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May/June 2026 Newsletter

Dear Church Family,

The other day I noticed that when I turned on the faucet in my bathroom the water was coming out in a weird stream and not with much force. I wondered, what would the plumber do? I remembered seeing him unscrew the aerator to check the filter screen. So, I thought, that can't be too difficult. I went and found my trusty wrench and carefully covered the aerator with a cloth because I didn't want to scratch it, and then using the wrench I twisted the aerator off. I was so surprised to see how much sediment there was in the filter! I had to soak it in CLR to loosen it all and even had to scrape some of it off the filter. After it was all clean, I screwed the aerator back in place and the water flowed freely.

As I think about that I wonder how good my Christian filter is working on a daily basis. Do I allow it to filter my thoughts, words and actions?

In James 3 he addresses our need to tame the tongue. Too often verses 7-10 make me uncomfortable and guilt sets in. I doubt if I'm the only person who has experienced this as you read these words. Too often our filter has a hole in it or maybe it's even broken, and we say things we don't mean to say, or we too quickly react to a situation.

James 3:7-10:

People can tame and already have tamed every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish. No one can tame the tongue, though. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we both bless the Lord and Father and curse human beings made in God's likeness. Blessing and cursing come from the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, it just shouldn't be this way!

James makes it sound inevitable but as we know from Galatians 5:22-23, *"the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."* Through the power of the Holy Spirit our filter is enabled to keep us from speaking or acting in harmful ways, but we must keep that filter in good condition. How? That answer can only be found in the Scriptures, and I am apt to believe that the best answer comes from our Lord, Jesus Christ. As He told the Pharisees and Sadducees, *"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself"* (Matthew 22:37-39). Our words and actions must begin and end with love. Did you notice the first fruit of the Spirit? It is love. The best and strongest filter we have is love. Love for God and others.

James tells us *"No one can tame the tongue"* but by living our lives with the filter of love in our hearts, on our minds and on our tongues, we can have the self-control of the Spirit.

How's our filter working? May it be evident to all that the Love of God is our filter. May others only see and hear love from us!

Hugs and Prayers, Pastor Karen McCaffery



Mission

Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Vision

Our Vision is to join God in a journey of bringing new life, reconciliation, and the presence of Christ to all people, and to helping each person reflect the character of Christ.

PRAYER CHAIN

- Interested in joining the prayer chain?
- Have a specific prayer request for the prayer chain?



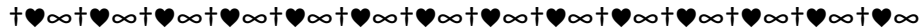
Contact Jill Klotzbach at 585-472-1993 if you have a request for the prayer chain.

TALENT NIGHT

Talent night is coming up on **May 9th** starting at **7pm**. Please see Melissa Childs to sign up to display your talents.

We will be having a **FREE pancake and sausage dinner** before the program at **6pm**.

Bring your appetite, your talents and your friends.
Hope to see you on May 9th!



Food Pantry Update

All food donations must be NON-Perishable. No Frozen food items please. Thank you for your continued donations.

Thank you for the continued food donations!
We Donated **5** Bags of groceries & **5** Boxes of Cereal
in March & April to Batavia's



Giving Hope Today

Many Thanks to Many People.

To the trustees, youth, and all others who helped complete our carpeting project, a huge THANK-YOU.

There was so much that had to happen to make this project a success. The entire sanctuary had to be emptied, as well as closets and hallway.

Cleaning had to be done after all the carpet removal. The cleaning was no easy job, and we had a team of very dedicated people to make that happen. Cleaning was not just in the sanctuary but in EVERY room of this church.

A team had to cut the stage steps back and then they had to replace all the flooring on the stage.

Finally, the new carpet was laid, and all the new molding was put in. Then the pews were reset and had to be anchored to the floor, it took A LOT of dedicated people to accomplish this.

As with any project you can plot and plan, but in the end, they seldom come off without a hitch. We had a few problems, but in the end the wonderful people of our church came together, worked out a solution, and completed the project.

We were able to have a worship service at the Indian Falls Fire Hall as well as our Senior Citizen luncheon for March. We had two church services in our dining hall and in both places we were able to enjoy a full worship service including our choirs.

Palm Sunday, Holy week, and Easter Sunday we were able to have all our services back in our sanctuary.

So again, I say THANK YOU to all the amazing folks that made this project a success.

~Celinda McQuiston-Lay Leader.



If you have not contacted the church office with the best way to contact you in the event of the church service being canceled or moved to another location, or the canceling of events that IFGMC hosts, please do so at your earliest convenience so that we can contact you in the way that is best for you and your household. Please call the office (585-762-9105) or email Mandie (indianfalls4Jesus@gmail.com) at as soon as possible so that we can have our lists ready.



Hello: I just wanted to remind you that we offer a very special program here at Indian Falls. On the third Wednesday of every month, we offer a four-hour program from 10am-2pm for Alzheimer/Dementia patients. We offer a safe and fun environment for the patients to visit, do crafts, and have a nourishing lunch. This program gives the caregivers a break they can depend on, for some much-needed time to themselves. *If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program, please have them get in touch with Celinda McQuiston at 585-478-8188.*



Indian Falls offers a **Senior Luncheon** on the **second Saturday** of every month except January and February at **12:00pm**. We offer a meal, program, giveaways, and fellowship. The cost of the meal is **\$8 each**. *For reservations, please call Celinda McQuiston at 585-478-8188 the week prior to the scheduled meal.*

The dates for 2026 are as follows:

May 9	July 11	Sep. 12	Nov. 7
June 13	Aug. 8	Oct. 10	Dec. 12

Hope to see you!!!

By the time you get this newsletter it will only be 55 days or so before our 82nd Annual Strawberry Social. I will have the workers and food items sign-up sheet at church by the 1st Sunday in May. The BBQ will be the same price as last year, \$15.⁰⁰ per person (under 4 free). The meal will include: ½ Chicken, Salt potatoes, baked beans, roll w/butter, and a beverage. Hot Dogs will also be available. Desserts will be offered for an additional cost. The bake sale will also take place on that day. We will finish off the evening with our auction. We are looking for all our bakers to help us provide a large assortment of baked goods. Auction items are needed as well as in the past we are looking for new items or slightly/gently used items. Please invite all your friends to this wonderful family friendly evening. The event is rain or shine. Can't wait to see you there.



We will be having our annual yard sale on **May 16th from 9-2pm** (Table set up at 8am). The **table cost is \$10.00 per 8-foot table**, please see Celinda to reserve a table; *you bring your stuff, sell your stuff, you keep the money, you take home all that you don't sell.*

We will have **hot dogs, chips, & a drink (\$5)** for lunch and **coffee and donuts (\$1ea)** for breakfast **for sale**.

That same day the **Geranium's** that you ordered will be **ready for pick-up** at the church as well.

The men will again be hosting a **chicken BBQ for take-out only** on the **16th of May**. *The meal will include ½ Chicken, vegetable, salt potatoes, roll and butter, and cookie.* For **\$15.00**. They will be calling folks to see how many meals they want, or if you want to save them a phone call, see Doug Hendershott and let him know how many dinners you would like.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Wow this year is flying by and the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox donations are rolling in! We are preparing to send the Good News to the ends of the Earth! Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are sent to more than 100 receiving countries. Shoebox gifts are used by local Christians as a strategy for evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers and churches in their communities. More important than the items inside the shoebox, the gifts are an opportunity to share God's love— and the Good News of Jesus Christ—with children in need.

May

Our collection requests for May are playdough or clay, small animals in a tube or bag, small building blocks, mini Jenga sets. I have had the best luck finding the playdough for \$0.50 or less/each at Walmart, and the rest at Dollar Tree (\$1.35/each). I have not had luck finding many of the May donations in bulk on amazon. I would love your help collecting these items from local stores throughout our remaining collection months.

June

Our collection requests for June are toy trucks, cars, airplanes, yoyos, slinkys, plastic instruments and small domino sets. There are many stores that offer these toys including Walmart, Dollar General, Dollar Tree and Amazon. If you have any trouble finding items, please let me know and I can help send you more specifics.

Thank you all for your support and prayers for this ministry. It is a privilege to serve this ministry with you!

~Meagan Stringham (585-409-3946)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (CM) & YOUTH GROUP (YG)

Hello Church Families!

We have some exciting events coming up, and we can't wait for everyone to be part of the fun and fellowship!



Mission Trip Meeting – June 14th

There will be a Mission Trip meeting for all parents, youth, and chaperones on June 14th, immediately following the service in the dining room. This meeting is important as we prepare for our upcoming trip, so please plan to attend!

Support Our Youth Mission Trip

Our youth are heading to Altoona, PA for their mission trip, and you can help support them in a delicious way! Be sure to visit the dessert booth at the Strawberry Festival. All proceeds from the dessert booth will go directly toward the Mission Trip. "Do you want strawberries with that?"



Strawberry Social Parade– June 24th 5:30 PM

Children, get ready to roll! During the Strawberry Social, we will have a bike, skate, and rollerblade parade starting at 5:30 PM. Decorate your wheels, bring your energy, and your helmet so you can join in the fun as we celebrate together!

With Love In Christ,
Children's Ministry Team

MISSION NEWS

Mel and Fran Noah (retired OMS missionaries from Brazil are living in Kentucky), have just turned 80 and are celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary. Fran has successfully recovered from a knee replacement. Shortly thereafter they hosted two couples from Brazil where they had worked. One of them is the president of OMS denomination in Brazil, and another person is the president of the Londrina Bible Seminary as well as the senior pastor in a leading church of Londrina. The visitors invited them to go to Brazil to teach the last week of the seminary school year. Mel & Fran did take a 10-day trip to Brazil in November where Mel taught at the seminary his Inductive Method of Bible Study. Their daughter Jennifer accompanied them to make international travel easier.



Corrine Long, an OMS missionary at the home OMS office in Indiana, works for the finance department with the annual budgets and funding that goes out around the world. Her work helps to provide stewardship and alleviate administrative burden for OMS missionaries and teams. The major accomplishment in finance this winter and spring was the transition of accounting software for the field treasurers. Their son Carter took the lead on developing an online platform to replace outdated desktop software, and Corrine spent several weeks doing live training sessions via Zoom with treasurers and field directors around the world of OMS. *She asks for prayers for wisdom and clarity in decision making for the many tasks related to the close/start of the fiscal year. Also, remember Grand and Noemi (their other children) as they finish their school year and that their friendships developed will last into the next school year.*

News from Hungary where John and Trisha work in a Christian School include:

1. John and Trisha have been teaching an apologetics class to 11 high school students where they will learn about how they can have confidence in the reliability of the New Testament in general, and in the Resurrection of Jesus.
2. Trisha is the school librarian and puts in extra programs such as Battle of the Books and book sales for English. She attended a conference in Amsterdam for international school librarians.
3. The Whole family went to Slovenia to a regional TeachBeyond conference to pray and learn together.
4. Their school (ICSB) hosts an invitational basketball tournament. The teams came from seven different countries to compete. This ministry provides numerous opportunities to have gospel conversations with visiting teams and coaches. Jonathan (their son) played and they took first place.
5. Their daughter Hannah and her husband were able to join them in Budapest for Easter break as they are teachers in Buffalo. Their son Jonathan is enrolled at Houghton University next fall and will be working on campus this summer. *Please pray for the family as they experience this change in their lives.*

Conrad Phelps in Cusco, Peru reports that Irma held a weekend retreat for 32 out of town Quechua ladies on the topic of church unity. They do love one another and need to grow in unconditional love. *Their prayer request is for their daughter Anita who lives in CA who has been battling cancer. Her latest check-up showed no visible sign of tumors, but she has been switched to a new chemo regiment to keep working on the lymph nodes.*



Please be aware of the cleaning/dish clothes that are on sale for 2 for \$5 outside the sanctuary. All the money goes to support Conrad and Irma's ministry.

Geranium Sale

Spring 2026

Prayer Garden Memorial Cross “Walk of Faith”



4" Pot \$4.25
2=\$8.50
3=\$12.75
4=\$17.00
5=\$21.25
6=\$25.00
Dozen=\$50.00

	Quantity	Amount
Red	_____	_____
Pink	_____	_____
White	_____	_____
	Total \$ _____	

Name _____

Phone _____

******Orders & Payment Needed by May 3, 2026******

Place order & payment in basket in Narthex or
hand to Janie Grehlinger. Checks made out to the Garden Fund

****Pick-up Saturday May 16, 2026, at the Yard Sale****

The bricks in the cross of our Prayer Garden are being offered to the church congregation and public for memorializing a loved one, honoring your family or someone special to you. A special engraving in the block will last a lifetime and beyond.

One brick, 2 lines =\$125	One brick, 3 lines=\$135
Additional brick(s) \$100 ea.	Additional brick(s) \$110 ea.

Each line consists of 15 characters (spaces & punctuation count). To take advantage of the reduced pricing on any additional bricks, they must be ordered and paid for at the same time. Please complete this form (form is also in the greeter’s kiosk) and return to the Finance Committee or mail to:

Indian Falls Global Methodist Church
7908 Alleghany Rd.
Corfu, NY 14036
*All checks should be made out to: **Indian Falls GMC.***
Proceeds to benefit the Building Fund.
Thank you for your support!

(3rd Line Optional)

Name, address, phone: _____

Pay-Pal

We have a church Pay-pal account. If you would like to tithe using Pay-Pal all you need to do is scan the QR code or go to

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-

[xclick&hosted_button_id=P5QSYF2CV3XN6&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=P5QSYF2CV3XN6&source=url)

and that will take you where you need to go and the rest is just a couple of clicks and your tithe is sent. Since the account is managed by Mandie Coughlin, her name will appear on the receipt, but the description will say it is going to Indian Falls Global Methodist Church.



Domestic Violence at the YWCA- Sample sized toiletry items are collected in the west bin in the entryway to the narthex.

Ronald McDonald House- Can top rings in a jar by the Sunday School rooms.

Samaritan's Purse Livestock Projects- Contribute to the birthday offering jar found in the church office during the week and in the sanctuary on Sunday morning.

Empty ink jets and toner cases- top of stairs from the Narthex.

Salvation Army Food Pantry- In the grocery cart in the narthex and special "food pyramid" collections throughout the year.

"Bible Bucks"- If a dollar bill has the letter 'B', 'I', 'L', or 'E' in the Federal Reserve Seal, donate it to the Capital Improvement Fund. Place in an envelope marked "Bible Bucks" and give with your offering.

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Happy Birthday!

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4



May

1 st	Cullen Wolsiefer	21 st	Grace Kenyon
2 nd	Wyatt Anderson	22 nd	Patti Schafer
	Emily Easton	23 rd	Luke Stringham
4 th	Abby Konieczny		Kwantisha (Klotzbach)
5 th	Dana Phelps	25 th	Ken Goepfert
9 th	David (Boots) Hall		Darlene Petschke
10 th	Davis Lamkin	27 th	Kathy Houlihan
11 th	Wyatt Schafer		Cole Phelps
12 th	Ronald Kern		Lynn Schafer
14 th	Meagan Stringham	29 th	Brittany Harlach
18 th	Seth Hinkson		Leo Klotzbach

June

1 st	Ann Tiede	18 th	Scott Petschke
	Jacob Klotzbach	19 th	Scott Fehr
2 nd	Perry Klotzbach	21 st	Loreley Richenberg
	Gail Richley	22 nd	Dennis Phelps
	Charles Stringham	23 rd	Amanda Swimline
3 rd	Nathan Swinehart	25 th	Barbara Olsen
4 th	Laken Klotzbach		Eric Phelps
5 th	Mike Fauth	27 th	Evelyn Fauth
	Alicia Spoth		David Richenberg
	Amelia Johnson		Rodney Stringham
7 th	Teresa Kehrner	28 th	Steven Olsen
12 th	David Swinehart (son)		Hayley Lown
14 th	Darcy (Hendershott)	30 th	Mac McQuistion

Happy Anniversary!

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:2



May

2 nd	Ron & Lois Starkweather
14 th	Eric & Julie Phelps
23 rd	Lee & Carrie Hartz
29 th	Jeremiah & Margaret Johnson

June

3 rd	Mike & Laura Fauth
5 th	Dan & Alicia Spoth
8 th	Leo & Linda B. Klotzbach
14 th	Richard & Kathy Craig
18 th	Ken & Ann Goepfert
21 st	Al & Linda Scalzo

May 2026						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Worship 11:30am Sunday School 6:30pm-8:00pm YG Meeting	4	5 Cinco De Mayo 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm-7:30pm Membership Class	6 9:00am Being the Light at Linda's Restaurant 7:00pm-8:00pm Choir Practices	7	8	9 12:00pm Senior Lunch 6:00pm-9:00pm IFGMC Talent Show
10 Mother's Day 8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Worship 11:30am Sunday School	11	12 9:30am Women's Bible Study	13 9:00am Being the Light at Linda's Restaurant	14	15	16
Pastor Karen is on Vacation May 11th-18th						
17 8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Worship 11:30am Sunday School 6:30pm-8:00pm YG Meeting	18 2:00pm Women's Fellowship Meeting	19 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	20 9:00am Being the Light at Linda's Restaurant 10:00am-2:00pm Respite Care 7:00pm-8:00pm Choir Practices	21 6:30pm-7:30pm Membership Class	22	9:00am-2:00pm IFGMC's Annual Multi-Family Yard Sale Geranium P/U, & Chicken BBQ
Pastor Karen's Vacation						
24 Confirmation Sunday 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 10:00am Worship 11:30am Sunday School	25 Memorial Day	26 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm-7:30pm Membership Class	27 9:00am Being the Light at Linda's Restaurant 7:00pm-8:00pm Choir Practices	28 6:00pm FREE Community Dinner	29	30
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June 2026						
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14 8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Worship YG Mission Trip Meeting AFTER the worship service	15	16 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Trustees Meeting	17 9:00am Being the Light at Linda's Restaurant 10:00am-2:00pm Respite Care	18	19 Juneteenth	20 8:00am-4:00pm Emmaus Teaming
21 Father's Day 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 10:00am Worship	22	23 9:30am Women's Bible Study Strawberry Social Prepping	24 9:00am Being the Light at Linda's Restaurant 3:30pm- 82nd Strawberry Social 6:00pm SS Auction Starts	25	26	27
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