



# CRESSET

## November 2017

Rejoice always,  
Pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all  
circumstances.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18  
www.theviewfromliven.com

### Information Concerning All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday November 5, 2017 we will celebrate All Saints Day. As part of our worship on this special Sunday, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion and we will remember the members of our congregation who have gone home to be with the Lord since last year's All Saints' Day. If you have Christian loved ones who have died in the past year who were not members of our congregation and want us to remember them on All Saints' Day, please let the Church Office know and we will include their names during our remembrance time. (See tentative list below.)



### Thanksgiving Service

**Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.**

There will be a special Thanksgiving worship service on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. *A special food offering will be collected for the Interfaith Food Pantry.* Please plan to attend and bring a friend or family member. (See the Worship Schedule on Pg. 6 for more details.)

### *In Memory of...*



#### Members

- Ivan C. McDaniel
- Frederick Craig Schlottmann
- Isabel (Adams) Robison
- M. Virginia (Miller) Stafford
- June E. (Whiteman) Diehl
- Willa Mae Morrison
- Dorothy Lou Paugh

#### Non-Members

- Helen Pearl (Yoder) Poe
- Richard Pyles (Marie Campbell's brother)
- Ronald Murphy (Twyla Stewart's brother)
- James Savage (Sandy Baier's brother)
- Sharon Sigwald (Jean Hite's sister)
- Bob Snoeberger (Vivian's ex-husband & friend)
- Thomas Hinton (Sarah DeValk's father)
- John Kifer (Cindy Robison's father)
- Barbara VanTilberg (Carol Bonella's mother)
- Wm. Buchanan (Dora Jean's husband)
- David Umstot
- Gretchen Castle (Jim Castle's stepmother)
- Peggy Emerick (Laurie Dennison's mother)

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## From the Heart of the Pastor:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Once again as I write the article “*From the Heart of the Pastor*” for this edition of the November *Cresset*, I find myself with a heavy heart. But because of the Lord’s wondrous mercy and grace and because of the great hope that we have in Him, I will try to be as positive and encouraging as I can in what I write.

As I look back over the events of the past few months, I can’t help myself from thinking about all that has transpired and all the devastation caused from hurricanes, the wildfires, the earthquakes, the mass shootings in Las Vegas as well as all the daily shootings in our cities, such as Chicago or Baltimore to name a few. Add on to that the opioid epidemic and all the deaths caused by heroin overdoses, not only locally but nationally, as well as the terrorist acts abroad. And that is not including the divisions within our nations due to the economic, social, racial, and political issues. It makes you wonder, doesn’t it? Will things really get better? Do we really have hope for the future? Will America ever be great again?

As your pastor I was really blessed to see how the Lord used the Block Party that we held to make a difference and help us put “unity” back into the community! I was blessed to be able to be part of a Drug Symposium that brought the community together to deal with the drug epidemic. I was also blessed to see how we came together nationally to care for those who were affected by the destructive power of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. (Thank you, by the way for your support of UMCOR – as a congregation we gave over \$1000 to assist them in giving hope to the people of Texas, Louisiana, and Florida.) I thought it was great how we rallied around the people of Las Vegas after the mass deaths and casualties that occurred.

Despite all that, I find myself, like many others, still raising questions that need to be answered. The ones I raise here are by no means all the ones that need to be addressed, but the ones

I do raise truly need to be worked on. They include the following: 1) Why can’t our nation come together to help the people of Puerto Rico, who still find themselves in need of electricity and clean water, weeks after Hurricane Maria ripped through the island? 2) Why can’t our politicians come together and pass a health care package that would allow all people to have coverage instead of catering to the rich? 3) What can’t our nation come together to help bring an end to the gun violence by having better background checks especially in the area of mental health? 4) Why can’t we come together as a community to create a rehabilitation center for those addicted to pain medicine and heroin in particular? 5) If all lives really matter, why can’t we act like they do and show love and compassion to all people, especially those of a different race instead of allowing the hatred and racism that is so prevalent to keep us from coming together?

As your pastor, I would encourage us all, especially as we go through the month of November, to join together in prayer for our community, our county, our state, our nation, and world. Let us join together for worship throughout the month, whether it be on All Saints’ Sunday or on a Christ the King Sunday, or even during our Thanksgiving Service, and allow the Lord to remind us that He is at work in powerful ways and the victory belongs to Him! Because of that great message, the Lord desires to use us to make a difference in the here and now, especially as we share the love of Christ and the hope that we have in Him! And who knows, as we follow Christ and work together, maybe some of the questions that I raised earlier will be dealt with in powerful and transforming ways!

Yours because of the Kingdom  
and the One we serve,  
Pastor Hal



**BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER**  
**God's Faithful Word of Praise and Thanksgiving**  
*(2017 Bible Reading Guide from the American Bible Society)*

1	Psalm 48	11	Ezra 7:1-10	21	Psalm 87
2	Psalm 65	12	Ezra 7:11-28	22	Psalm 92
3	Psalm 66	13	Nehemiah 8:1-18	23	Psalm 100
4	Psalm 67	14	Nehemiah 12:27-47	24	Psalm 104
5	1 Chronicles 13:1-14	15	Esther 9:20-32	25	Psalm 105
6	1 Chronicles 14:1-17	16	Job 42:1-17	26	Psalm 106
7	1 Chronicles 15:1-24	17	Psalm 21	27	Psalm 113
8	1 Chronicles 15:25—16:7	18	Psalm 24	28	Psalm 115
9	1 Chronicles 16:8-43	19	Psalm 81	29	Psalm 116
10	1 Chronicles 17:1-27	20	Psalm 84	30	Psalm 118

**NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING**

You might like to remember these people with cards, visits and prayers:

**Nancy Phillips:** Lions Manor, Seton Drive, Cumberland, MD 21502

**Wilma Bizaro, Jim Lease:** Devlin Manor, 10301 Christie Road NE, Cumberland, MD 21502

**Agnes Morral, Betty Kimmell:** Frostburg Village, One Kaylor Circle, Frostburg, MD 21532

**Ruth Galford:** The Kensington Algonquin, One Baltimore Street, Room 520, Cumberland, MD 21502  
 Phone 301-777-1623

**Sarah Davis:** Allegany Rehab & Nursing Center, Furnace Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

**CARDS AND PRAYERS**

For our *out-of-town* cards and prayers:

**Betty Oliver:** 4305 Loft Woods Dr, Cohutta, GA 30710 *(Note Betty's New Address!)*

**Charlotte Coheley:** 6074 Southern Oaks Drive, Winterhaven, FL 33884

**Elaine Brauer:** 1090 Grand View Avenue, Everett, PA 15537

**Mildred Pyles:** c/o Randall Pyles, 12801 Mann Road, Little Orleans, MD 21766

**Doris Oglebay:** Williamsport Retirement Village, Room 1107 – Rehab Unit,  
 154 N. Artizan St., Williamsport MD 21795

**Ruby Nee:** 124 Sunbrook Lane, Hagerstown MD 21742-4195



***Pastoral Care...*** Don't forget to contact the pastor when you are in need of receiving a visit for any reason, such as when it is necessary for you or a family member to spend some time in the hospital due to an illness, accident or surgery; or when there has been a death in the family.

Pastor Hal can be reached at the following numbers:  
 301-729-0052 (church);  
 301-268-6785 (cell)

**Newsletter Information**

If you have any information for the monthly newsletter, please contact Kathy Cecil by leaving a message on the church phone at 301-729-0052 or 301-729-8792 (home). Articles can also be emailed to [kathy.cecil@cresapumc.org](mailto:kathy.cecil@cresapumc.org).

If you would like to receive your Cresset by email, please forward an email request to the address above.

# News from Missions...

## Communion Mission Continues Monthly:

*“As we are fed at the Lord’s table, we should feed others...”*

- January ..... Boxed Meals/Hamburger Helper
- February ..... Meals in a Can
- March ..... Peanut Butter and Jelly
- April ..... Hygiene & Paper Products
- May ..... Canned Fruits and Veggies
- June ..... Sliced Canned Potatoes/Canned Beets, etc.
- July ..... Cereals, Boxed Meals & Ramen Noodles
- August ..... Canned Tuna, Chicken, Canned Meat
- September ..... Pancake Mix & Syrup
- October ..... Sugar & Flour  
*(2 lb. bags of flour preferred)*
- November ..... Soup & Crackers**
- December ..... Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta

**Please remember to bring in your donations monthly!**  
*Donations to be placed in the plastic tub on the landing at the turnaround entrance (as marked).*



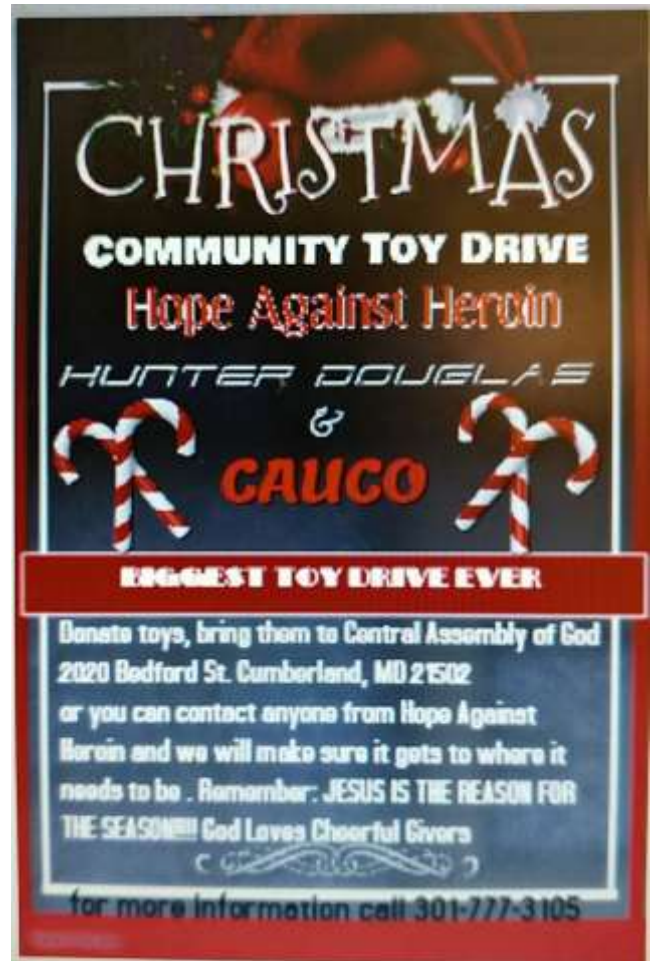
### **A Word Concerning the Hope Against Heroin Toy Drive...**

If you want to help support the Toy Drive but do not want to drive to Central Assembly to drop it off, we will have a place here at the Church for the collection and Pastor Hal will make sure the toys are delivered to Central Assembly before the cutoff date. Thank you!



### **Family Crisis Resource Center Honors Cresaptown UMC for Our Support**

For many years now Cresaptown United Methodist Church has supported the ministry of the Family Crisis Resource Center as our Mother’s Day Mission. They help families through the Tri-State area when they find themselves in crisis situations. They lead the way in protecting children from child abuse and in protecting women from spousal abuse and other violent acts against them. The Family Crisis Center has once again honored us for our assistance in their ministry by including us on their “Circle of Friends” Plaque for 2017. Thank you for your support of this ministry to make this possible!



# Church News...



**With love and the promise of eternal life...**

Our condolences to Laurie Dennison and family on the loss of her mother, Peggy Emerick, on Sept. 18.

## Sunday, Oct. 8 - Acolyte Recognition



*Eric Horning and Dick Robinson received their Acolyte recognition pins at the 11 a.m. service. Acolytes recognized at the 8:30 service were Chris O'Brien, Vivian Moore, and Kathy Young.*

## On Sunday, Sept. 24, we shared in the baptism of Ella Grace Athey



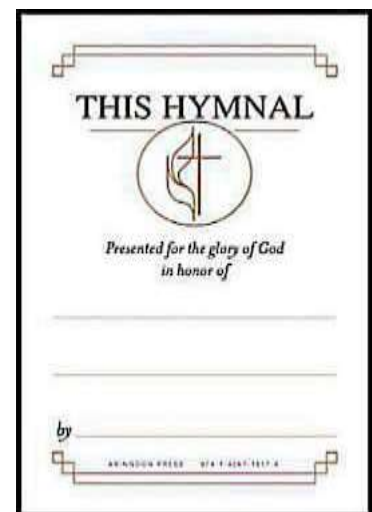
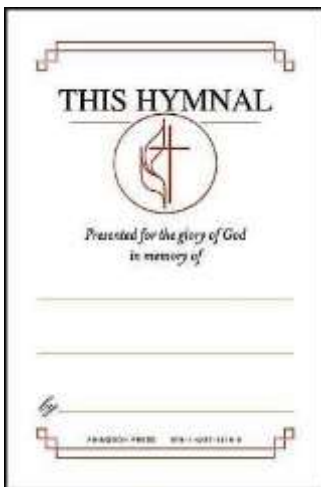
*Ella is the daughter of Jeremy and Stacie Athey and little sister to Wesley.*

## New Song Books

During our worship services, we often use songs from the two new song books: *The Faith We Sing* and *Worship and Song*, which are supplements to our hymnal. We have had several requests to have these hymns copied and put in the bulletins, which can be costly. Therefore, based on a recommendation from the Council on Ministries, the Administrative Board has approved the purchase of 50 of each of these song books to be placed in the pews. The purchase of these books will be from memorial funds.

We are asking for your help. You can dedicate a song book(s) *in memory of* or *in honor of* a loved one for \$15 or two for \$25. We will place a memorial bookplate in the front of the hymnal showing your dedication.

**Dedication of the hymnals will be on Sunday, Nov. 19.**  
**Deadline for submitting the forms is Sunday, Nov. 12.**  
However, if there are still hymnals available, memorials can be made after that date until all the hymnals are dedicated.



## Worship Schedule for November 2017



### November 5, 2017 – All Saint’s Sunday

On this All Saint’s Sunday, we will remember the saints who have gone before us, especially those who have died since last All Saints Day. During our worship time together, we will also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Message Text: Revelation 7:9-17

Message Title: *Victory Belongs to the Lord Our God!*

### November 12, 2017 – The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

As part of our worship this morning, we will honor our veterans and give thanks to God for them.

Message Text: Joshua 24:1a, 14-25

Message Title: *Choose This Day!*

### November 19, 2017 – The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Message Texts: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11/Matthew 25:14-30

Message Title: *Don’t Be Caught Off Guard!*

### November 21, 2017 – Community Thanksgiving Service (*The Tuesday Evening Before Thanksgiving Day @ 7:00 p.m.*)

Because it is important for us to give thanks to God, and because Wednesday evenings before Thanksgiving are usually spent either in travel or in preparation for the “big meal” on Thanksgiving Day, we will once again hold a special service on the Tuesday before

Thanksgiving Day. It will be held and will begin at 7:00. A special food offering will be collected for the Interfaith Food Pantry. Please take advantage of this worship opportunity and invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!

Message Texts: Deuteronomy 8:7-18/Psalm 65/Luke 17:11-19

Message Title: *Don’t Forget To Say Thank You to the Lord!*

### November 26, 2017 - Christ the King Sunday

Today is Christ the King Sunday. It is the last Sunday of the Church Year and is the transitional Sunday between the Season after Pentecost and the Advent Season. On this special Sunday we celebrate the majesty of Jesus Christ and bring tribute to the One who is the King of kings and Lord of lords. As part of our worship in bringing tribute to Christ, we ask that you bring a special food offering for the Interfaith Food Pantry to help the poor and needy. It is also the Sunday when we have a special offering for United Methodist Student Day. We will have a special offering envelope in our bulletins for this.

Message Text: Matthew 25:31-46

Message Title: *How to Demonstrate Your Readiness When the Lord Comes In His Glory!*

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## A Word About the Bible Study and Prayer Time

Over the past year and a half we have been using the Right Now Media and the Bible Study Reading Scripture as we have been going through each Book of the Bible. Our time in the Old Testament is coming to an end soon. After we finish the Old Testament Books in November, we will take a break and will do a study on Advent using the Scriptures from the Lectionary for our Study Time. In January we will resume in the New Testament and will do a survey of the Gospels and Acts. During the Lenten Season we will do a study on the Psalms.

Schedule for November:

For November 1 – Please read Micah, Nahum, and Habakkuk

For November 8 – Please read Zephaniah and Haggai

For November 15 – Please read Zechariah

For November 22 – *Enjoy the Thanksgiving Break*

For November 29 - Please read Malachi

## United Methodist Women

The UMW met on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. The guest speaker at the meeting was Pastor Rob Pierson, who spoke on the Eurasian Initiative and his mission trips to Russia. (He even brought us samples of Russian candy.)

Some of the upcoming items discussed at the meeting included:

- Making hardtack candy on Tuesday, 10/10 at 8 a.m. for sale at the Bazaar on Oct. 28. *(See photos below.)*
- Shut-in dinners (approx. 26) will be served on Tuesday, Oct 24.
- Monetary donations are running low for Union Rescue Mission meals.
- Vegetable for November will be carrots.
- Don't forget to bring your Secret Sister gift for November.
- Christmas Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 12 noon, following our meeting. The cost is \$12. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. See Chris O'Brien or Dottie Porter for more information.
- In December, we will be making cookies and peanut butter hardtack for sale by pre-order only.



*Guest Speaker, Pastor Rob Pierson  
Re: Mission Trips with the  
Eurasian Initiative in Russia*

If you would like to donate items for the cookies and candy being made in December, the following are the needed ingredients:

Sugar	Chocolate Chips	Peanut Butter
Brown Sugar	Karo Syrup	Crisco
Flour		

Or, monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

**Note to Members of the  
Administrative Board...**

***PLEASE MARK THE DATE –  
NOVEMBER 13, 2017***

Our Bishop, Bishop La Trelle Easterling, will be on the Cumberland-Hagerstown District, which is the district that we are part of, on Monday, November 13, 2017. She wants to meet with both pastors and laity during her visit.

Pastors will gather from 2-4 at Park Head UMC which is part of the Potomac Charge in Big Pool, MD. The laity is invited to Williamsport UMC, in Williamsport, MD, from 6-8 p.m. Any laity can attend but a special invitation is given to all key leaders from our congregation who serve on the Administrative Board.

*Just a few of the ladies making candy...*



*LeAnn Rice*



*Dorothy Speicher*



*Carol Shumaker*

***Thanks to all who helped make the hardtack candy!***

## **Thank You for Praying for Pastor Hal as He has Served as Pastor for the Allegany Campers**

For those of you who follow local High School Football, you are aware of the fact that the 2017 Regular Season for the Allegany Campers is about to come to an end with the Homecoming Game against the Fort Hill Sentinels being played on Saturday, November 4, 2017. You also know, that for the past six years Pastor Hal Atkins has served as the pastor or chaplain for the Allegany Campers Football Teams. It is something that he has enjoyed very much, especially as he has been able to share the love of Christ in word and deed, not only to the Football Teams but to the entire Allegany Camper community. While he hopes to continue to serve as the Campers Pastor after he retires, this will be the last season that he will do so while serving as your pastor. Because of this, he wants to say a big thank you to each of you for praying for him as he served in this way.

Pastor Hal is grateful for not only your support for him, but also for how you have supported his wife Pastor Ann, as she has served as pastor for the Fort Hill Sentinels. Thanks too for your support of the Coaches who have been part of the Allegany coaching staff, and all those young people from our congregation who have been connected to the two schools and have either played football, or been part of the Arrowettes, the Cheerleading Squads, the Bands, or Color Guards during the time that he has served as your pastor. These include the following: 1) Allegany Campers Players: Carter Imes, Madison Wolford, Austin Reid, Carson Imes, Trevor Evix, Brenten Miller, Bryson Shepherd, Austin Miller, Trent Middleton, Brodie Evix, Jakson Bauer, Josh Pfeiffer, and Wesley Athey; 2) Allegany Campers Coaches: Bryan Hansel, Scott Bauer, Brian Miller, and Danny Evix; 3) Allegany Camper Arrowettes: Amanda Reid and Caroline Reid; Allegany Campers Color Guard: Nicole Morral and Sonnie McKenzie; 4) Fort Hill Sentinels Player: Hunter Frank; and 5) Fort Hill Marching Band: Tori Witt.

### ***Thank You for Your Support for the Crop Walk***

*Dear Cresaptown UMC,*

*I want to thank you for caring for the poor and needy and for all those who prayerfully and financially supported me as I walked to help bring relief to the poverty in our world! I was able to raise \$180 and more contributions have come in after the walk! Thank you so much! I ask that you will continue to support CROP in the future! May the Lord bless you richly!*

*Sincerely,  
Pastor Hal*



### ***FOR YOUR INFORMATION:***

As Pastor Hal prepares for his retirement, while he and Ann will remain in the parsonage for a little while longer, mail will be no longer received at their former post office box. If you want to send something through the mail to him, his new mailing address is as follows:

Pastor Hal Atkins  
886 Sperry Terrace  
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

*Take note: His phone number will remain the same: 301-268-6785.*



# November



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
8:30 & 11:00 Worship Every Sunday 11:25 Kids' Church 9:45 Church School Every Sunday			<b>1</b> 10 AM – Bible Study	<b>2</b> 6:00 PM - Exercise 6:00 PM - Youth Bells 7:00 PM – Choir 8:00 PM - Adult Bells	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Communion (Soup and Crackers)  All Saints  *D.S.T. Ends	<b>6</b> 4:30 PM – Exercise	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM - United Methodist Women	<b>8</b> 10 AM – Bible Study	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM - Ushers/Bkfast 5:00 PM – UR Mission 6:00 - Exercise 6:00 PM - Youth Bells 7:00 PM – Choir 8:00 PM - Adult Bells	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 4:30 PM – Exercise	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10 AM – Bible Study	<b>16</b> 6:00 PM - Exercise 6:00 PM - Youth Bells 7:00 PM – Choir 8:00 PM - Adult Bells	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Dedication of New Hymns	<b>20</b> <i>Cresset Deadline</i> 4:30 PM - Exercise	<b>21</b> 7:00 PM – Thanksgiving Service	<b>22</b> 10 AM – Bible Study - Cancelled	<b>23</b> <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> UM Student Day	<b>27</b> 4:30 PM – Exercise 6:00 PM – COM 7:00 PM – Admin Bd.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10 AM – Bible Study	<b>30</b> 6:00 PM - Exercise 6:00 PM - Youth Bells 7:00 PM – Choir 8:00 PM - Adult Bells		



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# Cresaptown United Methodist

## November Prayer...

*Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your awesome love and grace, Your goodness to us, Your watch care over us and for Your presence with us. We thank You that Your mercies and grace are new each morning and we are truly blessed because of Your great faithfulness. As we go through this month of November, we are also grateful for Your call upon our lives and for how You desire to glorify Yourself through us. Because of this, we ask that You move among us in fresh and vital ways and allow us to be renewed and empowered by the outpouring of Your Holy Spirit. Enable us to walk with You and be a blessing, especially as we share Your wondrous love and spread scriptural holiness throughout our nation and needy world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Congratulations to those who have connections with our church who were inducted into the National Honor Society at Allegany High School on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017:

Austin Miller  
(Son of Brian and Laura Miller)

Sonny McKenzie  
(Daughter of Chris & Tina Hill)

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