had many hands, there was a switch or two, but that was it. VBS cannot happen without the volunteers, it simply can't! From the cutting out flowers, to bringing in camping gear to showing up every night exhausted or not, welcoming a child to our church, to wiping runny noses, holding the hand of a child that's unsure, to snuggling them on your lap, cleaning up a spilled cup of water, helping them with the motions to the songs, grabbing a band aid for a skinned knee, dancing with them (and hurting your back ☹️), encouraging them when playing games, dressing up as a marshmallow stealing squirrel, registration, opening, closing, decorating, snacks, crafts, games, bible time, sound, video, printing VBS flyers, surveillance, songs... can't happen without you. SO, if you contributed to any of these THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

Thursday, night #4 of VBS there were supposed to be storms, like big storms but God gave us a rainbow instead, it was faint, but it was there. From the angle of the picture I took, it looked like it was perfectly placed above the church. I posted a picture of it to my FB page! I love that God once again kept us dry during VBS, He truly does control the wind and the waves, and we can undoubtedly and without hesitation TRUST Him in all things. Yet again I'm humbled at God's ever abundant faithfulness! May we be found always encamped at the feet of Jesus.

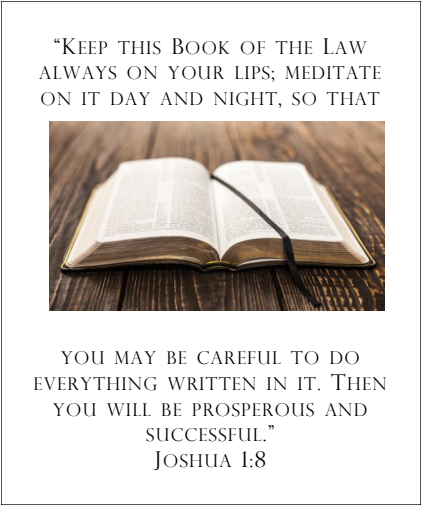
Always in the palm of HIS hands, Amy Bankert



KEY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 63:4

“For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.”



DEVOTIONAL READING PLAN

Isaiah 63-66

Week 1 - Isaiah 63:1-19

Week 2 - Isaiah 64:1-12

Week 3 - Isaiah 65:1-25

Week 4 - Isaiah 66:1-24

Before reading, pray that God will open your mind to the reading of His scriptures. After reading, ask yourself the following questions: What does it say? How may I apply this to my life?

INSPIRING CORNER

“Other men may preach the gospel better than I, but no man can preach a better gospel.”

~ George Whitfield

FUN CORNER

What’s a private investigator’s favorite shoe?

Sneak-ers.

Resource: <https://parade.com/1287449/marynliles/short-jokes/#corny-short-jokes>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 2nd - 7:00am - **Men’s Breakfast @** The Ranch House
 - Aug 7th - 6:30pm - **CE Committee Meeting @** Church
 - Aug 10th - 6:30pm - **Men’s Bible Study @** Church
 - Aug 12th - 9:30am - **Ladies’ Prayer Circle @** Forsythe’s home
 - Aug 12th - 6:30pm - **Elder’s Meeting @** Church
 - Aug 14th-17th - **Men’s Retreat** in Rebersburg, PA
 - Aug 16th - 6:00pm - **Ladies’ Ice Cream Social @** Carroll’s home
- Aug 24th - 12:00pm - **Fellowship Meal/Pool Party @** Goshorn’s home
 - Aug 24th - 6:30pm - **Men’s Bible Study @** Church
 - Aug 26th - 9:30am - **Ladies’ Prayer Circle @** Forsythe’s home
 - Aug 31st - **Sunday School Store**
 - Aug 31st - 9:00am - **Coffee Fellowship**
- Every Week**

Wednesdays - Prayer Meeting @ 6:30pm

ATTENDEE SPOTLIGHT - GREG FORSYTHE



- Q. What is your favorite sports team?

A. Penn State Nittany Lion Football.

Q. What is your favorite childhood memory?

A. Picking apples with my family in the state of Washington when we lived in Tacoma.

Q. Where did you graduate high school?

A. 1970 graduate of Susquenita High School.

Q. What’s one piece of advice you’d give to your younger self?

A. Listen to those that love you and care for you. Your conscience is a God given gift from our creator—listen to it.

Q. When did Jesus first become real to you?

A. I was raised in a family of faith, but in 1972 God called me into the ministry through a Ray of Light. It was real! 🙏

Q. How did you first hear about New Buffalo Alliance Church?

A. I was a member of Betty Forsythe’s Bible study back in the beginning—where the vision of the church originated. I helped build the church.

Q. What is your favorite hobby?

A. Flower Gardening, bargain shopping, reading, listening to vintage music etc.

Q. What is your favorite book? A. The Word of God.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

August Birthdays	August B-Days Cont’d
03 Emmalyn Riegel	18 Jim Fleming
03 Hailey Wert	19 Boston Kenny
03 Hayden Wert	19 Ron Raker
04 Norma Rowe	22 Greg Forsythe
08 Teresa Carroll	22 Annalise Kirby
10 Hunter Fry	27 Karole Bretz
13 Danielle Wert	27 Vivienne Simmons
14 Jim Raffensperger	29 Susan Cassel
17 Charlotte Walsh	30 Roy Richardson

Happy Anniversary

August Anniversaries

11 Roy/Cheryl Richardson

15 Duane/Julie Frymoyer

15 Mike/Gail Trout

16 Curt/Darlene Hopta

18 Tom/Joanna Wert

30 Rob/Judy Bell

ATTENDANCE

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
June 22nd	104	143
June 29th	107	153
July 6th	93	146
July 13th	107	162
July 20th	98	140



CONTRIBUTIONS SUMMARY

Monthly Report for: 6/01/2025 – 6/30/2025

General Fund	\$16,896.10
Missions	\$3,195.00
Other	\$298.56
Special Proj. Fund	\$19,043.00
Total	\$39,432.66

We have raised \$226,547.00 so far for the new building!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.